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# THE MAN ISSUE

BY FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

**T**HERE ARE MOMENTS — a sip of bitter beer, the pull of a resistant trigger, the push of a lawn mower — when we begin to understand what it might be to be a man.

From then on, we surround ourselves with the things of man, while we wrestle internally with the what and why of it all.

Here, *Florida Weekly* provides an unapologetic sampling of the things of man, without all the angst that the modern man brings along with it.

We'll celebrate our favorite films and toys, and leave talk of midlife

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## Foundation bridges gap for developmentally disabled

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Two pressing questions often torment parents who have a special needs child: What will my child do after high school and can he take care of himself when we can't anymore? Adults with developmental disabilities have the same desire for self-sufficiency, social engagement and workplace productivity as everyone else, and a long-standing local nonprofit has been helping individuals and families find

long-term solutions to those two questions.

The Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled was founded in 1982 and was formerly known as the Foundation for the Developmentally Handicapped. It consisted of families who were looking for social, educational and recreational opportunities for their adult children. Until five years ago, the group functioned as an all-volunteer orga-



nization and accomplished quite a lot in that time, like building the 12,000-square-foot school that now houses The Able Academy on Golden Gate Parkway.

"It was run from somebody's kitchen table for years," said program director Rich Mancini. "They raised the money they could to get these events to happen."

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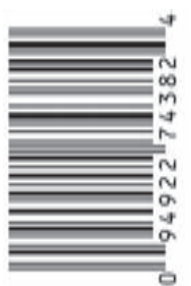
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# COMMENTARY

## Man enough



My uncle, B.F. Nash, used to post this sign on the rough road gates in the barbed-wire fences he stretched across the Colorado cattle ranch where he made his life: "Either be man enough to come to the house and ask us if you can hunt, or STAY OUT. B.F. Nash."

Be man enough. Many a chromosome-Y wonder has spent a significant part of his life trying to define that imperative.

Implicit in my uncle's words are two certainties: One, that everyone knows what it means, and two, that it usually requires doing what is right and honorable — facing up to whatever it is — especially if there's a downside.

This week, *Florida Weekly* explores the toys some men use in play. But how to "be man enough" while driving your Ferrari or sailing your yacht or starting a new business or teaching your children to hit a baseball, catch a fish, survive in the bush, treat other people kindly, travel the continents, complete their homework, read for pleasure, save their money, dance, scuba dive, shoot, negotiate the web, ride a horse, identify flora, fauna and stars, make their beds, do what they said they would do, help neighbors, love passionately, survive tragedy, or knock down a charging water buffalo at 450 yards with a slingshot in a strong wind while humming

Beethoven's "Pastoral Symphony" in tune (a la Walter Mitty) — that's another question entirely. One in which courage figures significantly.

But not just any courage. Both the good guys and the bad guys may have physical courage, a virtue without allegiance to any cause, religion or country. The Japanese who faced us in the Pacific during World War II, for example, did not lack courage, a fact my uncle became intimately and unhappily familiar with on Guadalcanal and several other islands. The same is true of some of our enemies today.

Being man enough in the sense he meant it, however, also required moral courage, and still does. Thus, the fundamental notion of manhood in American culture remains unchanged even if the trappings, the etiquette or the choices are sometimes different.

In that spirit, I can claim fairly that some of the best men I've ever known have been women. My mother and my mother-in-law, both. My aunts, every one of them. My own sister, my own wife and my cousins. A couple of my friends.

All of them had or have physical coupled with moral courage.

Genetically, though — and culturally in some ways — it's just us guys who have to "be man enough."

That begins with how we think about women and children, in my opinion — with how we treat them. Not just the women we sleep with or the children we raise, but friends, relatives, colleagues, employees and people with different opinions or educations.

It's also true that how we treat other men reveals our characters, especially those weaker, less healthy, not as smart, poorer or more burdened — not to mention those with differing political convictions or religious sensibilities.

In my own life, I've seen "man enough" defined a number of ways: in elderly blacks who endured terrible privation at the hands of whites, and refused later to tolerate any bitterness in themselves. In reporters, lawyers, teachers, firefighters, truck drivers, doctors, cowboys, old people, football players, soldiers, guitar players, immigrants, poets and even boys, trying to make somebody else's life a little better, show them due respect or resist their iniquity or callousness.

My father's example was unequivocally clear. He wasn't always easy to live with, but he had physical and moral courage in abundance, a loving, fiercely loyal devotion to my mother and his children, and both kindness and tolerance without weakness. He was also passionately curious about the world, with its new ideas and its various peoples.

And I recall other examples, as well: Two Marines who were "man enough" outside of war, one as competent as they come. He happened to be (privately) gay. The other was a young man who did nine weeks of Officer Candidate School at the top of his class, survived the platoon's dropout numbers from 60 to 50 to 40 to 30 into the 20s, and then coolly told the drill instructors that he'd decided not to be a Marine, because peace was more valuable than war. (Officer candidates could drop

out — in disgrace or from injury — up to the ninth week without becoming privates in a four-year enlistment. Part of the effort of drill instructors at OCS was to make candidates quit.)

The only two veterans I still know well who fought in World War II, each combat-wounded and decorated and both turning 90 this summer, have been man enough since they were 17. But like my late relatives, they beat no drums, march in no parades, speak only reluctantly about war, see themselves as no better than any other man or woman — and think, write and carry on families or friendships with a fullness that defies age or small-hearted myopia.

They wage peace and love, in other words, with the same tough-minded intent they once waged war. To their last breaths, they will be man enough.

Here, finally, is a bit of what the late writer Raymond Chandler said about it in "The Simple Art of Murder."

"Down these mean streets a man must go who is not himself mean, who is neither tarnished nor afraid... He must be a complete man and a common man and yet an unusual man. He must be, to use a rather weathered phrase, a man of honor — by instinct, by inevitability, without thought of it, and certainly without saying it. He must be the best man in his world and a good enough man for any world.

"If there were enough like him, the world would be a very safe place to live in, without becoming too dull to be worth living in." ■



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# OPINION

## Obama kneecaps Congress (again)



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

If only President Barack Obama were as hard-nosed and clever in undermining our adversaries as he is in kneecapping the U.S. Congress, the country's strategic position might be transformed.

The Iran deal just went to the United Nations Security Council, months before Congress will vote on it, and got unanimous approval. The U.N. vote doesn't bind Congress, but it boxes it in and minimizes it — with malice aforethought.

After the U.N. vote, President Obama urged Congress to get with the program: "There is broad international consensus around this issue," he said, adding that his "assumption is that Congress will pay attention to that broad-based consensus." In other words, follow the lead of the United Nations on a matter of utmost importance to the national interest of the United States.

Secretary of State John Kerry issued his own warning about the dangers of going our own way: "If Congress says 'no' to this deal, then there will be no

restraints on Iran. There will be no sanctions left. Our friends in this effort will desert us."

And who's responsible for that? The Obama administration cut a deal eviscerating the international sanctions regime and got it blessed by the U.N., then turns around and tells Congress it has no alternative but to assent because there will be no meaningful sanctions regime left regardless.

The agreement is written to favor business with Iran. It grandfathers in all commercial deals cut after the initial lifting of the sanctions, even in the unlikely event they are reimposed. Plus, Iran isn't going to give back its windfall of tens of billions of dollars handed to it under the agreement.

Kerry seemed offended by the notion that Congress should get to vote before everyone else locks the Iran agreement into place: "It is presumptuous of some people to say that France, Russia, China, Germany, Britain ought to do what the Congress tells them to do." This is admirably internationalist, but Kerry is supposed to be the secretary of state of the United States, not a representative of the interests and prerogatives of its allies and adversaries.

*The New York Times* reports that during the negotiations, Kerry actually

pushed to delay a U.N. vote until Congress reviewed the deal. Predictably, the Iranians balked (they're not fools), and so did the Russians and the Europeans. Equally predictably, Kerry resorted to his solution to most every knotty negotiating problem — he caved.

Amazingly enough, the agreement with Iran doesn't mention the U.S. Congress or its review of the deal, but specifically cites the Iranian Parliament and its role in approving the pact.

It is President Obama's curse that he doesn't have a legislature as compliant as that of Iran's supreme leader. The president clearly disdains Congress as a body that harbors several hundred Republicans and that can only complicate his grand legacy-defining initiatives. He didn't want Congress to have a say at all over the Iran deal, but accepted the Corker bill that requires a near-impossible two-thirds vote to block it.

The administration's message to opponents is that even that supermajority would be too little, too late. Submission is the only option. ■

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## What would General Lee do?



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Anyone familiar with South Florida knows that it is not really the South. We are a melting pot. South Florida has grown remarkably diverse over the decades, and more international, cosmopolitan, urbanized, and racially and economically diverse than parts of the state that still identify with and claim the South as a cultural touchstone.

Modernity pulls us forward, but there are those who cannot move on, unwilling to let go of a myth about the South that to survive requires rewriting history.

I mention this because Floridians less familiar with the South's sacred cows may be taken aback by the controversy that exploded when the South Carolina Legislature voted to remove the Confederate flag from the grounds of the state capitol. Taking the flag down may not have seemed worth all the trouble it caused. It was a powerful act nonetheless, a Gettysburg of emotions unleashed on a symbolic battlefield.

It came in the wake of the massacre of nine African-Americans attending a Bible study class in an historic A.M.E. church in Charleston. The killer was a self-proclaimed white racist wrapped in a Confederate flag, enamored of a manifesto to white supremacy in prologue to his crime.

In a welcome display of moral courage, the Republican governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, said it was time to retire this painful symbol of slavery and racial hatred. Her leadership fortified the courage of those refusing in the past to comply, the grace of the victims' families shaming most of the holdouts into getting right with God.

The legislature passed the bill. The flag's display on the capitol grounds

ended. It was a miracle, really. A state born in the cradle of the Confederacy made an unambiguous statement about the flag's modern association with racial violence, its clarity reached after more than a century of human suffering and the loss of nine more innocent lives. In the end, the political cost of flying the flag was not worth the price in blood it extracted for the privilege.

Then, as predictable as the sunrise, the old guard of the right wing emerged, and the denials began. The flag, they said, was about heritage, not hatred — but history proves them wrong.

The States' Rights Democratic Party, the "Dixiecrats," debuted the flag in 1948 to rally white supremacists to champion segregation. The racial bigots trashed any historically noble purposes offered today in the flag's defense. There can be no salvation for a symbol repurposed and used for decades in service to racial hatred.

The flag is but a proxy for a more profound deceit advanced by those who wave it. They claim states' rights, and not slavery, was the principle cause of the Civil War. It is a costly and systemic misappropriation of history and heritage; and it disguises a deeper radicalism corrosive to our unity as a country.

Monuments to this falsehood are ubiquitous. Maybe you have seen the so-called "World's Largest Confederate Battle Flag" visible near Tampa from I-75 and I-4. It memorializes the southern rebel forces as having "fought, bled and died in defense of their homeland against ruthless invasion and who strove to protect America's birthright of Constitutional liberty and freedom dating from 1776." This and similar edits to history regarding the rebels' cause have far-reaching consequences, including violence fomented by extremists who recruit from among the Confederate flag-waving hobbyists.

Texas is leading other states dominated by conservatives into this fictional morass. It has adopted standards for textbooks that promulgate a historically inaccurate account of the origins of the Civil

War, downplaying slavery as its principle cause.

The *Washington Post* editorialized and expressed its incredulity that after 150 years the matter remains unsettled. It maintains no serious scholar of American history accepts slavery as a secondary cause of the war, yet Texas' standards for textbooks peddles content describing slavery as one of multiple causes of the war, with states' rights as the principle cause.

In another article on the subject, Reuters writes, that over the next decade Texas will teach its version of Civil War history to 4.8 million youngsters in Texas, and it will likely influence millions more students since the textbooks used in other states often adopt Texas guidelines because Texas publishes a major proportion of all textbooks.

There is a path forward. The ancestral descendants of those touched by the Civil War do share a common heritage.

It is the human tragedy the war provoked, of lives lost, families brutalized, hopes suffocated, communities destroyed, futures compromised — the price paid by the nation for the South's rebellion to sustain state-sanctioned slavery.

There can be no genuine racial reconciliation between blacks and whites without white acceptance of this historical truth.

In the wake of the rebels' defeat, General Robert E. Lee cautioned a Confederate widow hostile to reunification with the Union to remember we are one country. Said Lee, "Abandon your animosities and make your sons Americans."

The rebel misanthropes among us should take his advice. ■

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THE MOVIES

# The Top Ten manliest movies ever



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Florida Weekly Correspondent

WHAT MAKES A GREAT “GUY” MOVIE? Obnoxious, immature humor, awesome action, toughness and alluring women are oft-found ingredients in the 10 best guy movies ever made, listed below. Don’t agree with our list? Well, that’s your problem, man.

**10) Slap Shot (1977)**  
Men love sports and drinking. Hockey, fighting and vulgar boy humor takes it all to the extreme. It’s an underappreciated Paul Newman gem.

**9) James Bond franchise (1962-present)**  
OK I’m cheating here, counting 23 movies as one entry. James Bond is highly intelligent, suave, handsome, and great in action on land, at sea and in bed. Women (with great names like Pussy Galore and Holly Goodhead) want him and men want to be him. It’s

pure male fantasy at its best.

**8) Dirty Harry (1971)**  
With the exception of John Wayne, no actor has better embodied pure manliness than Clint Eastwood. Here, outside of Mr. Wayne’s western shadow, Mr. Eastwood totally makes our day.

**7) Swingers (1996)**  
When you’re down, it’s your buddies who pick you back up, often through tough love. Sometimes, a road trip to Las Vegas is also necessary. It’s a “bro” movie if ever there was one.

**6) The Hangover (2009)**  
It takes bachelor parties to a new level, which we didn’t think was possible. Plus, Las Vegas.

**5) The Deer Hunter (1978)**  
It’s still the only movie to make me cry, and it’s a Vietnam War movie. Because I’m a guy.

**4) Animal House (1978)**  
Boys will be boys, and these boys, led by John Belushi, still remind us of what it’s like to be young and free and completely irresponsible.

**3) Fight Club (1999)**  
Is anything more manly than watching dudes beat the crap out of each other to find themselves? I think not.

**2) Die Hard (1988)**  
Humor, action, and Bruce Willis in a role he will repeat ad nauseam for the next 25 years regardless of the type of movie it is. I saw it in theaters when I was 9 years old and it’s still my favorite action movie.

**1) Caddyshack (1980)**  
Not just the best man movie of all time, but my personal favorite movie of all time. It’s hilarious, timeless, imminently quotable, has nudity, crass humor and is the film my college friends and I had memorized. A true classic. ■

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—Clint Eastwood, “Dirty Harry”



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## THE MAN CAVE

# Modern man caves focus on solace, sports and luxury

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

The concept of the man cave is evolving. It used to simply be a space all his own, where all manner of sporting and automotive paraphernalia remains hidden from view, where he and his pals can watch what they want on TV and relish in their manliness far from feminine eyes. These days, men can be every bit if not more astute as their female counterparts in creating spaces that rival the rest of the house in both luxury and fun.

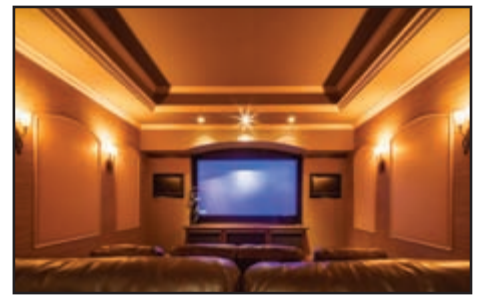
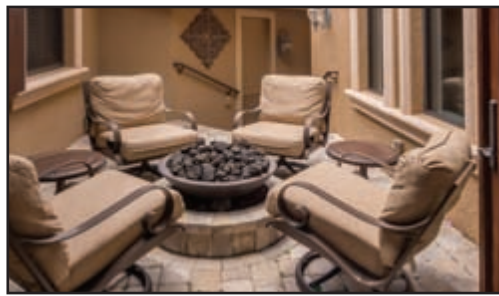
“One type of man cave is set up like a garage with cabinets and metal inserts, old gas pumps, more of a hang-out with your buddies and look at cars, while others are a little more sophisticated,” says Norman Bloxham of Luxury Home Solutions. “There are man caves and then there are man caves.”

Luxury Home Solutions built the latter in a paradise-inspired stone grotto of epic proportions. It is the embodiment of a quintessential man cave bucket list, fulfilled. The homeowner wanted a game room, shuffle board court, darts, pool table, bar, wine room and piano bar among other wish list items, plus being able to come home to a steam room and sauna after a long day at work. To achieve this tall order, Mr. Bloxham and his team rocked the project, literally. From bottom to top, they built a rock retreat that looks as sturdy as it does luxurious.

“We also did some special things with baseboard and colonial trim so the rock could go right to the bottom of the crown molding, and we created a separate system for the wine room and you can go right into a little theater where you can watch TV,” he says. “Between all of those functions, he’s even got a misting system.”

Mr. Bloxham had built the client’s home, so when they called to request an in-law suite, he went to the home and crafted a wish list and a must list. Next, the most important step in designing a man cave happened: penciling it out.

“The conceptual drawing is really important as you’re dreaming of this special place so in the drawing the customer can see what they were envisioning on paper — that’s where the best



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Man cave by Luxury Home Solutions.

man caves begin,” says Mr. Bloxham. “To create a man cave, you need to sit down with someone who is very, very creative and who thinks outside of the box.”

Mr. Bloxham’s clients wanted a walk-in wine cooler for a place to house their wine collection. He designed the room to light from the floor, along with cypress ceilings and chandelier. The homeowners wanted a piano bar, so whether they wanted to have it auto

play or have a pianist entertain, the piano could be heard throughout the stereo system.

“They also wanted to be sure their new addition didn’t look like an addition, but part of the house, so we used all the same features and characteristics to enable the addition to flow naturally right off the family room into the game room,” says Mr. Bloxham.

And like most man caves, they are so cool everyone wants to use them — kids, wives, in-laws, buddies — Mr. Bloxham’s homeowners love that this is where everyone wants to be. There is also a guest suite with an attached separate door to go outside with sleeping quarters.

Weber Design Group in Naples has designed several masculine rooms including a game room, super cool roadhouse garage and bar they designed specifically with men in mind.

“We love working closely with our clients to develop rooms of great interest, whether man cave, sewing and craft room, or simply an intimate place to play music or read,” says Weber Design Group President Bill Weber, who has seen it all from virtual golf simulators to bowling lanes.

In one of the man caves he designed, a built-in wet bar and zero-corner glass sliders combine with gender-neutral furnishings and easy accessibility to kitchen and outdoor living areas. The Weber Design Group game room has a



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Man cave by Design West.

billiards table, wet bar with double wine fridges and built in entertainment center with surround sound and pocketing glass sliders. Perhaps his most striking man cave project is the roadhouse pub/garage within a private motor court in a detached garage with guest living quarters above it featuring a dedicated motorcycle garage, collector car storage and roadhouse pub with built-in bar and stage.

In the Minto Turnberry Grand model at TwinEagles, this manly room has a massive television (required for any respectable man cave). However, this room has several other facets that up the cool factor. A luxurious layout of double couches provides optimum comfort for viewing the big game. The wet bar is near game tables with a large balcony lanai with seating that overlooks the Eagle golf course.



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Man cave by designer Karen Benson.



“The Simiadae then branched off into two great stems, the New World and Old World monkeys; and from the latter at a remote period, Man, the wonder and the glory of the universe, proceeded.”

— Charles Darwin, “The Descent of Man”



Man cave by Weber Design.

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**Furnishing the man cave**

Vivian Armenti knows that furnishing a man cave requires interesting pieces that are also functional. Featured in her Miromar Design Center showroom are Henredon, Barbara Barry Realized by Henredon, Drexel Heritage, Hickory Chair, Lane Venture, Pearson, Maitland Smith and La Barge.

“We have bars, decorative games, poker or foosball tables and handsome upholstery and occasional pieces such as our infamous alligator side table,” she says. Such pieces can help define the theme of a man cave and add character, helping transform a drab space into something special.

Tonino Lamborghini’s CASA collection is produced in cooperation with Foritalia Luxury Group S.p.a., which includes furnishings that look like works of art. While Tonino Lamborghini’s name is synonymous with luxury given his family’s history with the iconic Lamborghini, the furniture company is not affiliated with the automotive arm of the same name, which is now part of the AUDI-VW AG group. However, it’s easy to see mechanical inspirations. Materi-

als used include high-tech materials like carbon fiber, Kevlar trim, satin-finish steel and metal braids. The furniture group is more than 30 years old and its location in the Palazzo del Vignola Renaissance villa outside Bologna is reflected in the sultry, masculine nature of the materials.

Some men simply need a space to be more man cave, less office. Clive Daniel designer Wilfredo Emanuel is often called up to transform spare rooms into what he calls the ‘Floridian cave man office’.

“The contemporary man cave must be a space that holds the devices a man, especially our busy executives here in South-west Florida will need to run his business remotely,” says Mr. Emanuel. “Today with all the technology, smaller, cleaner furnishings is more suited for men.”

**Wine and sports rule**

Interiors by Design West President and CEO Glenn Midnet is a fan of wine bars in man caves. He says for men who enjoy wine, wine bars can be incorporated into very small space but still provide enormous impact.

“You want to keep the space practical for the owner’s lifestyle and consider what the man likes, his hobbies, what he will be using the space for and the aesthetics,” says Mr. Midnet. “From an esthetic point of view, the space should be visually pleasing and create a focal point, while from a practical standpoint, the room needs to function well and accommodate your guests, whether you are entertaining a few friends or having a large super bowl party.”

Laverne Gehman built a man cave-esque game room for himself complete

with Harley-Davidson and Tony Stewart memorabilia.

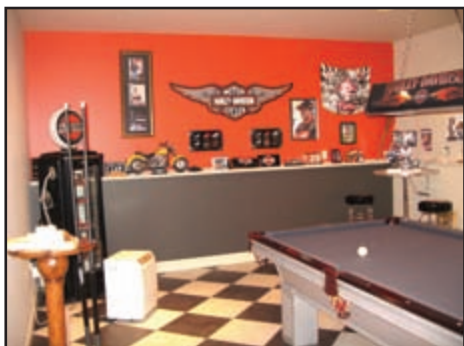
“What made doing my own man space fun was that I did not have to worry about how the final outcome may be judged by anyone else,” he says. “I could do whatever my heart desired and the theme dictated, so the fun elements included black and white checkerboard, “Victory Lane” tile floor and orange and gray compatible with the Harley-Davidson logo for a wall accent.”

Sometimes the making of a man cave requires compromise. The challenge for Herscoe Hajjar Architects in building a VIP game room in their client’s Port Royal home was to create a space that did double duty. The room had to work both as a man cave for the men in the homeowner’s friends and family circle, but could also function as a fun space for other age groups. What resulted was this sleek game room with entertainment area and L-shaped bar with seating for five.

“The primary purpose for the design of this room was a man’s retreat for a group of friends, who meet regularly, for weekly gatherings,” says Rob Herscoe, AIA of Herscoe Hajjar Architects. “The challenge for the architects was that the room had to be flexible enough for kids and guests to use at other times.”

A host of do’s and don’ts factor into building the perfect man cave. Mr. Bloxham cautions that what you don’t want in your man cave is as important as what you do want to include in it. “Do have a budget in mind,” he says. “And for homeowners who aren’t sure what they want, make sure you work with someone who can do some creative conceptual drawing.”

Planning a man cave of your own? This February, designers Diane Torrisi and Dirk Anderson will team up to discuss the psychology of the sexes in designing home spaces and share their design experience. The “Man Cave vs. the She Shed” seminar will take place at Miromar Design Center in February 2016. ■



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Man cave by designer Laverne Gehman.



## THE RIDE

## Fast, faster, fastest: Three hot rides

BY MYLES KORNBLATT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Guys are often accused of not being in touch with their feelings, but we really do know better. Because when it comes to sports cars, there is only one rule: find one that makes the heart race. So we've assembled three passionate vehicles that cover every guy's need out there. This trio is everything from practical to extreme and costs from under \$24,000 all the way up to beyond six-figures.

## 2015 Ford Mustang

First up is the true everyman's vehicle, the Ford Mustang. For more than half a century the original pony car has remained the secret responsibility machine. Beneath the sleek retro looks and raspy exhaust note lays the practicality of a usable back seat, a \$24K starting price, and up to 32 mpg.

The Mustang has an interesting reputation that transcends the class system. It fits in the corporate parking lot with the mailroom boy who can afford the minimum monthly payment just as easily as it does with the CEO who bought a loaded one for a toy. This mass appeal has not gone unnoticed at Ford. Mustangs have always been about long options lists, and this has only grown larger with the latest generation. The result is the GT Premium convertible seen on this page has been loaded with everything from a 435 hp V8 to adaptive cruise control to heated/cooled leather seats. It has one of the most expensive sticker prices at \$48,690 – or double the cost of a base coupe.

The Ford Mustang provides real sports car excitement at any budget, and that's its secret to remaining a long-time guy favorite. More than five decades ago we were sold on the marketing pledge of a car promising driving freedom. The Mustang gave a face to the weekend warrior as he left his 9-to-5 in a cloud of tire smoke on his way to hang gliding. Yes, it was also promoted as the perfect secretary's car — a sports car this accommodating is sure to appeal to both sexes.

## 2015 Chevrolet Corvette

Climb one more rung on the price and performance ladder, and there is another American icon. The Chevrolet Corvette has been on the minds of many men since they hung the poster in their childhood bedroom. For some time, America's sports car had been resting on this image, and selling its cars more on youthful fantasies than substance. That changed with the debut of the seventh generation.

The latest Corvette is about adding passion — more aerodynamics, more technology, more curves, and more aggression. All of this is wrapped in a body that has shorter overhangs than its predecessors. For us in Florida, this means the trunk can no longer carry golf clubs, but the slimmed-down dimensions silence the European's laughter. In fact, this is a radical enough departure that GM has resurrected the Stingray moniker so that long-standing Corvette fans can unite these differences by embracing the historical namesake.

Older Corvette models have often been criticized for skimping on interior materials to achieve its low price. This was a target of the development team because everything seen, touched or smelled has a mark of quality never



Porsche Boxster GTS



Chevrolet Corvette



Ford Mustang



Ford Mustang



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Porsche Boxster GTS

achieved in the previous six generations. This is especially nice in our convertible test car. Because while none of us would like to admit it, we all get a kick out of parking an open convertible downtown where others can envy a nice interior.

Since this is a driver's car, all the controls do lean left. Beyond the three-spoke steering wheel there's a gauge cluster dominated by an LED center screen that can be customized for whatever info is deemed most important.

But the real desire factor for all Corvettes has been the engine. The 6.2-liter V8 produces 455 hp and a massive 460 lb/ft of torque. Mash the accelerator at any legal speed and nearly any gear, and this Corvette finds an extra set of legs. For those who haven't experienced this level of sports car before, it is like constantly being in the sweet spot of a turbocharged motor without the lag.

The flexibility of the engine is furthered by the standard seven-speed manual transmission. This might seem like an absurd number of forward gears,

but it just needs a new way of thinking. When three and four-speed manuals were the standard, shifting was simply about rowing through the gears like following a step-by-step recipe. With a seven-speed, it is more like being a chef experimenting with a spice rack. The goal is no longer about quickly getting to the top gear. Instead, it is a quest for zest by constantly sampling the nearly endless ability to reach up and grab another gear.

## 2015 Porsche Boxster GTS

Curious minds might wonder why we didn't name the regular Boxster as a true guys' favorite. The base and S model cars are great, and in fact, they appeal to a similar crowd and price range that we already covered with the Corvette. The GTS sits above these two models and promotes a very different idea. While the base Boxster starts out at about \$9K less than a Corvette convertible, the GTS's \$75,595 base price picks up where the 'Vette begins to top out. But where the Chevy is out to be noticed, the Boxster GTS flies under the radar as a roadster for the purists.

Driving a GTS is how we can tell who the true car guys are. Enthusiasts are the ones who are going to notice unique bumpers or the blacked-out headlight backgrounds. The GTS package adds in an alphabet soup of systems that can turn a standard Boxster from a capable roadster into a knife-wielding road carver.

The standard PASM (Porsche Active Suspension Management) allows the GTS's suspension to set in softer driving modes for commutes but then hunkers down on demand anytime hijinks are desired. This can even happen at night because the PDLs (Porsche Dynamic Light System) has the headlights

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— Karen Marie Moning, "Faefever"

intelligently follow the driver no matter how twisty the road is ahead. For those wanting the most, the optional PDK dual clutch even-speed automatic transmission can shift faster than you ever could.

Part of what the extra money also buys is an upgrade to the 3.4-liter flat-six motor. This is 15 hp more than the Boxster S for a grand total of 330. The added power makes the GTS just slightly faster than the S. But the real appeal of the GTS comes in how it heightens everyday activities.

Porsche engineered the Boxster into the most nimble, quick, and usable roadster around. It is an intoxicating blend of skilled sports car components wrapped in an interior that has everyday practicality, and the GTS is its ultimate expression. This car can be quiet enough for the country club when needed, but just one push on an innocent-looking button on the center console changes everything. This awakens the Sport setting of the two-mode exhaust.

The GTS now sounds like it's snarling at lesser cars as it backfires under hard acceleration. This doesn't alter the engine into releasing any extra power. Instead it transforms the driver with the adrenaline rush of feeling like he's piloting an open wheel racer. The GTS is the least expensive way to get this exhaust system, and it is the most compelling feature across the entire Boxster line. ■



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# Do You Want To Know the Best Kept Secret in Hernia Surgery?

## DR. ROBERT TOMAS AND THE NO MESH HERNIA REPAIR

Hernias affect millions of people each year. Of these millions, 750,000 people have hernias repaired each year. It is the most frequent elective surgery for a general surgeon. The majority of these hernias are repaired with mesh. It is this foreign material that can cause chronic pain for many inguinal hernia repair patients by causing an extreme amount of scar tissue that can wrap itself around the nerve in the area. The inguinal nerve is a nerve that runs through the inguinal canal and in 25-30% of inguinal hernia repair patients becomes compressed by scar tissue leading to chronic groin pain. Mesh evolved in the 1990's when many of the conventions that doctors attended started recommending this foreign material-polypropylene for added scar tissue and strength in their repairs.

Dear Dr. Tomas,

It was one year ago on September 13 you performed my double inguinal hernial repair. I have never once experienced any pain - or even discomfort - from the moment I stood off the operating table....

Briian H.  
Woodbourne, NY

There are many papers that show less recurrence rate with mesh versus traditional non-mesh repairs. However, there are also many other papers that have non-mesh surgical repairs such as the Desarda Technique and Shouldice repair that have the same or less recurrence rates. Shouldice repair was originated in Canada and is a tension repair that incorporates a patient's own muscles but involves a tension repair and another foreign body by involving stainless steel sutures. So what is the best kept secret in hernia surgery? The answer is the Desarda tension free inguinal

hernia repair. It has been around since the nineteen eighties and is now being incorporated into surgical text books.

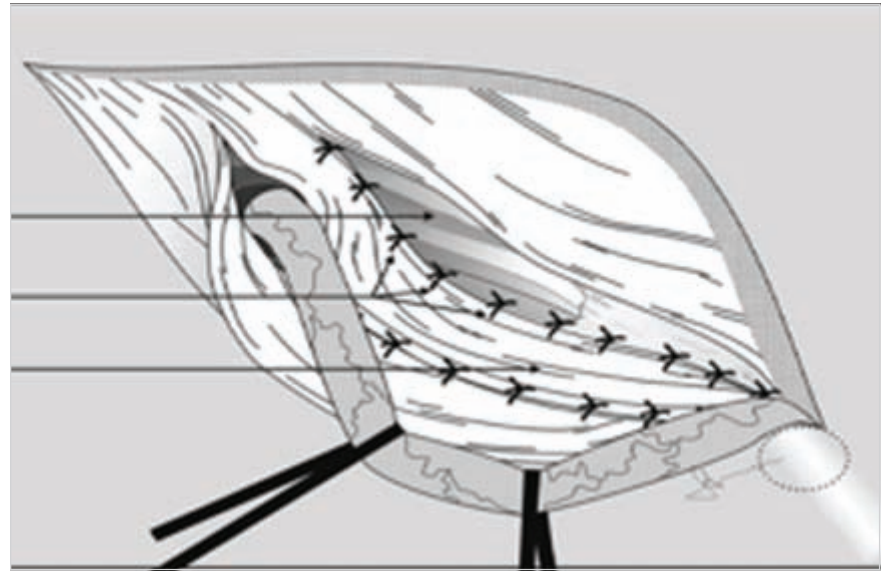
Dr. Robert Tomas has been performing this technique here in Fort Myers for the last 6 years and has totally abandoned mesh.

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Dr. Robert Tomas has opened a state licensed, AAAASF Certified office-based surgical center in order to perform no mesh hernia repairs for patients from all over the world. Patients fly in for surgery and stay at local hotels at a reduced rate that has been negotiated by the surgical center. It is wonderful that the patients can have their inguinal, umbilical or small ventral hernias repaired with no mesh or foreign body left in their groins or abdominal wall. The hernia is repaired with the patient's own muscle and all the sutures are absorbable for inguinal hernia repairs. The technique is called the Desarda technique and again has been around for over twenty years. Dr. Tomas has mastered the technique and has performed over 1200 of these repairs for inguinal hernias and has a lower recurrence rate than with mesh.

Dr. Robert Tomas, is a board certified general surgeon, performs a majority of No Mesh hernia surgeries in the surgical center for patients all over



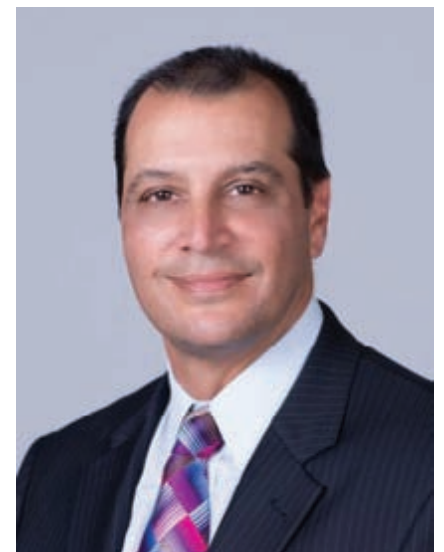
the world. The concept is one price surgery in order to avoid all the hidden fees that are at other centers. For example, the inguinal or umbilical hernia surgery, individually, is a flat fee and this includes the facility fee, anesthesia and surgeon fee. The consultation, blood work and EKG are included in this price. Dr. Robert Tomas also performs small umbilical/ventral hernia repairs with a triple layered suture repair that he himself has patented. All anesthesia provided during surgeries is local with intravenous sedation and the patients go home the same day. Patients must have an accompanying person to drive them to and from the facility.

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WHAT SHE WANTS

# A woman's view of a man's man

BY ARTIS HENDERSON  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

IT'S NO SECRET THAT I LOVE MANLY MEN. Give me a beer-drinking, car-repairing, sweating, brawling, spitting hunk of masculinity, and I'm happy. Well, almost.

My first introduction to a man's man came in high school with my on-again, off-again boyfriend. He had a gift for all things mechanical, especially cars, and I liked what this said about him: that he was capable and handy. If I ever got in a rough spot, I knew he could help me out. Plus, all that tinkering was seductive.

One afternoon I met up with this sometime-boyfriend at a friend's auto body shop after school. We weren't together at that point, but he still drove me wild. I remember the mechanic's overalls he wore and the grease on his hands, like Billy Joel in the "Uptown Girl" video. But when I showed up at the shop, my man's man said hello and not much else. I perched on a step near his car and watched admiringly as he cranked a wrench beneath the hood.

"What are you doing?" I asked. "Can I help?"

"Working," he said. And, "No."

It started to get late. I had homework to do and a book to read, and I could see that he was nowhere near finishing. There are only so many times a girl can look at a man's grease-stained hands and sigh appreciatively, and I was tired. What frustrated me was the promise he'd made before I showed up.

"Come by, and we'll hang out as soon as I'm done," he had said.

But being done, I saw, was not on the agenda.

I realized then that I had two choices: to stay and watch him while he worked, or to go. My silent adoration had run dry, and I had other things to do. So, I went.

Over the years, I never stopped loving this type of man, but I did notice a similar pattern whenever I got involved with someone like him. I'd be impressed by what a new beau could do, yet I saw how his manly doings — fixing cars, building houses, repairing boats — took precedence over our relationship. I'd spend too many Saturday afternoons at some construction-savvy guy's place waiting for him to complete a project so we could spend time together, only to be disappointed when he said, "I'm wiped out. Let's call it a day."

Finally, I wised up to their ways.

These men are still in my life — but as friends, not lovers. They send me pictures of their latest projects: holes in the wall that they've repaired, tile they've laid in the kitchen. I admire their handiwork and compliment them on a job well done. Only now, I don't hang around waiting for them to finish. Because the truth is, they never finish.

Instead, I've discovered a different sort of man's man: the kind who hires somebody else to fix his house or repair his car. This type of man is seductive, too, and he always makes time for me. Plus, he never has grease on his hands. ■



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— Oliver Wendell Holmes, "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table"



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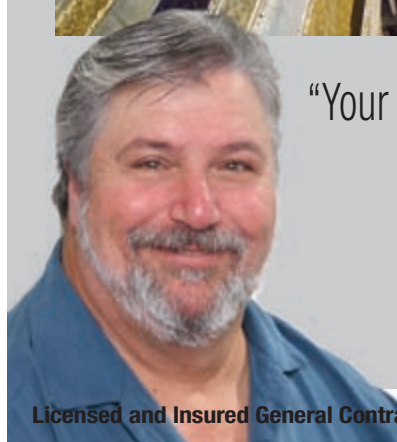
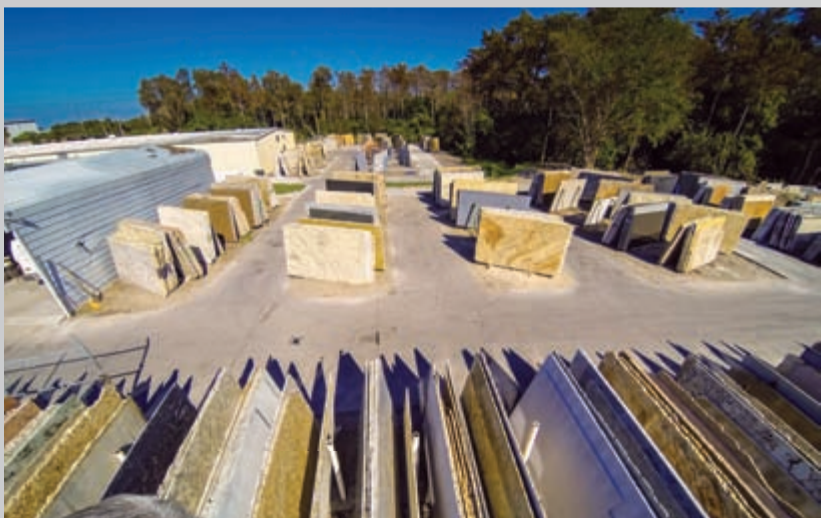
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“There’s nothing — absolutely nothing — half so much worth doing as messing about in boats.”

— Kenneth Grahame, “The Wind In The Willows”

## THE BOAT

# Stylish and rugged on the water

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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If money was no object, some men might just take a recommendation from Yachtworld when establishing boat creds at the marina or the club, and go with, say, the Italian-made Pershing 82. At 82 feet from stem to stern, with a beam just an inch over 18 feet and a draft of 4-feet 7-inches, it happens to be about 30 feet longer than the two smaller ships Columbus used in his first voyage to North America.

Even with two MTU 16V M93 engines offering almost 5,000 horsepower together, and operating in tandem with Sea Rex surface drives, the 55-ton vessel is fairly slow by the 60-knot standards of super-fast yachts.

Still, the Pershing 82 can run up to 46 knots and cruise for more than 300 miles in the open ocean and it comes with a furniture set-up below decks described as “extremely plush.”

The cost is in the \$10 million and up range, new. This isn’t just any man’s toy, after all.

But some men want something else



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The Pershing 82 runs about \$10 million.

no matter how much money they have, and not something they can’t put their hands on, either under sail or down in the

engine room.

“I’m a hands-on, do-it-yourself boater,” says Jerry Watkins, president of the high-

ly regarded, 300-plus-member Naples Sailing & Yacht Club.

Unlike those in some marinas or clubs, “members of the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club are people who have been there and done that. The engine room is not an unfamiliar place to most of them,” he says.

Mr. Watkins is no exception. A retired banker raised on an Indiana farm who didn’t learn to swim until he was 28, he picked up his first sailboat for \$2,500 while trying to buy a snowmobile at an auction. He taught himself, becoming almost obsessed with the avocation.

A lover of the adrenalin-packed joy of competition, he was invited (at 62) to serve as helmsman in the famous Chicago-Mackinac race, running a total of 333 miles and about 60 grueling hours.

Sailing against almost 300 boats (the race is limited to that number), his team finished 12th, taking third in class.

“If I’m going to have a boat, I want to be the guy driving or sailing it,” he insists. “It’s about control in balancing man, machine and the elements. And the elements for me are the wind and the water.”

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power and wind, and have to if they wish to avoid ramming the dock or running aground like Columbus did, for example.

“So you balance the forces, the physical forces, of the wind on the sail — which acts like an airplane wing standing vertical, so you’re pulling the boat forward — and then the keel in the water, offering resistance against slippage. People may forget those physical elements that go back to high school and college physics, but they go to the moment — to the magic of the moment.”

And then you use the finely tuned, well-maintained motor you know as intimately as the veins in your hand to slide silk-smooth into the dock without so much as breathing on it.

For David Fornay, all that magic comes in a smaller package — but it’s the same big magic.

“I can’t imagine a life in Florida spent without putting in as much time as I have sailing the waters of Tampa Bay and the gulf,” he explains.

For Mr. Fornay, therefore, super yachts are not required. “If it has a sail, it’s for me. I do tend to gravitate toward 30-foot-ish Catalinas in a tall-draft, shoal-rig configuration. I’m between boats now, so I’ve been sailing OPBs (the acronym stands for Other People’s Boats) until I find my next water-wife.”

For many men, perhaps, their water wives have to spend significant time married to the high-and-dry.

Philip Christie, co-owner with his wife, Karen Meunch, of Maverick Custom Meats, has spent the last couple of years in and 15-feet outside of his airy, well-equipped home shop almost 30 miles east of the beach, rebuilding his dry-docked 1966 Marinette from thru-hull fittings (connecting hose for plumbing or fuel from the interior of the boat to the outer portion of the hull), to the seamless mahogany interior, to the engines. The boat is 32.5 feet long with a 12-foot beam, weighing 10,000 pounds.

“The engines are rebuilt Chrysler 318 blocks, fresh-water cooled,” he says. “They have single-wire electronic igni-



Jerry Watkins at the helm.

COURTESY PHOTO

tions with Edelbrock spreadbore manifolds and Edelbrock 650 marine carbs.

“Everything in the boat is new, from radar to tempered, tinted glass. We intend to use this on the local out islands of the southwest coast, the Keys, and possibly the inter-coastals to Cape Cod.”

Mr. Christie has embraced boats as the ultimate toys since he was 7, growing up in Boston, he says. And he’s just as adept at sailing as he is at power.

A few years ago, he shared the helm of a 60-foot Morgan Ketch (his daughter’s name is Morgan, and he calls his Marinette “Little Mo”) with four other crew members and sailed from Newport, Rhode Island, to Falmouth and then Southampton, England, before ending the trans-Atlantic adventure in Ijmuiden, Holland.

By the time his Marinette turns 50 and he launches it next year, it will be his biggest restoration yet, he notes.

For Jerry Watkins, the magic of wind and water, the pleasure of knowing the tools and materials, and the joy of competition and teamwork are probably no more important, in the end, than a certain level of “creature comfort.”

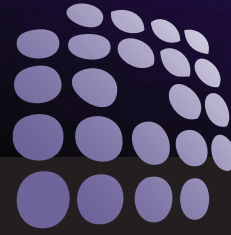
With it, he can share the magic and joy of boating or sailing with his guests.

“No matter what boat I’m in, I always want my guests to be comfortable,” he explains.

Which is probably why he’s sailing a 42 Cabo-Rico these days.

“We do the Naples to Key West race, we sail to Havana, we sail from Miami to Nassau — we’re avid about what we do.” ■

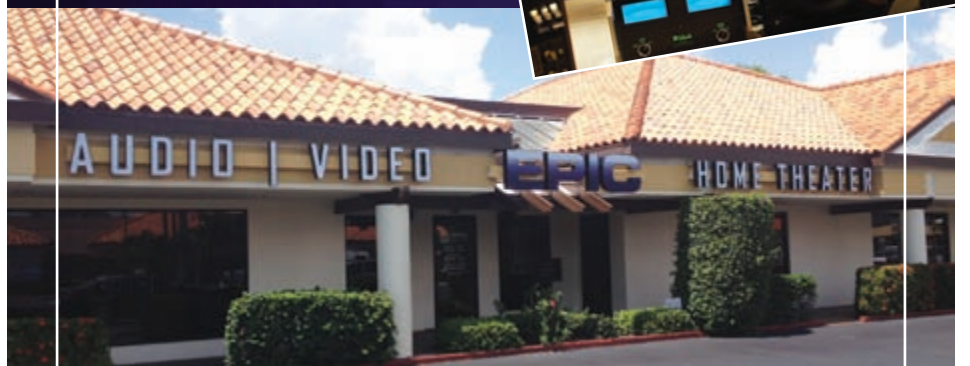
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# MAN

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crises for another time. Forget the problems of the prostate and erectile dysfunction and instead, we'll seat ourselves behind the wheels of some of the most exciting cars on the road. Leave behind the fretting over high blood pressure, checking accounts, our legacies, our roles in a changing culture — instead, let's find solace and shelter in some of the most high-end man caves tucked away throughout Southwest Florida. It helps that many of this week's

stories are written by women, who often know better than men what's good for them. Columnist Roger Williams also tackles some of those weightier questions of character and morality on Page 2. But for the most part, like most men, we'll avoid the conversation.

Being a man is a lot of things, and it's best left to biologists and poets to define what it all means. Sometimes, being a man is a heavy burden. Here, shamelessly, we'll focus on those things that lighten the load. Like a good haircut. The perfect cocktail. And, if we're lucky, a beautiful woman on our arm. ■

## THE FOOD

# Quiche

- 4 eggs
- salt
- pepper
- nutmeg
- 1 ½ cups half and half
- About 3 cups grated hard cheese such as cheddar, Swiss, parmesan
- Vegetables of your choice: broccoli spinach, mushrooms, julienned carrots, cauliflower, etc. Choose one or any combination.
- Single-crust pie shell

Have the pie shell ready to go, but not baked. Sprinkle cheese on the bottom of crust. Whisk together eggs and cream, season with salt, white pepper and a dash of nutmeg. Once well blended, stir in vegetables. Pour custard over the cheese in the pie crust and bake at 450 degrees for 5 minutes then continue baking at 350 degrees for 45 minutes or until the quiche is firm throughout. ■

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**THE DRINK**



# Craft spirits and brews add flair to old standbys

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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WHAT'S OLD IS NEW AGAIN, WITH A TWIST. A pint of good beer is trendy and once-dusty, grandpa cocktails like the bourbon Old Fashioned, which dates back to the mid-to-late 19th century, and the vodka-based Moscow Mule, originating in the 1930s, have also surged in popularity at bars. (It didn't hurt that the Old Fashioned was 1960s-era Don Draper's go-to drink on "Mad Men," either.) But now they are made with an emphasis on "craft" brews and spirits, which makes it a good time to indulge.

"I think our spiced rum is out of everything the most manly style of what we do," said Travis Joiner, a bartender and brand ambassador for Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery in Cape Coral.

Never in memory have there been more micro-breweries and distilleries — and increasingly, local ones — dedicated to artisan products that are finding their way into liquor stores and the hands of bartenders like Janelle Kahle, beverage manager at Agave Bar & Grill in Naples. She shared her own takes on those two classic cocktails, adding mezcals to the Mule, for instance.

"It makes for a nice, smokey, well-rounded finish," she said. "And we find that a lot of gentleman love that. It's reminiscent of a peat characteristic in scotch."

Here you'll find some of the best and manliest spirits and beer from Florida bartenders, breweries and distilleries.

## Barrel-Aged Old Fashioned

**Agave Bar & Grill, Naples**

Agavenaples.com

- >> 1 orange slice
  - >> 2 Bing cherries
  - >> ¼ ounce Agave nectar
  - >> A drop of Cherry Bark Vanilla Bitters
- Muddle in a rocks glass. Add:  
 1/4 ounce Luxardo Maraschino Liqueur  
 2 ounces of your favorite bourbon (Agave uses 1792, a barrel-aged craft Kentucky bourbon)  
 Ice  
 Stir and serve.

## Mezcal Mule

Agave Bar & Grill

- >> 3-4 pieces of chopped ginger root
  - >> At least 2 lime wedges
  - >> ¼ ounce Agave nectar
- Muddle in a copper mug traditionally or rocks glass.  
 Add ice and:  
 >> 1 and ½ ounce Deep Eddy Texas Vodka  
 >> ½ ounce Del Maguey Mezcal  
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 Add Fever-Tree Ginger Beer.  
 Stir and serve. Garnish: lime wheel.

## The Shiny Blue Bramble

**Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery-Cape Spirits, Cape Coral**

Wickeddolphinrum.com

- >> 2 ounces Death's Door Gin
- >> 1 ounce fresh-squeezed lemon juice
- >> ½ ounce simple syrup
- >> ½ ounce Blueberry RumShine

Combine the gin, juice, and simple syrup. Stir. Strain into a rocks glass (traditionally over crushed ice) and float RumShine over the top. Garnish: lemon wheel.

## Wicked Cherry Cola

**Wicked Dolphin Rum Distillery**

- >> 2 ounces Wicked Dolphin coconut rum
- >> 2 ounces pineapple juice
- >> 2-3 drops Cherry Bark Vanilla Bitters
- >> Your favorite brown ale

In a pint glass, add the rum, juice and bitters, then fill up with brown ale. Garnish: cherries.

## The Four Horsemen

**The Celtic Ray Irish Pub, Punta Gorda**

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- >> Jack Daniel's, Jose Cuervo, Jim Beam and Johnnie Walker Red. Pour at least ¼ ounce of each into a shot glass and enjoy.

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## Hemingway Mojito

As a frequent drinker, Ernest "Papa" Hemingway may have been most well known for enjoying Mojitos at La Bodequita del Medio in Havana, Cuba, according to "Hemingway & Bailey's Bartending Guide to Great American Writers."

- >> 6 fresh mint sprigs
- >> 1 ounce lime juice
- >> ¾ ounce simple syrup
- >> 2 ounces light rum
- >> lime wedge

Crush five mint sprigs into the bottom of chilled highball glass. Pour in lime juice, simple syrup, and rum. Fill glass with crushed ice. Garnish with lime wedge and remaining mint sprig. Sometimes a splash of club soda is added. ■

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THE FASHION

Embracing color, slim fits and light fabric for that Florida style

BY STEPHANIE DAVIS

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Gentlemen, start your irons. Yes, for men, the accepted dress code in Southwest Florida is more relaxed than, say, New York (thank goodness). No one around here expects guys who just came off the golf course or who are on their way for a burger and a beer at a beach bar to be rocking designer skinny jeans with a fitted vest and Italian leather loafers. But, throwing on an old polo and pairing it with weathered cargo shorts and flip-flops isn't going to work anymore either — although, that ensemble remains perfectly acceptable if you find yourself wandering around Disney World in 95 degree heat (anything goes at the happiest/hottest place on earth).

Here in our little tropical paradise, it's all about staying cool, comfortable and classy.

Remy Fenelus has owned and operated Remy's Tailor shop for 33 years — and the French native who calls Fort Myers home is the go-to guy in Lee County when it comes to menswear. "I started here with just two sewing machines and I can tell you that I'm seeing men interested in fashion and looking good now more than ever. Especially younger men — the look is more polished these days."

Mr. Fenelus specializes in custom made suits, jackets, shirts, pants and more — and he says that lately most men are going for a trendier, fitted look, "Everyone wants a slim fit in their pants and jackets — and they want a higher thread count in fabric, which ensures a better fit."

Slim-fit suits are being worn both to work and to after-work events — and the colors take guys from day to evening easily, "The trend is lighter colors," says Mr. Fenelus. "Men are pairing tan or khaki-colored suits with pastel-colored shirts — pink, yellow, and light turquoise are popular colors right now."

But, let's not forget a large population of guys in Southwest Florida who left their suits back up north when they retired to come down to enjoy the sunshine, sunsets and rumrunners — and hopefully never to have to wear a tie again. These are the men who still want to look sharp, sans the suit. Now, they're rocking resort wear. According to Elena Davis, marketing director at John Craig Clothier, which has locations in downtown Naples and at The Ritz-Carlton Naples, guys from the baby boomer generation want versatility and comfort. "We find that our customers are looking for fabric that doesn't wrinkle and that's light and comfortable," says Ms. Davis. "They love sport jackets made with performance style fabric — meaning they're lighter, not fully lined, and handle the inevitable perspiration that comes with our warm weather. They can throw one on with a loose button-down shirt and jeans and be ready for dinner out."

Ms. Davis has also noticed that men over the age of 50 are embracing bright colors, "Guys will come into the store and think nothing of buying Peter Millar pink or bright green shorts — and they look great. Men are much more confident with color lately," she says.

Meanwhile, our area is filled with guys who love being outdoors. It



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doesn't matter if the temperature is in the 90s, the local fishing is too good, the golf courses plentiful, and if you've got spring training tickets, you spend as much time as you can at the ballpark. Sporty doesn't have to mean sloppy, and as Trent Young co-owner with his brother, Troy Young, of Captains Landing at Fishermen's Village in Punta Gorda says, "Shorts are certainly in, but cargo shorts are on the way out." Mr. Young is referring to the baggier ones with all of the oversized side pockets. "Guys of all ages are definitely going for a more tapered look. They have pockets, but they don't dominate the whole leg and they fall to just above the knee," he says.

Even fishing shirts are looking less like the traditional old-school fishing shirts, "The new ones can take you from

the dock to the restaurant. They look so good, there's no changing required." While the newer styles still have the expected vent in the back, it's more hidden. Plus, there are unexpected patterns like plaid and batik. "Guys who are fit, active and into the outdoors want versatility," says Mr. Young. "Easy care, easy wash, easy wear. But, they want to look polished. Polished and sporty can go together — even down here."

It seems though, that no matter what your style — whether you lean toward trendy suits, colorful resort wear or

sporty shirts that still look suave — it's more the vibe of confidence you project.

Lynne Tarman of Fort Myers, a single financial representative in her 40s, weighs in, "In the business world and at evening events, I love to see men getting more into style — and I'm seeing it more and more," she says. "But, really, if a guy takes care of himself, is well-groomed, and has a great smile, I barely notice what he's wearing at first. But then, when I see that he looks confident and comfortable in his clothes — well, then that just completes the package." ■



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THE GADGETS

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BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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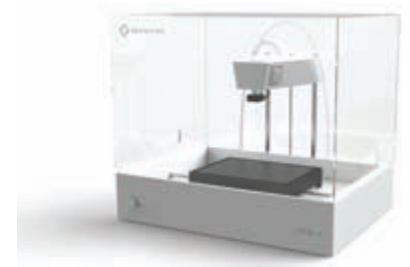
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## THE LOOK

# Hair apparent: Rocking celeb hair style trends

BY NANCI THEORET

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Even if you don’t know who Cristiano Ronaldo is, chances are you’ve probably seen his hair around town. The Real Madrid soccer star’s medium-short style — hair longer on the top, shorn close to the scalp on both sides — has launched many copycats and even YouTube tutorials.

“Male soccer stars from all countries, but especially the Spanish teams, have really influenced our clients’ hairstyles,” says Tiana Guzman, spa concierge at Stillwater Spa at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs. “Men bring their phones and show our stylists what they want. I’ve seen Cristiano Ronaldo’s haircut a lot.”

Women have long looked to A-listers for ‘do inspirations and now, so are men. Among today’s



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celebrity trendsetters: David Beckham who also sports the medium-short look and actor Bradley Cooper’s longer, tousled locks, according to Dawn Dulgarian, general manager of Spago Day Spa in Punta Gorda.

“The side part from the ‘60s is also back but in a modern version,” she says. “It’s a sophisticated but relaxed style with volume on the top. It’s very versatile. Men can gel it back for a more modern and glossy look or use other products for a tousled and rugged bad-boy vibe.”

Known by stylists as the “comb over” or “undercut” a la Justin Timberlake and rapper Macklemore — not the drastic Donald Trump — the look is popular among the mid-30s and under clientele at Head Quarters Men’s Haircuts in Estero and Fort Myers.

“One side is shaved short with a hard part, usually shaved in, and the top is long and combed over and back or to the other side,” says co-owner Nicolette Losh. “It’s great because men can style it so they don’t look too young or too old.”

The versatility also allows men to pump it up pompadour style or go for textured and messy, according to Jay Ramos, a stylist with Roosters Men’s



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Spago Day Spa in Punta Gorda



Grooming Center in Naples.

Of course style is often dictated by age, lifestyle and profession. Tweens still love the fauxhawk while young men in their 20s are more apt to try the razor-cut fringed look currently worn by actor Jake T. Austin, says Ms. Dulgarian. It’s a modern update to Justin Bieber circa 2010. “One of the biggest requests we get is for something that’s easy to style because it’s so warm and men are so active in Southwest Florida,” she says. “They want something that can be restyled after they play golf or spend time on the boat. Fortunately we have great products that hold styles.”

Men in their 40s and 50s tend to take a safe route with clipper-cut short sides and hair combed to one side. Older men, says Ms. Losh, “stay with the same conservative haircut” otherwise known as the executive or politician.

For most men low-maintenance is the top concern. “More than anything, I’ve noticed men want something easy that looks like they still did something,” says Ms. Losh. “They want something that

looks good without gel for work and can still be styled more for the weekend. They’re not like the younger guys who will spend half an hour on their hair if they have to.”

Unless it’s No Shave November in support of prostate cancer awareness or playoff season when athletes and their male fans forgo shaving and haircuts lest they jinx their team, more men are paying closer attention to their grooming. The U.S. market for men’s products increased 3 percent in 2014 to \$6.3 billion, according to industry reports.

National health and beauty brands that once catered exclusively to women are now launching men-specific products: combo facial and body washes, contouring self-tanners, hair color for men, and age-defying potions and lotions to tighten skin and reduce puffy eyes. Good old-fashioned marketing seems to be paying off. TV commercials for Axe convince men they’ll be totally irresistible to the opposite sex. Even Old Spice, which those of us of a certain age associated with grandpa, is a hit with Gen Y and Millennials.

The Tampa Bay Lightning, it turns out, were right on trend by sporting full facial hair during their unsuccessful bid for the Stanley Cup. The full-on hipster beard is enjoying its moment, as more men shuck yesterday’s metrosexual trend for the lumbersexual look.

“It’s fashion week for men in New York and it’s all beards,” says Ms. Dulgarian. “Although they may not be as prevalent in Punta Gorda, in the rest of the world it’s all about the beard.”

“The beard thing is definitely a trend for the mid-30s and under guys,” Ms. Losh adds. “During the last six months the number of balms and creams for softening beards has really increased.”

Although fashion week in France took a different spin on facial hair — more 5 o’clock shadow but sculpted and below the cheeks, that look hasn’t caught on in Naples, says Rooster’s Jose Rodriguez. “The shadow has definitely phased out to beards.”

Roosters, a national franchise, offers detailed beard grooming as well as hot-towel treatments with a haircut. Customers can also opt for a seven-step facial shave and a neck trim between appointments.

Graying and baldness are other issues stylists address with local clients.

At Personal Image, many men get color services. “They want more pepper than salt,” Ms. Oswald says. “It instantly makes them look 10 to 15 years younger.”

“When we do gray blending on men it’s usually because their wife told them to,” adds Ms. Losh.

For those fighting a losing battle against the thinning hair gene, it’s almost always best to embrace baldness, Ms. Dulgarian says. “One of the most common things we see is men wanting to keep length to compensate for lack of hair on top. But shaving it short or keeping a little on the side looks better. We also tell them to manscape their brows and let them take over.”

“Men who lose their hair at a younger age tend to have a lot of facial hair,” notes Ms. Oswald. “We always try to explain to them that fancy facial hair or a severe arch in their brow will call attention away from head.”

But bald isn’t for everyone, notes Ms. Losh. “Some men don’t have a good head shape and they know it. At some point every guy I know has lost a bet with friends and has had to shave their head.”

Rooster’s carries Aveda’s full men’s line for haircare and shaving and the unisex Invati which claims to increase hair volume and slow down the thinning process with regular use, accord-



ing to Naples franchise owner Kareema Baksh.

Although tempting to prolong the time between salon visits, do-it-yourself upkeep can often lead to mishaps. "I remember one of my clients attempted to cut his hair at home and clean up the hairline," says Ms. Losh. "One side was higher than another. Another was more successful — he used tape across the back of his head."

Roosters and the locally owned Head Quarters cater almost exclusively to men. Roosters re-creates the iconic barbershop with a 21st century twist: TVs tuned to sports, beer or wine on arrival and wood floors and manly décor.

Head Quarters' two locations boast the ultimate mancave environs: a

70-inch TV in the lobby and 27-inch sets at each station, all tuned into ESPN. Clients have access to free Wi-Fi and a complimentary beer. The business offers cuts, color, waxing and massage.

More men are also turning to the salon or spa for waxing services, mainly underarm and backs at Stillwater and Personal Image, which also offers nose hair removal. "It makes your eyes water but you don't have to worry about hair for two to three months," says Ms. Oswald.

Spago offers a full menu of men's spa packages with appropriate names — the Porsche, Bentley and Rolls Royce, which all include a cut plus massage, facials and even man-icures and pedicures.

Ms. Dulgarian says men are also less likely to visit Brazil when it comes to hair, um, down there. "It was really popular last summer but has slowed down," she says. "It's really become more about individual taste. I think men wanted to try it once and realized it wasn't for them."

A medi-spa, Spago also caters to professional men like Realtors who use their visage in marketing campaigns. "More men are getting Botox and filler," she says. "We're also seeing husbands accompanying their wives and getting gravity- and age-defying services with them. It's a different trend we haven't experienced before and I love to see couples sharing this because they look and feel younger." ■

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## THE TOYS

## High-powered toys for overgrown boys

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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THERE ARE SO MANY TOYS: MOTORCYCLES, ATVs, personal watercraft. Remote-controlled planes, cars and boats. Guns. Knives. The tools of woodcraft, and countless more.

Thus, there are so many opportunities for a guy (or a gal), and so little time.

Moshe Fischer isn't wasting any of it, either. Instead, he's standing in the middle of Destination Powersports in Punta Gorda working as a sales associate, and modeling the thinking of the dead American poet, Robert Frost. At 20, Mr. Fischer doesn't know that, he's just doing it.

"Only where work and need are one, and the work is play for mortal stakes, is the deed ever really done for Heaven and the future's sake," said Mr. Frost, concluding a poem he called "Two Tramps in Mud Time."

Says Mr. Fischer, surrounded by motorcycles, personal watercraft, all-terrain vehicles known as ATVs and other toys of the fuel-burning pleasure-trade: "This is what I love to do. I've been riding (mostly motorcycles) since I was a kid, so I get to stand in here surrounded by everything I love, and sell it."

Almost exactly the same thing could be said of Michele Chernin, owner of Paradise Hobbies in Fort Myers. With her very knowledgeable staff, Ms. Chernin sells objects that go fast, require electricity, batteries or even fuel to power them, may take months to assemble or come ready-to-operate, and work as remote-controlled toys of sometimes high sophistication and ability.

Take remote controlled planes, for example.

"I recommend you first get a flight simulator you use on your computer, because can save yourself a lot of money," she says. "The simulator comes with a remote control just like with the airplanes. You get the feel there, and they run from \$99 to \$169.99."

Sales Associate Larry Golon is a board member of the R/Sea Hawk flying club of about 320 members, one of the biggest in the United States, he says. The club is based in Sea Hawk Park in Cape Coral, where everyone is welcome.

A former Army helicopter pilot who flew Hueys, his passion is powerful and



COURTESY PHOTOS

Sea Hawk Park in Cape Coral hosts the R/Sea Hawk flying club whose members design, build and deploy their flying machines.

his knowledge deep.

"The younger crowd go for the almost ready to fly," he says. "The die-hards are the builders who will spend a month, two, three or more building a kit."

Mr. Golon started when he was 5, "and it became like an addiction," he admits. An addiction that can lead to spending thousands of dollars and creating works of art that also move at high rates of speed, can be used in competitions nationwide, and perform extraordinary aerial stunts.

For those who prefer drones, starting from the smallest and least expensive at about the size of a quarter and ranging up to highly sophisticated, real-time video scouts, Paradise sells those, too.

That same range in complexity is true, in part, of remote-controlled boats, one of which is about 6.5 feet high,

from the bottom of the keel to the top of the mast. Or the remote-controlled cars, one of which can go 100 miles per hour, says Ms. Chernin.

"For men of any age, these hobbies are about meeting people, talking to friends, having a hangout, a guy club — my store is that way, too," she explains.

"And the hobbies are very competitive," adds Mr. Golon. "Especially the airplanes. They have classes, and they do different stunts."

Back at Destination Powersports, Mr. Fischer is thinking about stunts in person, not by remote control. Or long rides on a bike that handle both highway and byway, or even off-road.

He's a big proponent of the Yamaha line, he says, but whatever it is, he likes it. And so do a lot of other men.

"There's sports bikes and there's

cruisers, and sometimes age determines what guys like," he explains. "The older generation, like in their 30s or 40s or older, tend to like cruisers, and the younger guys like the sports bikes."

There's the Yamaha R6, for example, a 600CC sports bike for \$10,000 or so. "It can be a commuting bike, a recreational bike, it has the ability to go long distances..." Mr. Fischer's voice gets dreamy.

He's probably not thinking about Harley-Davidsons, even though many admire them — bikes like the 2010 Wide Glide Dyna Big Twin cycle with the looks of an old-school chopper and a top speed of 100, as the company describes it. At about \$15,000, it's one of the less expensive.

Or the VRSC V-rod from 2002, a \$17,000 rocket running on 115 horsepower at a remarkable 8,250 rpms, the most powerful street bike Harley-Davidson ever produced.

No, Mr. Fischer is considering personal watercraft, the walk-on-water jet skis that some think of not as boats, but as Jesus-cycles (rather than motorcycles): the Kawasakis. The Sea-Doos. The Yamahas.

And that's what he likes, of course: the Yamaha VX Deluxe, for \$10,000. "It'll do 55 miles per hour, and the biggest thing is its versatility. It has seats for three, so it has the horsepower to move three full-grown people fast, and it has luxury."

Mr. Mosche is a good salesman. How about the ATVs? There's the Polaris series, he says, getting dreamy-voiced again, especially the Polaris 1000 with four-wheel drive and power steering.

How much?

Who cares, the thing is a blast to ride, he suggests.

But in case you don't have the cash in your wallet, it's \$12,299. ■



The Yamaha R6



THE MEN

# Local men spill the beans on their toys

■ **WADDY THOMPSON**, artist, photographer, designer and builder of the Spookey Bazookay melon cannon, widely seen by his friends as the most extraordinary Man Toy ever invented. Mr. Thompson entered and won the world championship, taking first place in the human-powered division of the Punkin Chunkin World Championships 2000:



“It’s all air-pressure operated, nothing goes bang. It takes about 90 psi to launch a melon about about a half-mile. It also depends on the wind and how tough the melons are for the day. We can launch about 50 or 60 in an afternoon.”

■ **BUDDY COOK**, now a Mississippi builder:

“I have a 60-year-old Sears and Roebuck .22 rifle given to me by a good friend, and a Lie Nielsen block plane that I paid a ridiculous amount of money for. Both are a pleasure to use.”

■ **THOMAS SMITH**, LaBelle city councilman:

“I’ve been thinking, my best toy now

is my DEER feeder at my mountain home. We had eight to 10 turkeys and five deer at one time yesterday. I love it.”

■ **TOMMY LEE COOK**, writer and musician, owner of one fine restaurant (The Hut), one world-famous blues bar (Buckingham), and two specially raised mules imported from Kentucky — guy toys on four legs, perhaps:

“When I was 8 or 9 my Daddy gave me a Remington 572 Fieldmaster .22-caliber rifle, the buckskin tan edition. I was in high cotton with that rifle in my hands. Almost 30 years later my kids all learned to load, shoot and handle the weapon, practicing in the backyard on various targets propped against a cabbage tree. A toy for life.

“Some of my most prized weapons I got from my high school football coach, Ron Hoover. They’re John Wayne pistol-rifle combinations of the classic Winchester The Duke made famous on screen, engraved beauties all.”

But such lovely weapons take a back seat, perhaps, to something else in Mr. Cook’s toy vernacular.

“Every man-boy should get the chance to get on a 4-by-12 sheet of aluminum with a 300-horsepower airplane engine directly behind the seat, torqued out, blowing air,” he insists.

“Speed and control. It’s like riding on the back of a water bug. The airboat may be one of the coolest inventions of all time. The most powerful

ones will run on dry ground and more than once we’ve tooled around Buckingham on the side of the road jumping culverts. Saltwater aficionados don’t think much of us airboat people, author Randy White being one of the most notable. They’re loud and obnoxious, powerful, and can get out of control quickly. Kinda like The Donald, only a lot more fun.

“And I won’t even get into guitars or recording equipment. That’s another Toy Story all together that would take up way too much space. Can you say Fender Telecaster? Yeah! Or Stratocaster? Hell yeah! Bump a Gibson.”

■ **PERRY BIHARI**, hunter, fisherman, father, friend:

“My man-toys consist of three spear guns: a Killer, a Death Stick, and my favorite — that’s one I built. Did I ever tell y’all the story about a cold winter spearfishing trip when I shot a monster amberjack in 70-foot of water and almost ended my life right there?”



■ **BILLY MURPHY**: farmer, citrus grower, cattleman and *Florida Weekly’s* 2015 Best Storyteller:

“A certain old beat-up, dilapidated

airboat probably brought me more joy than most of my contraptions over the years — the exhilaration, the fun with great companions, adventures galore, moments of danger, break-downs.

“Sinkings and pure ecstasy were the motivations for my nomination (of one favorite man toy).

“But it was not a great machine. Matter of fact, it was quite disreputable. The hull was aluminum, with a stainless-steel bottom that had been wrinkled and torn from the dirt and rocks it had battered through. The engine was a small 100 (that was the rating, not actual horsepower) and it was worn out. It would burn easily 10 quarts of oil in one night of ‘frawg’ hunting, and the bottom plugs would have to be cleaned maybe two or three times in a single night.

“My friends observed that when it was towed down the road, the compression was so low and the engine so worn that the propeller would very slowly turn. I took a lot of kidding about this, and my retort was always, ‘I got the onliest airboat in the world that you can pull off to start it.’

“I don’t care. The cups of coffee in the middle of the night with the dearest friends I’ve ever had, that was the best. The thrill of sliding across the shallow water — and sometimes the ground — was very much like a ride in a light plane.

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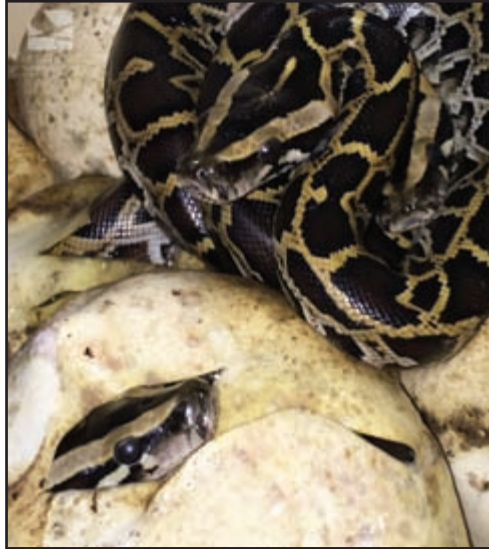
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For most people, the instant their eyes pick out the form of a snake along their path a sensation of panic shoots through the body as the heart rate quickens, blood vessels dilate and the reptilian part of the human brain decides what to do next. In Southwest Florida, that feeling is heightened this time of year as Burmese pythons start to hatch. They are 2 feet long fresh out of their egg, about the size of most native snakes and have markings that are easily confused with beneficial native snakes.

The fight-or-flight response seems to be a given when any snake pops into view, but according to Ian Bartoszek, a biologist with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida it's highly unlikely the serpent in your front yard is the invasive Burmese python. "Pythons are not venomous and they don't even want to be around humans," he says. "They get a lot of attention because of their size, unfortunately many native snakes are misidentified as small pythons."

So if you stumble upon a snake and your response is to fight, Mr. Bartoszek advises to resist the urge. According to conservancy biologists the vast majority of snakes we will encounter are native and an important part of the area's ecological balance.

If your instinctive response is flight, the conservancy asks that you try to take a picture as you run screaming to safety. Make a note of your location and report it at [ivegotl.org](http://ivegotl.org). If you are certain that the 10-foot long constrictor sunning on your driveway is a Burmese



Conservancy of Southwest Florida biologists and partner groups are studying the Burmese Python to help identify population management strategies. Conservancy of Southwest Florida biologists urge people not to harm any snakes as the vast majority are native and necessary to the Southwest Florida ecosystem.



python, call 1(888)ive-gotl and a trained professional will help you out.

In spite of the panic people feel at the mention of Burmese python hatch-

ing season, they really aren't a problem for people, but they are a problem for native wildlife and the environment. Cailin Ervin studies Burmese pythons at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida and says, "They're protected and endangered where they are from in Southeast Asia, but here they have no natural predators so they are an invasive species we are trying to track and control."

Here's what to look for to report an invasive Burmese python near you:

They are tan in color with dark blotches on the back and sides that are irregular shaped and fit together like puzzle pieces.

They have a dark brown arrowhead shape on top of their head and a dark

wedge behind the eye.

Hatchlings are about 2 feet long and tend to move at night then they may be spotted along rural roads.


Report what you see and where you see it here: [ivegotl.org](http://ivegotl.org) or call 1(888)ive-gotl.

To learn more about this and other invasive species in Southwest Florida, visit the Conservancy's Nature Center, 1495 Smith Preserve Way, or visit [conservancy.org/nature-center](http://conservancy.org/nature-center).

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## Community Foundation gives a record \$10.2 million to nonprofits

The Community Foundation of Collier County announced that it distributed a record \$10,276,463 to 583 organizations for the fiscal year ending June 30. Of that amount, \$6,657,604 was given to local area nonprofits.

"By reaching this incredible milestone, we have been able to help more people than ever in our 30 year history," said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, the foundation's president and CEO. "We track the trends and understand the needs of Collier County's education, homelessness, hunger, healthcare, the arts and the environment so we are able to direct the resources where we can make the biggest impact."

Nearly \$6 million of the record distribution came from the Community Foundation's Donor Advised Funds. A Donor Advised Fund is a tool that allows donors to participate in the process by suggesting the 501(c)(3) organization that receives the donation.

"The people who live in Collier County are so generous," said Ann Hughes, director of donor services. "They work with us to find the areas of greatest need and to streamline their donation process. Their support and commitment to Southwest Florida makes all the difference."

The Collier County nonprofit organizations that received the largest donations through Donor Advised Funds were NCH Healthcare System, Grace Place for Children & Families, Naples Community Church and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

Distributions issued through the Community Foundation's grant program totaled \$478,173. These distribu-

tions were made through donations to unrestricted funds. These funds allow the foundation to respond to the community's needs and to address issues as they emerge.

The foundation's volunteer grant committees vetted grant requests with 82 local organizations receiving funds for their programs, capital expenses and capacity building. A listing of these organizations and the outcome of their programs can be viewed online at [cfcollier.org](http://cfcollier.org).

"The Community Foundation of Collier County celebrated its 30th anniversary this year with the help of a \$150,000 grant from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation to support Give Where You Live 30. The foundation's first ever Match Day, called Give Where You Live 30, was held on March 3 and raised \$1,815,466 for 30 local nonprofits," Ms. Connolly-Keesler said. "This community-wide event was so successful that we far exceeded our goal of raising \$1 million in 24 hours. What a wonderful way to celebrate 30 years of philanthropy."

The Community Foundation of Collier County, a 501(c)(3) organization, was established in 1985 to increase and focus philanthropy in the area. Today, the Community Foundation manages 510 funds, collaborates with more than 400 area nonprofits and holds more than \$100 million in assets. The foundation has distributed more than \$79 million to nonprofit organizations and community programs since inception. It is one of Florida's fastest growing community foundations.

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Jeff Ahren is the firm's director of development and pro bono coordinator. I had him on my radio show several times during the housing market bubble to assure listeners that legal help was available if foreclosure or loss of a home was at stake.

"I am humbled by the knowledge that the work we perform at Legal Aid changes lives," he says.

LASCC staff attorneys handle very high cases loads for modest compensation — more than 3,400 cases in 2014, a 61 percent increase over the number of matters handled in 2012. In addition to the staff, private attorneys volunteer through LASCC and the Collier Lawyers Care Pro Bono Program, giving freely of their time and talent despite the demands of busy practices.

Despite massive cuts in funding by traditional sources of support for Legal Aid over the last five years, the service has been able to answer the call and do more with less to

### Talking points with Jeff Ahren

**Mentors:** My parents, State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo, Mike Reagen (former CEO of the Greater Naples Area Chamber of Commerce), Diane Flagg (former director of code enforcement for Collier County and my co-chair on the Economic Recovery Task Force), Tony Karrat (executive director at Legal Aid Service) and many others here in Naples who have helped and guided me.

**Something that's been on your mind:** We live in a cynical age. People are frustrated — with politics, economics and the direction of our society. They feel powerless and angry. Many people are resigned to do nothing since they believe only the rich and powerful can effect change, or that whatever is happening is somehow inevitable or pre-determined. This is nonsense. Get involved. Right here in Collier County. Get in the game. As

meet the growing demand for services.

Before coming to the Paradise Coast, Jeff practiced law for 10 years with a boutique law firm in New Jersey that focused on trial and appellate practice. As a civil litigator, he represented clients on a wide variety of matters, from employment law to breach of contract, the dissolution of partnerships and personal injury cases.

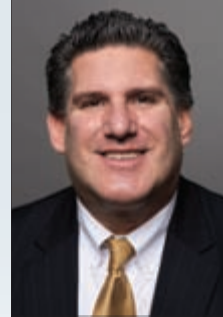
After a decade of living the fast-paced life of a trial attorney, Jeff moved to Florida to transition his career with a primary goal of spending more time with his wife and daughter. He did some real estate sales and consulting work before finding work he was truly passionate about, joining LASCC in 2007 as pro bono coordinator and becoming director of development in 2012.

Ghandi famously stated, "Be the change you wish to see in the world."

**Something your mom was always right about:** She always said choose your friends wisely.

**As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?** A professional athlete.

**High school job:** I worked as a landscaper and groundskeeper for the Claridge Casino in Atlantic City. I



met a lot of fun characters at that gig.

**What would you be doing if you weren't doing this?** I would like to try my hand at writing books.

**One thing on your bucket list:** To visit Ireland. I have Irish heritage, including folks from County Cork.

**Skill or talent you wish you had:** Playing a musical instrument. I quit the guitar at age 15 and wish I hadn't.

**Guilty pleasure:** The Capricciosa pizza at Barbatella on Third Street South.

**Last book you read:** "The Signal and the Noise" by Nate Silver.

Jeff was born and grew up in Pitman, a close-knit little town in southern New Jersey. His father, a Campbell Soup executive, was transferred to Australia for Jeff's middle and early high school years. The family moved back to Pitman for his last three years of high school. Jeff graduated from Albright College with a bachelor's degree in psychology and business. He earned his J.D. from Rutgers University School of Law-Camden.

In addition to his work at LASCC, Jeff has made many contributions to the Collier County community. He has served as co-chair (2008-2013) of the Collier County Foreclosure Task Force and currently co-chairs the Collier County Economic Recovery Task Force. He is a member of Leader-

ship Collier Class of 2010 and has served as a board member of the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition and an elder of Naples Christian Church.

"I went to law school to use my training to help people and make a positive difference in their lives," he says. "Looking back now, I can see that my prior experience was great preparation for my current role with Legal Aid."

Jeff and his wife, Danielle, have been married 20 years. Their daughter, Ashley, is 16. In his free time, Jeff enjoys music, books and working out — particularly running and weight training.

"And I'm a die-hard fan of the Eagles, 76ers and Phillies — and my Scarlet Knights!" he says. ■

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# NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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## The 90-minute day

The whimsical premise of the iconic movie "Groundhog Day" (that someone can wake up every day believing it is the previous day) has largely come to life for a patient of a British psychologist writing recently in the journal *Neurocase*. Dr. Gerald Burgess' patient, following anesthesia and root-canal treatment, was left with a memory span of only about 90 minutes and awakens each day believing it is the day he is to report for the same root canal. He has been examined by numerous specialists, including neurologists who found no ostensible damage to the usual brain areas associated with amnesia. The patient is able to manage his day only by using an electronic diary with prompts.

have been accompanied by an explicit warning of potential physical or psychological harm). The father of the "screaming" girl said he was initially barred from the exam room and was led to believe, when he signed the consent form, that he was merely authorizing anesthesia.

## Wait, what?

(1) A shortage of teachers led Howard S. Billings high school in Chateaugay (in the French-sensitive province of Quebec, Canada) to announce that 11th-grade French classes would this year be conducted using only the Rosetta Stone computer program. (2) Among the new rules proposed by California's Occupational Safety and Health Standards agency in May was one to require actors in pornographic movies (whose male actors OSHA has already ordered to wear condoms) to wear goggles — lest bodily fluids splash into their eyes during scenes. (Further, all equipment and surfaces of sets must be decontaminated after each scene and at day's end.)

July the 19th-century-based town seal that features a white settler appearing to push down an American Indian man, denied any racism and said the image is "actually" a typical "friendly wrestling (match) that took place back in those days." (According to Whitesboro's website, the Native American supposedly uttered, after the "match," "UGH. You good fellow too much.") (2) In April, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel ordered the Federal Bureau of Prisons to stop relocating whistleblowing employees to "offices" that were abandoned jail cells. The bureau had insisted that the transfers were not punishment for reporting agency misconduct — even though one of the "offices" had no desk, computer or phone and required the employee to walk past prisoners' cells to get to work.

## The continuing crisis

■ Lindsey Perkins pleaded guilty in June in Newport, Vt., for an incident in which she joy-rode on the roof of a station wagon with her 5-year-old son while a 20-year-old man drove at 50 to 55 mph on the state's scenic Route 14 near Coventry.

■ In February, the Office of Residential Life at Wesleyan University (Middletown, Conn.), intending to tout its dedication to inclusiveness and the creation of a "safe

space" for minority students, posted a notice on its website inviting applications from the "LBTTQQFAGPBDSM" communities. The probable translation: the lesbian/gay, bisexual, transgender, transsexual, queer, questioning, flexual, asexual, (vulgar word), polyamorous, bondage/discipline and sadism/masochism communities.

## Police report

■ Cosbying 2.0: A court in Castrop-Rauxel, Germany, fined a 23-year-old man in July after he admitted that, one evening last year, he put "four or five drops" of a sedative into his girlfriend's tea without her knowledge — so that she would doze off for the evening and not bother him while he played video games. She had come home after a hard day at work, expecting peace and quiet, but began complaining about the boyfriend's machine-gun-fire game.

■ The *Washington Post's* running tally counts more than 400 people shot to death in the United States by law enforcement already this year with five months to go, but 2014 figures from Norway reveal that officers there shot at people only twice all year. Proportionally (64 times as many people live in the U.S.), American police would still have fired only 128 rounds last year if they showed Norway's restraint. (Bonus fact: Norway's cops missed their targets both times.) ■

## Can't possibly be true

Apparently, "uncooperative" child dental patients (even toddlers) can be totally restrained on a straitjacket-like "papoose board" without parental hand-holding, even during tooth-pulling, as long as the parent has signed a "consent form" (that does specifically mention the frightening practice). A recent case arose in Carrollton, Georgia, but a Georgia Board of Dentistry spokesperson told Atlanta's WSB-TV that such restraints are permitted (though should

## Compelling explanations

(1) The mayor of Whitesboro, N.Y., defending to a *Village Voice* reporter in

# FOUNDATION

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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Florida has about 3 million residents who are living with a developmental disability. The Florida Department of Health tallied 393 Collier residents with developmental and intellectual disabilities in 2014 and the local Agency for Persons with Disabilities office currently serves 192 adults.

The foundation provides members with a wide variety of programming and services that enable them to be visible and productive members of the community. For example, it has a wildly popular bowling league for about 150 adults and a baseball league on Saturdays where about 40 members play. A monthly social event can be anything from a "prom" with FGCU students to an afternoon water skiing with adaptive equipment.

Besides giving its members social opportunities, the group also provides members resources to help them live their lives as independently as possible. For example, the group offers a life skills class where special needs adults can learn how to accomplish household tasks like paying bills, grocery shopping, basic cooking and emergency management.

"What we want is for the clients to be out in the world," Mr. Mancini said. "We don't want them to stay home and get lost and that's our biggest fear."

To combat the fear that these Collier residents will be without resources or guidance when their caregivers are no longer able to provide for them, the foundation helps clients with job placement and housing. In 2012, the foundation purchased three duplexes that can house up to 12 adults and offers highly subsidized rent to members who qualify.

"We have clients now that are in their 40s, 50s and 60s and we need to be offering housing, which is critical," Mr. Mancini said. "We're constantly looking at ways to house folks as their parents become aged."

The Arc, a national advocacy group for the developmentally disabled, said in "Priced out in 2012," that the 4.8 million non-institutionalized Americans with disabilities who rely on Social Security benefits for their income, which averages less than \$8,700 a year, are priced out of every single rental market in the country. In its study, The Arc said a one-bedroom apartment in Collier County would cost one of these residents 110 percent of their monthly income.

Becky Stark, whose son Adam has been a member at FDD since 2003 and lives with cerebral palsy, is a past president and board member who credits the foundation with providing Adam with a full and interesting life.

"Adam is very social," Mrs. Stark said.

"We have clients now that are in their 40s, 50s and 60s and we need to be offering housing, which is critical ... We're constantly looking at ways to house folks as their parents become aged."

— Rich Mancini, program director

"He's non-verbal but he doesn't seem to realize that. The interactions with his peers and other parents has been the biggest benefit to him — we all need friends."

The Stark family moved to Collier County from Michigan when Adam finished high school and needed to find an outlet for him that public schools couldn't provide. The foundation was an easy solution, even though back then it was a very small organization. Now, Adam is actively engaged in the bowling league, baseball league and monthly social events while also attending events with Fort Myers groups, where the family now lives.

"(Without FDD) his life would be very boring and very dull," Ms. Stark said. "He would spend way too much time on the computer and way too much on the television. His world would be very small."

The foundation is fully funded by donations and does not accept government funds of any kind. The majority of its annual budget of \$150,000 is generated by its winter gala, which is tentatively scheduled for February. Clients and families pay \$50 a year for full access to social events and reduced rates on league sports. Offices are located at 868 Ninth Ave. N. in Naples. For more information, call 594-9007 or visit [fddswfl.org](http://fddswfl.org). ■

**in the know**

**Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled**

- >> **Where:** 868 9th Ave. N.
- >> **Phone number:** 594-9007
- >> **Website:** [fddswfl.org](http://fddswfl.org)
- >> **Mission:** Enhancing the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities through community awareness; family support; housing options; and education, social and recreational activities.
- >> **Executive Director:** Currently vacant
- >> **Board Vice President:** Edward Smith
- >> **Major Fundraiser:** Kaleidoscope Gala in February
- >> **Volunteer Opportunities:** FDD is always looking for volunteers, especially people who are willing to supervise league games.



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## HEALTHY LIVING

## HIV control through treatment prevents heterosexual transmission of virus

Antiretroviral treatment that consistently suppresses HIV is highly effective at preventing sexual transmission of the virus in heterosexual couples where one person is HIV-infected and the other is not, investigators reported recently at the eighth International AIDS Society Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment & Prevention in Vancouver, Canada. The finding comes from the decade-long HPTN 052 clinical trial funded primarily by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, part of the National Institutes of Health, and conducted by the NIH-funded HIV Prevention Trials Network.

In 2011, the HPTN 052 study investigators reported a breakthrough: Starting HIV treatment early, when the immune system is relatively healthy, reduced the risk of sexually transmitting the virus to an uninfected partner by 96 percent over 18 months. Based on additional data gathered since 2011, the new finding unequivocally demonstrates the enduring power of HIV-controlling antiretroviral therapy to greatly reduce sexual transmission of the virus.

"The study now makes crystal clear that when an HIV-infected person takes antiretroviral therapy that keeps the virus suppressed, the treatment is highly effective at preventing sexual transmission of HIV to

an uninfected heterosexual partner," said NIAID Director Anthony S. Fauci, M.D. "For heterosexuals who can achieve and maintain viral suppression, the risk to their partners is exceedingly low."

The HPTN 052 trial was designed to evaluate whether antiretroviral therapy reduces sexual transmission of HIV. Beginning in April 2005, the study enrolled 1,763 heterosexual couples ages 18 or older in Botswana, Brazil, India, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Thailand, the United States and Zimbabwe. Each couple included one partner with HIV infection and one without. Infected participants were assigned at random either to start antiretroviral therapy right away, while their immune system was relatively healthy, or to delay starting treatment until their immune system weakened or they developed an AIDS-defining illness. All participants received condoms and counseling on how to protect their partners from sexual transmission of HIV.

Once the investigators reported their landmark data in 2011, all infected study participants were offered the opportunity to begin antiretroviral therapy right away, and the trial continued for another four years, concluding this spring. At the end of the study, 1,171 couples remained in the trial.

Investigators report that starting antiret-



roviral therapy early reduced HIV transmission by 93 percent over the course of the study. Only eight cases of HIV transmission occurred in uninfected partners of HIV-infected participants who received antiretroviral therapy. Four of these infections were diagnosed shortly after the start of treatment. In these cases, the virus most likely was transmitted just before antiretroviral therapy began or right after it commenced, before treatment had fully suppressed HIV replication. The other four infections occurred in study participants for whom treatment no longer was working and the virus was replicating. Treatment failure may have occurred because HIV-infected participants did not take their antiretroviral drugs as prescribed or had an HIV strain that was resistant to one or more of the drugs in their treatment regimen.

The lack of sexual transmission of HIV

by virally suppressed individuals in this large study provides robust evidence that antiretroviral therapy started at any time in the course of infection can prevent heterosexual HIV transmission if viral suppression is achieved and maintained, the investigators note.

In addition, the investigators found that among the HPTN 052 participants who started antiretroviral therapy early but failed treatment before May 2011, those who had a higher viral load when they joined the study were likely to develop resistance to their antiretroviral drugs. Additional analysis is needed to clarify this association, according to the investigators.

The HPTN conducted the trial with funding from NIAID, the National Institute on Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Mental Health, all part of NIH, through grant number 5-UM1-AI068619. Additional support was provided by the NIH-funded AIDS Clinical Trials Group.

NIAID conducts and supports research — at NIH, throughout the United States, and worldwide — to study the causes of infectious and immune-mediated diseases, and to develop better means of preventing, diagnosing and treating these illnesses. Fact sheets and other NIAID-related materials are available at [niaid.nih.gov](http://niaid.nih.gov). ■

## Advances in quality, technology benefit entire community

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In health care, quality counts. And when independently declared by reputable outside evaluators, quality counts the most.

I'm pleased, therefore, that the quality of care at NCH has once again been confirmed by two independent organizations: U.S. News & World Report and Health Care's Most Wired Survey. The former ranked NCH in the top 10 systems of the 300-plus in Florida; the 17th annual Most Wired Survey awarded us a Most Wired designation for the fourth consecutive year. NCH and 338 other organizations of 4,500 hospitals across the nation received the Most

Wired award for competence in computer technology.

In the U.S. News & World Report analysis over 30 years, NCH has improved from 22nd to 17th and is now tied for ninth place in Florida. We have also been designated "Best in Southwest Florida" for five years in a row. Only 10 percent of hospitals in the country share this rating as high performers.

U.S. News & World Report understands that health care is shaped by a process that encompasses diagnosis, treatment, prevention and patient education. Outcomes are the product of process and can be measured by harm avoidance, risk-adjusted mortality (the likelihood of death when the patient's condition and the complexity of the case are taken into account) and by related indicators such as complications, readmissions, patient safety and infection rates. Hospitals on the U.S. News &

World Report list enjoy reputations for developing and sustaining a system that delivers high-quality care.

Connecting quality and safety with process and outcomes requires a robust information technology system. The Most Wired Survey recognizes us among the elite in the nation for computer technology. Working over 25 years with our Cerner partner, NCH uses information technology to drive clinical improvement, shape strategy and add value for our patients. We have a wireless, interconnected inpatient and outpatient environment with our NCH Physician Group.

We offer Smart Rooms at our North Naples campus, wirelessly monitoring patients and assisting nurses, physicians and caregivers, who communicate with each other and facilitate the documentation process. Smart Rooms are now being installed in our downtown

campus.

Information technology helps us predict and, to a great extent, prevent serious blood stream infections called sepsis. Over the past three years, our sepsis mortality rate has dropped from the nation's average of over 30 percent to consistently less than 10 percent and, in recent months, down to 4 percent. Patients and caregivers also enjoy full interconnectivity access through a patient portal to personal health record across NCH and the NCH Physician Group.

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

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Do you have a son or daughter whoneeds to be registered for the 2015-2016 school year? Avoid the long wait times and complete the process now. Collier County Public Schools encourages parents to register any new students as soon as possible so their child is ready to go for the first day of school, Monday, Aug. 17.

All new students entering the district can be signed up through the online, centralized student registration system.

■ **Elementary school** - Go to [collierschools.com/elementary/elementaryroll.htm](http://collierschools.com/elementary/elementaryroll.htm) to pre-register your new elementary student and any siblings. Finish your child's registration by coming to one of our centralized registration centers: MLK Administrative Center or Immokalee High School.

■ **Middle school** - New middle school students are encouraged to pre-register online and enroll using the online centralized registration process at the MLK Administrative Center or

Immokalee High School through July 30. Middle school new student registration will resume at the middle schools on Monday, Aug. 3. This change affects only new students entering the district.

■ **High school** - New high school students must enroll at their zoned school on Wednesdays throughout the summer and must call the school to make an appointment. They are not required to use the online registration system. You can find your zoned school by visiting [collierschools.net/Page/454](http://collierschools.net/Page/454). This change affects only new students entering the district.

**Centralized registration locations:**

■ MLK Administrative Center, 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples

■ Immokalee High School, 701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee

For information about registration requirements or the registration process, contact the department of student relations at 377-0547. ■

## Women of initiative award nominations sought

Nominations for the 18th annual Women of Initiative Awards are due on Oct. 1.

Each spring, the Women's Foundation of Collier County honors 10 local women who through their dedication and leadership are an inspiration to all those seeking to make a difference

through philanthropy and civic engagement. The winning recipients will be honored at Women of Initiative Awards luncheon on April 8 at the Naples Grande Beach Resort.

Nomination applications and additional information are available at [cfcollier.org](http://cfcollier.org) or by calling 649-5000. ■



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# PET TALES

## Save money!

Seven smart ways to reduce pet expenses without cutting back on good care

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

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Are pet-care costs taking a bite out of your budget? You might be tempted to skimp on veterinary care or quality pet food, but there are better ways to save money without compromising your pet's well-being. Here are some of my favorite budget-boosting tips.

■ **Ask about discounts.** If your pet has severe periodontal disease, he may benefit from professional cleanings more than once a year. If that's the case, your veterinarian may give you the same discounted rate offered during National Pet Dental Health Month (February). Some clinics offer discounts if you bring in more than one animal at a time for exams, or if your pet is a rescue animal. Groomers may offer discounts if you bring your pet in on a regular basis, or if you bring in more than one pet at a time. Don't be afraid to ask; the worst they can do is say no, and you might even get them to start a new policy.

■ **Buy smart.** Ask your veterinarian if there is a generic equivalent of the medication your pet needs. With a prescription, you can take advantage of low-cost pharmaceuticals from big-box retailers such as Costco or Target. Your veterinarian may also have samples of medications, including flea- and tick-control products, or be willing to match the price found at an online pharmacy.

■ **One word: email.** Your local pet



A good diet, regular exercise and careful shopping can help you shrink costs for pet care.

supply store or your favorite pet food brand likely has an email list you can join. They send out coupons and notices of sales or special events. One pet supply store I know of has a monthly "Yappy Hour," with special prices between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

■ **Buy food in bulk.** Whether you feed canned, dry or frozen pet food, bulk options are available. Buy the largest size container, and store excess dry or frozen food in your freezer, or split it — and the savings — with a friend or neighbor. If you make your pet's food yourself because he's on a special diet, look for a pet food co-op in your area. Scoop: Another item you can buy in

bulk for big savings is cat litter.

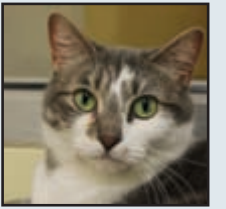
■ **Choose quality.** Whether you're buying food, collars and leashes or toys, look for top-notch ingredients and materials. They'll always perform better. Well-made toys and other items last longer, so you don't have to replace them as often. High-quality foods contain more and better nutrients, so pets need to eat less. Even if you pay more upfront, your costs are less on the back end. And speaking of the back end, your pet's poop will be smaller, firmer and less stinky on a good-quality food, so it's a win-win all the way around.

■ **Offer a trade.** The barter economy is alive and well. If you have skills in construction, social media, interior design, cooking or, well, you name it, you may be able to work out a deal for a service exchange with your pet's trainer, groomer, pet sitter or veterinarian. It never hurts to ask.

■ **Take a walk.** Your dog needs regular exercise to stay healthy; in fact, all pets need some kind of exercise for both mental and physical well-being. For dogs, a walk is something you can easily do every day, in any place. For cats, toss a wadded-up piece of paper down the hall, or sit on the sofa and direct the beam from a flashlight on the floor for them to chase. Pets who get an appropriate amount of exercise and who live in an interesting environment have fewer behavior problems and better health. ■

### Pets of the Week

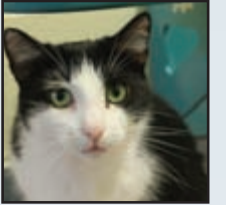
>> **Coco** is a beautiful, 2-year-old, domestic medium-hair mix with lovely hazel eyes. She enjoys the company of her roommates and will make a wonderful family pet. Her adoption fee is \$55.



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>> **Ron** is a friendly, 3-year-old domestic shorthair tuxedo who loves a good game of laser tag. His adoption fee is \$55.



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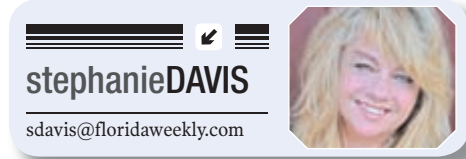
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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## A wet getaway beats no getaway



I'm really not certain why I wasn't blessed with an unlimited amount of vacation time and a fabulous travel budget. It sometimes seems that everyone else I know has those luxuries, as they're always jetting off hither and yon, while the farthest I ever get to go is Target.

Still, when one already lives in a place that most consider paradise, it's hard to complain. And even though it rained nonstop last weekend, my husband and I were happy to be able to get away to Captiva Island for three nights to relax in a beachside villa at South Seas Resort that we had won in a silent auction.

Before we drove out to Captiva, we received a few texts from friends, which all pretty much said the same thing, "Sorry your staycation is going to suck so badly because of all this rain." But we didn't care; a long rainy weekend on a beautiful, tropical island is better than a short, rainy weekend on the mainland. That's what we told ourselves anyway.

And as it turned out, the vacationers on Sanibel and Captiva were completely undaunted by the mini monsoon.

A steady rain fell on Saturday afternoon as we drove down Periwinkle

Way on Sanibel Island, yet there were folks riding bikes, walking and standing outside shops and restaurants with no umbrellas or rain gear. They were soaking wet, but smiling. When we arrived at the resort, I grabbed an umbrella from the car and strolled down to the beach to take a gander at the high, crashing waves — and sure enough, there were probably around 30 people in sight happily playing in the surf, while I was the

only person on the beach holding an umbrella. I wondered as I looked at them and thought, "These people must have saved for a year to come down from Ohio or Michigan or Indiana for this vacation and they're going to have outdoor fun come hell or high water, literally." While THEY were likely sizing me up, looking at the shivering lady holding an umbrella on the beach and thinking, "Clearly a local."

Meanwhile, in Naples, a childhood friend of mine from Ohio was vacationing with her mother, sister and daughter and posting updates on Facebook about their waterlogged vacation: "This weather blows." "Day three, still pouring rain." "I would be getting a better tan in Ohio than here in Florida." In fact, they were so bored that they drove to Captiva for a visit with Todd and me. They reported that they had gotten exactly one hour and 36 minutes of sun on their first day, but they'd been soaked ever since. Still, they went to the beach plenty and spent their afternoons in the pool — swimming in the rain and trying to ignore the clouds and the unending raindrops. Most importantly, they were together making memories.

And while I'd have loved to have bicycled and paddle boarded and watched the sunset on the beach with a margarita in hand, I realized that cozied up in our lovely villa, with the wind whipping around outside, the sound of rain falling on the palm trees and the surf crashing on the beach was pretty romantic. And it seems like Todd and I talked more than usual — and not about work or bills or whose turn it was to do the dishes. It was nice.

Even when paradise gets rained on, it's still paradise. ■

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



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# Memorable meetings

*Business events move out of ubiquitous halls or boardrooms and into more unique venues*

BY EVAN WILLIAMS  
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Most event halls and ballrooms are the chicken Caesar salads of business and networking events: sensible and even quite excellent depending on where you go, but not especially memorable. Sometimes that works fine, but what about spending the day on the site of an old prison in the Everglades and taking a firearms safety course with your coworkers, or a networking event on a yacht after dinner as it glides through the Gulf of Mexico at sunset? These are

a few of the unique meeting spots that businesses take advantage of in Southwest Florida. Here you'll find venues with distinct personalities, settings that feature lush natural landscapes, where corporations host seminars, entertain and educate clients, throw employee parties and hold retreats.

### Naples Princess

A power point presentation aboard a 105-foot luxury yacht has its advantages, not the least of which is a captive audience. The Naples Princess is a favorite of mortgage banker John Schrenkel.



A forum at JetBlue Park.

"It's a phenomenal venue for doing a business meeting," such as seminars with Realtors or builders, said Mr. Schrenkel, president and CEO of The

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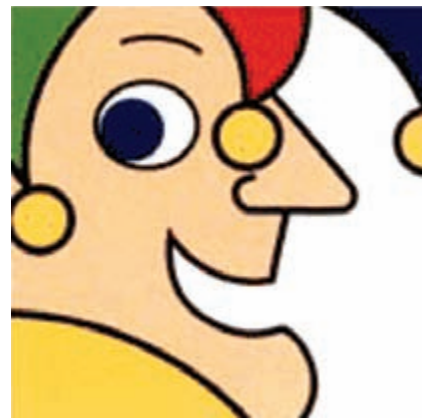
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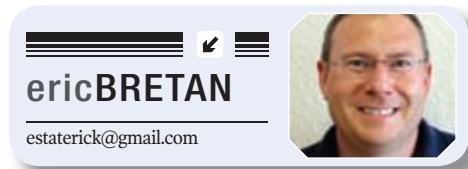


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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Chinese market troubles should be must-see TV



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Finance is extremely boring. I am not saying this because I was in the industry for more than 15 years, 14.9 of which were spent staring at Excel computer models for the majority of my day. No, I know this because if there were even an iota of excitement in the profession, there would have been a reality TV show made about it. Flip on the tube and you can see Vanilla Ice renovating old houses or a PTA board in South Georgia debating how to split up the proceeds of a cupcake sale. Yet no show exists showcasing any kind of finance professionals. This lack of excitement is also the reason why many important financial news stories get pushed to the back of news cycle or are not covered at all. One such recent story is the wild Chinese stock market moves over the last few months. This under-covered event illustrates several important financial lessons and, in my opinion, is a much bigger story than one would suspect given the minimal coverage here in the U.S.

So why is the Chinese stock market newsworthy? From July 2104 to June 2105 the Chinese equity index increased by more than 150 percent. As a comparison, here in the U.S. where we are in the

midst of one of the greatest bull markets ever, the Dow Jones Industrial Average has increased 80 percent over the last five years combined. This massive run in China added trillions of dollars of paper gains to the Chinese economy, significant where an average worker earns just \$4,750 per year. Then, just as suddenly, the market collapsed in June, falling by more than 30 percent in one month. This move erased around \$3 trillion in value from the market and has caused panic in the world's second largest economy.

So why should any of us care what happens to the Chinese stock market? After all, the market is pretty much closed to foreign investors so it's not like your portfolio contains many Chinese companies in it. We should care because the world economy needs China to transition from an export-driven economy to a consumer-driven economy. Currently, consumption in China is about 28 percent of GDP compared to 76 percent of GDP here in the U.S. If Chinese consumption would even approach the levels we see here in the U.S., that would mean Chinese consumers would be buying almost \$15 trillion more of international goods and services. That is \$15 trillion more cans of Coke, Big Macs, IBM servers, U.S. Steel and Nike shoes. But with the stock market in free fall, Chinese consumers are scared and are closing their wallets. Not good news for multi-national companies.

But I think the biggest reason to pay attention to the recent Chinese stock

market movement is to gain some valuable lessons regarding investing. First, it demonstrates the irrationality of financial markets. There was no reason for the index to advance 150 percent in 11 months, nor was there a single cause for it to drop 30 percent in a month. Investors should try to keep an eye out for similar nonsensical movements in markets and invest with extreme caution. Which brings me to my second lesson: "herd mentality" in financial markets is still alive and well. The Chinese stock boom and crash is reminiscent of our housing boom and bust a few years ago, where people saw rising home prices and didn't want to get left behind. Many of those same people still are underwater on their mortgages as prices collapsed as everyone attempted to sell their homes at the same time.

Another lesson of the Chinese stock market roller coaster is that government is sometimes powerless in the face of a financial meltdown. With stocks crashing, the Chinese government did everything it could to stop the carnage, including prohibiting the trading of more than half of the stocks on the exchange and forcing state-run companies to buy equities. But stocks continued to fall until they finally found a bottom. And this is in a country where the government is in complete control of the economy. So we cannot always count on governments to step in and save the day.

The final, and I think most important, lesson from the rise and fall of

the Chinese stock market is the power and danger of leverage. Many astute readers are probably wondering where Chinese citizens obtained the money to fuel the stock market bubble. The answer is that they borrowed it. The Chinese government dramatically relaxed margin requirements over the last few years for both people and corporations. Companies even could use their own stock as collateral to take out a loan to buy more stock. So it was easy to take advantage of the so-called "easy money" of the Chinese stock market. But when stocks started falling, lenders demanded their money back, which necessitated selling stock, which further depressed stocks, and a vicious cycle ensued. And only when the government stepped in and forced investors to hold stocks did the markets stabilize.

So I hope you will agree with me that there are some interesting ramifications and lessons to be learned from the recent Chinese stock movements. Now only if we can get Honey Boo Boo to give some commentary on it, maybe the rest of the country would pay attention too. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda (a buyer and seller of estate jewelry and diamonds), was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from UVA and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business.



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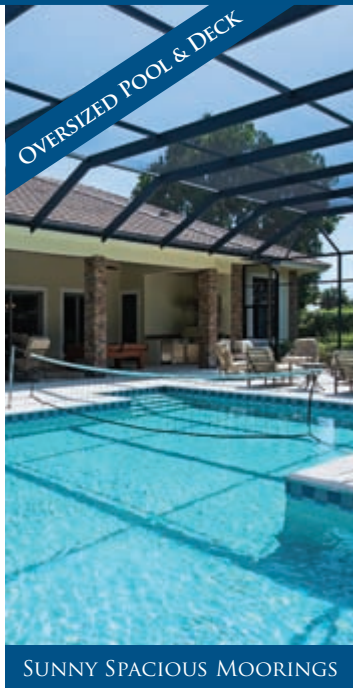
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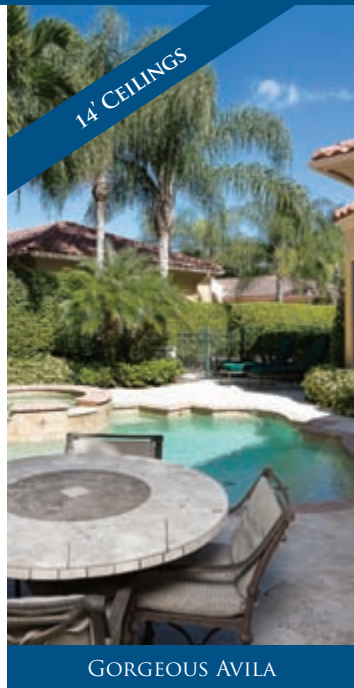
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Although sessions are free, participants must review the specializations of the counselors below and sign up to meet with the one of his/her choice:

■ Joe Binder offers assistance in sales, marketing (including digital marketing), operations, new product development, growth strategies and franchising.

■ Frank Friend's expertise lies in management planning, procedures and strategy, marketing, budgeting/costing/pricing and developing and maintaining employee and customer loyalty.

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■ Margaret Holt counsels in business planning, human resources (hiring, training, managing and firing employees), sales, customer service, partnerships, time management and building important business relationships.



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To register, visit [scorenaples.org](http://scorenaples.org), scroll to Upcoming Events and click on Aug. 1 Counselor Fair.

For more information, call the SCORE office at 430-0081 or email Ms. Holt at [Margaret.holt@scorevolunteer.org](mailto:Margaret.holt@scorevolunteer.org). ■



The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services, a business-to-business networking organization, invites the public to its annual Big Event on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Shula's in the Hilton Naples. Cocktails will be followed by a three-course dinner. The evening's guest speaker will be Norman Love, chef, president and founder of Norman Love Confections with chocolate salons in Naples, Fort Myers and Estero.

Prior to opening Norman Love Confections in Fort Myers in 2001, Mr. Love learned the craft of pastry making in France, then served as executive pastry chef for many luxury resorts including The Beverly Hills Hotel and The Ritz-Carlton. During his career with The Ritz-Carlton, he was appointed to the position of corporate executive pas-

try chef where he oversaw global pastry and baking operations. In 13 years, he opened 30 hotel and resort pastry kitchens in international and domestic locales such as Boston, Dubai and Bali. He has been named a top 10 pastry chef in America, a top 10 chocolatier in North America and one of the best chocolatiers in the world, among many honors.

This year's Big Event is sponsored by Florida Weekly, Gulfshore Life, Shula's Steak House and the Hilton Naples, Naples Flowers and Naples Print Source.

The N.A.P.L.E.S. organization is based in Southwest Florida, but many members are internationally recognized business leaders and experts within their fields. Members meet on the first and third Thursday each month for breakfast networking sessions that include guest speakers and time for alerting each other to business opportunities.

For tickets to the Big Event or more information about the organization, visit [naplesgroup.net](http://naplesgroup.net). ■

## Nominations open for annual Business Ethics Award

Nominations for the 11th annual Business Ethics Award of the Uncommon Friends Foundation are being accepted through Aug. 10. The award is presented in conjunction with the Florida Gulf Coast University Chair of Business Ethics to a Southwest Florida business that exemplifies the highest standards of ethical behavior, internally in dealing with its employees, as well as externally dealing with the public.

The 2015 winner will be honored at a luncheon hosted by FGCU and the Uncommon Friends Foundation on Friday, Oct. 23, at FGCU and also at the foundation's annual Uncommon Evening set for Tuesday, Oct. 27, on the grounds of the Burroughs Home & Gardens in Fort Myers.

Business, political, community and religious leaders from the five-county Southwest Florida area are encouraged to nominate companies and organizations that consistently demonstrate a system-wide commitment to business ethics. Companies and organizations may also nominate themselves.

An independent panel of ethics experts

from across the country will review the applications and decide the winner.

Applications and nomination forms for the award are available at [uncommonfriends.org](http://uncommonfriends.org). Click on the Business Ethics tab and scroll down to click on the application download.

Nominated businesses must:

■ Be located in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry or Glades counties.

■ Show a commitment to business ethics and model ethical behavior throughout the company and with employees.

■ Have a proven record of ethical behavior in dealing with customers, vendors, shareholders, lenders, regulators and the community:

Past recipients of the Business Ethics Award are: Sunshine Ace Hardware, HomeBanc Mortgage Corp., Wilson-Miller Inc., Bonita Bay Group, Shell Point Retirement Community, Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., Conditioned Air, Hope Healthcare Services and Ted Todd Insurance Agency. For more information, call 337-9503 or visit [uncommonfriends.org](http://uncommonfriends.org). ■

## Plans announced for the next Big Event

### ULI dinner features female business leaders

The Urban Land Institute-Southwest Florida invites women in business to "A View from the Top," an evening of conversation with four female business executives from the region. Consisting of four 30-minute courses, with the executives rotating to a new table with each course, the dinner takes place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at Quail West

Golf & Country Club.

The speakers are: Kathy Curatolo, Collier Building Industry Association; Nicole Johnson, Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Christine Ross, Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce; and Jill Meeks, DR Horton.

Reservations are required by Aug. 4 and can be made at [swflorida.uli.org](http://swflorida.uli.org). ■



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# MEETINGS

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America Eagle Mortgage Co. “It’s a great chance to bring 100 people together and educate them all at once. You definitely have their attention and once you’re done with that part of it they have time to really enjoy the venue for what it is. It’s always made for a memorable time.”

The cruise usually lasts for two hours, gliding through the canals of Port Royal with its waterfront mansions, then out toward the Naples Pier at sunset. The boat includes a main level for events such as banquets, board meetings or awards ceremonies, and a deck for smaller social gatherings like cocktail parties. Rates start at about \$50 per person for a public cruise, \$220 plus food and beverage to rent one area of the boat, or rent the whole yacht for \$5,000. Naplesprincesscruises.com.

## Conservancy of SWFL Nature Center

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is known for protecting the region’s natural resources. Its 21-acre nature center is also an oasis of wildlife in the middle of Naples, a preserve on the Great Florida Birding Trail located about five minutes from downtown. With audio-visual equipped spaces that include Eaton Conservation Hall, which can accommodate up to 250 people, boardwalks and a gazebo overlooking the Gordon River, the Conservancy hosts events large and small.

“We get a lot of the local nonprofits to come and do their board retreats here,” said event coordinator Chanel McGregor. “It’s a very calm, beautiful place to meet. It’s new and interesting and it gives them kind of a fresh perspective. It’s not a ballroom where you could be in Indiana or Naples and you wouldn’t know the difference.”

Visiting the animal hospital or gopher tortoise preserve, boat rides and mangroves, and gourmet catering, are a few of the features visitors enjoy. Nonprofit as well as corporate rates are available with rental spaces from about \$1,500 to \$4,000 for five hours, including two hours to set-up and an hour to break down. Conservancy.org.

## JetBlue Park (Fenway South)

There is a “wow” factor in stepping up to home plate and staring down the outfield wall or getting a look inside the locker room at The Boston Red Sox spring training home in Lee County.

“I think a lot of people don’t view JetBlue Park as a place to host meetings, but once they’re out here they’re really blow away with the service we provide,” said Brett Bodine, the park’s manager of Florida business operations.



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## Florida Tracks & Trails



## The Naples Princess

A local law firm occasionally holds executive forums for clients here for about 50 people, with partners expounding on a variety of topics. Afterwards, they break for a tour and have a chance to socialize. On a recent Thursday evening the firm’s partners discussed intellectual property and protecting business assets.

“It gives that added bonus to the guest,” said Gail Lamarche, director of marketing for Henderson, Franklin, Starns & Holt, P.A. “... They loved going into the locker room. It was creating a memorable experience for our clients, that’s what we were aiming for. And they still talk about it years later.”

Florida Weekly held a Christmas party at the park a few years ago complete with a gourmet-catered dinner and batting practice. There are rooms equipped for traditional meetings with up to 100 people and spots for larger groups on the outfield decks and 20 acres adjacent to the park. Prices are competitive with

other Lee County venues, Mr. Bodine said. Boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/jetblue\_park\_events.jsp.

## Palm Island Resort

This elegant, tranquil island resort, a Charlotte County mainstay for more than 30 years, is accessible only by boat or a car ferry. Old Florida architecture and two miles of private gulf front beaches are the setting for numerous organized events such as fishing charters and kayak tours and spa treatments, corn-hole tournaments and yoga on the beach, s’mores and a movie under the stars, tailored to fit each group. Construction companies have sent employees here as a reward, and a retail business put clients up at the resort, said Lisa Halpin, guest relations and sales manager. Partners from a Tampa law firm arrive every year for a weekend getaway.

“They do a meeting on Friday with their partners, a partners dinner,” Ms. Halpin said. “And then their families join them on Saturday night and enjoy the resort that way for the weekend.”

Organized group events range from about \$200 to \$1,500 and lodging rates between \$170 and \$530 depending on the time of year and the room or villa. Palmisland.com.

## Florida Tracks & Trails

Florida’s newest outdoor adventure theme park boasts a sprawling 1,000-acre Charlotte County facility that includes 22 miles of trails and a 6-acre lake with a white sand beach. Recreational opportunities here — such as ATVs, dirt bikes, paintball gun battles, motocross and soon an RV campground — represent some of founder and president Terry Cooke’s favorite activities, the sports and games he grew up with.

“Everybody that was born in Florida grew up with this stuff,” Mr. Cooke said. Paintball has been one of the most popular group activities.

“They come spend three hours at our

paintball facility and it’s a teambuilding thing,” Mr. Cooke said. “I had my Christmas party there and it was a huge success. We had employees saying it was the best Christmas party they’d been to in their life.”

Individuals pay \$30 for all day access to the park, but corporate and other group events are customized packages that vary in price. Floridatracksandtrails.com.

## Altair Gun Club

Set on the site of the old Copeland Road Prison in the Everglades, off State Road 29, Altair specializes in tactical training programs for military and law enforcement, and is dedicated to firearms rights and education. It organizes custom military missions, shooting adventures, self or home defense and other programs, with housing for up to 30 people on 25 acres. Altair has hosted corporate groups of all kinds, including from the construction, medical, food service, financial and hotel industries, said general manager Shirley Watral.

“Altair would come up with specific teambuilding exercises for (each) group,” she said. “Not only is it beautiful and scenic but also there is that privacy and seclusion that you have; some companies like that as well.”

Catered meals and homey housing with a commons area are included in turnkey packages, and a training room is a place for brainstorming meetings, recognition events or introducing clients to a new product. Rates vary widely depending on the course. Corporate membership rates are also available. Altairgunclub.com.

## Salty Sam’s Pirate Cruise

Aarg! A 65-foot replica Spanish galleon pirate ship adds a special flair to the company party, complete with a wisecracking crew that performs interactive comedic routines and “nautical nonsense” such as a mutiny against the captain. Capt. Jack, Scurvy Scarlet, Peg Leg Meg and the rest of the sea-fairing outlaws can create a cruise around other themed events, such as football, as well.

“The good thing about the pirate ship is it’s pretty customizable so we can do all kinds of stuff,” said marketing director RJ Snider. “It’s a big pirate ship so you can kind of do what you want with it.”

The ship sets sail through Matanzas Pass and into the bay or gulf off Fort Myers Beach. It offers a full bar with snacks and can accommodate up to 100 people. Groups often start or end the experience at one of Salty Sam’s Marina’s three restaurants, Waterfront Adventure’s, Parrot Key Caribbean Grill or Bootleggers Waterfront Barbeque. A 90-minute cruise for up to 100 people, including gratuity and tax, is \$992, or with a pirate show \$1,116. Floridapiratecruise.com/home. ■

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One of the biggest mistakes investors make is looking at a stock's price and thinking that a stock trading for \$20 per share is "cheaper" and a better investment than a \$100 stock.

Two stocks trading at similar prices do not necessarily represent similar values. For example, consider GPS device maker Garmin and Microsoft. At the time of this writing, each company's stock was trading around \$44 per share. That might make them seem similar, but look at market capitalization — the total value of all outstanding shares, which serves as an approximate price tag for a company. (It's calculated by multiplying outstanding shares by current share price.)

With 191 million shares, Garmin's market cap is around \$8.4 billion. That's big, but Microsoft's market cap, based on its 8.1 billion shares, is roughly \$360 billion. The market is attributing more than 40 times as much value to Microsoft as to Garmin.

Then there's Coca-Cola and PepsiCo. Coca-Cola might seem "cheaper" with a recent stock price of \$39, compared with

PepsiCo's \$95. But Coca-Cola's market cap of \$172 billion towers over PepsiCo's \$140 billion.

Companies with low prices might be overvalued, while those with high prices could be bargains, just as huge companies can be overpriced. The price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio is one of many measures investors can use to assess valuation.

As an example, consider General Mills and Kellogg, which recently traded around \$57 and \$63 per share, respectively, with both companies' dividends yielding 3.1 percent. But General Mills' P/E ratio was 25, while Kellogg's was 50, suggesting a much lower, and more attractive, valuation for General Mills.

A stock's price alone is close to meaningless. To really evaluate a company, you need to examine many measures, such as its growth rates, profit margins and debt burden. You must also consider the company's competitive advantages and its growth potential. Look at its price, too, but only in relation to other measures, such as its earnings. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Not My Best Buy

My dumbest investment happened after I watched "Mad Money" on CNBC after work one day. Jim Cramer said that Best Buy looked good, so I bought some shares. It cost me almost \$2,000 to learn to watch my stocks more closely.

— K., online

**The Fool Responds:** It's not a good idea to buy or sell a stock just because some talking head on TV (or in an article you read) recommended doing so. For one thing, you usually don't know their track record, and even if it's pretty good, this particular call might end up being a regrettable one. Also, the guru might have a good case for buying a stock, but whenever he changes his mind and no longer thinks it's undervalued, you probably won't hear about it. So you'll keep hanging on, even when it's not such a promising investment.

It's fine to gather insights and investment ideas from savvy investors, but always do your own research and thinking, and take responsibility for your purchases and sales. When you buy a stock, consider jotting down exactly why you're doing so and at what point you would sell.

Best Buy has been on a rocky road in recent years, but after being in danger of bankruptcy, it's posting profits and continuing to pay a solid dividend. The company has been beefing up its e-commerce and mobile-device initiatives, and it has plenty of long-term believers. ■

## Last week's trivia answer

My name reflects the 1982 merger of two companies — one that originally provided hospital services insurance to teachers, and one that covered physicians' services for miners and lumberjacks. Today I'm a national federation of independent companies, covering more than 100 million people across all 50 states and beyond. I serve about 1 in 3 Americans, 76 percent of the Fortune 500 companies and more than half of 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? (Answer: The Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association) ■



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A It's when you buy into an investment over time with set installments. For instance, if you want to invest \$4,000 in Dodgeball Supply Co. (ticker: WHAPP) stock, you might buy \$1,000 worth of shares every three months for a year. You'd do this regardless of the stock price — for example, buying 20 shares when the price is \$50 and 18 shares when it's \$55.

This approach has you buying more shares when the stock slumps and fewer when it's pricier. It's a good way to accumulate shares if your budget is limited, or if you're not confident enough to invest a big chunk of money all at once. (Keep your commission costs in check, though!)

Buying stock regularly through dividend reinvestment plans or direct investing plans is a form of dollar-cost averaging. Learn more about them at fool.com/School/DRIPs.htm, directinvesting.com and dripinvestor.com.

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Q Would you recommend borrowing against my credit card to invest in the stock market?

— L.K., Salt Creek, Colorado

A No! The U.S. stock market has, over many decades, averaged close to 10 percent per year in returns. But that's just an average that may not hold up over your investing time frame. In some years, the market loses money — such as 22 percent in 2002 and a whopping 37 percent in 2008. (Of course, it soared 32 percent in 2013.) Meanwhile, credit cards have recently been charging an average variable interest rate of about 16 percent — and often much more for those with bad credit.

In the long run, you're likely to lose more than you gain if you try to make money in stocks while forfeiting money to credit card issuers.

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## Name That Company

I was created in 1938 as the Recreational Equipment Cooperative, with 23 mountain-climbing friends as my first members and co-owners. Today, based near Seattle, I'm the nation's largest consumer cooperative, charging \$20 for a lifetime membership that includes profit-sharing. (I sell to non-members, too.) I offer outdoor gear and apparel for those who



enjoy camping, climbing, cycling, fitness, hiking, paddling, snow sports and travel.

I sport 5.5 million active members, and about 140 stores in 33 states. I donate millions of dollars annually to support conservation efforts, and some know me for my annual Twinkie roasts. Who am I? ■

## The Motley Fool Take Smartphones and More

Verizon Communications (NYSE: VZ), recently with a dividend that yielded 4.8 percent and a price-to-earnings ratio near 20, is worth a close look.

Verizon has been making some big moves. It just bought AOL for \$4.4 billion, including AOL's TechCrunch and Engadget sites, and The Huffington Post. The acquisition opens up a whole new opportunity in mobile video and advertisements. AOL's technological advantage in selling ads and delivering high-quality video is a strategic advancement for Verizon. Indeed, AOL is taking over Microsoft's ad sales business.

Verizon also plans to launch a video service focused on mobile devices that will offer sports, concerts and other types of entertainment. This makes good sense,

as people are spending an increasing amount of time consuming content and performing everyday functions on their mobile devices.

In Verizon's last quarter, revenue grew more slowly than expected, but earnings per share jumped 21 percent year over year, thanks to Verizon Wireless posting 6.9 percent revenue growth and adding 565,000 net retail postpaid connections in the quarter.

Verizon continues to shift its customer base to 4G devices, which typically carry higher service fees than basic and 3G phone customers. As of the end of last quarter, 70 percent of Verizon's postpaid connections were on 4G devices. Consider this telecommunications giant for your portfolio. ■

# 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 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 Wiebel, 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.

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** hosts a panel discussion about the partnership between law enforcement, substance abuse treatment providers and the courts at a lunch meeting Friday, Aug. 14,

at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. in Naples. Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. and the program starts at noon. Attendees will learn about the implementation of Collier County's three treatment courts, how they benefit both participants and the larger community and why support for continued innovations in these types of courts will help make our community the best place to live, work and play.

Cost is \$15 for LCF dues-paying alumni, \$20 for LCH non-dues paying alumni and \$25 for others. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events. ■

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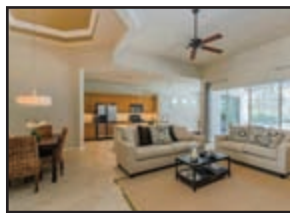






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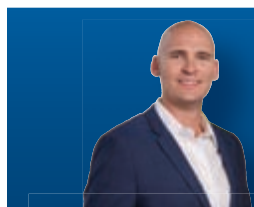
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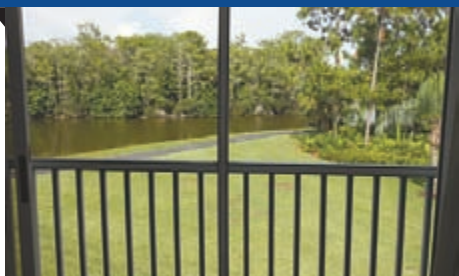


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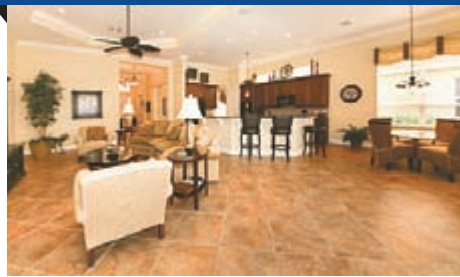
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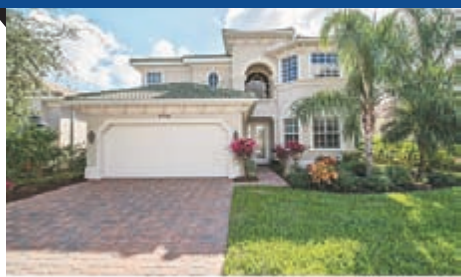
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Completion of the Nevis model is anticipated this summer. It will be available to purchase on leaseback, fully furnished, for \$2,375,000.

Two other furnished models are

available for viewing in Salerno, one by Divco Custom Homes and one by Harbourside Custom Homes. An additional model by Arthur Rutenberg Homes/Lyons Housing, LLC is under construction with anticipated summer completion.

Buyers also have a selection of waterfront home sites in Salerno to build a custom designed home by one of the four preferred builders.

For more information, call the Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club sales center at 425-2340 or visit [miromarlakes.com](http://miromarlakes.com). ■



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The Santorini by Ashton Woods is under construction in the Savannah lakes neighborhood at Naples Reserve.

## Naples Reserve coastal-inspired homes on the way

The first coastal-inspired homes by Ashton Woods in Naples Reserve will be move-in ready later this summer. The gated community midway between Naples and Marco Island will have 1,154 lakefront residences in 11 neighborhoods set amid sparkling lakes and nature preserve areas; 40 percent of the 688-acre site is devoted to 22 interconnected lakes.

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

In Mallard Point, the Seacrest design has three bedrooms and 2½ baths. The Seacrest is priced at \$477,789.

The Procida design and the Ponza design, both in Egret Landing, have three bedrooms and up to 2½ baths. The Procida is priced at \$527,963 and the Ponza is \$527,989.

In the Savannah Lakes neighborhood, the Patmos and the Santorini have three bedrooms and 3½ baths. Both homes have lake views. The Patmos is priced at \$629,793 and the Santorini is \$628,273.

Ashton Woods' largest residences will be built on 78-foot lakefront homesites in the Sparrow Cay neighborhood. The Majorca has four bedrooms, 3½ baths, a large island kitchen, great room and an outdoor living area with custom pool and a view of the community's 54-acre lake. The Majorca is priced at \$842,389.

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

## Captiva model underway at Oaks of Estero

Neal Communities has begun construction of the Captiva model at its new Oaks of Estero gated community.

The one-story homes has a split design and encompasses 2,698 square feet of air-conditioned living space. There are three bedrooms, two baths, a den and a three-car garage. The extended lanai has space for an optional pool and outdoor kitchen.

The Captiva model is scheduled for completion in October.

On 10-plus acres adjacent to Estero Community Park, Oaks of Estero has 23 homesites that can accommodate single-family homes ranging from 2,266 to 3,346 square feet. Prices start in the \$300,000s.

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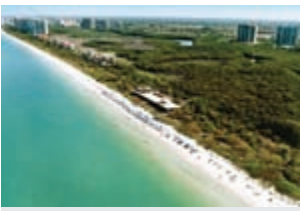
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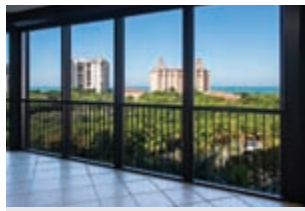
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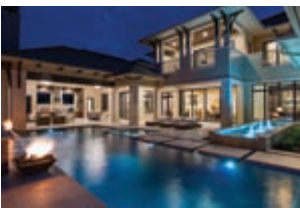
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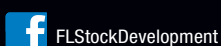


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Clive Daniel Home interior designers have completed the 4,100-square-foot Normandy model in Quail West for Stock Signature Homes.

## Clive Daniel Home creates interiors for two stock models at Quail West

Clive Daniel Home, an award-winning home furnishings retailer, has been selected to provide total interior designs for two home models in the new Cortland neighborhood of Naples' Quail West development for Stock Signature Homes.

Clive Daniel Home Interior Designers Susie Petril and Kim Bondy created interiors for the 4,100-square-foot Normandy model offered at \$1,582,785 fully furnished. The Normandy will feature three bedrooms plus a full cabana suite, five baths, a formal dining room and outdoor living area with covered lanais and a three-car garage.

"We wanted to create a traditional design for today's Quail West home owner that lives up to their high standards and sophistication," Ms. Petril said. "The Normandy model will be the beginning of a traditional design with nuances of today's current flavors."

The home will have a sophisticated, classy ambience and feature a timeless design of elegance and charm with a subtle color palette of creamy beige, light greens, grays, blue grays and ivories, offset by darks woods and organic elements, designers Ms. Petril and Ms. Bondy said. The designers added three levels of crown molding and elaborate

applied wall trim in vertical rectangles for the master bedroom.

Also at Quail West, Clive Daniel Interior Designer Rhett Josey is guiding the design for the single-family 3,504-square-foot Avon model in the new Cortland neighborhood. Base-priced at \$1.019 million, the new home will feature classic "traditional now," a blending of different elements with light and dark finishes to add visual contrast. This is today's interpretation of classic furniture, infusing styles that are current. This home will also include dramatic ceiling details and custom cabinetry.

The Cortland neighborhood is an enclave of 19 95-foot wide home sites that showcase Quail West's golf course and water views. Stock Development is the exclusive homebuilder in Cortland. Completion of construction of both homes is expected by winter season 2016.

The Clive Daniel Home showroom, located in Naples, has been named one of the top 50 furniture businesses in the nation by Home Accents Today, one of only four companies on the list selected from Florida. The company has won 81 awards for design excellence since its formation more than three years ago. ■

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der bath, great room, dining room, chef-level kitchen with center island seating, wine bar, laundry room and generous outdoor living space. Residents will also enjoy parking level locked storage units.

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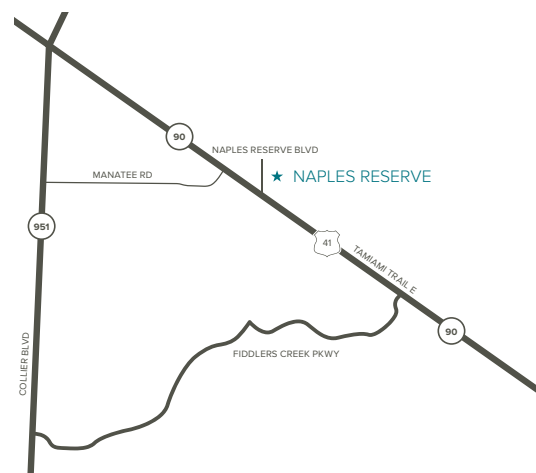


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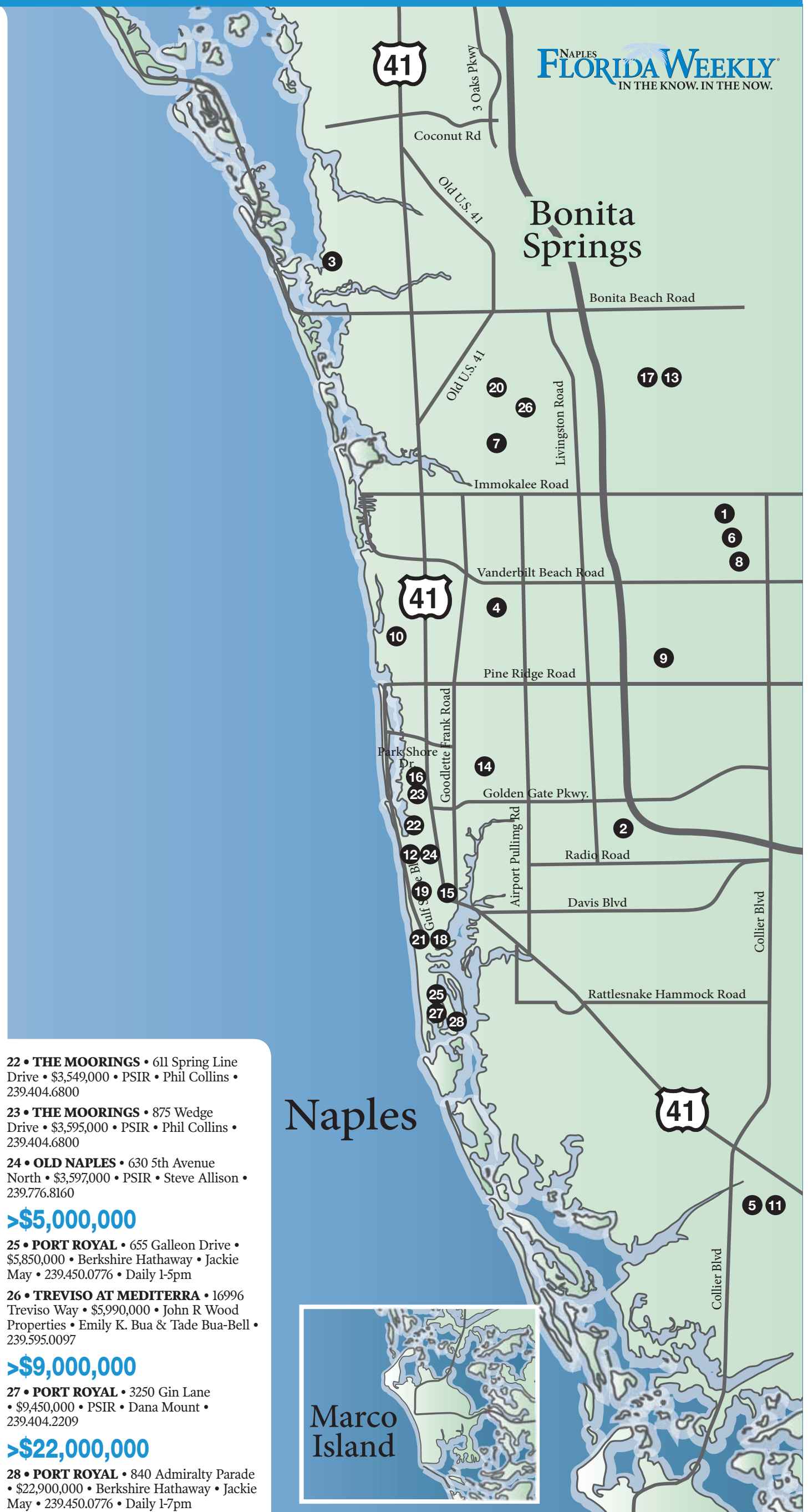
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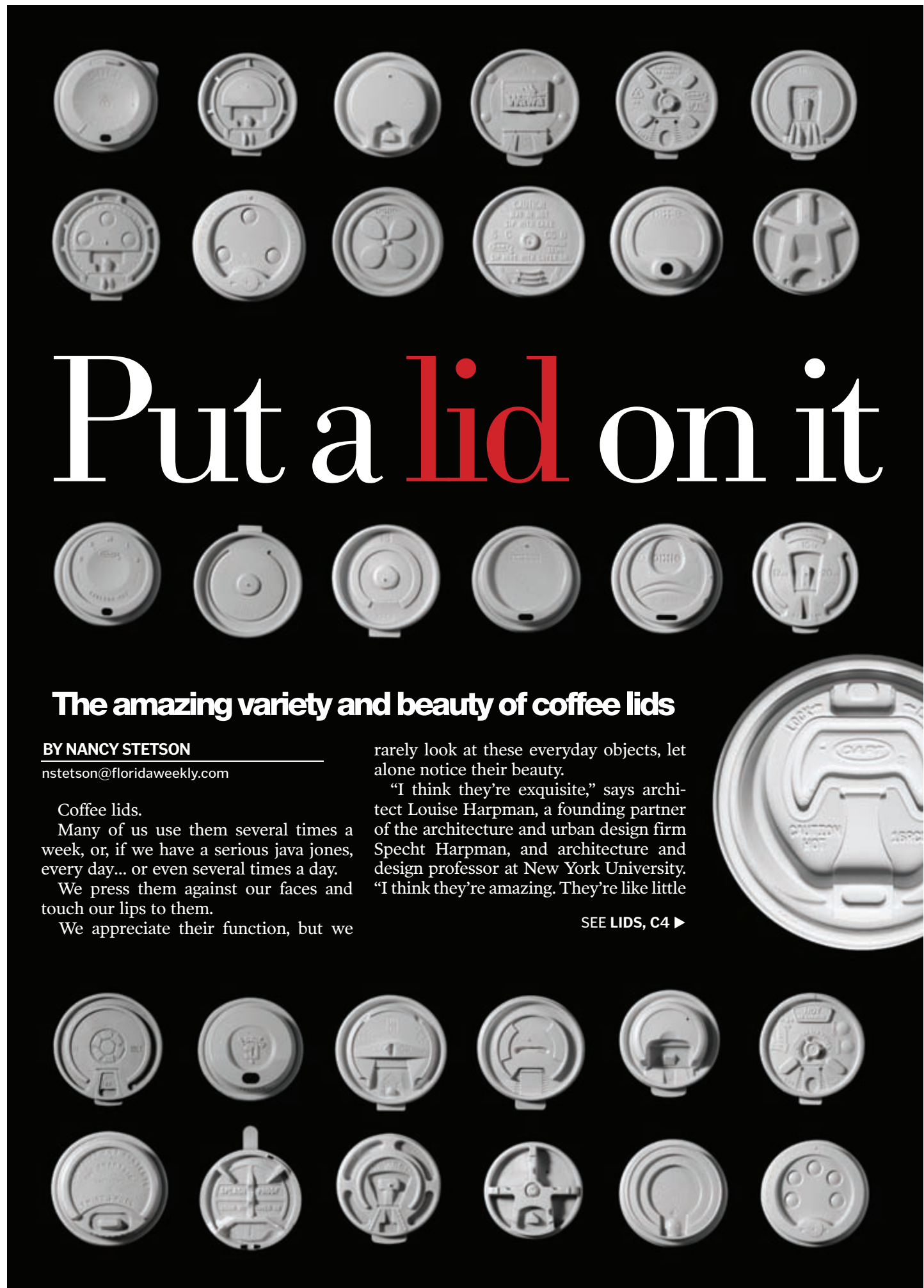




# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE



## Put a lid on it

### The amazing variety and beauty of coffee lids

BY NANCY STETSON

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Coffee lids.

Many of us use them several times a week, or, if we have a serious java jones, every day... or even several times a day.

We press them against our faces and touch our lips to them.

We appreciate their function, but we

rarely look at these everyday objects, let alone notice their beauty.

"I think they're exquisite," says architect Louise Harpman, a founding partner of the architecture and urban design firm Specht Harpman, and architecture and design professor at New York University. "I think they're amazing. They're like little

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SPECHT HARPMAN

### KidzAct alum is a new star on the rise

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Omigod! Omigod, you guys! Naples Players' production of "Legally Blonde The Musical" totally stars the cutest local actor ever, and Chris Campbell is so going places once he graduates college in 2018.

He's not totally unlike his character, Warner, either. Mr. Campbell knows what he wants out of life and has proven that he's not afraid to get it. Those familiar with the ever-popular 2001-movie version of "Legally Blonde" will remember Elle Wood's hoped-for fiancé



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as a grasping, entitled frat-boy-turned-law-student who dumps her because she isn't "serious." Similarly, Mr. Campbell has been chasing a musical theater dream since he was a child at Naples Players and he's not afraid

to do what it takes to get to Broadway.

"He had a drive that the other kids did not," said Dawn Fornara, the play's director and choreographer, who has

worked with Mr. Campbell since he was about 8 years old. "Since I've known him, he's been one of the hardest working kids I've ever worked with. He has this drive, this 'it' factor."

Luckily, that's where the similarities between Mr. Campbell and Warner end. Described by Ms. Fornara as "the most adorable thing you've ever seen," he is currently a student at the University of Michigan's School of Music, Theater & Dance. Mr. Campbell launched his performing career in 2005 after his mother performed in a Naples Players produc-

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# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Latest Key West Food Critic mystery has all the right ingredients



■ **“Fatal Reservations” by Lucy Burdette. Obsidian/NAL. 320 pages. Mass market paperback, \$7.99.**

This is the sixth title in the Key West Food Critic mystery series. Throughout the series, author Lucy Burdette has built a silken web to catch fans of food, food journalism, Key West and ... oh yeah, murder mysteries. The particular coupling of foodies and mystery fans has caught on, with other writers as well as cable television producers racing to exploit reader and viewer interest in this combination.

Ms. Burdette, for this reviewer, tops the field.

In large part, this is because Hayley Snow, her protagonist, is just so darn appealing. Not glamorous, not super smart and not highly confident, Hayley is cute and cuddly (which means a bit overweight) and determined to prove herself a responsible, independent young woman. Her missteps are as much fun as her successes.

By now the young *Key Zest* restaurant



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critic is fairly well known in this unique community. She has developed a network of friends and an acquaintance with a few police officials who wish she'd stay out of their way. As with many other amateur sleuths, trouble finds her.

Several problems are facing Key West residents and business people. There is a burglar at work in the neighborhood around the town cemetery. There is a new restaurant whose owner somehow is able to avoid regulations, upsetting the other restaurateurs. And because the new restaurant floats, its plans can bypass the scrutiny of the Historical Architectural Review Commission.

Yet another problem has to do with the daily sunset celebration in Mallory Square. The evening street festival with arts and crafts exhibitors, street performers, food carts, psychics and so forth is a very popular tourist attraction. However, members of the exhibitor/performer group have begun fighting over their performance space, and their squabbling threatens the celebration.

In particular, Hayley's good friend and Tarot card psychic Lorenzo is at odds with Bart Frontgate, a juggler whose specialty is juggling custom-made, wood-handled forks skewered into flaming hunks of meat.

Before the city administrators can settle the Mallory Square chaos, Bart is found dead. The evidence points to Lorenzo, who is acting guilty while pleading innocence.

Hayley, who knows that quirky, kind-hearted Lorenzo couldn't possibly commit murder, makes her feelings known to the police. More than that, she begins her own investigation. Yes, dear readers, she has

done such things before.

Later, when Hayley confronts Lorenzo about the police evidence — one of Bart's juggling forks had been found wrapped in the distinctive tablecloth Lorenzo uses at his Tarot sessions — he comes clean. Almost.

Worried about his client Cheryl Lynn, Lorenzo had visited her empty house and found Bart's fork, perhaps blood-covered, on her counter. He cleaned it and hid it at the back of Cheryl Lynn's silverware drawer. It seems possible that she is Bart's murderer.

But how did the fork get wrapped in Lorenzo's tablecloth and dropped elsewhere? And where is Cheryl Lynn?

Fans of Ms. Burdette's books know that Hayley shares a houseboat with its owner, Miss Gloria, an elderly woman filled with spunk and wisdom. Gloria is studying to become a guide at the Key West Cemetery. The cemetery contains (in more ways than one) a history of Key West families and Key West culture, and taking a tour is a good way to discover this history. Hayley accompanies Gloria, who, while learning her volunteer job, needs someone to play tourist.

When Gloria and Hayley check out Cheryl Lynn's house, they find signs of a desperate life lived on the edge. They also

find items reported stolen from homes near the cemetery. If nothing else, Cheryl Lynn is the cemetery burglar.

Speaking of the cemetery, a suspicious odor under a tomb has been growing stronger. Something about the lid on an in-ground family crypt looks suspicious. Once Hayley convinces the police to investigate, a disquieting discovery is made — one that I will not reveal here.

Other treasures: Hayley's confrontations with Lt. Torrence, Detective Bransford (a former beau) and Officer Ryan are delightful. Also engaging are her *Key Zest* assignment scenes and

her interactions with bosses Wally and Palamina, to whom she must constantly prove her worth.

Hayley untangles the tangles and keep her good-natured outlook through a series of difficult, suspense-filled challenges. The food episodes are mouthwatering; the reading on the pleasure thermometer is high. ■

— 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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# LIDS

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sculptural pieces in and of themselves.”

She’s compared some of them, with their dips and ridges, to miniature skate parks, to Darth Vader and to “an architect’s model of a civic center.”

She and her business partner, co-founder Scott Specht, who have offices in New York City and Austin, Texas, are co-owners of the world’s largest collection of disposable plastic coffee lids — more than 550 of them.

Not only do they come in a variety of designs, but in a multitude of colors.

Coffee lids are not just black and white. “Green, pink, blue, brown, yellow,” lists Ms. Harpman. “We have a whole rainbow of colors.”

One of Mr. Specht’s favorite lids is white and red.

“One lid that is really beautiful, looks almost like a Prada logo,” he says. “It’s a white lid and has a red tab that slides up and down to open and close it. I like the dual color, the white and the red; it’s a very interesting-looking one.”

The lids live in “12 or 14 acid-free boxes” under Ms. Harpman’s twin beds.

Coffee lids and their design came to their attention in the early 80s, when they were attending different colleges.

“We just started noticing them,” Ms. Harpman says. “The to-go culture hadn’t started yet. McDonald’s was there, but the idea you would take your coffee to go wasn’t part of our cultural make-up.”

The two met in graduate school at the Yale School of Architecture and found their common interest merging, says Mr. Specht.

Some lids, like the ones Starbucks uses, have a clean, minimalist design. And then there are others, he says, that “seem to go way overboard with that they do. They make it more complex than what it needs to be. (For example, there’s) one that has a small lever; you pull it around, it closes off the hole. There’s a pivot point, several layers. I don’t know how restaurants (that use them) justify the cost.”

Part of the appeal of the lids is the wide variety of design.

“Think of them coming up with a solution, an answer to something to how it’s going to work,” he says. “You can go in so many different directions and come up with the same functional endpoint.”

These architects aren’t the only ones who recognize the artful design of coffee lids.

The Solo Traveler coffee lid, designed by Jack Clements in 1986, was selected by the Museum of Modern Art for its 2004 exhibit, “Humble Masterpieces,” and is a part of its permanent collection.

And more than 50 lids from Ms. Harpman’s and Mr. Specht’s collection were on exhibit at the Smithsonian’s National Museum of American History in its “FOOD: Transforming the American Table 1950 – 2000” exhibition.

“I only lend the ones I have multiples of,” Ms. Harpman says. “Some of them are not being made any more, so if I lost one, that’s it.”

“And we made history with this kooky collection. We’re in their permanent collection now.”

“There’s an issue with plastic material; you think of plastic as (lasting) forever,” Mr. Specht says. “(But) they’re a liquid, and it starts to melt. They’re difficult to preserve. The Museum of Modern Art has a collection of Tupperware, and it started to change shape over time.”

“So it was a double honor,” Ms. Harpman adds. “They knew that plastic had its own curatorial problems, but they wanted it.”

They received a letter listing the accession date and the acquisition number.

“Of all the things we’ve done, I feel



Louise Harpman and Scott Specht maintain one of the world’s most notable coffee lid collections.

SPECHT HARPMAN / COURTESY PHOTO

proud of that,” she says.

Paola Antonelli, curator of MoMA’s design department, sent them a note of congratulations when their lids were accepted into the Smithsonian.

Part of their collection is currently on exhibit at Mmuseumm 2 (yes, spelled with two m’s at the beginning and end) in New York City, curated by Alex Kalman. The miniature museum is housed in an abandoned freight elevator shaft in TriBeCa. (Also on exhibit is industrial designer Tucker Viemier’s collection of toothpaste tubes from all over the world.)

“It’s the quirkiest museum,” says Ms. Harpman.

Their collection’s been written about in Smithsonian.com, theAtlantic.com and bon appetite.com, as well as the New York Times Magazine.

## The four Ps of lid collecting

They categorize their collection by four different functions: the peel, the pucker, the pinch and the puncture.

The peel lids have tear tabs; they call them “removable wedges” or “guitar picks.”

The pucker lids, such as the Solo Traveler, “requires its user to drink through the lid, not from the cup,” they wrote

in a 2005 article for Cabinet magazine. “This type of lid offers a certain degree of ‘mouth comfort’...”

The pinch lids work like the peel lids, only they require the user to pinch part of the lid in order to drink.

And the puncture lids require the user to push down on a specific area to puncture the lid.

They first began collecting coffee lids during trips.

“When we went in restaurants and saw a new one, we’d pick it up,” Mr. Specht says.

As word of their collection spread, lids came from everyone: fellow architects, friends, students. Manufacturers even send them samples.

FoamAroma sent them several boxes of lids.

“They were fascinated and wanted to be in our collection,” Ms. Harpman says. “Viora is another company trying to do the same thing. Both of these companies (feel that) the problem with drinking to-go coffee is that you don’t get the aroma. If you get your nose closer to the coffee, that will enhance the taste.”

Inventor Timothy Spurger, based in Florida, is also working with this concept, she says. He calls his lid The Arom-Ahh!



“People give them to us,” Ms. Harpman says. “A former student of mine who was in the Netherlands sent me two that were on the plane; they were crazy. Our architect friends know that we collect these and they send them to us. Billy Tsien sent us a lid with a teddy bear face on the front.”

“The Solo Traveler seems to be the most ubiquitous one,” says Mr. Specht.

Though they both love coffee lids, neither desires to design one.

“I don’t have an interest, especially when you see the sheer amount of competition you have against you,” Mr. Specht says. “It’s hard to be enthusiastic (when you know there are so many others designing them.)”

Ms. Harpman says she doesn’t specifically go out hunting for new lids.

“I go about my life,” she says, “and if I see something, I say, ‘Fantastic. I don’t have that one!’ I think that’s true of a lot of collectors: you’re either consumed by it, or it’s a part of you. It’s a part of me. We’re happy when a new one comes.”

“For me,” she says, “the beauty (in) these lids (is): I see the mind of the designers working, solving a problem, a really interesting problem: how to keep the hot liquid in, yet deliver it in a very reliable way.”

One phrase that pops up in the patents is “mouth comfort.”

“The designers want it to feel good to you,” she says. “That’s really important.”

“There’s a humbleness to these coffee lids. They’re not considered designed objects, they’re considered an afterthought, like the Band-Aid.”

But then she pauses, and reconsiders what she’s said.

“But if you look at how a Band-Aid is designed, that’s really great too,” she says. “It has to be sticky in one spot, but not another, then waterproof. Anything you start to look at, you realize there’s a lot going on there.”

Industrial designers keep tweaking the disposable coffee lid, making adjustments, improvements, innovations.

“They’re always besting each other,” Ms. Harpman says. “I think there’s going to be the next Serena Williams of coffee lids. I want to see the next one that’s going to show up.” ■



# How well do you know your lids?

Drink coffee on the go? Are you such a regular that the baristas automatically start making your drink the second you step through the door?

Think you know what your coffee lid looks like?

We collected lids from various local places, both national chains and smaller coffee shops.

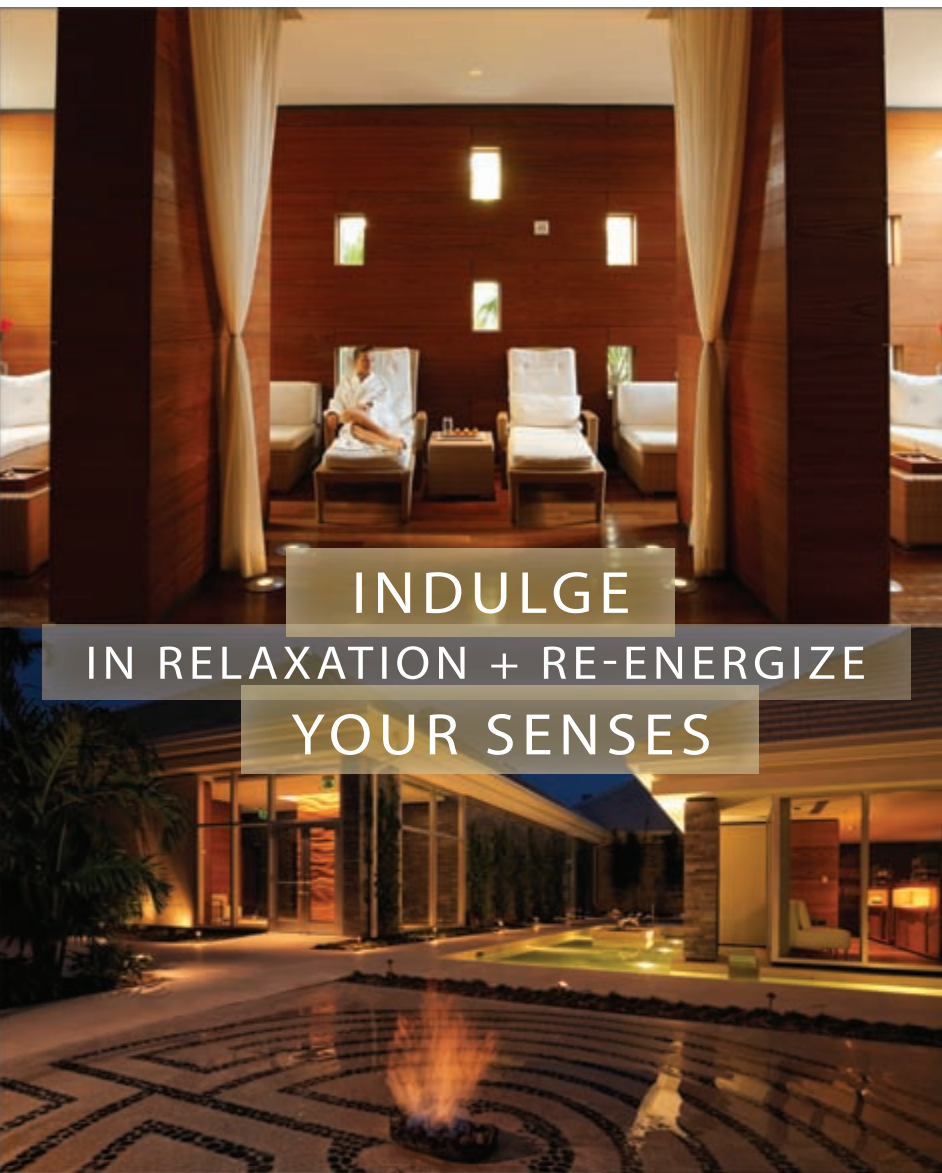
See if you can match up the lid with the business.

(We discovered two sets of two businesses that use the same lid; see if you can figure out which two. And Second Cup embosses its name on its lids, so you're starting the quiz with one right answer already.)

You can find the answers on C11. ■



- A. Panera Bread, Page Field, Fort Myers
- B. Dani's Daytime Diner, Fowler St., Fort Myers
- C. Second Cup, at the Mercato, Naples
- D. Sub & Pub, West First Street, Fort Myers
- E. The Bean on 41, Towles Plaza, Punta Gorda
- F. 7-Eleven, Cape Coral Parkway, Cape Coral
- G. Bennett's Fresh Roast, Bayside Parkway, Fort Myers
- H. Mercer's Fresh Roasted Coffees, Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte
- I. Starbucks, Cape Coral Parkway, Cape Coral
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## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## THEATER

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

**Shooting Star** – By The Marco Players Aug. 6-23. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

**Peter Pan & Wendy** – By the Gulfshore Playhouse STAR Players Aug. 7-8 at The Norris Center. 213-3049 or 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.

**Aladdin Jr.** – By the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre through Aug. 9 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

**Footloose** – Through Aug. 16 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

**Bakersfield Mist** – By Lets Put On A Show Productions Sept. 25-Oct. 11 at Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. 398-9192 or letsputonashowproductions.com.

## THURSDAY 7.30

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

**Collier Politics** – Attend a primer on Florida and county politics at 10 a.m. thanks to FGCU's Renaissance Academy. Free for members, \$20 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Write Stuff** – The Renaissance Academy invites aspiring writers to work on character development, plot and dialogue at 10 a.m. \$50 for members, \$65 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Free Movie** – Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb:" at 10 a.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or 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.

**Throwback Thursday** – Celebrate the '90s with games, activities and a Goosebumps event at 2 p.m. 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. 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. 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.

**Stand-Up Guy** – Comedian George Wallace takes the stage at 8 p.m. tonight through Saturday, Aug. 1, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehook-comedy.com.



Artist Kevin O'Brien's exhibit, "Through My Eyes," opens at Naples Depot Museum on Wednesday, Aug. 5. A reception is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept 17. —colliermuseums.com.

## FRIDAY 7.31

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Vineyards Community Park. Free. 6231 Arbor Blvd. W. 774-4434 or colliersheriff.org.

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

**Bad Band** – The Good Bad Kids perform at 7th Avenue Social at 8 p.m. Free. 231-4553 or 7thavesocial.com.

## SATURDAY 8.1

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

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

**Wonder Garden** – Kids can learn about the world of water from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday, Aug. 2, at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or 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.

## SUNDAY 8.2

**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.

## SUNDAY 8.2

**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.

**Children's Book** – Children's author Gene Piotrowsky reads and signs copies of his new book, "Murray the Morey," at 11 a.m. at Dillard's in Coastland Center. Free. 261-4100 or dillards.com.

**Sunday at the Pit** – Six Bends Harley-Davidson hosts a concert by Roger Young from Cinder at 1 p.m. Free. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

**Classic Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU screens "Butterfield 8" at 2 p.m. 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.

**Off the Cuff** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an improv performance at 8 p.m. that features both short- and long-form improvisation. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

## MONDAY 8.3

**Birds of South Florida** – Renaissance Academy hosts a presentation about the area's local migratory birds at 10 a.m. at The Terraces in Bonita Springs. \$34 for members, \$39 for non-members. 26455 Tamiami Trail. 949-7555 or fgcu.edu.

**Film Night** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "My Mother's Castle" (France, 1990) at 2 p.m. 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.

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

## TUESDAY 8.4

**Free Movie** – Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of "Book of Life" at 10 a.m. today through Thursday. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or 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.

## WEDNESDAY 8.5

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

**Paddleboarding Basics** – Learn the basics of standup paddleboarding 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 fee (see above item). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

**Old Naples Walking Tour** – Naples Historical Society hosts a walking tour of Old Naples at 9:30 a.m. Meet at Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. \$10 members, \$16 non-members. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

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

## COMING UP

**Writing Help** – FGCU's Renaissance Academy starts a four-week series to help people start writing their novel at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. \$75 for members, \$90 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Art Fun** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs invites guests to create a piece of art and enjoy wine and pizza starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. \$55. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Free Concert** – The Good Bad Kids play the lawn at Mercato at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6. Free. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

**Art Reception** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for "It's Hot, It's Cold, It's COLOR" from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Free. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Casino Night** – Six Bends Harley-Davidson and White House Black Market host casino games with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, chocolate and more to support PACE Center for Girls at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7. Bring a gently used dress to donate. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

**Story Slam** – Storytellers of the Round Table host an evening of fairy tales, personal stories, fables and more with local yarn spinners at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 7, at Joy, Health & Wellness. Free, but seating limited. 2335 Tamiami Trail N. 200-6796 or storyslamnaples.eventbrite.com.



# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Workshop** – Shangri-La Springs hosts a workshop about emotional intelligence at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. \$60. 27750 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

**Book Fair** – Barnes & Noble hosts an all-day book fair starting at 11 a.m. to benefit Immokalee Child Care Center. 598-5200 or bn.com.

**Free Concert** – Six Bends Harley-Davidson hosts a free concert with local tribute bands at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Hot dogs for \$1, \$2 domestic beers, \$3 imports, \$4 craft and specialty beers. Free admission. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

**Fashion Show** – Miromar Outlets hosts a back-to-school fashion show at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Free. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

**Science Guy** – Miromar Outlets hosts Mr. Glen and his science and engineering team at MundoFox Playland at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

**Bike Rally** – Six Bends Harley-Davidson hosts a Tex-Mex themed rally at noon on Saturday, Aug. 8, that includes food, beverages, music, a cool zone and a bikini bike wash. Free. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

**Nature Flick** – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida presents Disney-nature's "Earth" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8. Narrated by James Earl Jones, the film takes viewers alongside three animal families as they journey across the globe. Free with regular admission (\$12.95 adults, \$8.95 children). 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

**Classic Film** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "How to Marry a Millionaire" (1953) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 9, at the FGCU Naples Center. Three women attempt to find eligible millionaires to marry and fall in love in the process. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Films for Film Lovers** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Dirty, Pretty Things" (2002) at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 10. An illegal Nigerian immigrant discovers the seedy side of London life. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Smart Growth** – Nicole Johnson, director of governmental relations for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, discusses smart growth in Florida at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, at the Conservancy. \$10. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

**Sand Sculpting for C'mon** – Golisano Children's Museum of Naples hosts the third annual Castles for Kids children's sand-sculpting contest starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at La Playa Beach Resort. Teams (one adult, four kids) can sign up at cmon.org.

**Plant Lecture** – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a talk with FGCU professor Brian Bovard about how the burning of fossil fuels affects plant life at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12. \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

**Psychic Fair** – Goddess I am hosts mini-readings at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14. Readings priced separately. Please bring cash. 600 Goodlette Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

**C'Mon!** – Golisano Children's Museum of Naples welcomes the Fort Myers Miracle during Baseball Basics Day at C'Mon starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. \$10. 15080 Livingston Road. 514-0084 or cmon.org.



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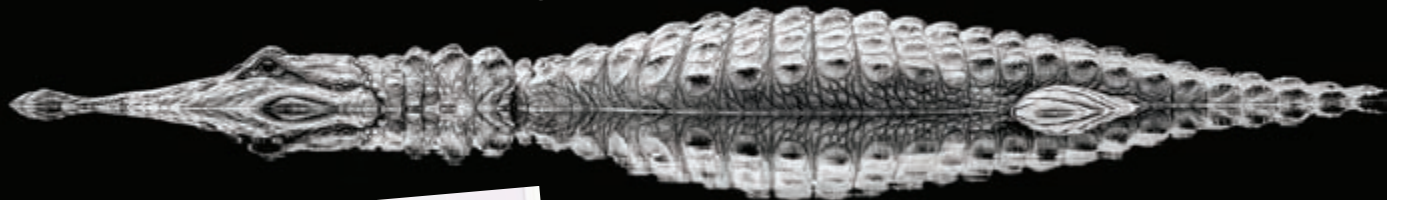


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■ Seinfeld's buddy, **George Wallace**, takes the stage at Off the Hook Comedy Club Thursday, July 30 through Saturday, Aug. 1. — [offthehookcomedy.com](http://offthehookcomedy.com).

■ Check out "Giants of the Everglades," an exhibition by acclaimed wildlife photographer Dennis Goodman, at Marco Island Historical Museum before it ends Friday, Aug. 1. Admission is free.



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## #SOLVE IT

■ Help staff at The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida figure out the story of Stanley and Sally Faktor, long-time Naples residents who escaped persecution in 1930s Germany. The museum's current exhibition, "The Faktor Investigation," showcases documents from the couple's lives so guests can fill in the blanks about their journey from Berlin to Naples. \$10 adults, \$5 students. — [holocaustmuseumsfwl.org](http://holocaustmuseumsfwl.org)



## # PLAN IT

■ Tickets are on sale for a Saturday, Sept. 12, performance of "Song of the Jasmine" at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. \$45. — [bbmannpah.com](http://bbmannpah.com)



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## WHAT TO DO

**Foreign Film** – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens “The Edge of Heaven” (2007, Germany) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 16, at the FGCU Naples Center. Six people realize the meaning of love while facing the harsh realities of the world. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Culture Lecture** – Hodges University hosts a lecture about how culture is constructed and maintained by communication at 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17, at VI at Bentley Village. 561 Bentley Village Court. \$25. 598-6133 or hodges.edu/lifelonglearning.com.

**Films for Film Lovers** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The Adaptation” (2002) at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. A lovelorn screenwriter becomes desperate as he tries and fails to adapt the book “The Orchid Thief” for the screen. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Free Film** – Mercato screens “Cat on a Hot Tin Roof” (1958) at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

**All About Anne** – Hodges University hosts a lecture about Anne Frank at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at VI at Bentley Village. 561 Bentley Village Court. \$25. 598-6133 or hodges.edu/lifelonglearning.com.

**Bridging Gaps** – Naples Italian American Foundation kicks off a three-day bridge tournament at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Hilton Naples. \$280 for

players who stay at the hotel, \$125 for commuters. Proceeds benefit Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support. 597-5210 or 571-3692 for reservations.

**Bridal Blast** – Germain Arena hosts a bridal show at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 23, featuring local vendors, prizes, drawings and more. \$7 at the door, brides free. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

**Social Sunday** – YP Naples and the Contemporaries of the United Arts Council host live music, food and mingling at 3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at 7th Avenue Social. 849 Seventh Ave. S. 254-8242 or uaccollier.com.

**Films for Film Lovers** – Center for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Summer Hours” (France, 2008) at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24. Three siblings witness the disappearance of their childhood memories when they must relinquish the family belongings to ensure their deceased mother's succession. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**C'Mon!** – Golisano Children's Museum of Naples invites the public to Community Night with the Fort Myers Miracle at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. \$6.50, with a portion of ticket proceeds benefitting the museum. 514-0084 or cmon.org. ■

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



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

## Marco Players present 'Shooting Star'

The Marco Players present "Shooting Star," a romantic comedy set in an airport where two former college lovers are snowed in and have an unexpected reunion. Elena (Carol Comeau) has stayed true to her hippie-ish, counter-culture path, while Reed (Andrew Ciliberto) has gone predictably corporate and conservative. As the night gives way to laughter and banter, they revisit a past that holds more surprises than they imagined — and a present that neither of them could have predicted.

"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 Blvd. Shows are at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for \$25 are available at the box office or by calling 642-7270 or visiting themarcoplayers.com. ■

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## ARTS COMMENTARY

## Roll out those songs of summer



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THE OTHER DAY, I WAS SURFING THROUGH my car radio channels when I heard a warm, familiar voice.

It was Nat King Cole singing “Those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer.”

That man had a voice so sweet you could use it in your tea and still have enough sugar left over to bake cookies.

It’s the quintessential summer song.

He sings of “soda and pretzels and beer” and “girls in their bikinis.”

Hearing it immediately recalls scenes from my childhood: my dad sitting at the kitchen table drinking beer and eating pretzels, listening to the ballgame on the radio. The windows open, a nice breeze coming through. Ads for Palisades Amusement Park. The Mets once again not quite winning, but there’s always next year.

Or, not so common a scene, but one that remains firmly in my memory: hanging out in Aunt Helen and Uncle Lucky’s backyard — both of them now gone too, my loveable Aunt Helen whose irrepressible spirit drew everyone to her, impossibly dead only a few months.

I remember as a young kid being so tickled by that triple rhyme: lazy, hazy, crazy. As an adult, it still impresses me.

I like the way the song starts so slow, Mr. Cole drawing out emphasis on those first three words: Roll. Out. Those. And then the rest of the line barreling along jauntily: “... lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!”

When I got to my laptop, I played the song a couple more times.

Sure, it’s tied up with childhood and memories, but it’s a solid song and still fun to listen to.

That started me thinking about other quintessential summer songs.

Every year, it seems, critics and music writers will put out a list of summer songs. Sometimes, they just happen to be songs that were released in the summer months, but have nothing to do with the season itself.

I’ve seen a number of recent articles about Omi’s new song, “Cheerleader.” Many are calling it “the song of the summer” but a lot of that seems to be the promotional machine in action.

Sure, the remix has nice percussion and a great horn line, but the lyrics are inane at best, very adolescent.



(“She walks like a model/She grants my wishes like a genie in a bottle.”) The guy keeps singing over and over again about how he’s so glad that he’s found his own personal cheerleader.

It’s as if the woman does everything for him, and just looks on adoringly.

It’s so misogynistic I usually turn to another station when I hear it come on the radio.

One list I saw just picked songs that happened to have the word “sun” in them. That didn’t make sense to me until I realized that the critic was British and probably didn’t see sunlight until the summer months.

(One of the songs he named was Donovan’s “Sunshine Superman,” which I’d probably pick too. There’s just something about that song, and many other psychedelic songs of that era, that screams “summer,” and “summer of love,” in a trippy kind of way.)

But songs actually about summer? Mongo Jerry’s shuffle, “In the Summertime” is a definite contender.

It’s a happy-go-lucky kinda song,

with Mongo Jerry singing about how he’s “hap-happy!”

The Lovin’ Spoonful’s “Summer in the City” was one I could relate to growing up in New York. John Sebastian sings about the back of his neck “gettin’ dirty and gritty” and “walkin’ on sidewalks hotter than a match head.”

As a kid, I loved the fact that they included honking horns and jack hammers as a sound effect in the song’s bridge.

The song’s about the dichotomy of day and night, and how he wishes the days could be like the nights.

Then there are songs such as the 5th Dimension’s cover of Laura Nyro’s “Stoned Soul Picnic” and “Grazin’ in the Grass” by The Friends of Distinction. The former’s slow and leisurely, I’m-in-no-particular-hurry-and-just-moseying-along, while the latter’s souped-up and hyper with excitement, the performers singing the words so fast you can barely sing along.

And the Beach Boys — particularly their earlier songs — have always made

me think of summer. That’s probably because I always think of California as the place of endless summer. As a child, it seemed as if it must be a very exotic place, with its palm trees and beaches and surfers.

Play almost any early Beach Boys song and wham: instant summer. “Fun, Fun, Fun,” “Surfin’ USA,” “Surfin’ Safari.” Even “Do It Again.”

And, as with The 5th Dimension and The Friends of Distinction, there are those wonderful harmonies, though the Beach Boys did them best.

Sometimes, in New York, when the winter seemed to be dragging on too long, I’d listen to the Beach Boys just to feel warmer and hold out hope that summer would once again roll around. Short sleeves and sandals and sundresses seem a fantasy when you’re bundled up in sweaters and wool coats and scarves.

And then there’s one of my favorites: Sly and the Family Stone’s “Hot Fun in the Summertime.”

Is there anything that makes you feel so glad you’re alive the way Sly and the Family Stone’s music does?

In fact, if I ever had to argue for the continued existence of the human race in an intergalactic court of law, I think I would just play Sly and the Family Stone’s “Greatest Hits” album and walk out, triumphant.

Bam!

Case closed. Human race saved.

They’re just so funky. So exuberant. So alive.

They’re so fabulous they can even make a hokey line like “County fair in the country sun/And everything it’s cool” sound good.

I’ve been playing that song over and over, with the volume cranked up.

I’ll move over to “Stand!” and “Everybody is a Star” and “I Want to Take You Higher,” then go back to “Hot Fun in the Summertime.”

It’s just too bad that in Florida in the summertime there’s too much “hot” and not enough “fun.”

What we need is a song that urges us to roll out the balmy, calm-y, palm-y days of winter.

Summer will eventually be over.

But at least its music is cool. ■

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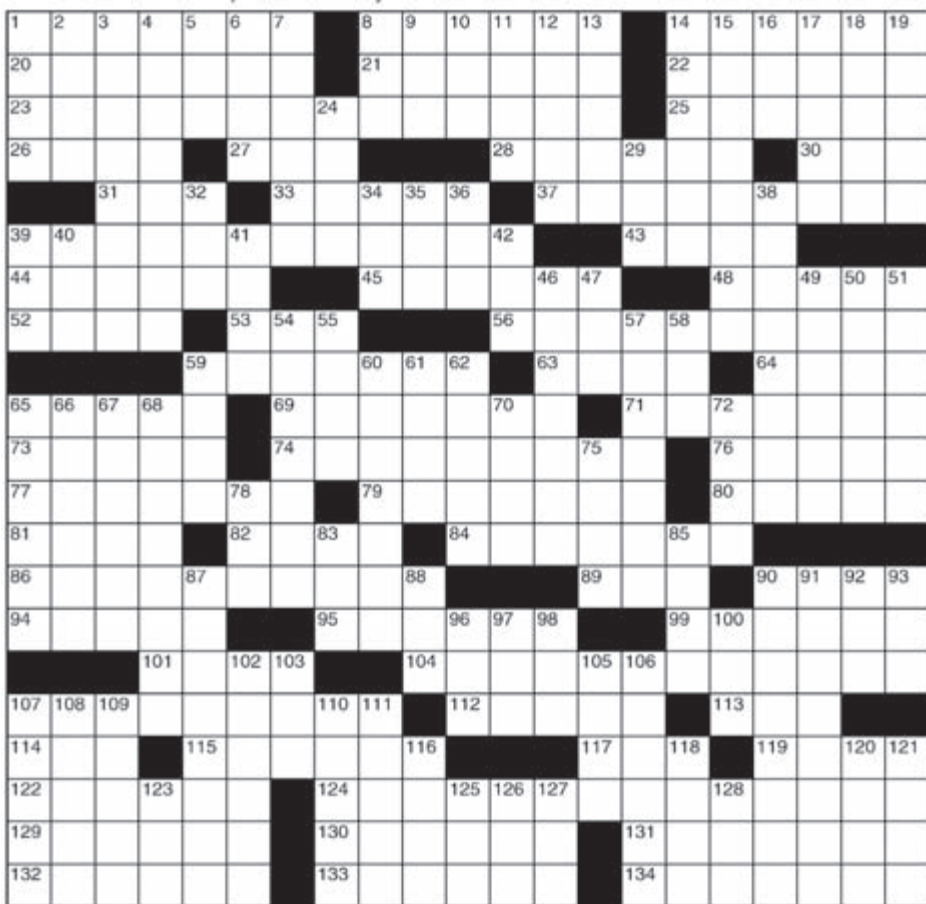
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# PUZZLES

## AMIBLUE



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- 1 Freeway exit structure
  - 8 Seasoned veteran
  - 14 Spirits
  - 20 More vicious
  - 21 Meryl of film
  - 22 Lapse, as a subscription
  - 23 Thesaurus on one's desk, say
  - 25 Underwrite
  - 26 "Lean —" (1989 hit)
  - 27 Jeff Lynne's band, briefly
  - 28 Skirt relative
  - 30 Filmmaker Burton
  - 31 "Birds —" feather ...
  - 33 Acquire a winter coat?
  - 37 Pizza Hut alternative
  - 39 Item on many a dressing table
  - 43 Daze
  - 44 Tilo of mambo
  - 45 Hotel Bible name
  - 48 Jamaican sectarian
  - 52 Actress lone
  - 53 They spin in PCs
  - 56 Rapacious mits
  - 59 For little cost
  - 63 Have the gumption
  - 64 Greek consonants
  - 65 Irritate
  - 69 American hwy. number
  - 71 Pacify
  - 73 Worked over
  - 74 Eight of their names are
  - 77 Wage makers
  - 79 Abstract sculpture with no moving parts
  - 80 "Amo, amas, I love —"
  - 81 Ovid's 107
  - 82 Ovid's "Lo!"
  - 84 Madames of Madrid
  - 86 Pretty large portion
  - 89 Letters on a PC key
  - 90 Be beside
  - 94 Lauder of perfumery
  - 95 Volcano WSW of Tokyo
  - 99 Put in a box
  - 101 Not punctual
  - 104 Pasta-can man
  - 107 Revolver in a pantry
  - 112 Made into an alloy
  - 113 Yokohama drama
  - 114 "Cantorial" writer Levin
  - 115 Counterpart to digital
  - 117 Rx writers
  - 119 Rocket org.
  - 122 Kind of tuna
  - 124 Eric Carle kids' book, with "The"
  - 129 One skilled with a sickle
  - 130 Actress Bynes
  - 131 5,280 feet
  - 132 "I do" locales
  - 133 Hold high
  - 134 Old West sheriff's badge
- DOWN**
- 1 Eight, to Juan
  - 2 Comical Drescher
  - 3 Extra cash to play with
  - 4 Give a new meaning to
  - 5 Khan who married Rita Hayworth
  - 6 Nothing more than
  - 7 Tourney starter
  - 8 Sugar suffix
  - 9 Bit of mail: Abbr.
  - 10 "Dr." who raps
  - 11 Composes raps
  - 12 Summary
  - 13 "Orfeo," e.g.
  - 14 Give a smile
  - 15 Cause for a mistrial
  - 16 Clip- (some ties)
  - 17 WSW part
  - 18 City of Italy
  - 19 Blossom supporters
  - 24 Converging points
  - 29 Covert —
  - 32 J.D. holder
  - 34 Work unit
  - 35 Spoon-bending Geller
  - 36 Like two peas in a —
  - 38 How some court cases are won
  - 39 #2 execs
  - 40 Razor-billed bird
  - 41 "So gross!"
  - 42 Rule: Abbr.
  - 46 Have meals delivered
  - 47 Teacher's gp.
  - 49 Large desert
  - 50 Coils
  - 51 Weigh
  - 54 "Sprechen Sie —?"
  - 55 Merit badge holder
  - 57 They clear the boards
  - 58 Opp. of withdrawal
  - 59 Surrender
  - 60 Gift
  - 61 All at sea
  - 62 Native Arizonans
  - 65 Nativity scene
  - 66 Throws with force
  - 67 Not moored
  - 68 So as to be countable
  - 70 Pipette, e.g.
  - 72 Hi-tech appt. books
  - 75 Arctic mass
  - 78 — room (play area)
  - 83 Summa — laude
  - 85 — -deucy
  - 87 Always-agreeing sort
  - 88 "Original or crispy" chain
  - 90 "MoMA" and "OPEC," e.g.
  - 91 Vice
  - 92 Profit from
  - 93 Driving peg
  - 96 300-3,000 MHz range
  - 97 — d'esprit (witty bit)
  - 98 Stipulations
  - 100 Broad eaten with vindaloo
  - 102 Some piano fixers
  - 103 That, in Peru
  - 105 "— guest!"
  - 106 Nonstandard stock buy
  - 107 Fall zodiac sign
  - 108 Sprite in "The Tempest"
  - 109 Big name in restaurant guides
  - 110 Pond slime
  - 111 Averages
  - 116 Faun, in part
  - 118 — -Flush (bathroom brand)
  - 120 1973 Toni Morrison novel
  - 121 Ripening agent
  - 123 Ecol. monitor
  - 125 "A," in Arles
  - 126 B-F link
  - 127 Easter fare
  - 128 Vixen's lair

SEE ANSWERS, C11

## HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A job-related move might hold more positive surprises than you'd expected. Go into it with confidence, and look for all the advantages it offers. Then decide what you'll do with what you find.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Driving yourself too hard to get something done on a deadline you set up can backfire. Ease into a more realistic finish date, and add more breaks to your work schedule.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Your sense of humor can brighten any dark period, and your laughter can dispel those gray clouds swirling around you. The weekend presents a surprising but welcome change.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Be careful about the words you use, especially in touchy situations. The old Chinese saying that the spoken word is silver, but the unspoken gold could well apply here.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Some facts could emerge to shed light on unresolved past problems. What you learn also might help explain why a once-warm relationship suddenly cooled down.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Don't let your pride get in the way of checking into what could be a great new opportunity. Get the facts first, and worry about procedure and protocol later.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A health problem in the family might have other relatives assuming that,

as before, you'll take over the health-care duties. Surprise them and insist they share in the caretaking.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A series of changes can be unsettling, but in the long run, it can pay off with new perspectives on what you plan to do. Keep your mind open to the possibilities that might well lie ahead.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Avoid adding to the tension around you. Even a well-meant reaction against something you perceive as unfair could be misunderstood. Let things calm down, and then talk about it.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time for romance for unattached Bovines, and a good time for reinforcing the bonds between partners. Children's needs are important during the latter part of the week.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A compliment from a surprising source sends you wafting way up into the clouds, where — sorry to say — your view of what's going on is obscured. Come on down and face some reality.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Even a family-loving person like you sometimes can feel you're at the end of the line with contentious kinfolk. But things can work out. Remember that it's better to talk than walk.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You might be under a "royal" sign, but you have a wonderful way of embracing everyone as an equal. ■

By Linda Thistle

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## Famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

This deal occurred in the 2002 Cavendish Invitational Pairs in Las Vegas. The three-day tournament, which takes its name from New York's now-defunct Cavendish Club, where the contest originated, attracted 60 of the world's top pairs.

North-South were Zia Mahmood and Bob Hamman, both of whom would be on anyone's list of the world's top 10 players. The two stars — who were not a regular partnership — displayed excellent judgment in the bidding to gain 215 IMPs when compared with the results at the other 29 tables.

After Hamman's one-club opening, West, Brian Glubok, doubled for take-out, planning to bid his hearts next to show extra strength. When his partner bid one heart, however, Glubok immediately leaped to four, a two-way action designed to get his side to game if game could be made, while at the same time making it more difficult for the opponents to locate their potential spade fit.

Many players holding the South cards might have elected to defend against four hearts, but Hamman had seen this type of hand many times before. Having already shown his long club suit, he now bid four spades, asking his partner to choose between spades and clubs. The bid was intended primarily as a sacrifice against the opponents' vulnerable game, but also might produce a game for his side if his partner held the right hand.

And that's exactly the way it turned out. After Glubok bid five hearts, Zia,

North dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ Q 7 6 5 3  
♥ 9 5 3  
♦ 10 9 2  
♣ J 3

**WEST**

♠ J 8  
♥ A K Q 7 4 2  
♦ A 8  
♣ A 9 2

**EAST**

♠ 4 2  
♥ J 10 8 6  
♦ Q J 5 4 3  
♣ 8 4

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 10 9  
♥ —  
♦ K 7 6  
♣ K Q 10 7 6 5

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	Pass	1 ♣	Dble
Pass	1 ♥	2 ♣	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	4 ♠	5 ♥
5 ♠	Pass	Pass	Dble

Opening lead — ace of hearts.

who now had a very good idea of what his partner's hand looked like, took a stab at five spades, doubled by Glubok.

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## FILM CAPSULES

### Southpaw ★★1/2

(Jake Gyllenhaal, Rachel McAdams, Forest Whitaker) A gritty boxer (Mr. Gyllenhaal) endures a tragic event and struggles to get back on his feet. Mr. Gyllenhaal, Ms. McAdams and Mr. Whitaker give strong performances, but the story derails in the third act. Disappointing, because this could've been special. Rated R.

### Cartel Land ★★1/2

(Jose Mireles, Tim Foley, Enrique Pena Nieto) Documentary follows two vigilante groups fighting Mexican drug cartels. It's fascinating to watch director Matthew Heineman's access to shootouts, interrogations and private moments within two groups battling both inept governments and the cartels. Rated R.

### Trainwreck ★★

(Amy Schumer, Bill Hader, Vanessa Bayer) Magazine writer Amy (Ms. Schumer) sleeps around and doesn't think relationship commitment is feasible until she meets Aaron (Mr. Hader), a sports doctor who wins her over. It has some genuinely funny moments, but not enough, and the story is predictable. It probably won't make Ms. Schumer a box-office. Rated R.

### 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 that's supposed to open the following day. It's 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. ■



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## 'Vacation'

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★★  
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"Vacation" is the latest example of a movie that reveals all its funny parts in its trailer. It's a road comedy, so you expect the one-vignette-to-the-next structure, but when you have one clunker sequence after another it creates a grand sense of disappointment. The sad part is it's not for lack of effort — where the story goes and how it pays homage to the original "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983) while still being its own movie makes sense. It just doesn't translate to the screen.

This is the fifth "Vacation" franchise film, and given that the others were hit and miss it's no surprise this one would miss too. The first "Vacation" (about a cross-country trip to amusement park Walley World) remains the best of the series, "European Vacation" (1985) is silly and too extreme, "Christmas Vacation" (1989) is my personal favorite, and we don't speak of "Vegas Vacation" (1997). Through them all is the sense that the patriarch, Clark (Chevy Chase), is a loving father who wants nothing more than to bring his family together with the trip of a lifetime. Accordingly, this is exactly the way Clark's son Rusty (Ed Helms) approaches his family's trip in this film, as he takes his brood from Illinois to Walley World in California. To that end, kudos to Mr. Helms for nicely channeling some of Chase's mannerisms, especially as Rusty freaks out. Like father like son.

But as Rusty ventures off with wife Debbie (Christina Applegate) and sons Kevin (Steele Stebbins) and James (Skyler Gisondo), a sense of desperation quickly sets in. Not because things don't go as planned, but because so little of writer/directors John Francis Daley and Jonathan M. Goldstein's content

is funny. For example, because of the Memorial Day weekend setting Rusty is forced to rent an Albanian family car that he doesn't know how to drive. It's big, bulky, and has two tanks of gas that run low after an hour. Here's the thing: We can't relate to this. I've never seen nor heard of Albanian family cars from a rental company, and this car is so beyond anything we can conceive that it's just not realistic. This matters when the humor is (at least in part) grounded in the reality and relatability of the characters' circumstances.

Then there are times when the filmmakers take a good idea and ruin it.



When the family stops at Debbie's Alma mater in Memphis, we learn she had the nickname "Debbie do anything" during her college days. Of all the great possibilities where this could lead, we're relegated to a "Wipeout" rip-off as Debbie chugs a pitcher of beer and vomits all over an inflatable obstacle course. This isn't inspired, it's gross. Speaking of which, it's hard to fathom any morons mistaking hot springs for a sewage dump. Not sure about you,

but it's difficult to laugh when I'm saying "ew" at the same time.

Not everything is a misfire. Stebbins is funny as the bratty and foul-mouthed little brother Kevin, the running joke of a Korean GPS system is amusing, and the action at Walley World is pretty inspired, especially for those who've seen the '83 "Vacation." Cameos from Chris Hemsworth, Leslie Mann, Keegan Michael-Key, Regina Hall, Norman Reedus, Charlie Day, and best of all Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo are also good for a laugh or two.

But overall, it's not enough. This "Vacation" is not a trip you want to take. ■

**in the know**

>> **Mr. Helms said** Mr. Stebbins and Mr. Gisondo's personalities in real life are the exact opposite of their characters, Kevin and James, respectively. For example, Mr. Stebbins' Kevin swears just about every other word in the movie, but Mr. Helms said they couldn't get him to curse off camera.

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Entries in the categories of Feature, Documentary, Short, Short Short, Strictly Local and Student are being accepted by going to [fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

Submissions will be accepted through Jan. 31, 2016.

The Fort Myers Film Festival is an intelligent independent filmmakers' event to create, unite and showcase the finest artistic cinematic works. For

submission, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities contact [eric@fortmyersfilmfestival.com](mailto:eric@fortmyersfilmfestival.com)

The Fort Myers Film Festival was recently awarded the prestigious 2015 Chrysalis Award for Cultural Achievement by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau and the Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce.



Film Mondays will kick off again at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center Monday, Aug. 3, with a screening of the award-winning feature "Leaving Circa-dia." The screening

takes place at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, located at 2301 First Street, Fort Myers. Doors open for happy hour at 6:30 p.m. The film starts at 7 p.m. ■

## Hiller named chair of 'Love That Dress!' event

The PACE Center For Girls announced that Collier County Commissioner Georgia Hiller has been named honorary chair of the fifth annual "Love That Dress!" Collier event.



HILLER

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## CELEBRITY EXTRA

### Kelli Williams to star in Up Network series

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** I used to love that show "Lie to Me," and I wonder what happened to the actress who played the lead, opposite Tim Roth. Can you fill me in?

— Daniel D., via email



WILLIAMS

**A:** Kelli Williams is the talented actress in question, and aside from "Lie to Me," she's also known for her work in "The Practice," "Army Wives," "Men in Trees" and a whole bunch of other stuff. Beginning Wednesday, Aug. 12, at 9 p.m., you can catch Ms. Williams in "Ties That Bind," the Up network's first original series. The 10-episode season centers on Kelli's character, police detective Allison McLean, who is balancing a demanding and dangerous job, and a family.

Ms. Williams assures me that "Ties" isn't like other police procedurals, explaining: "I was curious about this being a hybrid cop drama/family drama, and how the two would work or not work in everyday terms of managing career and family. I know from experience — I have three kids and I have a job. We all try to do the best we can with being the best mom we can be, and also doing the best we can do in our work."

"I liked the idea of the family story that's maintained throughout all of the episodes. And I feel like they are doing a really nice

job of that, by taking these crazy cases that we have and then my character is home with her family, trying not to bring work home with her, and yet she can't stop thinking about it. It feels really like a perfect show."

**Q:** I was disappointed not to see the character of Bran Stark this past season in "Game of Thrones." Will he be back?

— Holly R., via email

**A:** Bran indeed will be back, with Isaac Hempstead Wright reprising his role of the paralyzed vision-seer. He was benched this past season to give the TV series a chance to catch up with where his character is in the book series, and also to give his character time to develop his warg skills with the Three-Eyed Raven. Isaac revealed to the Irish Examiner: "I can't say a lot, but I am back this (next) season, and it's going to get particularly interesting with Bran. He has some interesting visions."

**Q:** I'm going through some serious "Walking Dead" withdrawal!

— Kallie D., via Twitter

**A:** Keep steady, Kallie. The sixth season of the hit zombie series begins Oct. 11 at 9 p.m. on AMC, with a 90-minute episode to get the fun started. ■

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or email her at [letters@cindyelavsky.com](mailto:letters@cindyelavsky.com).

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# 'Song of the Jasmine' comes to Mann Hall Sept. 12

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Drawing on the work of Tamil Bhakti poet Andal, this colorfully staged production follows the jasmine's path between the world of man and the world of the gods. A musical ensemble of saxophone, guitar, south Indian flute, mridangam drum and violin provides a pulsing, soaring sonic landscape filled with mystery.

"Song of the Jasmine is a soulful, imaginative and rhythmically contagious collaboration with the superb jazz composer and alto saxophonist Rudresh Mahanthappa," said *The New York Times*. It offered high praise for Ragamala, too, raving that it "shows how Indian forms can be some of the most transcendent experiences that dance has to offer. This is an excellent company." Dance Magazine raved, "Aparna Ramaswamy is a marvel of buoyant agility and sculptural clarity."

Tickets start at \$45 and are available at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall box office. Visit [bbmannpah.com](http://bbmannpah.com) or call 481-4849 or (800) 440-7469 for tickets and more information.

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A Ragamala dancer performing in "Song of the Jasmine."

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# KOVEL: ANTIQUES

## Seating styles evolve with the times

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Chairs have one main purpose, but they are made in multiple shapes, sizes and types of material. Pictures show chairs in ancient Egypt, but they were not in common use until the 16th century. A king or religious leader had a very large chair (throne), often with arms that had elaborate decoration. Other people sat on stools. But by the 18th century, chairs were part of everyday life for the rich. The standard shape included a high back, wooden seat, four legs, and perhaps arms. But the largest chair in the house, the seat of power, was for the husband. That tradition still remains. Dining-room chair sets have one or two larger armchairs and about six to eight narrow chairs with no arms. Catalogs for manufactured office furniture made from about 1850 to the present include a large chair for the company president, smaller chairs for salesmen, and narrow, lower chairs or stools for secretaries. By the 1900s, woven wicker, metal and plastic all allowed designers to create new types of chairs. The new plastic and mesh chair introduced in 1994 was less expensive and more comfortable than the standard wooden chairs used for 100 years. It was so popular, it replaced the old wooden chair, and many small wooden chair companies were forced out of business.

**Q:** I have a metal "Little Orphan Annie" electric toy stove. It's red with a white top and four lithographed pictures of Annie and her dog, Sandy, on the front. There are three "burners," a series of holes punched in the stove top, and two ovens. The stove



The wooden office chair of the 19th century has changed with technology. The base became iron, the chair could tilt and swivel, and the back could lean. But it all was replaced when the mesh-backed chair was introduced in 1994. This antique wooden chair is priced \$695 at Harp Gallery (Harpgallery.com) in Appleton, Wisconsin.

heats up when plugged in. It's 8¾ inches high, 9½ inches wide, and 6 inches deep. The sides are marked "Made in the United States" and the bottom is embossed "Louis Marx & Co., New York" and "Catalog K43." What is the value and where can I sell it?

**A:** The comic strip "Little Orphan Annie"

started in 1924. Annie and her dog, Sandy, have appeared in comic books, radio shows, movies, and musicals since then, and many toys, dishes and other memorabilia featuring the characters have been made. Louis Marx & Co. was in business from 1919 to 1978. The company made two versions of this stove. You have two ovens. The other version, K44, has an upper oven and two lower ovens. Both stoves were made in different colors and originally came with three baking pans. The stoves date from the 1930s. They wouldn't be considered safe for children today. Online, the stoves are priced from \$25 to \$75.

**Q:** Included in my husband's estate is a hand plow with a 16-inch wheel. Etched on the 4-foot long wooden handle is "Dunlap, 666, 1844." How can I sell it?

**A:** Dunlap is a brand name owned by Sears, Roebuck & Co. Dunlap tools and equipment were made by several different manufacturers for Sears beginning in 1941. The brand supposedly is named after Sears hardware department's head buyer. Your hand plow was meant to be used to till the garden. Extra attachments for it could be purchased. Old hand plows like this are sometimes offered for sale online. They are hard to sell as a tool, but someone may want it as an interesting garden decoration. Try free local ads like craigslist.

**Q:** I have a very old wooden washing machine that was left in my grandfather's house. It has a hinged lid. The words "The New Standard Champion Washing

Machine" are stenciled on the side. How old is it?

**A:** Your washing machine is over 100 years old. We found an ad for the Champion Washing Machine Co. in a January 1898 magazine that claimed "Every household should have a New Standard Champion Washer. 100,000 now in use." With such a large number in use, the machine must have been produced for more than a year by 1898. The history of the brand is confusing. Another Cincinnati company, Mollenkamp & Klausmyer, began manufacturing Champion Washing Machines in 1875. The New Standard Champion washing machine was listed as a brand of the Boss Washing Machine Co., also in Cincinnati, in 1903. Boss made its early wooden washing machines of red cypress, which was impervious to water, and tinned nails that didn't rust.

**Tip:** Don't wash Barbie; just wipe her off. Water gives her a bad hair day and if her body soaks, it could be damaged. ■

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# STAR

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tion of “Mama Drama.”

“I didn’t actually see it because it was too inappropriate for kids and I think that was part of the reason I wanted to start,” Mr. Campbell said. “I couldn’t see her and I was like, ‘I want to do one.’”

What followed was an ensemble part in “Oliver,” and many other Naples Players productions until Mr. Campbell realized he needed more training than the area could provide. He had been bitten by the theater bug and followed it to the prestigious Interlochen Arts Academy in Michigan before he was to start his sophomore year at Palmetto Ridge High School. He graduated from Interlochen in 2014.

“It’s small, very small,” he said. “There was this sense that we were very different where we came from and we weren’t the different ones anymore. We’re all doing our thing.”

Mr. Campbell describes himself as “theatrical” and “dramatic,” and for a kid in a more sports-minded family, musical theater was a perfect outlet for a kid who might have needed to tone it down occasionally off-stage.

“I come from an athletic family,” he said. “It’s something (my mother) always liked, but in terms of the rest of my family, theater was definitely different.”

That energy translated very well on stage, Ms. Fornara said.

“He has style and sassiness,” she said. “I remember seeing him in one of the KidzAct shows where he played Dandy Dan and here was this little kid doing this foxy number with a fedora.”

Mr. Campbell’s natural talents lay in his dancing ability, she said, but his singing and acting skills grew exponentially during his studies at Interlochen and have found fertile ground at University of Michigan’s prestigious musical theater program.

“It’s such a joy for me to see him this summer in ‘Legally Blonde’ because he’s not dancing at all, which says something about his acting and singing ability,” she said. “Plus, he doesn’t take himself too seriously, which I think is what makes him a good actor — he’ll take chances and he’ll take risks.”

He comes home each summer to teach a new batch of KidzAct students how to become stage performers themselves. Now in his fourth year as a counselor at the summer camp, Mr. Campbell has new responsibilities, such as teaching and choreographing, with kids who are now seeking the same creative outlet he did 10 years ago.

“It’s so exciting to see them come in the first day and some of them are



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Chris Campbell co-stars with lead actor Paige Raleigh, who plays the delightfully determined sorority girl Elle Woods.

so shy. Give them an hour and they’re jumping all over the place,” he said. “It’s cool getting to watch them create theater.”

Teaching these young theater hopefuls gave him a new perspective on how Ms. Fornara and other instructors interacted with him when he was a kid.

“You never really understand teachers until you become one. When I was a kid, I was bad,” he laughed. “They were super hard on me and I really appreciate it. They were very encouraging and always there.”

Now that summer break is winding down, Mr. Campbell is starting to wind up for his sophomore year at University of Michigan. He has to audition for his department’s productions of “American Idiot,” “The Light in the Piazza” and “Guys and Dolls.” The curriculum, he said, is very individually focused during the second year because “they get down to the center of you.” He’ll spend the year breaking bad habits and working with graduate-level voice teachers. When he becomes an upperclassman, however, he’ll get to work with opera legend George Shirley, a distinguished professor at the school who was also the first African-American tenor to perform a leading role at the Metropolitan Opera.

He is scheduled to graduate in 2018 and from there, Mr. Campbell figures he’ll move to New York City and find an agent. He will, of course, always have a cheering section in Naples.

“I want him to conquer the world,” Ms. Fornara said. “He’s worked so hard you want him to get his dream.”

“Legally Blonde The Musical” runs through Sunday, Aug. 9, at Naples Players Sugden Community Theater. To purchase tickets, call 263-7990 or visit [naplesplayers.org](http://naplesplayers.org). ■

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For more information, call the David Lawrence Foundation at 304-3505.

■ Youth Haven hosts its inaugural **pARTy with a Purpose** the evening of Friday, Aug. 14, at The von Liebig Art Center. Guests will enjoy food and drink along with great music while they learn about the programs and services of Youth Haven, including its emergency shelter and its counseling center for children and families.

Tickets for \$40 are available at youthhavenswfl.org. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Shelly Long at 687-5155 or email shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

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

Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 at lovethatdress.org. For more information, visit the website or call Michelle Shaw Hashman at 248-9704 or Shannon Starr at 207-1878.

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

■ 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 plancc.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.

During her career as an agent, Ms. Fletcher recruited and represented hundreds of the biggest names in sports, including Hall of Fame pitcher John Smoltz, PGA Tour golfer Matt Kucher, broadcaster Erin Andrews, and basketball championship coaches Tom Izzo and Doc Rivers. CNN hailed her as the "female Jerry Maguire."

As an author, speaker and business coach, she now travels the world sharing the unconventional and innovative techniques she used to negotiate more than \$500 million in contracts and build lasting relationships in the high-stakes, big-ego world of professional sports.

Attendance at the breakfast is free, but reservations are required. Call 325-1736 or email theck@bgccc.com.

■ Project HELP hosts its 19th annual **Chocolate Extravaganza** on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, at Design Studio by Raymond. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live auctions and, of course, lots of chocolate. Tickets are \$95. For more information, call 649-1404 or visit projecthelpnaples.org.

■ 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 participants 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 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.

For tickets or more information, including details about sponsorship opportunities, call 624-2019 or visit nchmd.org/hospitalball.

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■ The Community Foundation of Collier County hosts its third annual **Power of the Purse** luncheon on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The event will feature a keynote speaker, drawings for 25 designer handbags and the announcement of the 2016 Women of Initiative honorees. The event is co-chaired by Jackie Pierce and Betty Aymar. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org.

■ Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida and the Naples Senior Center host **An Evening for Better Tomorrows** on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. For more information, call 325-4444 or visit jfcsswfl.org.

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

■ The Shelter for Abused Women & Children holds its 16th annual **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope** luncheon Friday, Jan. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$350. For more information, contact Susan Utz by calling 775-3862, ext. 261, or emailing sutz@naplesshelter.org. ■

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# CUISINE NEWS

## Naples food scene: New cuisine, new chefs, new locations



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It's difficult to think that Naples, home to the sophisticated palates that celebrate wine festivals and frequent restaurants that prepare duck bacon, has left an area of ethnic cuisine unexplored. Fortunately, entrepreneurs such as Mike Cardascia are seeking to remedy that situation. Zen Asian Barbecue, Mr. Cardascia's latest project — scheduled to open in early fall — will explore the more humble fare of East Asia with house-made ramen, Korean barbecue, bibimbap, curries and more. Of course, sushi is thrown in for good measure.

The idea for Zen Asian Barbecue came when Mr. Cardascia encountered Executive Chef Pitak Herkhunthod's prowess behind a sushi bar in Miami.

"He was the sushi chef doing some great things off the menu," he said. "I thought this guy is ridiculous. I've never seen anything like this in my life. We need to open a restaurant together."

Mr. Herkhunthod, who goes by Chef Koko, received his culinary training in Japan over a five-year period, said Mr. Cardascia. That's when he became well-known for his tasty ramen concoctions. He then moved to New York where he continued his education with Iron Chef Masaharu Morimoto. He currently runs three restaurants in Miami and has been

training and working with many of the staff who have been hired to work at Zen Asian Barbecue.

Even though the restaurant is set to open in early fall, months after its anticipated April opening, Mr. Cardascia is already looking at other local properties to place a second location. Eventually, he said, he'd like to have the first five or so restaurants in Florida and to continue expanding to about 60 locations around the country.

Zen Asian Barbecue is located at 10823 Tamiami Trail, the site of the former Cilantro Tamales and PoBoys Shrimp Shack. For more information, visit eatatzen.com or the restaurant's Facebook page.

### New chef at Three60 Market

Three60 Market recently welcomed new chef Francisco Pomalaza, a graduate of Johnson & Wales North Miami Campus and an alum of such renowned east coast restaurants as The Waterclub Restaurant in North Miami and Blue Moon Fish Company in Fort Lauderdale.

"After years in the corporate world, I decided to pursue a change of scenery to Naples," he said.

Chef Pomalaza started his culinary career as a short-order cook at 16 years

old and landed his first fine dining job in 2005 when his guidance counselor at Johnson & Wales referred him to Talula Restaurant in South Beach, where he worked as a sous chef. Two years later, Mr. Pomalaza moved to owners Andrea Curto-Randazzo and Frank Randazzo's new venture, The Water Club Restaurant, where he also worked as a sous chef for a year. Throughout his career, Mr. Pomalaza has nurtured his technique and knowledge of preparing seafood and steaks by working at restaurants that specialized in one or both delicacies.

Now that he's firmly ensconced at Three60 Market, Mr. Pomalaza is working on new dinner and Sunday brunch menus that will debut in October. The dinner menu will likely emphasize fresh seafood ("Since we're on the water, it only makes sense," he said) while incorporating specialty fowl like quail, duck or poussin chicken.

"I would like stay away from the norm and play around with flavors and local ingredients gradually introducing myself and my style to the locals," he said.

Sunday brunch will likely include pastries, carving stations, an action omelet station, a raw bar, cheese, charcuterie, ceviche and more.

"I think that when the community sees what we are going to offer they will be as excited as we are to have October right around the corner," he said. "There is much more to come, and as it does, we'll make sure to spread the word."

Three60 Market is located at 2891 Bayview Drive and summer hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The restaurant is closed Monday and Tuesday. For more information, call 732-7331 or visit three60market.com.

### Pazzo! welcomes new chef

Pazzo! Cucina Italiana recently hired Eugenio Tinajero as its new executive chef. He worked in a number of local restaurants until he landed a line cook position at Pazzo! in 2008 and eventually moved up the ranks to sous chef. Previous stints in Naples restaurants include Geraci's Pizzeria, Sam Snead's and Jane's Café on Third.

"Everybody gets along and we're like a big family," he said. "I love making people happy and I love serving them great food. I feel good when I see how much they enjoy our food."

Mr. Tinajero will work with Culinary Concepts corporate chefs and chef-owner Skip Quillen to develop menus for Pazzo! Cucina Italiana. New additions include lamb shank with pistachio pesto and rigatoni with shrimp, sausage, broccoli rabe and black garlic.

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Bibimbap, a popular Korean street food that incorporates rice and assorted meat and vegetable toppings, is one of the more obscure Asian dishes that will be served at Zen Asian Barbecue. The restaurant is slated to open in early fall.

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make reservations, call 434-8494 or visit gr8food.net.

**Felipe's Taqueria set to open this fall**

Felipe's Taqueria, currently under construction at the former site of The Clock Restaurant, is scheduled to open in early fall. The "fast casual" restaurant will feature Mexican food and Latin American-inspired cocktails within its 4,700-square-foot space.

"We are so excited to join the Naples community. The food and decor of this restaurant will be a beautiful addition to the Naples restaurant scene with the fun and casual bar atmosphere, Felipe's will provide a relaxed meeting place for friends and family in Naples," said Susan Marenco, the restaurant's general manager.

The restaurant has six locations in cities like New Orleans, Cambridge, Mass. and now Naples. For more information, visit felipestaqueria.com.

**Mereday's leaving Naples Bay Resort**

Mereday's Fine Dining will be leaving its current location at Naples Bay Resort & Marina on July 31. The move comes hot on the heels of Alto Live Jazz Kitchen's — another restaurant owned by Chef Charles Mereday in Bayfront — conversion from a music and dining venue into Mereday's Brasserie, a casual dining spot. Chef Mereday is currently seeking a new home for his flagship restaurant. For more information about Mereday's Fine Dining, visit mereday-snaples.com.

**Take Note:**

■ Dagny's Spirit's hosts a free wine and liquor tasting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 30. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9421 or dagnysspirits.com.

■ La Bazenne on Fifth hosts a cooking demonstration of French summer dishes at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 30. Reservations required. \$30. 682-8623 or labazenneples.blogspot.com.

■ Bar Tulia and Fort Myers Brewing Company have partnered to host Burgers and Beer Night at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 30. While Chef Vincenzo Betulia serves guests sliders featuring a variety of protein options like pork, beef and tuna, the brewing company will orchestrate a "tap takeover" and pair each sandwich with one of their beers. No reservations required. 466 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2073 or

tulianaples.com.

■ Jason's Deli will offer families up to two complimentary children's meals Friday, Aug. 6 through Sunday, Aug. 17. The promotion is offered to complement the Florida Senate Sales Tax Holiday, in which sales tax is temporarily suspended on back-to-school items. 2700 Immo-kalee Road. 985-7215 or jasonsdeli.com.

■ Campiello's provides a champagne special every Tuesday through September with \$4 glasses at 4 p.m., \$5 glasses at 5 p.m. and \$6 at 6 p.m., etc. through 10 p.m. Guests can also enjoy a \$55 bottle of Perrier-Jouet on Tuesdays as well. 1177 Third St. S. 435-1166 or campiello.damico.com.

Whole Foods has packed this month full of health-oriented culinary events:

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■ Appreciate Your Brews: Sample beer and cheese to benefit a local non-profit organization. \$5. 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21.

For more information about Whole Foods Market's events, call 552-5100 or visit wholefoodsmarket.com.

■ If it's Wednesday, head to Yabba Island Grill and enjoy 50 percent off any bottle of wine regularly priced from \$50 to \$100. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. 711 Fifth Ave. S. 262-5787 or gr8food.net.

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

■ The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifepnaples.com -5 Ingredients: Friday, Aug. 7 (\$60); Whose Salmon Is It Anyway: Wednesday, Aug. 12 (\$65); Appetizers & Salads: Saturday, Aug. 15 (\$55); French Country Cooking: Thursday, Aug. 20 (\$60); Bring on the Bacon: Friday, Aug. 28 (\$60); Tapas: Thursday, Sept. 3 (\$55); Flavors of Cuba: Friday, Sept. 11 (\$60); Saute: Thursday, Sept. 17 (\$60); Southern Brunch: Saturday, Sept. 19 (\$50)

■ Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com - Deliciously Healthy Superfoods: Thursday, July 30 (\$69); Sensational Summer Cooking: Friday, July 31 (\$79); Spectacular Spanish Paella: Saturday, Aug. 1 (\$69); Authentic Thai at Home: Saturday, Aug. 1 (\$69); Summer in Tuscany: Saturday, Aug. 1 (\$69); Healthy & Delicious Summer Cooking: Sunday, Aug. 2 (\$69); Farm to Table Summer Flavors: Sunday, Aug. 2 (\$69); Great Grilled Seafood: Sunday, Aug. 2 (\$79); Vegetarian Summer Favorites: Monday, Aug. 3 (\$69); Incredible Island-Style Entertaining: Tuesday, Aug. 4 (\$69); Great Grilled Seafood: Wednesday, Aug. 5 (\$69). ■

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## THE DISH

**The Dish:** Fried clam strips

**The Price:** \$15.99

**The Place:** Pinchers Crab Shack at Tin City, 1200 Fifth Ave. S.

**The Hours:** 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily

**The Details:** I have the good fortune to have a daughter who, as she becomes better versed in the art of spending money, is constantly on the lookout to save a few bucks when she wants us to buy her something. Earlier this month, she collected two Pinchers Crab Shack coupons that have been burning a hole in her pocket for weeks. Her lucky day came last week when the rain drove us inside in search of something (anything)

to do. We had to order lunch to get to the free dessert, so while she slurped her way through a plate of spaghetti, I enjoyed fried clam strips. They were served alongside a heaping pile of fresh French fries and were accompanied by a potent tarter sauce, of which I made liberal use. The dish was easy, fresh and difficult to mess up. We give it four thumbs up, because even kindergartners like fried shellfish and a red dipper.

**One More Thing:** We chose chocolate cake and a vanilla milkshake for our dessert, which the girl wolfed down herself. Never underestimate the power of delayed gratification for kids — they could surprise you with their determination and stomach capacity. ■

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

■ **Cafe Alfredo, Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, 2359 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 431-8605**

Boisterous yet stylish, Cafe Alfredo offers white linens, well-executed dishes crafted in an open kitchen and reasonable prices. A Margherita pizza billed as personal size was ample enough for two and had a crisp, thin crust that held a tasty blend of fresh tomatoes, basil and mozzarella. Clams casino and mussels in white wine sauce are also good starts to a meal here. Shrimp fra diavolo was satisfyingly zesty, and the veal chop asparagus Parmesan was large with a liberal application of asparagus, marinara and mozzarella. The standout was the lamb shank over pappardelle, featuring fall-off-the-bone tender meat in a savory brown sauce. The café's tiramisù was delicious and ample for sharing as well. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed March 2013

■ **Capers Kitchen & Bar, 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 431-7438**

Open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, Capers melds the best of diners and full-fledged restaurants, offering a casual atmosphere, a friendly staff, house-made baked goods and jams, house-smoked salmon, live entertainment in the bar on some evenings and menu items such as pork osso buco and wood-grilled filet mignon. Yum Yum

Shrimp was a plateful of sweet and tangy fried shrimp. The house-smoked salmon was somewhat salty and dry, but mustard dill sauce helped on both counts. Crab cakes, a house specialty, were indeed full of lump crabmeat held together by what appeared to be bits of back fin, all lightly breaded and sautéed to a golden brown. Fresh mixed vegetables were tender-crisp and lightly seasoned. Cedar-planked salmon was nicely done, served with pomegranate molasses and rice studded with sliced almonds, dried cranberries and orange zest. For dessert: a slab of warm bread pudding with raisins, caramel sauce and vanilla ice cream. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½  
Reviewed April 2013

■ **HobNob Kitchen & Bar, 720 Fifth Ave., Naples; 580-0070**

Well-known restaurateur Michael Hernandez (Aqua, Bistro 821, Bistro 41 and Zoe's, among others) and Executive Chef Tony Biagetti (formerly of Handsome Harry's) have created a spot that appeals to all of the senses and offers a casual setting yet takes no shortcuts with food, drink or service. From the list of creative cocktails, I loved the Watermelon Fresca (organic cucumber vodka, watermelon juice, cucumber and mint). The by-the-glass wine list has some great choices. An octopus and white bean appetizer was a superb blend of flavors and textures. Grilled artichoke hearts were tender and delicate, served with a lemon aioli. While the Snapper in Crazy Water sounded more exotic

than it turned out to be (the sauce made of coconut water, tomatoes and basil), it was nonetheless tasty. The rotisserie chicken was perfectly cooked, served with mushrooms, fingerling potatoes and onions. For dessert: Bonaffee pudding, a toffee pudding with bananas. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Reviewed February 2014

■ **Lamoraga, 3936 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 331-3669**

The first U.S. branch of this stylish Spanish chain features contemporary tapas in a sophisticated setting to match. Pick a table or settle in at the sprawling tapas bar and watch the culinary team craft dishes such as berenjenas, three small fried eggplant with smoky, crisp skins filled with soft flesh, topped with tobiko flakes, mirin and honey; artisanal meat and cheese plates; Andalusian garlic shrimp; and Moorish lamb skewers. There are large plates as well, such as baked black cod, beef short ribs and dry-aged New York strip steak. For dessert, try the warm roasted fig tart with pistachio ice cream. Lamoraga does a fine job on beverages as well, with an interesting selection of wines and cocktails served by an eager-to-please staff. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed May 2014

■ **Wylds Café, 4271 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 947-0408**

Three local, classically trained chefs opened Wylds in 2005 with a broadly American but European-influenced menu. Today, food remains creatively conceived and consistently well executed, and the service staff exhibits a level of polish you'd expect in tonier locations. Wylds offers some appetizers offered all over the place — but with a twist. Escargot, for instance, were draped with garlic cream sauce and tucked into a little boat of crisp prosciutto; the salty ham and petite salad of peppery arugula provided good counterpoints for the lush sauce. A roast duck Napoleon was much too big for an appetizer, but was nonetheless delicious with its flaky pastry, succulent meat, tender mushrooms and garlicky béchamel sauce. The Parmesan-crusted walleye proved an excellent showcase for this flaky white Northern fish. When it comes to pork chops, it doesn't get much better than Wylds' select heirloom Kurobuta chop, with its slightly charred exterior and fat-marbled pink interior doubling up to create an ideal taste experience. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½  
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## CHEF PROFILE

## George Fistrovich, executive chef, The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples

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**From:** Highland, Ind.

**How long in Naples:** 5 years

**Culinary education:** Washburne Culinary Institute, Chicago

**Previous jobs:** Delano Hotel, Miami Beach; Atlantis Paradise Island Resort; Harrod's in London; as well as restaurants and hotel jobs in France, Australia, Singapore, Beijing, New York City and Hershey, Pa.

**When did you realize you wanted to be a chef?**

My parents had a bar and restaurant when I was young. I did busing, stocking, things in the kitchen. When I got out of high school, I was wondering what I was going to do. One day my mom calls and says "You are going to culinary school tomorrow. We signed you up. They were always trying to push me toward it." I went to Washburne (Culinary Institute) for the two-year program. I was extremely naïve but I had a great teacher there who taught me a lot and found me a great job. One thing that attracted me to this industry was that you can travel. The influences, the things you see worldwide that you can't see in one city are wonderful.

**How would you describe your culinary style or philosophy?**

OK is not good enough. We make sure that whatever we do for our guests is the best we can do every day. I use great ingredients, train well, strive to be creative and use the talent we have around the table to do the best food we can do for everybody who walks in the door. I hire the best of the best. I have chefs from Cancun, a sushi chef from Okinawa, chefs from Philly, one from Abu Dhabi. They are eclectic culinarians who each bring something unique and special.

**Are there chefs (living or dead) that you admire or who influenced you along the way?**

In order of first to last: Ronny Martin, Lucien Verge (co-founder of L'Escargot in Chicago). I worked with (acclaimed French chefs) Roger Verge and Michel Guerard in France 30 years ago. Pino Posteraro worked for me in Singapore



and he also was a great influence. I admire anyone who cooks well and has a passion for food and often find that the guys who surround me every day can be very influential.

**What are your favorite dishes from The Ritz restaurants you oversee?**

The menu in Bites (at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort) is the most creative outlet. We do a lot of Southern food

although we may not be known for it. We do a chicken and waffle dish with jalapeno jam, we make our own pastrami for pastrami sandwiches served poolside. We grill Allen Brothers steaks. Our ice cream is Sebastian's. We do a ziti ragu with braised short ribs and we make the ziti. It's simple but very Italian. We try to master the authenticity of the dish so that it's a wow for our guests.

**When you aren't working, where do you enjoy dining?**

There's a 7-Eleven near here where I get great tacos. On Sundays there's a market on County Road 951 in front of the Ace Hardware where three or four families make posole and the best tacos. In September, I'm going to Italy and I'm headed to Boston in a couple of weeks. And every four years, I go to South Africa. I enjoy trying the food wherever I go.

**Are there any food trends you are particularly excited about and, if so, why?**

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**Are there any current trends you find unpalatable?**

Molecular gastronomy has its place. The techniques and philosophies are great but I don't think everyone should be consuming chemicals. I don't like trends of not being natural, of food that isn't cooked with love.

**What do you do to relax in your spare time?**

I'm redoing my bathroom and just did my laundry room tile, painting, cabinetry. At my house I also garden. I have mango, avocado and citrus trees and I'm growing grapes, ginger, tomatoes and peppers.

**I understand you will be part of a team of Southwest Florida chefs preparing a meal at the James Beard House in October. What are you most looking forward to about the experience?**

It's probably the last thing on my bucket list. When Norman (Love) called I immediately accepted. It will be a great opportunity for me and for two of my chefs. It will be great to promote what we do best here in Southwest Florida. It will bring an awareness of what we do. Anything we can do to bring people to our environment is great. And everybody will share in the fun of creating the meal. ■



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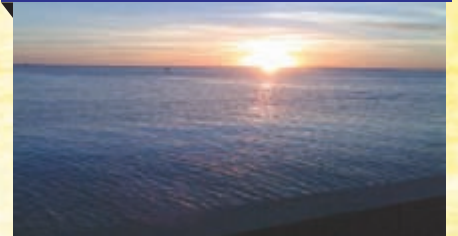
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CAPE CORAL



**Gorgeous Two Story in Desirable Sandoval**  
A gorgeous 3-car garage, two story pool home built in 2012. Oversized corner lot, open kitchen w/wood cabinets & more!  
**\$374,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC025728.

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**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA016460.

CAPE CORAL



**Exceptional Lakefront Home On Alhambra Lake**  
3 bedrooms, 2 bath home built by Villa Homes. Granite counters, stainless steel counters, large lanai, screened pool.  
**\$349,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC055303.

PORT CHARLOTTE



**Meticulously Maintained 3 Bed, 2.5 Bath**  
Spectacular view of pristine freshwater lake, granite counters, media room, roman shower, jettied garden tub in master.  
**\$342,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH204850.

CAPE CORAL



**Sandoval-3+Den with Lake View**  
Over 2000 sq' in Ashbury Estate Section with furnishings and vehicle included! Rare huge oversize lake view.  
**\$339,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC028362.

CAPE CORAL



**Pelican Area Gulf Access Pool Home**  
Great 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom gulf access pool home! Home features heated pool, concrete captains walk dock  
**\$329,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC010428.

BOKEELIA



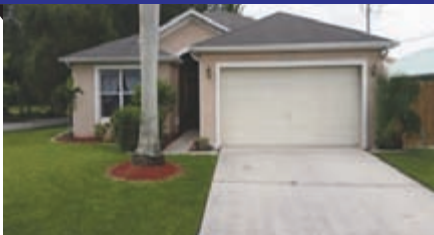
**Famous Shell House in Bokeelia**  
Terrazzo floors, 1 bed, 1 bath upstairs with living area, kitchen and screened porch. Downstairs 1 bed, 1 bath, patio.  
**\$319,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI031167.

CAPE CORAL



**Gulf Access Pool Home**  
Move in condition 3/2 gulf access pool home. Fenced yard. Newer roof. 10K lift. Oversized lanai.  
**\$309,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC019432.

NORTH FORT MYERS



**Direct Access! Canal Front Home. Move in Ready!**  
You have to see this 3 bed/2 bath pool home located in a quiet neighborhood of North Ft Myers! Boat dock/lift.  
**\$290,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE040067.

CAPE CORAL



**Lakefront Living In Southwest Florida**  
Spacious 3/3 w/all rooms overlooking the pool. Come take a look at all this home has to offer today!  
**\$274,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC032348.

CAPE CORAL



**You Will Love this 3 Bed, 2 Bath Pool Home!**  
Walk into this beautiful home through double front door entry way. This 2011 built home has rarely been lived in.  
**\$269,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS021028.

FORT MYERS BEACH



**Estero Beach And Tennis Club**  
Beautifully remodeled and furnished second floor condo. Turnkey - One owner and barely used over the years.  
**\$264,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC046852.

FORT MYERS



**Great Home**  
This is a must see property. 3 bedroom 3 bath ready to move in! Metal roof and almost 1900 sq ft. Call today.  
**\$252,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM021723.

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.

NAPLES



**Have Horses? Love the Country Life?**  
2/2 Jim Walter design wood frame home on pilings w/metal roof. 2 large out buildings on 5 acres. Just needs TLC.  
**\$249,500**  
1-866-657-2300 800NA018063.

FORT MYERS



**Spacious Two Bedroom Plus**  
1/3 acre lakefront corner lot!!! Spacious two bedroom plus den home with great room floor plan.  
**\$249,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM025576.

CAPE CORAL



**Beautiful Pool Home! Walking Distance to Cape Harbor**  
Nice 3 bedroom 2/1 bath home in one of the best location of Cape Coral. Southern exposure pool! Assessments in/paid.  
**\$244,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC040126.

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



**Best View in Brookshire**  
Immaculate home in Brookshire Bath and Tennis Club.  
**\$229,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM025617.

FORT MYERS



**N. Alva Home Near Boat Ramp**  
Updated 3/2/2 w/1688 sq. ft. pool w/paver deck/fenced yard. .34 acres, tile floors, large family room, laundry room.  
**\$220,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM023583.

BOKEELIA



**1 Acre on Shady Pine Lane!**  
Lovely 2 bedroom 2 bath inside laundry, family room and office with separate entrance. pond, fenced, small horse stall.  
**\$205,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI037600.

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.

PORT CHARLOTTE



**Lakefront 3/2/2 Pool Home w/Spa**  
Over 2000 sq. ft. of living area, a fishing pier to relax or watch the beautiful view of the lake.  
**\$199,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH203224.

LABELLE



**Beautiful 3/3/2 + Den w/Adjoining Lot in Labelle**  
This large home features Spanish style offers 3/3/2 w/private bath, enclosed terrace den/study large open kitchen FL room.  
**\$199,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE031651.

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## BOKEELIA



### Pine Island Ridge

3 bedroom 2 bath home on a double lot, shed and small back building, open back porch, updated kitchen.  
**\$199,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800PI037872.

## 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



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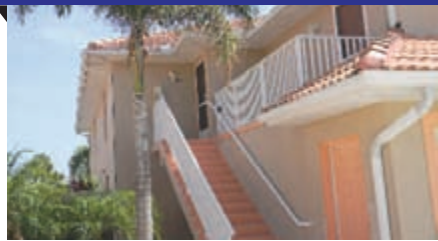
**Legends Golf Community, Bundled Golf & Social Membership**  
 Legends Golf & CC in Ft. Myers is a golfers paradise! Built from '99-'05 by Lennar Homes. 18 hole Championship course.  
**\$189,995**  
 1-866-657-2300 800BS026907.

## PUNTA GORDA



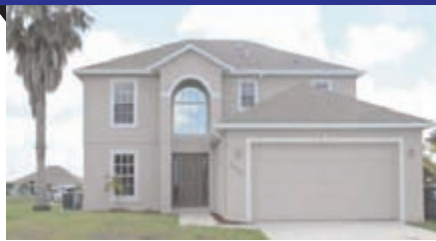
**3 Bed 2 Bath on 5 Acres w/Private Lake**  
 Built in 2006, updated in 2014. This manufactured home is a true gem on 5 beautifully manicured acres. Horses permitted.  
**\$189,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800CH212793.

## CAPE CORAL



**Gulf Access, 3 Bedroom Condo In The SW Cape**  
 Spacious, 1500+ sqft living area condo has a deeded boat slip directly behind the unit. Pet friendly, area pool and more.  
**\$189,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800CC039271.

## CAPE CORAL



**Large 3 Bedroom Home Just Renovated**  
 Has extra room for 2nd den or office and loft in addition to 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 Baths. New tile and new carpet.  
**\$184,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800SS032161.

## FORT MYERS



**Rare Kelly Greens 3rd Floor End Unit**  
 Come see this oversized condo on the top floor with a magnificent view of lakes and golf course.  
**\$182,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800FM026157.

## 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.

## PORT CHARLOTTE



**Waterfront 2 Bed 2 Bath**  
 Home has a 2 car garage with dock & davits on wide canal w access. Less than 10 minutes to open water!  
**\$179,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800CH213404.

## NORTH PORT



**One Owner, Built in 1992**  
 3 bed, 2 bath, solar heated pool, tile floors thru-out, wood laminate in bedrooms. Storage shed in backyard.  
**\$175,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800CH213314.

## NORTH FORT MYERS



**Ground Floor Condo in Riverbend Golf & Boating**  
 This feels more like a house w/1500+ sq ft! There is plenty of room for family & friends 2/2!  
**\$174,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800CC021681.

## BONITA SPRINGS



**Move in Ready 3/2 Condo!**  
 Newer appliances, breakfast bar and cathedral ceilings. Great community with nice amenities. One car garage. Wow!  
**\$169,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800BS032107.

## BOKEELIA



**Bokeelia 2/2**  
 Neat & clean 2 bedroom 2 bath home in Bokeelia. Spacious living room, kitchen and Florida room.  
**\$159,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800PI064563.

## FORT MYERS



**2/2 Close to Cape Coral Bridge & Beaches**  
 Built in 2005-hurricane windows. Great location College & Southpointe. Move in ready condition.  
**\$139,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800FM322317.

## FORT MYERS



**Beautiful**  
 Come check it out.  
**\$135,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800FM024292.

## FORT MYERS



**Affordable Gateway Condo with 2 Car Garage**  
 Great 3 bedroom 2 bath first floor condo with 2 car garage located in Champions Green in Gateway. Warm getaway in SW FL.  
**\$134,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800CC011156.

## FORT MYERS



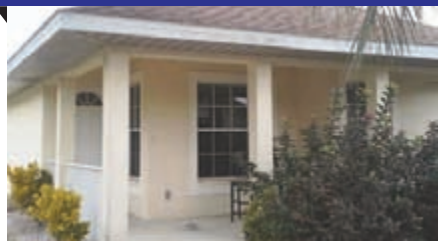
**Attractive and Spacious**  
 Townhome investor can't miss the great opportunity.  
**\$134,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800FM023761.

## 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.

## IMMOKALEE



**Community Living in a Country Setting**  
 3/2/2 in a gated community of Jubilation in Immokalee close to Seminole Casino & Alligator Alley.  
**\$131,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800LE012998.

## MOORE HAVEN



**Moore Haven Home on 1/2 Acre**  
 Well maintained home in Moore Haven w/many extras. Ready to move in. Near shopping. Motorhome carport.  
**\$125,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800LE025946.

## LEHIGH ACRES



**Single Family Home**  
 In 1/2 acre. Fenced lot!!!  
**\$119,900**  
 1-866-657-2300 800FM057527.

## FORT MYERS



**Triplex Fully Rented**  
 Triplex fully rented. Concrete block with stucco siding and tiled roof. Separate meters for each unit.  
**\$119,000**  
 1-866-657-2300 800BS057962.

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### FORT MYERS



**2 Bed 2.5 Bath Townhouse Convenient Location**  
Well kept community of Cypress Landings - close to shopping. **\$118,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM026539.

### CAPE CORAL



**Check Out This Beautiful 1 Bed, 1 Bath With A Loft**  
Located in the quiet neighborhood of Concordia. This unit features granite counter-tops in the kitchen and bathroom. **\$117,700**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC066117.

### FORT MYERS



**In the Much Desired Terraverde Community**  
Boat, golf, tennis, and more! Beautiful turnkey 2nd floor unit. **\$114,995**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC024740.

### PORT CHARLOTTE



**Gated Turn Key 2/2**  
Come join resort style living at Heritage Oak Park. Tennis, pool, gym and lodge w/paid recreation director. **\$113,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CH212689.

### LEHIGH ACRES



**Perfect 3/2/1 Starter Home!**  
Recently renovated 3/2/1 located just off Alabama Rd near SR 82 offers new tile flooring, and fresh paint. **\$99,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800LE040576.

### ST. JAMES CITY



**Walk to Everything Manufactured Home**  
Two bed two bath, large two car garage, close to all shopping, walking distance to everything. **\$79,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI011654.

### FORT MYERS



**Relaxation and Recreation**  
Belong to you in this delightful open and bright 2nd floor 2 bed/2 bath condo. **\$75,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM040331.

### CAPE CORAL



**Ground Floor Condo**  
Remodeled. This super spacious 1/1 condo is in a perfect location. Fully Furnished! A great winter home. **\$64,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC021232.

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### CAPE CORAL



**Cape Coral Riverfront**  
Simply the best! Gorgeous Riverfront home. The best of everything in this wide open floor plan. **\$1,750,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM024728.

### NORTH FORT MYERS



**Key West Style Riverfront Estate**  
Custom built home. Boasts crown molding, wood trim, wainscoting plantation shutters and more. 2nd floor master. **\$1,699,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC058253.

### 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.

### CAPE CORAL



**Elite Estate Home in Tranquil Country Setting**  
Come explore this hidden gem on 10.6 perfectly manicured waterfront grounds. **\$1,195,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC039318.

### CAPE CORAL



**Riverfront**  
Boat lift and dock~heated pool~spa~2 story~3 bed~3 bath~2 car garage. **\$1,095,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800FM068880.

### CAPTIVA



**Captiva Island!!**  
This beautiful island home on exclusive North Captiva Island features some of the worlds best beaches, boating & fishing. **\$885,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI029158.

### ST. JAMES CITY



**Island Estate**  
Island estate, horse ranch, botanical garden....it's large enough to do all of this and more. 22 beautiful fenced acres. **\$880,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800PI046750.

### CAPE CORAL



**Direct Sailboat Access Across From Cape Harbour Marina**  
Better then new construction. This home is located in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral. 3/2/2 Pool home. **\$849,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC025565.

### ST. JAMES CITY



**Views of Sanibel, the Sound, and Intracoastal**  
Only 5 minutes to open water at the southernmost tip of Pine Island across from Sanibel Island. Totally remodeled. WOW! **\$749,000**  
1-866-657-2300 800SS025152.

### CAPE CORAL



**Stunning 7 Bed, 4 Bath with Direct Sailboat Access**  
This amazing 3,500 sq. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms. This house has it all. **\$724,900**  
1-866-657-2300 800CC034353.

### FORT MYERS



**McGregor Reserve Custom Home**  
5 bedroom custom home with 4 full baths, 2 half baths, chefs kitchen, lake front views, pool, wood burning fireplace. **\$675,000**  
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