

MAKING SENSE OF YOUR
Amendments

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The decisions are yours to make: Should we maintain the status quo when it comes to solar energy, or should we leave the door open to alternative business models? (Amendment 1) Should sick people be allowed to use marijuana as medicine? (Amendment 2) Those are the two tough questions on the ballot — the ones that inspire passionate debate and histrionic TV

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Floridians will make two major policy decisions on solar power and medical marijuana this November by way of Constitutional Amendments.

Food bank volunteers fuel success in fight to feed hungry

BY MARY WOZNAK
 Special to Florida Weekly

When Maureen Yuster moved to Southwest Florida 25 years ago, she thought she knew what to expect.

"I guess I had a certain mental picture of what the community was like in Florida — a bunch of happy retirees, golfing, playing on the beach," she said.

What she eventually discovered was that not everyone was happy, not everyone was retired, not everyone was playing golf or playing on the beach. Many were hun-



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gry. More often than not, they didn't know where their next meal was coming from.

Ms. Yuster, a former Washington, D.C. consultant, wanted to help. So she started volunteering at the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida. She

has logged more than 1,000 hours over the last eight years. She's one of the thousands of volunteers who make the food bank run.



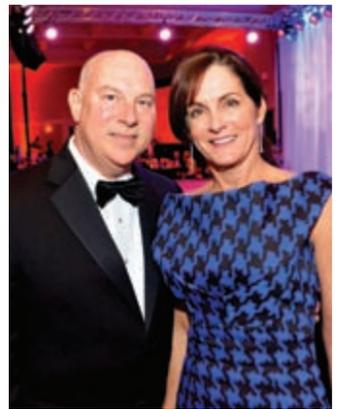
In honor of April as National Volunteer Month, Feeding America, a nationwide network of 200 food banks, including Harry Chapin Food Bank, is celebrating the volunteers who fuel the fight against hunger. Feeding America is the country's largest nonprofit anti-hunger organization.

At the Harry Chapin Food Bank, there

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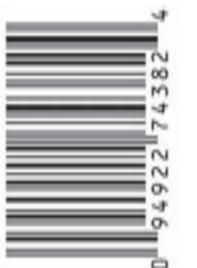
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COMMENTARY

Art, ladies and gentlemen, is a form of love



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Remember that old question, the one that defies any generation gap known to humankind by reinserting itself into schoolyard conversations across time and space?

No, not that one — not the one about what goes where.

The other one, about trees falling in the forest. If a tree falls in the forest and no one is there to hear it, does it make any noise?

Curious kids have asked that question forever. And now a solid half-century after first trying to wrestle it to the ground and tie it off like a cowboy on a steer, I finally have the answer.

The question is not really about trees, it's about art and culture, I've come to realize.

What if the world's greatest single orchestra or a generation's most accomplished painter or the most lyrical and probing writer in recent centuries presents a dazzling work of art on a mountaintop in Montana, but only bighorn sheep form the audience. Is it art?

Let's not dawdle around with this: Hell, no. It's merely lost. So no, the falling tree doesn't make any noise unless somebody can hear it fall.

That simple revelation came to me the other day when I decided to rattle their

cages a little by phoning up a few rainmakers — people who make art happen.

Not the artists themselves, but their enablers, the ones who bring the audience to the mountain.

What's the point, I asked them? Why art and why in the world are you spending your time promoting it? You can't do anything with it. Art won't get you a job, carpet bomb your enemies, establish your second house in Paris or Punkin Center (Kansas), build a wall on the Mexican border or send a manned craft to the moon. And it won't grow the hair back on your bald head (in my case) or fix the leaky valve in your heart, either one. So what's the point of it?

I was feeling pretty good about my wise-guy question when I got on the phone with Amy Ginsburg, acting executive director of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra, led by Maestro Nir Kabaretti.

Pitchers who think their fastballs are pretty good because they approach 100 mph probably feel the same way just before they watch one blasted back over the centerfield wall 400 feet behind them.

So, Ms. Ginsburg, I said confidently, what really is the point of art, especially music that was composed 200 years ago?

Without so much as a hiccup or a pause, Ms. Ginsburg met my hardball question with the smooth stroke of another: "What's the point of love?" she asked sweetly.

Oh, the crack of that bat. I don't know about you, but I'm a "love" man, myself.

Love is air and water, love is food and shelter, love is the light that lets you see hope in a day that starts dark and gets darker. Art, ladies and gentlemen, is a form of love.

Being no fool, I thanked her pleasantly for the experience of a short chat about the world's great issues, and dropped the phone like a hot rock.

Rainmakers: 1. Windbag columnist: 0.

Ms. Ginsburg is one of the rainmakers, of course, a woman who somehow stands with a few other mostly uncelebrated souls at the crossroads of a transformative moment of ascension for art and culture in Southwest Florida.

By force of personality and passion, Ms. Ginsburg helped Maestro Kabaretti harness not just dutiful allegiance but passionate devotion from a family of extraordinary musicians who now make up the symphony. They also have a brilliant leader of a brilliant board in a guy named Tom Uhler, a financial planner and cultural rainmaker himself.

You'll never see this on the marquee for the Southwest Florida Symphony: TONIGHT, ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY, LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN, NIR KABARETTI, AMY GINSBURG AND TOM UHLER, IN PERFORMANCE WITH 70 OTHER PEOPLE WHO ALSO SPENT THEIR LIVES PREPARING FOR THIS MOMENT.

But that, in fact, is the truth of the matter when it comes to bringing transformative experiences to you and me, without our really having to go anywhere, except to the performance.

In Ms. Ginsburg's case, she can appeal both to young audiences and old; to donors; and to the family of musicians themselves. I know, because I've watched that happen. When they need a practice room or a meal as they come into town from New York or Miami or somewhere else, they can go to her house and find it, if they ask.

And she isn't the only one.

There's Jim Griffith, a longtime violist (Julliard trained) with the Naples Philharmonic who directs the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers. There's Eric Raddatz, whose widely celebrated Fort Myers Film Festival is a cultural loadstone here (Mr. Raddatz is an artist and graphic designer for *Florida Weekly*). There's Lydia Black, who directs the Lee Alliance for the Arts.

Rainmakers such as Myra Daniels, founder of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, and Michele Valencourt at the Visual Arts Center in Punta Gorda did this for years in their communities, which are now our community.

We are one community, these days.

And we now have a flock of urbane, experienced theater directors who have changed the nature of stage drama and its importance in the region: Robert Cacioppo with Carrie Lund at the Florida Repertory Theatre, and Annette Trossbach at the Laboratory Theater of Florida, and Bill Taylor at Theatre Conspiracy, and Will Prather at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre.

The rainmakers.

Long may they prosper, because if they do, we will too. ■

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COMMENTARY

Can you hear me now?



It is more than a decade since Hurricane Katrina, a Category 5 storm, weakened and then made landfall on the northern Gulf Coast. Though it was downgraded to a Category 3 hurricane when it hit the mainland, its massive size and earlier intensity delivered a gargantuan storm surge deep into the coastlines of Mississippi, southeast Louisiana and Alabama.

The great city of New Orleans took it on the chin. It was engulfed in floodwaters of up to 20 feet, destroying its schools and flooding four out of five of its homes. Katrina laid waste to the city's businesses, financial institutions and its entire infrastructure, including its transportation, water and sewer systems and power grid.

Few who saw the scenes will ever forget the images of human misery and the breadth of the devastation and mayhem in the storm's wake. The rescue of thousands of citizens was botched from the beginning by the bureaucratic fumbling of federal and state agencies. Those responsible were ill-prepared to muster a coherent plan of coordinated disaster relief.

Days went by before basic supplies of food, water and medical assistance were available to those desperate for help. Who was to blame? As it turned out, there were legions of those who shared responsibility for what went wrong.

Of those culpable, the Army Corps of Engineers was first in line. The failure of the levees was the principal cause of the flooding in New Orleans, flooding exacerbated by the Corps' neglect of the agency's Mississippi River — Gulf Outlet Canal (MR-GO). MR-GO resulted in the channeling of Katrina's storm surge directly into the heart of the city.

The Army Corps' faulty administration of the design, engineering,

construction and management of the region's flood protection failed miserably to protect the city and surrounding parishes. Levee failure was a direct cause of an estimated 1,400 deaths.

The trail of blame ran from the Corps to the city's mayor, on to the Louisiana's governor's office, all the way up to President George W. Bush. It was President Bush who said to Michael Brown, head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), "Brownie, you're doing a heck of a job."

Anyone paying attention — and millions were — knew differently.

President Bush's misspoken praise epitomized a federal government out of touch and ill-prepared to respond to the disaster. The U.S. National Guard and people heroically helping people filled the void, rescuing some 34,000 people in New Orleans alone.

New Orleans is a brutal lesson about what can go wrong when a disaster strikes. But what came before, in the decades leading up to the storm, is more crucial for vulnerable coastal communities seeking to avoid a similar fate.

It is a litany of the terrible downsides associated with turning a blind eye to known, future risks. Because in New Orleans, it was not a question of if a Katrina might one day take aim at the city; it was question of when the city's luck would run out?

Florida is in a pre-Katrina state of mind. It's been more than 10 years without a major storm. A complacent public expects and lawmakers in majority presume Florida will go on escaping the destiny of its geography as a Ground Zero for tropical storms and rising seas. The state Legislature has abandoned its commitment to protecting the environment just at the moment in time the state's margin of overkill is all used up. Sustainability is out the window.

Over-development is proceeding at full tilt along our coastlines, the state's most environmentally sensitive areas are under siege, and the state's freshwater supply is seriously threatened.

The consequences lie in wait of the inevitable storm that will sweep our folly away.

Andrew Freeman of Climate Central writes, "New Orleans isn't the only major U.S. city at risk ... weaker hurricanes can also do significant damage in places. ... Many American coastal cities are essentially sitting ducks to hurricanes, with millions of Americans living at water's edge, exposed to high winds and flooding."

He could have easily been talking about Miami and the St. Petersburg/Tampa Bay area. These metro areas are among the top five identified nationally as extremely vulnerable to hurricanes and flooding from storm surges.

Florida has 1,350 miles of coastline.

"Some 2.4 million people and 1.3 million homes sit within 4 feet of the local high tide line," Climate Central reports. "Sea level rise is more than doubling the risk of a storm surge at this level in South Florida by 2030."

The state's population has increased by more than 2 million people since 2005. Overbuilding, sea-level rise, salt-water intrusion into freshwater aquifers and inland flooding are far more common. A majority of coastal residents have no clue about the potential of storm surge risk in their areas, nor any appreciation that storm surge accounts for most hurricane-related deaths.

Florida residents and the state's leadership are in desperate need of a wake-up call, but is anyone listening? ■

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Do not fear the chalk



Students at the University of Michigan called police the other day — because someone had written Donald Trump's name in chalk.

No arrests were made. The episode is part of a nationwide trend of Trump supporters writing pro-Trump messages on sidewalks, stairs and other surfaces at college campuses, where fainting fits are sure to ensue.

When they could get no relief from law enforcement, the University of Michigan students took it upon themselves to erase the offending messages — including "Trump 2016," "Build the Wall" and "Stop Islam" — while fighting through feelings of betrayal.

One student complained that there should be a special emergency number to call in such cases and said that the administration's inadequate response "perpetuates these really racist and hateful stereotypes that turn into violence and turn into students of color feeling unsafe on campus."

Rarely before have a few scribbles

been so traumatizing — and written not even in ink or paint or some other difficult-to-remove substance, but in the same chalk used to mark out hopscotch courts and write temporary promotional messages about sorority mixers. That chalk messages can be considered tantamount to a physical threat captures the crisis of free speech on campus perfectly.

Pro-Trump chalking took off after the reaction at Emory University, where some students were reduced to tears by the messages and said they felt "fear." Protesters gathered at an administration building and let loose the antiphonal chant "You are not listening! Come speak to us, we are in pain!" This might have been an appropriate response if the kids had been tear-gassed, rather than seeing a positive phrase about a candidate that is supported by some significant plurality of the American public.

The president of the school, James Wagner, promised to review security footage to try to identify the perpetrators, and in a statement full of campus-diversity jargon pledged, among other things, "immediate refinements to certain policy and procedural deficiencies" and "regular and structured opportunities for difficult dialogues."

How about striking an even greater blow for diversity and asking the kids

to get over seeing an anodyne political message that they disagree with? To his credit, Wagner himself chalked "Emory stands for free expression," a message that will evidently have trouble penetrating the formidable incuriosity of some of his students.

The reaction to "the chalking," as it's become known on social media, is a testament to the electric charge surrounding Trump. This branding isn't prudent positioning for a general election, but it makes Trump a perfect vehicle for provoking the other side, and it's in that thumb-in-the-eye spirit that the Trump chalking is spreading.

The students getting the vapors over it don't understand free expression or what it means to live in a free society, where you inevitably encounter people who have ideas and support candidates that you oppose. They hate Donald Trump. Fine. That is reason to argue and agitate against him, not to seek protection from any contact with supporters of his, no matter how tenuous.

If they are having a hard time handling this election cycle, just imagine how Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus feels. ■

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

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Low-income working parents with preschoolers need a nurturing environment for their kids while they're on the job. Fun Time Early Childhood Academy was established more than 55 years ago to do just that in Naples. The mission of Fun Time is to provide safe, quality, affordable education and care to children of low-income working families and to prepare them for kindergarten so they start school ready to read and ready to learn.

Fun Time is nationally accredited and Florida Gold Seal certified. The school has a contract with Collier County Public Schools as a Head Start provider, and it is also an approved Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten provider.

Teachers with early childhood degrees and credentials educate Fun Time's 100 children year-round, full-time, Monday-Friday. Tuition is based on a family's ability to pay; breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack are provided at no additional charge.

For years, Fun Time functioned in a dilapidated doublewide trailer. In October 2005, Hurricane Wilma came through Naples leaving a path of destruction in its wake. The trailer lost its roof and was completely flooded. Blue tarpaulins were secured and a new roof followed, but old age and permanent damage limited the trailer's days for serving the preschool's

Talking points with Barbara Tyrrell

Something your mother was right about: Always have your own money.

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

High school job: In the lingerie department at Bamberger's department store in North Plainfield, N.J.

Guilty pleasures: Beach time and bargain shopping.

Next vacation destination: Colombia, South America.

One thing on your bucket list: Paris in the springtime.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could do cartwheels.

Advice for your kids or grandkids: Aim high, be careful who you marry, save your money and follow your dreams.

What makes you laugh: People, especially children, make me laugh.

Last book you read: "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing" by Marie Kondo.

Something you'll never understand: People who always want more than they have.

Pet peeve: Lazy people.

Something others might be surprised to find out about you: How tenacious I am.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The beaches and weather.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: More people from New Jersey.



50-some students.

One year later, as bankruptcy threatened the shutter to school forever, Naples residents Peter and Sue Manion gathered a new board of directors and as co-chairs set out to protect and preserve the institution.

The Community Foundation and United Way of Collier County provided emergency funding to keep the doors open. As patching and repairing continued to be part of the daily routine for the doublewide, the board's search for additional financial assistance spread in every direction. Plans for a new building had been discussed for years prior to Wilma, but now it was a race against time.

The Naples Children & Education Foundation awarded a significant matching grant to initiate the building campaign. Others in the community responded generously, and the new building on 12th Street North in

downtown became a reality in January 2009.

Barbara Tyrrell now leads the Fun Time staff as executive director and is proud of its many success stories.

"One of our graduates who is now in second grade visited our school recently and stated that when he entered school he skipped a grade because he 'got smart' at Fun Time," she says. "It just doesn't get any better than that."

Barbara previously was director of family resources for the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida. She has earned national recognition for staff performance and innovative service plans and is a published contributor in an anthology for child-care professionals and the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Born in Westchester County, N.Y., she grew up in North Plainfield, N.J., with one

older brother. Their parents worked in the medical field. She has five children, including two daughters ages 15 and 19 who are still at home.

Fun Time is enrolling students for the summer Voluntary Pre-K program that runs from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, June 6-Aug. 5. From learning their ABCs and 1, 2, 3s to enjoying playtime and sharing family-style meals with their teachers, VPK youngsters are prepared to start kindergarten ready to read and ready to learn. Participants must be 4 years of age as of Sept. 1, 2015, and cannot have attended another VPK program.

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BALLOT

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commercials. Then there are the three other amendments, the no-brainers. They’re tax breaks and credits that have received overwhelming support. They’re hard to argue against and almost assured passage.

Amendment 3 gives first responders who have been disabled a property tax exemption. Amendment 5 allows seniors to keep their property values fixed in order to protect them from tax increases.

Amendment 4, which will appear on the primary ballot Aug. 30, grants tax credits for solar and other alternative energy devices. The amendment would repeal personal property taxes on solar energy equipment, and exempt real estate taxes on solar devices — the value of the solar equipment would not count toward the assessed value of your property.

The measure has received broad support from environmental activists utility companies. Both the House and Senate voted unanimously to place the amendment on the ballot. The broad support it received — a super-super majority of more than 75 percent — qualified the amendment to appear earlier on the ballot, separating it from the more controversial solar power measure that voters will consider in November.

“I think everyone saw the wisdom of having it in the primary ballot so it wouldn’t be on the ballot with the other solar amendments and have the public confused,” said Rep. Ray Rodrigues of Fort Myers, one of the amendment’s sponsors.

Florida voters can amend the state’s constitution by passing an amendment with 60 percent of the vote. Initiative petitions, such as Amendments 1 and 2 on solar and marijuana, currently require 689,149 signatures to get on the ballot. Other amendments, such as the tax breaks for seniors, are referred and approved by the legislature without a citizen signature process.

Amendment 1: Solar status quo

Amendment 1 puts into law the way that residential solar has been operating for years in Florida. It was created as a response to another proposal backed by environmentalists and the solar panel industry that could have dramatically changed the business model for how Floridians get their energy. What is on the ballot in November, however, codifies the status quo. Currently, consumers with

solar panels sell their electricity back to the utility companies at a set rate.

“It’s fairly simple,” says Jim Kallinger of Consumers for Smart Solar, a group funded by the utility companies to push for the amendment. “(The amendment) guarantees a framework of rights for consumers to own their solar equipment, but it ensures that government can protect the health and welfare of those who use solar.”

The measure made it onto the ballot only after the Florida Supreme Court approved it by a 4-3 vote. In her dissent, Justice Barbara Pariente called out the amendment as “masquerading as pro-solar.” She wrote: “This proposed constitutional amendment, supported by some of Florida’s major investor-owned electric utility companies, actually seeks to constitutionalize the status quo. The ballot title is ... misleading by its focus on ‘Solar Energy Choice,’ when no real choice exists for those who favor expansion of solar energy.”

The group that opposed to the measure that appears on the ballot, Floridians for Solar Choice, had argued before the court that the amendment was misleading and that it actually reduces options for consumers.

“They call themselves Consumers for Smart Solar, it’s deceptive from the get-go. Everything about it is a lie. It’s the utilities hiding behind supposed consumers,” says Sean Gallagher, vice president for state affairs for the Solar Energy Industries Association. “The status quo keeps the third-party leasing companies out of Florida. It prohibits a low-cost way for customers to go solar.”

The solar amendment that didn’t make the ballot would have allowed third-party leasing companies called PPAs to enter the Florida marketplace. The companies lease and install solar arrays to homeowners, significantly reducing the up-front costs of converting a home or business to renewable energy.

Florida’s major public utilities are publicly traded, for-profit companies that are allowed to monopolize the energy market in exchange for letting the PSC regulate them and providing reliable service for all of the state’s residents via the grid. Companies that sell PPAs would change the electric business model. Residents could potentially sell electricity to their neighbors, cutting out the utilities altogether in some transactions. Furthermore, a national exchange of renewable energy credits called Solar Renewable



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Energy Certificates would be in the hands of the third-party companies, not the utilities. A shift to this business model could see utilities paying the third-party companies for credits. The amendment that’s on the ballot circumvents any major shifts in Florida’s solar marketplace.

“I don’t see how (Amendment 1) has an impact to increase or decrease solar. It’s an establishment of the status quo. Long-term, I think it will help, because it will ensure the grid is around, which is necessary,” said Rep. Rodrigues. “By putting what we have into place it will ensure the sustainability of the grid so that we can have power into the future.”

Amendment 2: Medical marijuana redux

You’ve heard this story before. Famous Orlando-based trial attorney John Morgan has poured millions in funds and put his face behind a campaign to legalize medicinal marijuana. The political action committee called United for Care, funded in large part by Mr. Morgan, put the measure on the ballot in 2014, where it failed by a slim margin, garnering almost 58 percent of the 60 percent of votes needed to pass.

This time around, the odds look better for the amendment. Almost every poll shows support at well over the 60 percent threshold. In 2014, State Attorney Pam Biondi took the amendment before the state Supreme Court, arguing that it misled the public about its true intent. No such challenge appears to be happening this time around.

The amendment’s defeat two years ago may be the key to its success this time. Language that was ambiguous in 2014 has been tightened up, helping the measure garner endorsements from editorial boards at newspapers throughout the state and thwart some of the attacks that were launched against it before.

“They were far more organized at this point last time,” Ben Pollara, the campaign manager for United for Care, says of the opposition.

“There was this argument against it that this was marijuana that you can get for anything. They would say, ‘You can get (marijuana) for a hangnail.’ With the new definition, that’s an even more ridiculous argument than it was two years ago.” Language was changed to ensure that marijuana could only be prescribed for debilitating medical conditions such as cancer, aids, epilepsy, Crohn’s disease and similar ailments. Other wording that is now included strengthens provisions for keeping marijuana prescriptions away from minors without parental consent and caregivers who administer marijuana will be required to pass background checks.

Key Dates

Primary election:

■ Tuesday, Aug. 30 – The ballot will include Amendment 4 regarding solar energy tax breaks as well as primaries for some state and local races.

■ Tuesday, Nov. 8 – The ballot will include Amendments 1 and 2, as well as the U.S. presidential election.

“Medical decisions should be made between doctors and their patients and not the government,” said Mr. Pollara. “(Marijuana) is safer than most things you’ll find in your medicine cabinet. If your doctor says it will help you, you should be able to follow your doctor’s orders without going to jail.”

Sean Viceroy has spent the past year living away from his wife in Fort Myers so that he can have access to medical marijuana in California. He fills prescriptions for both her and himself, then mails the marijuana illegally to her in Southwest Florida. (Mr. Viceroy’s name has been changed for this report.) His wife was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer in 2014, for which she underwent chemotherapy. Meanwhile, Mr. Viceroy was taking prescription pain medicine known as opioids for chronic back pain. In California, he traded the pills in for cookies infused with marijuana.

“You can eat a relatively small amount and get really good pain relief. I got out here and I was like, wow. I don’t have to take those pills,” he says. “With opioids, you have a high, then you come down. You get moody, you get short with people. Cannabis doesn’t do that to you. I’m so glad I don’t have to take that stuff (opioids) any more. I actually still have pain meds in my drawer, but I realized that I could treat this pain with yoga and edibles,” he says. For her part, the marijuana has helped his wife regain some of her appetite, as well as manage pain.

Still, opponents of the measure are concerned that medical marijuana will open doors to access that should remain closed.

“We are always concerned when there’s more access and availability of marijuana,” says Diane Ramseyer, executive director of Drug Free Charlotte County. She could not comment specifically on Amendment 2, but she says that any proposal that increases the availability of marijuana also leads to more use among teenagers. She also believes that the ballot is the wrong place to decide on a medical issue.

“What other medicines are we aware of that are approved that way? That really belongs in the FDA system, not the political process.” ■

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The amendments that didn’t make it

Citizens can put an amendment to the state constitution on the ballot by using the initiative process. Initiative requirements include creating a political action committee and collecting a minimum of 683,149 signatures.

Legislators can also submit amendments. They require a 60 percent supermajority approval by the legislature to appear on the ballot.

Out of 42 initiatives that were filed for spots on the 2016 ballot, five made it on. Here are some of the amendments and initiatives that didn’t make it, courtesy of Ballotpedia.org.

• Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Amendment – Would have restored the right to vote for people with prior felony convictions upon completion of their sentences. The measure died in legislative committee.

• Florida Cannabis Act – Would have legalized marijuana for use for people 21 and over. It would also have regulated the sale and production of marijuana. Organizers did not obtain the required 683,149 signatures required to place the initiative on the ballot.

• Minimum Wage Increase Initiative – Would have raised the hour minimum wage in Florida from

\$8.05 to \$10. The initiative did not garner enough signatures.

• Medicaid Expansion Amendment - The measure would have created the Healthy Florida Plan to expand Medicaid eligibility to low-income residents and established a revenue account to accept federal funds. Supporters of this initiated amendment did not submit the required 683,149 signatures to appear on the ballot.

• Employees Earned Sick Time Amendment - The measure would have required employers with at

least five employees to provide paid sick time and employers with less than five employees to provide unpaid sick time. Supporters did not submit the 683,149 signatures necessary.

• New Employee Verification Amendment – Would have required employers to verify that new employees are authorized to work in the United States by using the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system. Supporters did not collect enough signatures to qualify.

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TIF students inspire continued support from corporations, individuals

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Jaguar Naples and Porsche of Naples are building on a decade of support for The Immokalee Foundation as sponsors of the 2016 Charity Classic Pro-Am and Charity Classic Celebration that take place in November.

General Manager Jason Reidel of Jaguar Naples says he is reminded each year at the Charity Classic events about the important work TIF is doing to enrich the lives of Immokalee's young people.

"It's rewarding seeing how The Immokalee Foundation has impacted the students' lives and the support they receive from their mentors," Mr. Reidel says. "It's heartwarming. When the children get up and tell their stories, you experience the direct impact of what the organization does."

TIF students have a 100 percent high-school graduation rate, which demonstrates they are getting the support they need in the face of many challenges, he adds. Many are sons and daughters of agricultural workers, and English is often not the first language spoken in the family. Most also are the first members of their families to graduate high school and aspire to college.

Porsche of Naples, under the leadership of General Manager John Harris, also has been a loyal supporter of the annual Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction. This year's gala takes place Friday, Nov. 11, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Hotel; the scramble-style Pro-Am tournament follows on Monday, Nov. 14, at Bay Colony Golf Club.

The money raised by both events continues to help students like Adiline Guadarrama, who qualified, applied for and was accepted into TIF's Take Stock in Children



Korie and Jason Reidel, general manager of Jaguar Naples, center, with TIF students Lynecee Romelus, Marcos Gonzalez, Luis Parra and Brisa Martinez at the 2013 Charity Classic Celebration.

scholarship program while in eighth grade. In ninth and 10th grades at Immokalee High School, schoolwork became much more difficult for her, however, and she seemed to be in danger of failing.

TIF program specialists and tutors gave Ms. Guadarrama the special attention she needed to improve. In fact, they helped her improve her grades to straight As. "There is no doubt that they want you to succeed," she says. She is now a high school senior making decisions about which college to attend in order to pursue a career as a registered nurse.

The success stories of TIF students

instill long-term loyalty not only with program staff and TIF's corporate sponsors, but also with the community.

Board member Peter Negri originally learned about the foundation through friends who were supporters. "They're not the kind of folks who would back something that didn't produce results," he says. "They liked it and thought it was doing good work, and that was good enough for me." For 10 years now, Mr. Negri has seen the progress students have made — progress that keeps both him and his wife active and involved.

"My wife had two students she men-

tored," he says, "one of them from seventh grade on. I could see that this girl started out very shy, bashful even. Through the years she developed her self-confidence, and now she is out of high school and in college.

"The more I got to know about The Immokalee Foundation and the fine results they produce, the more involved I became."

Echoing those sentiments is Don O'Neill, whose leadership and support date back to about 2000. "It's just grown and grown," he says. "When TIF first started, they had about 250 feet of office space and a part-time secretary. Now, there are hundreds of mentors and 500 students in the reading program alone. The kids, parents and donors have really come through in tremendous fashion. We have just been instruments to make it happen, to provide leadership, experience and energy. It's such an important job to do.

"Immokalee is a lower-income community, but it has a strong tradition of family sacrifice and self-discipline to give their children a better opportunity. And we do that through education, empowerment and hope. The parents believe in us, the kids believe in themselves, and we've got a great thing going." ■

— TIF provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about TIF, including how to volunteer as a mentor, make a donation or include TIF in your estate plans, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.



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Naples Equestrian Challenge volunteers saddle up for awards

Naples Equestrian Challenge recently celebrated the 450-plus volunteers who make the work of the organization possible.

Mike Flounlacker was named 2016 Volunteer of the Year in recognition. Since signing up for duty in September 2014, Mr. Flounlacker has formed friendships with many of NEC's riders as a program leader, sidewalker and groomer/tacker. He's also well-known as a jack-of-all-trades who is always willing to help with the task at hand, whether it's building and installing a new hay baler, repainting the sensory trail chimes, making repairs to the arena gate or putting new batteries in the rider lift.

"Mike really can do it all," says Kim Minarich, executive director. "We are so lucky to have him on our volunteer team."

And high-school senior Marissa Tessier was awarded the Deb PT Scholarship in recognition of her weekly volunteer services as sidewalker, groomer, leader and tacker. The scholarship is named in honor of former NEC volunteer Deborah Flanagan-Thornton and is given to encourage more young people to support the NEC mission. It's been awarded each year since 2008 to a graduating senior volunteer who has displayed leadership, reliability, exemplary attitude, compassion and commitment to NEC's programs.



Missy Saracino, Volunteer of the Year Mike Flounlacker, Meredith Barnard and Kim Minarich.

"My experience at NEC has been amazing and I've grown so much as a person," Ms. Tessier said at the awards reception. "I love going every week and seeing the improvements the children are making. Riding brings such joy to them and their parents."

Hillary Raines Wilson was honored with the 2015 Bootstrap Boogie Barn Dance Award for her tireless efforts to ensure the silent auction at the 10th annual event was the most successful in NEC history. In addition, 20-, 15- and 10-year service awards were presented to Mindy Cowan (20 years), Paula Bowes (15 years) and Bonny Eads-Dery, Ellen Gordon, Kristyn Stetson, Linda Hutzler, Neil Gordon and Renee Smith (10 years). Robert Meaghan was awarded for the most volunteer hours in 2015 with 330 hours logged. ■

Time and talent to offer? Consider volunteering

■ **The Conservancy of Southwest Florida** needs volunteers for duties at its von Arx Wildlife Hospital, which treats more than 3,200 injured, sick or orphaned animals every year. Among the jobs:

Critter courier - Be on call to help capture and transport injured birds, mammals and reptiles found in your area between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Training and the necessary equipment are provided. Once an animal has been treated and recovered or rehabilitated, critter couriers are often called to help return it to the wild. Must be 16 years of age.

Outdoor animal caretaker - Spend time in close quarters outdoors with captive wild animals, observing their behavior and health, cleaning water pools, perches and cage walls, discarding old food and raking enclosures.

Indoor animal caretaker - Similar to the above duties but working inside the hospital. Additional duties include folding laundry and preparing diets, assisting with feedings and medical treatments as directed by the hospital staff.

The von Arx Wildlife Hospital is on the main campus of the Conservancy, at 1495 Smith Preserve Way off Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information about volunteering, call 403-4212 or visit conservancy.org.

■ **The Shelter for Abused Women & Children** always welcomes volunteers for administrative assignments at its Naples and Immokalee offices and for various retail-related duties at Options Thrift Shoppe. Helpers are also needed to work the 24-hour crisis line and to be on hand at the Beau Venturi Home emergency shelter. Special training is required to work shifts on the crisis line and in the shelter.

For more information, call 775-3862, ext. 215, or visit naplesshelter.org.

■ **Planned Parenthood** of Southwest and Central Florida has many ways for volunteers to further the organization's mission. Helpers are needed to work at PP events in the community, to perform office duties, to write letters and lobby, to work phone banks and to escort patients entering and leaving Planned Parenthood health centers.

For more information, send an email to volunteer@myplannedparenthood.org. Include your name and phone number and indicate the city/county where you would like to offer your services.

■ The official **Stamp Out Hunger** effort is set for Saturday, May 14, when U.S. Postal Service carriers will collect food donations from mailboxes along their regular delivery routes throughout Collier County. Volunteers are needed to follow along behind the mail trucks and also to sort food as donations are delivered to Collier Harvest headquarters. For more information about how to get involved, call 455-3663 or visit collierharvest.org.

■ **Naples Equestrian Challenge's** success relies on the generosity of hundreds of volunteers. Four certified instructors teach 110 riders each week, most of whom would never be able to enjoy their experiences at NEC without assistance from the organization's volunteers. Additionally, NEC's new equine-facilitated mental health programs serve another 40-50 participants each month.

The current need is for trained sidewalking, leading, grooming and tacking positions. For more information, call 596-2988 or email meredithb@naplesequestrianchallenge.org. ■

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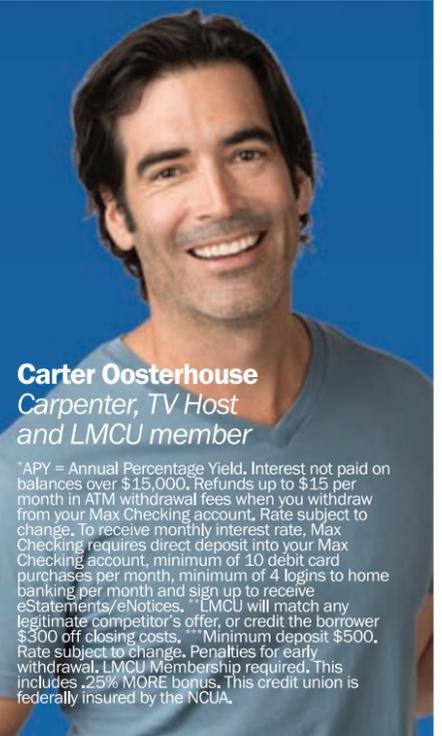
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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

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The power of precedent

Department of Veterans Affairs employee Elizabeth Rivera, 39, was fired after her arrest (followed by a February guilty plea) for armed robbery, but when she was sentenced only to probation, an arbitrator ordered the VA to rehire her — and give her back pay she “earned” while sitting in jail awaiting trial. (She had been the driver for a man arrested for a street robbery in

San Juan, Puerto Rico.) Rivera’s union had demanded the reinstatement without salary penalty — for “fairness” — because the same Puerto Rico VA office had earlier hired a convicted sex offender, and the office’s hospital director, recently charged with DUI and drug possession, avoided VA discipline because of technicalities about the traffic stop.

Evolution of the Civil Rights struggle

Turmoil in Selma, Ala., March 1965: The historic “Bloody Sunday” at the Edmund Pettus Bridge ultimately became a turning point in the battle for voting rights. Turmoil in Selma, Ala., March 2016: The town is riven by demands for stricter enforce-

ment of the ordinance requiring horses on the street to be wearing diapers — a campaign led by Ward 8’s Councilman Michael Johnson (an African-American): “I’m tired of it because there’s other things I could be doing than dealing with horses.”

Compelling explanations

■ Urges: (1) Ms. Ashton Barton, 33, charged with shoplifting a vibrating sex toy from a CVS pharmacy in Largo in February, tried for police sympathy by explaining that she was in a troubled marriage. “My husband doesn’t want to touch me anymore,” and “I would rather do this than be unfaithful.” (2) Neighbors of a loudly frisky couple in a Stockholm, Sweden, apartment building were so frustrated by the noise that they reached out to the country’s health minister, Gabriel Wikstrom — who took the side of the randy couple (according to a translation by Stockholm’s The Local): “Sounds nice for them, I think. Good for their well being and thus public health as well.”

■ Nice Tries: (1) Benjamin Grafius, 39, charged with several instances of indecent exposure to Amish people near New Holland, Pa., told police that he targeted them because he knew they would not use phones to call police (March). (2) Valerie Godbout, 33, visiting Orlando from Montreal and charged with drug possession after alerting police with erratic driving, told the officer that she was on the wrong side of the road because that’s the way traffic works in Canada. (It’s not.) (March). (3) Emily Davis, 21, caught by police displaying her recently deceased grandmother’s handicap-parking badge, explained that she was merely “using it in her honor.” (Portsmouth, England, February).

Breakthroughs in science

■ German researchers, publishing in March, revealed that female burying beetles uniquely discourage their mates from pestering them for sex after birth — thus explaining how the male of this species is observed actually helping with child care. The females apparently release a chemical “anti-aphrodisiac” to the father’s antennae. Said the lead researcher (a woman), “They are a very modern family.” Said another biology professor (also female), “Burying beetles are supercool.”

■ *Science* magazine called the “but-thole” “one of the finest innovations in the past 540 million years of animal evolution” — in that, until it developed, animals’ only channel of waste removal was through the same opening used for food intake. However, the recent discovery, announced at a March conference by a University of

Miami biologist, that gelatinous sea creatures called comb jellies can excrete via other pores, was labeled by the magazine as “stunn(ing).”

■ The Emerging American “Right” of Rejecting Science: In 2000, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared that measles had been eliminated in the United States, but by 2014 Americans had resurrected it (677 reported cases), and researchers from Emory University and Johns Hopkins set out to learn how — and recently found the dominant reason to be the purposeful decision by some Americans to refuse or delay widely available vaccinations (especially for their children). (The researchers found similar, but less-strong conclusions about whooping cough.)

Undignified deaths

An 86-year-old woman died in February in New Cumberland, Pa., when she tripped and got her medical alert necklace caught on her walker, strangling herself. (2) A 25-year-old off-duty New York City police officer was killed on a highway near Elizabeth, N.J., in March. According to the police report, the officer had rear-

ended another car and had gotten out to “discuss” the matter, then suddenly pulled his service revolver and threatened the driver using road rage-type language. As the officer backed up while pointing the gun, a passing driver accidentally, fatally struck him.

Ironies

Ervin Brinker, 68, pleaded guilty to Medicaid fraud as CEO of the Summit Pointe health care provider in Michigan and was sentenced in January to 32 months in prison. He had embezzled \$510,000 in “mental health” payments and apparently spent it all on a Florida fortuneteller. (2) Two of the three candidates for the Republican

nomination for county property appraiser in Erwin, Tenn., in November died before the election, leaving Rocky McInturff the only survivor. However, he is ineligible for the nomination because he lost badly on election day to one of the two dead candidates. ■

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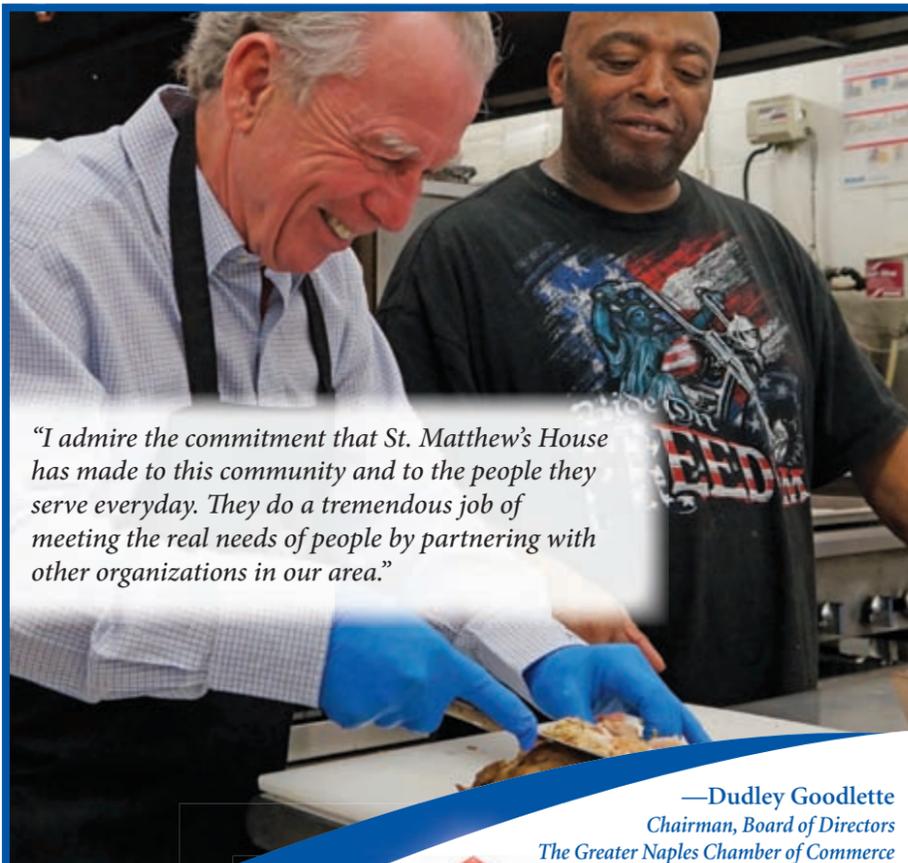
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Conservancy of Southwest Florida hosts Earth Day Festival

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida invites Southwest Florida to join the celebration of our water, land, wildlife and future at its annual Earth Day Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 16.

“Our annual Earth Day Festival provides a fun for all ages and family-friendly atmosphere for our community to celebrate the Earth, while learning about the unique qualities of nature that make the world we live in so special,” said Rob Moher, Conservancy president and CEO. “It’s our biggest community celebration of the year, and we are pleased to have the opportunity to share our love for the Earth with people of all ages. We hope to instill our commitment to preserving Earth’s natural beauty within the minds of our guests as well.”

The festival has many new activities this year, including Glen Beitman of Super Science and Amazing Art, who will present an interactive edu-tainment show about the Everglades at noon. Children will be able to participate in science experiments throughout the day in the Kids’ Zone. Also new this year are hands-on activities with Snapology Legos Presents “Nature’s Super Transformers,” live music from the Bug Tussle Ramblers and a bounce house. A special treat is meeting the Conservancy of Southwest Florida’s newest wildlife resident, a young loggerhead sea turtle. The naming announcement will take place at 11:30 a.m.

Along with new events, programs and shows, many special presentations will be featured throughout the day, including The Naples Zoo’s live animal show, a reptile show, the “Wings of Wonder” live bird program, a special “Pythons in Paradise” presentation led by a Conservancy biologist and a children’s book reading of “Salty the Sea Turtle.” Guests will also have the opportunity to meet Gordon B. Eagle, the Conservancy mascot.

Electric boat rides will be offered from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (registration required), and kayak rentals will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center’s nature trails will be open all day.

The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples will host day-long activities especially for the youngest Earth Day Festival guests. The Little Explorer Play Zone and Junior Vet Lab will be open for play for children under 6, and the Kids’ Zone will feature a variety of activities for children, including games, crafts, face painting and sand art.

The first 50 guests will receive a free Conservancy of Southwest Florida T-shirt. Those who renew or become a Conservancy of Southwest Florida member will receive a free gift.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 2 years old. Admission is always free for Conservancy members. For more information, call 430-2466 or visit Conservancy.org/EarthDay. ■



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John Levy and Gail Rothenberg with Jackie Faffer, executive director of JFCS, and board members Ed Anchel and Dave Rutstein.

Jewish Family and Community Services welcomes \$100,000 for endowment fund

Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida has received a lead gift of \$100,000 from John Levy and Gail Rothenberg to establish an endowment fund for the agency. Mr. Levy and Ms. Rothenberg will also match additional gifts to the JFCS endowment dollar for dollar up to an additional \$100,000.

“This is the start of the next era for JFCS,” David Rutstein, chairman of the JFCS board of directors, said in announcing the gift. “John Levy has been with us from the start and has contributed mightily to what we have been able to accomplish over just a few short years. He has guided our past and now is leading us into the future.”

Mr. Levy said the gift was made to assure that JFCS is able to continue meeting the emotional, psychological and other needs of its clients and members.

JFCS is a nonsectarian organization that serves families, individuals and seniors experiencing life transitions. The JFCS mission is to empower individuals and families by giving them tools to address life’s challenges. JFCS programs and services include mental health counseling, geriatric case management, dementia respite support, a food pantry and the Naples Senior Center.

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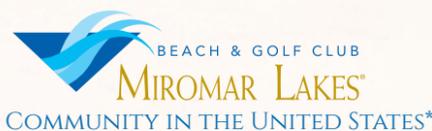
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is much to celebrate. In the last fiscal year (ending July 1) the food bank was privileged to have the services of 6,500 volunteers. Together they contributed a total of 53,160 hours. That equates to more than \$1.2 million in in-kind service.

Why are the services of so many so necessary?

"There is a great need out here," Ms. Yuster, who lives and volunteers in Fort Myers, said. "Harry Chapin Food Bank does a wonderful job of filling a void."

The food bank solicits, collects and distributes quality food to families in need through a network of more than 150 nonprofit agencies in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. Last year it distributed 18.4 million pounds of food, equal to more than 15 million meals. The organizations that receive the food include food pan-

tries, soup kitchens, children's food programs, senior programs, residential programs, homeless shelters and AIDS projects. The food bank also distributes fresh food direct to families via its mobile pantries.

Children and seniors make up 50 percent of the people the food bank serves. Other groups include the unemployed and underemployed, single-parent and low-income families, the disabled, the homeless and abused women and children.

Food bank volunteers are from all walks of life: teachers, students, nurses, business and financial consultants, computer experts, business owners, homemakers and more.

They include William Butler, 89, a Naples snowbird who decided to try volunteering at the Naples warehouse of the food bank this season.



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"I get a psychic reward," Mr. Butler said. "Different people are satisfied by making holes-in-one, going to the symphony and listening to good music — and I do, too — but I also get satisfaction out of helping others."

He recommends that others give it a try. "There ought to be lots of folks with time and energy on their hands and more skills than I have to participate," he said. "It doesn't take a Phi Beta Kappa."

Linda Mitchell, 77, of Fort Myers, has donated more than 6,000 hours. "I just became aware of the hunger issue," she said. "I knew I had to do something. I said, 'I'm here. I have two hands. Put me to work.'"

"We believe we were brought up in the land of plenty. It's not," she added. "There are many different things to do here. You can put stamps on envelopes, fold T-shirts, sort groceries, put cans on shelves. There are lots of jobs that can be done by anybody who's willing."

Ms. Yuster said she has learned to never take things for granted. "Take on

a new challenge. Try something new. Playing Mah-jongg and golf are great, but you need to pepper it with helping somebody else. You get back more than you give." ■

— Mary Wozniak is marketing and communications manager at the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

in the know

For information about volunteering at the Harry Chapin Food Bank, call 334-7007 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

The Naples warehouse is at 2221 Corporation Blvd. There are opportunities for volunteers to work shifts from 8-11 a.m. and noon to 3 p.m. Mondays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to noon on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. Weekday volunteers must be at least 16 years of age; Saturday helpers must be at least 14, and ages 14-15 must be accompanied by an adult..

Louis Yale, Naples: "You really get to know behind the scenes how everything works. You get a good feeling that you're lending a hand and making a difference."



Ron Jacoby, Fort Myers: "It's good exercise," he said. "Hopefully it's doing some good for some people who are less fortunate."



Steve Zeder, Bonita Springs: "We know what it can be like to be short of food. It's a good feeling to be able to give back."



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Organizations collaborate to stock food pantry shelves for summer

Satisfy the Hunger, a program to help stock the shelves of Collier County food pantries for the lean days of summer, kicks off Friday, April 15, and runs through June 3. Ten local non-profits, including the Harry Chapin Food Bank, will benefit.

The initiative is a partnership of the *Naples Daily News*, the Community Foundation of Collier County, the United Way of Collier County and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. The newspaper will host a themed event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday for the next seven weeks.

For the April 15 kickoff, "Take a Bite Out of Hunger" events include pancakes with Publisher Bill Barker and a performance by the Naples Jazz Band.

Attendees are asked to bring non-perishable food items for donation to the food bank. Most-needed items include canned meats and vegetables, canned tuna, low-sugar cereals, coffee and tea, pasta, rice and beans.

The April 22 theme is "Baby Basics," followed by "Snacks for Kids," April 29; "Spring Cleaning," May 13; "Take Care of Yourself," May 20; and "School's Out for Summer," June 3.

The May 7 event will be "Stuff the



Bus," a food drive held at participating Publix Super Markets in Collier County in partnership with Collier Area Transit and United Way of Collier County.

In Collier County, 12.5 percent of residents, or about 41,000 people, don't know where their next meal is coming from, according to Feeding America's 2014 "Map the Meal Gap" study. For more information or to make a monetary donation, visit naplesnews.com/satisfy. ■

Renaissance Academy solicits proposals for classes, lectures

The Renaissance Academy at Florida Gulf Coast University seeks new topics and instructors for its lifelong learning program for winter/spring (January-May), summer (June-August) and fall sessions (September-December) at any of the academy's 12 RA locations in Collier, Lee, and Charlotte counties.

Academy programming for adults, seniors and retirees is based on the premise that learning should never cease, that keeping the mind intellectually, creatively and culturally active fundamentally enriches and invigorates lives. Single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer classes, film series, life enrichment and travel abroad are just some of the programs offered. There are no exams or grades, just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors, and peers.

Presenters can offer single lectures and/or short courses in art, business, computer instruction, ecology, environment, govern-

ment, history, law, life enrichment, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, sociology, medicine and U.S. and world affairs. There are no advanced degree requirements for lecturers. Prior lecture experience is required as are PowerPoint or other visual aids.

The academy pays \$75 per lecture.

Lectures are offered weekdays, evenings and weekends; most are 75-90 minutes long, with time allotted for question-and-answer sessions or discussion.

Anyone interested in lecturing for the FGCU Renaissance Academy can download a course proposal form at fgcu.edu/racademy. Forms are also available via mail by calling 425-3272.

For more information, call John Guerra, director of continuing education and the Renaissance Academy, at 434-4838 or email jguerra@fgcu.edu. ■

Welcome May with a feline fiesta to benefit Humane Society Naples

Celebrate the sixth annual "Cinco de Meow" to benefit Humane Society Naples from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, May 5, at Painting with a Twist, where an instructor will guide cat lovers through the creation of a cat-centric painting. Cost is \$40 and includes all materials for the painting along with house-made sangria and Cinco de Mayo-inspired snacks. A raffle will be held to raise additional funds for HSN, and the Paws Around Town mobile adoption van will be on site with lots of adoptable felines.



Painting with a Twist is at 13500 Tamiami Trail N. To sign up or for more information, visit hsnaples.org. ■

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Eight co-chairs for 2017 promise a 'Bright Sunshiny' wine festival

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

For the first time in its 16 years, the Naples Winter Wine Festival next year will be chaired by four couples, three of whom are founding trustees and past festival chairs and one who recently joined. NWWF 2017: "Bright Sunshiny Day" is set for Jan. 27-29 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and in private homes throughout Naples.

Lifelong Floridians Valerie Boyd and Jeff Gargiulo were instrumental in the establishment of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, with Jeff serving as the first chairman. The couple splits their time between Florida and California, where they are owners of Gargiulo Vineyards in Oakville, Napa Valley. The winery is known for its world-class cabernet sauvignons. The two

have continuously supported the festival as trustees and featured vintners, and Ms. Boyd serves as vice chair of the grant committee.

Denise and Brian Cobb were also among the group of founding trustees. Mr. Cobb served as chairman in 2002, the festival's second year, and Mrs. Cobb has been the longtime chair of the public relations committee. Both have enjoyed careers in the broadcast industry.

Simone and Scott Lutgert have a long history of charitable involvement in Naples, lending their talent and support to such organizations as the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, NCH Healthcare System and The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. Mr. Lutgert chaired the fifth annual NWWF, and Mrs. Lutgert has served as auction day co-chair and



COURTESY PHOTO

Seated: Valerie Boyd, Jeff Gargiulo, Scott Lutgert and Simone Lutgert. Standing: Brian Cobb, Denise Cobb, Debra Cary and Bill Cary.

marketing and creative director. The Lutgert name is ubiquitous for luxury real estate development in Southwest Florida.

Debra and Bill Cary first attended the Naples Winter Wine Festival in 2013 and have been supporters ever since, join-

ing the board of trustees in 2015. Now retired as the president and COO of GE Capital, Mr. Cary serves as a director of Synchrony Financial and Rush Enterprises. A former community banker, Mrs. Cary serves on the festival grant committee.

Since its inception in 2001, the Naples Winter Wine Festival has raised more than \$146 million for its founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation. NCEF in turn has awarded grants to more than 40 nonprofit organizations that have impacted the lives of more than 200,000 children.

Festival attendance is limited to 580 guests. Ticket packages start at \$10,000 per couple. For more information, call Barrett Farmer at 514-2239, email barrett@napleswinefestival.com or visit napleswinefestival.com. ■

David Lawrence Center announces sale of award-winning preschool

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The David Lawrence Center has announced the sale of its award-winning Child's Path preschool to Collier Child Care Resources. The transaction is expected to close in the next 30-60 days.

DLC established Child's Path off Santa Barbara Boulevard in the 1980s as a means to provide DLC employees with discounted, affordable, high-quality childcare services. It was later opened to the public and has grown to become a full-service preschool and Volunteer Pre-K program.

"We are very pleased that CCCR will build upon the legacy that Child's Path has demonstrated for more than 30 years," Scott Burgess, CEO of DLC said. "We believe

the community will greatly benefit from the synergies created by merging these two programs." DLC's plan, he added, is to reinvest the proceeds from the sale into expanding its mental health and substance abuse services.

CCCR is a private, not-for-profit agency whose sole purpose is to provide childhood care, education and resources to children, families and early learning professionals in Collier County. It owns and operates the award-winning NCEF Early Childhood Development Center on the Naples campus of Florida SouthWestern State College as well as A Step Up Child Development Centers at Golden Gate and Immokalee high schools.

"Demand for childcare at our NCEF

Early Childhood Development Center has resulted in a staggering wait-list. We are excited to bring Child's Path preschool into the umbrella of that programming and increase our ability to provide access to these services," said Niccole Howard, CCCR executive director. She added CCCR plans to maintain the Child's Path brand and will retain all staff.

CCCR serves approximately 275 children annually through its three child development centers. At the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center, 75 percent of the children who attend are from low-income, working families and receive partial financial assistance through CCCR; 60 percent live at or below the Federal Poverty Line. A Step Up Child Development Centers focus

on children of teen mothers by offering free childcare and parenting classes while they continue their high school education.

CCCR also offers training workshops and conferences for early learning professionals. For more information, call 643-3908 or visit collierchildcare.org.

DLC provides inpatient, outpatient, residential and community-based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges. It operates three locations in Collier County and impacts the lives of more than 50,000 people each year. For more information, call 455-8500 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org. ■



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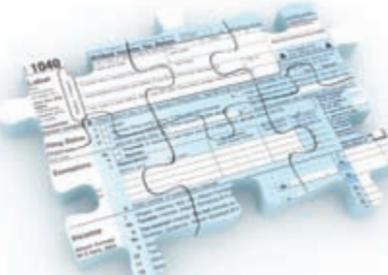
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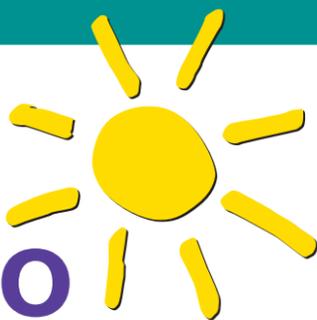
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BEHIND THE WHEEL

Hyundai Veloster – the outstanding, oddball virtues of being different



Daring to be different has a thin margin of error. It's the line that separates a tech entrepreneur from your weird uncle Randy. But both will find appeal and value in the asymmetrical Hyundai Veloster.

The head-on appearance is sporty with swept headlights and a low grille. The rear looks like a versatile hatchback. But each side tells a different story. The driver enters through a sleek single-door coupe body, and there's the extra practicality of front and rear doors for the passenger side.

It is a polarizing style with function being the true deciding factor. This kind of utility is unique on the market today, but it has been done before on everything from post-war Chevrolet Suburbans to the AMC Pacer.

Hyundai would like this to appeal to young, hip urbanites who are seeking a cool coupe for themselves but also wanting to carry their friends with ease. The special Rally Edition seen here particularly panders to that crowd with youthful exterior features like black 15-spoke alloy wheels, carbon fiber body kit, and a very cool exterior matte blue paint scheme. What's amazing is that even this car sticks to Hyundai principles of providing value for money, and the special 1,200-car limited edition comes loaded at \$24,785 (a base Veloster starts under \$19K.)

While Hyundai is aiming for the cool kids, we also know it appeals to the same crowd that buys a minivan. After all, with the rear door on the curb side only, the Veloster offers the convenience of keeping youngsters safe. So, it is not hard to see it as that perfect second vehicle that occasionally makes soccer runs, and the one mom and dad use for date night.

Regardless if it is family or friends, the Veloster will seat four people total with the rear reserved for children or very understanding buddies. But this shouldn't be a surprise because it is compact car that's out to win people over with utility, not space.

The real interior appeal once again lies in value. All the favorite features come standard like power windows,



power locks, and air conditioning. Every trim level comes standard with a touchscreen radio. This isn't a high tech sat nav unit (that's an option,) but it provides a terrific stereo control, easy Bluetooth interface, and a nice display for the backup camera. An upgraded model like the Rally Edition also gets cool blue interior accents that match the exterior color.

The Veloster has the potential to satisfy both the youthful horde and the second car crowd with its drivetrain options. The base model has an economical 1.6-liter motor that has a dual-clutch transmission (DCT) option. It can be shifted quickly via steering wheel paddles when so desired, but operates like a normal automatic the rest of the time. This makes for an easy and inexpensive car for those who need a minivan companion.

There's an optional turbocharger that boosts the power 52 percent to 201 hp total. That car is also available with the DCT automatic transmission, but the Rally Edition lives up to its name by only sporting the six-speed manual.

The limited edition also comes with



a sports suspension and lower profile tires. Packaging like this is usually a recipe for a harsh ride only a driver could love, but no one is offering all-out racer components for \$25K. This works in the car's favor. It feels tight on the road, but the bumps aren't jarring. The motor revs nicely and forgives easily if the driver doesn't want to shift the Rally Edition like, well, a rally car.

In the end, the Hyundai Veloster

is aimed at one crowd, but also holds appeal for plenty of other less-intended people. Besides, who says the young architect that needs the occasional rear door to carefully transport models is cooler than the grandmother who picks up the grandkids at the airport?

So youth image be damned, because utility has mass appeal. Some people can even live with a design that's as quirky as Uncle Randy. ■

Traffic deputies are on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of April 18-22:

Monday, April 18

Collier Boulevard and Tuscany Cove Drive: Speeding

Bayshore Drive and Botanical Place Circle: Speeding

Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Red-light running

Tuesday, April 19

Airport-Pulling and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running

Pine Ridge Road and Naples Boulevard: Aggressive driving

White and Weber boulevards: Aggressive driving

Wednesday, April 20

Radio Road and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Speeding

Collier and Green boulevards: Aggressive driving

Tollgate and Beck boulevards: Speeding

**Thursday, April 21**

Florida Club Drive and County Barn Road: Speeding

Airport-Pulling and Radio roads: Red-light running

Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Aggressive driving

Friday, April 22

Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Red-light running

Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Speeding ■

Tune up your driving skills at AARP class

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

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

Thursday, April 21: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; (734) 968-3105.

Friday, April 29: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Golden Gate Senior Center, 4898 Coronado Parkway, Golden Gate;

732-5310.

Thursday, May 12: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; 732-5310.

Thursday, May 19: 9 to 3:30 p.m. at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 Collier Blvd., Marco Island; (734) 968-3105 to register. ■



Boys and Girls Club receives \$4 million for Immokalee center

The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County has received a \$3 million donation from Susan and Carl Bolch Jr., toward the development of a new 26,000-square-foot campus in Immokalee.

Lipman Family Farms has donated \$1 million to the project.

Set to open this fall, the campus will serve an estimated 400 at-risk youth. The club already serves about 3,000 children and teens in Collier County.

Mr. and Mrs. Bloch own Racetrac Petroleum Inc., a third generation family business founded in 1934 that operates more than 700 gasoline and convenience stores throughout the Southeast,

including 10 in Naples.

Mrs. Bloch is also an attorney who serves on the BGCCC board of directors. "We believe that the mission of the BGCCC comports with our family values that support hard work, education, building self-confidence and helping those who endeavor to help themselves despite circumstances that might otherwise disadvantage them" she said.

After growing the family company for more than four decades, Mr. Bolch retired as CEO in December 2012. He retains the position of chairman of the board, along with his wife. Four of their children are board members who also hold leadership positions in the



family enterprise.

Lipman Family Farms is an Immokalee-based company. "We are excited to see our investment directly benefit the students of Immokalee," Jaime Weisinger, a Lipman family member and

director of community and government relations for the company, said. "Giving the Boys and Girls Club a permanent home right here in our town is crucial to local families. We are proud to help build the new facility."

The goal of the Immokalee campus campaign is to raise \$13 million. At 1155 Roberts Ave., the new youth development center is designed to become the premier after-school and summer location for Immokalee's youth ages 6-19.

For more information about the BGCCC of Collier County and the new Immokalee campus, call Tiffany Heck at 325-1736 or visit bgccc.com. ■

Boys & Girls Club awards Youth of the Year

At its fourth annual Youth of the Year celebration, the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County honored America Gutierrez as 2016 Youth of the Year. Ms. Gutierrez accepted the award from Emmy Award-winning actress Viola Davis of TV's "How To Get Away With Murder" fame.

Ms. Gutierrez was selected out of 20 nominees and four finalists, each recognized for displaying outstanding leadership, service, academic excellence, moral character and dedication to living a healthy lifestyle during the past year. She advances to compete on a state-



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America Gutierrez, Youth of the Year winner, with actress Viola Davis and BGCCC President Theresa Shaw. See more photos on page C25.

wide level for the opportunity to receive up to \$50,000 in college scholarships and an induction by the President of the United States.

Ms. Gutierrez, 16, is a junior at Lorenzo Walker Technical High School who wants to study crime scene investigation in college. Her favorite classes are writing and a pre-college course that teaches life skills such as financial fitness and social awareness. She has attended the Boys & Girls Club for five years

"America has an exceptional way of looking at the positive side of any situation and sharing

that inspiration among her peers," Theresa Shaw, president and CEO of BGCCC, said at the celebration that was held at Artis—Naples. "We are proud to have her represent Collier County in the National Youth of the Year competition and look forward to what her future will bring."

Other nominees for the award were: Christina Arredondo, Dulce Avila, Isaac Burgos, Jerry Chevalier, Jhonnatan Desinor, Clairvens Florexil, Ashley Hernandez, Wineldo Jean, Emma Jean-Marie, Jasmine Joseph, Thanise Marc, Varsha Nazareth, Rachael Pence, Miltch Pierre, Shana St. Fleur, Jeffrey St. Julus, Julian Vallejo, Jesus Vilas and Essence Wright. ■

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Two at FGCU earn Fulbright grants

Two Florida Gulf Coast University students have become the first in the school's history to receive Fulbright grants to study or teach abroad.

Emilio Feijoo of Naples, who graduated from FGCU in December 2015 with bachelor's degrees in philosophy and English, was selected for a Fulbright Study/Research Grant to pursue graduate studies in comparative literature at the University of Essex in Colchester, England.

Lori Boegershausen of Palm Harbor, an Honors Program senior who will graduate in May with a bachelor's degree in history, was offered a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Grant to teach in Germany for a year.

Both were the first in their families to earn college degrees and completed their undergraduate programs with the help of FGCU Foundation scholarships.

In addition to the students' awards, Associate Professor Mark Simpson in the College of Education has joined the ranks of FGCU faculty to receive Fulbright Scholar grants. He will work with educators in Rwanda to enhance their teaching skills and success.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program awards about 1,900 grants a year and operates in 140 countries. Fulbright is the U.S. government's flagship educational exchange program funding opportunities for international research, study and teaching. Part of its mission also is to promote mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

In the research/study category in which Mr. Feijoo submitted his proposal, only 36 of 1,031 applicants for programs in England were offered grants last year.

Mr. Feijoo and Ms. Boegershausen were the only FGCU students to apply this year. ■

Professor offers workshop on his Solution Focused Brief Counseling

The Office of Continuing Education & Off-Campus Programs at Florida Gulf Coast University presents Solution Focused Brief Counseling and Consultation, a workshop for school and mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, human services professionals and educators. SFBC uses a five-step approach that focuses on solutions rather than problems.

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■ **May 7 and June 4** at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

■ **May 14 and June 11** at The Atrium, 8695 College Parkway, Fort Myers.

SFBC was created by Russell Sabella, professor of counseling in the College of Health Professions and Social Work at FGCU and president of Sabella & Associates. He has trained thousands of professionals in his technique over the past 20 years.

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It may seem improbable, but more than one study has linked gum disease with impaired cognitive function and Alzheimer's disease. First, NYU researchers uncovered a link between gum inflammation and Alzheimer's disease after examining two decades of health records. Then, British researchers identified a bacterium, called "Porphyromonas gingivalis," in brain samples of people who had Alzheimer's disease. Interestingly enough, follow-up research showed that P. gingivalis was also usually associated with chronic gum disease. The "motile" (capable of motion), gum-disease-causing bacteria can travel through the bloodstream or from

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Cosmetic treatments for the hands are nothing new. At age 74, the novelist and political theorist Rose Wilder Lane decided to seek rejuvenation treatments for her face, arms and hands. The latter was most important to her, she wrote in a letter to a Miami doctor. After all, as a writer (and co-author of her mother Laura Ingalls Wilder's classic Little House on the Prairie series), Lane often paid more attention to her hands than her face: "I see my hands — I can hardly avoid seeing them most of the time prancing over the typewriter keys — and they make me... damn annoyed."

Who doesn't spend a lot of time in front of a keyboard these days? No matter how often you moisturize or whether you're using humectants, emollients or occlusive agents, chances are you've glanced down and noticed the veins, tendons and bone structure that didn't seem as visible five or ten years ago. Drug store lotions and creams rarely penetrate past the top layers of skin. Even medical-grade moisturizers and treatments (like dermabrasion) can only do so much... though they've improved greatly in the six decades since Lane expressed her frustration. Hand rejuvenation in 1960 was limited to a chemical acid peel procedure that most professionals at the time warned against. We've come a long way since — today women have a range of options for preserving and restoring smooth, firm skin. Azul offers skin resurfacing and dermal filler treatments to keep your hands looking show-ready for the most important audience — yourself.

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causing the "shriveled" appearance of age. The microspheres suspended in Radiesse's water-based gel restores the plumped-up, smooth appearance of your hands, so that you never have to worry that they're making you look older than you really are.

In some cases, patients receiving Radiesse treatment may experience bruising, swelling and unevenness that usually lasts a day or two; ice or a cold pack will easily relieve these reactions. After that, you can expect to enjoy more youthful-looking hands for as long as a full year before returning for your next treatment. Protect your new-and-improved hands with an SPF lotion to ward off damage from UV rays, and visit your board-certified plastic surgeon for touch-ups as needed.

Rose Wilder Lane enjoyed her smoother, younger hands for years afterward; no doubt she'd be amazed at the range of twenty-first century options for preserving and rediscovering the beauty of clear, firm skin. Dr. Flaharty and his team at Azul are ready to answer your questions about hand fillers, or any other rejuvenation procedures you may be considering. Contact our offices in Fort Meyers or Bonita Springs to schedule your free consultation, and take your beauty goals into your own hands. ■

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HEALTHY LIVING

1,100 volunteers define the word 'community'



This week it is my great pleasure to pay tribute to one of Southwest Florida's finest citizens and her fellow stalwarts. Her name is Molly Clark, and she is the NCH volunteer with the most hours of service: 24,000 to be exact.

Without a doubt, one reason our region and our health-care system are so special is because of the 1,100 men and women to give of their time and talent as volunteers at our campuses in North Naples and downtown. They served more than 150,000 hours in 2015 and assisted in so many ways, from delivering supplies and mail to directing patients and visitors, comforting them, chauffeuring them to and from their cars and even helping with reaccreditation in our Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

They also helped ensure the success of the open house events for our new Robert, Mariann and Megan Pediatric Emergency Room and the NCH Northeast Emergency Room.

And they issued more than \$52,000 in grants for medical equipment to enhance patient care and more than \$8,000 for the Marco Island urgent care and outpatient rehabilitation center.

All of us at NCH and in the community are most grateful for their gifts.

There is a strong relationship between volunteering and health. Research indicates that those who volunteer have lower mortality rates, greater functional ability and lower rates of depression later in life than those who don't volunteer.

Moreover, older volunteers are the most likely to receive greater benefits from volunteering because it provides them with physical and social activity and a sense of purpose at a time when their social roles are changing.

Every day in every way, NCH volunteers embody the very best meaning of the word "community." ■



Study echoes benefit of statins for those at risk of heart attacks and strokes

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

A few years after new guidelines recommended that several million more Americans take a cholesterol-lowering drug to reduce their risk of having a heart attack or stroke, an extensive international investigation has come to a similar conclusion.

The study known as HOPE-3 sought to find the best way to prevent cardiovascular disease in people who were considered at an intermediate risk. Researchers pursued this from four angles: giving medicines to lower blood pressure; giving a cholesterol-lowering drug known as a statin; giving a combination of all those medicines and doing nothing.

The biggest benefits came from the statin. This echoes the 2013 guidelines for doctors published by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology, which are considered the standard for treatment in the U.S.

The investigation is likely to give doctors more reason to prescribe statins for patients who fall within the new risk category.

When the guidelines were originally published in November 2013, controversy followed. Much of the backlash was over lowering the bar for recommending who should be prescribed a statin, which in turn drastically increased the number of people encouraged to take the pill.

"Everybody is beginning to see that what was considered very disruptive when we published it happens to be right," said Sidney Smith, M.D., one of the 20 experts who wrote the 2013 guidelines.

Donald Lloyd-Jones, M.D., was among a panel that discussed the findings of HOPE-3 on April 2 during the ACC's annual Scientific Session & Expo. He also was among the 2013 guidelines authors. Speaking before an audience of several thousand convention-goers, Dr. Lloyd-Jones referenced the AHA-ACC guidelines and said, "I think we got it right." HOPE-3 principal investigator Salim Yusuf, M.D., agreed.

"This should reassure anyone who still had questions," said Dr. Smith, a professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who served as senior advisor to the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for the development of the cholesterol and other CVD prevention guidelines.

Just as the cholesterol guidelines were reviewed and then updated 2½ years ago, now experts are in the midst of updating guidelines for the management of blood pressure. The HOPE-3 findings provide more data for the writing group to consider.

Eva Lonn, the researcher who oversaw the blood pressure component of the study, broke down her findings into three groups. For the one-third of people who went into the study with the highest systolic blood pressure (the top

number in a reading), there were clear benefits to taking the blood-pressure-lowering medication.

"We did not see benefits in the middle third," said Dr. Lonn. "And there was a suggestion of possible harm for individuals who did not have very high blood pressure to begin with."

Dr. Lonn, Dr. Yusuf and other researchers from McMaster University in Canada conducted the study, formally called the Heart Outcomes Prevention Evaluation-3. It cost between \$36 million and \$38 million, with funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and AstraZeneca, maker of the popular statin Crestor.

For more than 5½ years, researchers followed 12,705 people who had never had a heart attack or stroke. Participants were men 55 or older and women 60 or older who had one more risk factor for cardiovascular disease, such as a family history of heart attack or stroke, elevated waist-to-hip ratio or recent tobacco use.

Everyone who received medicine got the same dosage, and that amount never changed over the course of the study. They also rarely followed up with doctors. These aspects were part of the study's aim for simplicity.

The study group was ethnically diverse: 29 percent Chinese; 27 percent Hispanic; 20 percent white; 20 percent other Asian; 2 percent black; and 2 percent "other." They were geographically diverse, too, coming from 21 countries. ■



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■ **David Lawrence Center Young Executives and Gulf Coast Runners** host the third annual Beach Bum 5K Friday evening, April 15, at Lowdermilk Park. The race ends with awards, refreshments and a sunset session with instructors from Green Monkey Yoga. For registration or more information, call 304-3505 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org.

■ **The American Cancer Society Relay** For Life of Naples takes place from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday, April 15-16, at Gulfview Middle School and includes a luminaria ceremony, survivors' dinner, themed tents along the track and more. For more information or to register a team, visit relayforlife.org/naples.

■ **The sixth annual Shark Frenzy** golf tournament to benefit golf teams at Gulf Coast High School tees off at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 16, at Vineyards Country. Registration for \$110 includes a barbecue lunch. To sign up or for more information, call 353-0505.

■ **The fourth annual Silver King Classic** tarpon tournament sponsored by Walker's Marine to benefit the Michael Richard Raiser Foundation for Brain Cancer Research takes place Saturday, April 16, at Walker's Coon Key Marina in Goodland. The captain's meeting is at 6 p.m. Friday, April 15. For registration or more information, call Capt. Sean Black at 642-6764 or email sblack@walkersmarine.com.

■ **The sixth annual Southwest Florida Walk the Walk for Epilepsy** steps out at 9 a.m. Sunday, April 17, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Sponsored by Epilepsy Foundation Florida and the Epilepsy Resource Center, the race benefits epilepsy medical, social, youth and educational programs. For details about sponsorship opportunities or registration, visit efof.org.

■ **The 29th annual golf tournament for Youth Haven** tees off with lunch at 11 a.m. followed by a shotgun start Monday, April 18, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration is \$300. For more information or to sign up, call 774-2204 or visit youthhavenswfl.org.

■ **St. Matthew's House** hosts the 19th annual Dean Lind Golf-A-Thon from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Imperial Golf Club. The format is designed to enable unlimited golf; players fundraise by soliciting sponsors per hole or flat rate pledges. Players must raise \$1,000 to play. The day ends with dinner and a silent auction. For more information or to register, call 298-5026 or email jodee@stmatthewshouse.org.

■ **Girls on the Run Collier County** holds its Superhero 5K Saturday morning, April 23, at Sugden Regional Park. Participants are encouraged to dress as their favorite superhero for a family run, children's activities, prizes and an opportunity to meet superheroes. A children's run starts at 8:15 a.m. and the 5K sets out at 8:30 a.m. Registration is \$10-\$35. The public school with the largest registered team will share a portion of the event's proceeds. For more information or to sign up, call 777-3720 or visit gotrcc.org.

■ **Lipman Produce** hosts a Run for Backpacks 5K and Junior Fun Run at 8 a.m. Saturday, April 23, at Immokalee Regional Airport to raise money for its fifth annual backpack giveaway for Immokalee's elementary and middle school students. The race kicks off the Immokalee Harvest Festival and is followed by a parade and family activities. Advance registration is \$25 for adults, \$10 for students; race-day registration is \$30. To sign up or for more information, call 657-4421 or



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Jack Archambault and Robert Voorhees were among the 1,200-plus people who stepped out for the sixth annual Walk for Wishes 5K Walk/Run to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. The event at Florida Gulf Coast University raised enough money to grant approximately 19 wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions. See more photos on page C27.

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■ **First Baptist Academy** hosts its 14th annual golf tournament Saturday morning, April 30, at Windstar on Naples Bay. Registration for \$150 includes continental breakfast, lunch and awards. To sign up or for more information, call 597-2233 or visit fbalions.org.

■ **WellFit Girls** hosts its inaugural To(tu) Peru 5K Saturday morning, April 30. The race starts at 7:30 a.m. at Green-Monkey Yoga and follows a course through Pine Ridge Estates. A 1-mile run/walk and yoga sessions follow. Proceeds benefit the program's leadership and empowerment program for girls. For registration or more information, call 529-0366 or email Colby@wellfitinstitute.org.

■ **The Immokalee Foundation** hosts the 10th annual Inter-Club Challenge golf tournament Thursday, May 5, at Bonita Bay Club Naples. Foursomes from the area's most prestigious golf communities will compete with their respective golf pros to benefit TIF programs. Registration for \$1,250 per golfer includes breakfast, driving range practice, lunch, awards and the opportunity to golf with TIF students. For more information or to register, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ **The fourth annual Swing for the Kids** charity invitational to benefit children's programs of the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida takes place Friday, May 6, at Grey Oaks Country Club. For more information, call Krista Fraga at 877-6745.

■ **New Horizons** hosts the seventh annual Super Kids & Super Teens golf tournament Saturday, May 7, at Worthington Country Club. Registration for \$125 includes breakfast snack, lunch and prizes. Guests will enjoy a raffle, a performance of the Super Kids Choir and recognition of New Horizons Super Teens. Email Barry Dunleavy at bdunleavy@johnrwood.com or visit newhorizonsofswfl.org.

■ **Friends of Lovers Key** hosts the 11th annual Lovers Key Turtle Trot 5K Run/Walk on Saturday morning, May 14. The course takes participants through the state park's mangrove hammock and a hard-packed shell path. No part of the race is on beach sand. Awards and refreshments will be distributed at the beach pavilion. Registration is \$35 for adults and \$25 for kids through May 8. Same-day registration is \$40. To sign up, call 463-4588 or visit friendsloverskey.org. ■

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PET TALES

What you don't know about heartworm disease can hurt your pet

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

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You've probably seen a dusty jar of long, spaghetti-like worms in your veterinarian's office. They're heartworms (*Dirofilaria immitis*), and they are deadly to dogs and cats. The internal parasites make themselves at home in the heart and lungs, causing heart failure and lung disease and potentially migrating to the brain, eye and spinal cord. Here are seven things you might not know about heartworm disease:

1.) Heartworms are transmitted by more than 70 species of mosquitoes. Some of these mosquitoes don't need standing bodies of water to reproduce. They thrive in small areas, such as downspouts, gutters and flowerpots and adapt well to cold weather.

2.) The incidence of heartworm disease is rising. Between 2013 and 2015, the Companion Animal Parasite Council saw a 166 percent increase in reported positive heartworm cases. That's because nationwide, only about 35 percent of dogs are on preventive medication, says C. Thomas Nelson, DVM, who practices in Anniston, Ala., and is a spokesperson for the American Heartworm Society. On the West Coast, it's only 16 to 18 percent. In the Southeast, where heartworms are especially prevalent, it's about 26 percent.

3.) Heartworm disease has been found in pets in all 50 states. "Owners carry their dogs with them a lot," says parasitologist John W. McCall, Ph.D., professor emeritus in the department of infectious diseases at the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. "They go from the north to the south, and they just don't



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Due to heartworm resistance, even pets on year-round preventive have been diagnosed with the disease, but using preventive in tandem with mosquito repellent reduces that risk.

really think that they're going into an area where there's mosquitoes. Many owners don't even know heartworm is transmitted by mosquitoes."

4.) Cats can get heartworm disease. They are not as susceptible as dogs, but the worms can cause more serious problems in cats. Larvae in the lungs lead to what's called heartworm-associated respiratory disease, which has signs similar to feline asthma. It's worse if worms manage to develop to the adult stage.

"The clinical signs associated with the presence of a couple of adult worms in the cat's pulmonary artery are usually very severe, ranging from acute respiratory distress to sudden death as a result of severe inflammation and pulmonary embolism," says Romain Pariaut, DVM, an internal medicine specialist and associate professor of cardiology at Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine in Ithaca, N.Y.

5.) Preventive medication is recom-

mended year-round for dogs and cats in all areas. One reason is because mosquitoes are more widespread. Another is that longer bouts of warm weather and shorter bouts of cold weather mean mosquitoes are seen year-round in most areas.

6.) Heartworms are becoming resistant to preventive products. Bacteria, viruses and parasites such as heartworms eventually become resistant to drugs used against them, Dr. McCall says. The current drugs have been used for almost 30 years.

"We don't really know how much of a problem it is," he says, "but the longer we use the products, the more likely it is to occur."

7.) Experts recommend combining preventive with a dog-safe mosquito repellent. Even though preventive medication is highly effective, it's not failproof, especially in areas where heartworms have become resistant. Based on a study Dr. McCall did using Vectra 3D, which repels and kills mosquitoes, combining heartworm preventive with the topical parasiticide was 100 percent effective in blocking transmission of microfilariae (immature heartworms) from dogs to mosquitoes — a necessary part of the heartworm lifecycle — and more than 95 percent effective in repelling and killing mosquitoes for 28 days after treatment.

"If the dog is treated, the mosquito can't bite the dog and it can't transmit the infective larvae to the dog," Dr. McCall says. "It will pretty much keep the dog protected, even when there's a high degree of resistance." The product is not safe for use on cats, but cats who live with dogs who are protected share the benefit. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Arnie** is a handsome, 1-year-old black mouth cur mix who weighs 44 pounds. He's friendly and calm but likes to play and go for long walks. He will make a great family pet.



>> **Katie** is a sweet, 1½-year-old domestic shorthair whose big yellow eyes sparkle with life. She's very affectionate and needs a loving forever home.

>> **Mojo** is a friendly, 2-year-old domestic shorthair who loves to play and be petted.



>> **Sue** is a beautiful, full-figured, 4-year-old terrier bully who weighs about 68 pounds. She's a good girl who has medium energy and loves to play ball.



This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquessa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit colliergov.net/pets.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Does the FitBit count if I'm walking in my sleep?

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Living in Florida, one really can't say that one is getting in shape due to swimsuit season being upon us because, truly, unless it's one of those three random days in February when the temperature dips into the 50s for a minute, it's ALWAYS swimsuit season here. And tanktop season, and shorts season, and cute little sundress season.

It's the tropics, and if you want to walk around confidently with arms and legs bared, you have to be in shape.

This is why I wear cardigans and maxi skirts in August and make sure I'm constantly in the comfort of an air-conditioned environment.

I'm tired of working out and dieting. I've been doing it exhaustively since I was 15 and I'm over it. Unfortunately though, my husband has newly rediscovered fitness and calorie-counting, and this means that I can no longer lay on the couch, glass of wine in hand and jumbo bag of Nacho Cheese Doritos on my lap, watching "The Biggest Loser" and thinking, "Well, at least I'm not as overweight as they are, right?"

When your other half boards the fitness boat headed to No-Carville, you really need to step up as well, otherwise there's bound to be resentment when he

tells you he lost ANOTHER 10 pounds this week.

Here's the part that's so very unfair: When men decide to lose weight, it seems to just drop off their bodies like magic. Todd and I are eating the same healthy veggie and protein dinners and going on the same bike rides, yet he's lost weight in the double digits over the course of three weeks and I've gained 2.5 pounds.

So that means I have to REALLY step it up. I have to work out/diet twice as hard just to keep up with him. Female metabolism after a certain age moves as slow as the line at the DMV.

To add to the competitive nature of trying to recapture our 30-year-old bodies, we have FitBits. A FitBit is basically a step counter that you wear on your wrist like a watch. The goal is supposed to be 10,000 steps a day, as recommended by the American Heart Association just to stay healthy. If you want to burn more calories and actually lose weight, you'll want to add another 3,000-5,000 steps to that goal. That's a LOT of steps.

Of course FitBit has an app, which Todd and I both have on our phones, which not only allows us to see each other's stepping progress, but also the progress of the folks we're Fit-



Bit friends with. There's a leader board, and the idea is to be as close to the top as possible. My friend Lara is always at the top; she works from home and has a desk that's a TREADMILL (seriously). Our friend Art is often close to the top, but that's because he's retired with a good deal of time to walk, wakes up at 4 a.m. every morning and is very competitive.

As I write this, Todd has 77,759 steps in this week and I only have 74,727, which means I need to catch up fast (it also means Todd got out of bed before dawn to walk this morning, while I slept in).

It's become so competitive between us that I've been known to pace around the living room while watching late-night TV just to get my steps in before midnight.

Although I recently made an amazing discovery as I was chopping up lettuce for dinner (because that's what we eat now — lettuce). As I chopped, my FitBit was counting out steps. How fantastic! So if you see me somewhere at happy hour doing karate-chop motions with my left hand, you'll know my husband is ahead of me in steps. Chop, chop! ■

— Ciao for now, my lovelies!
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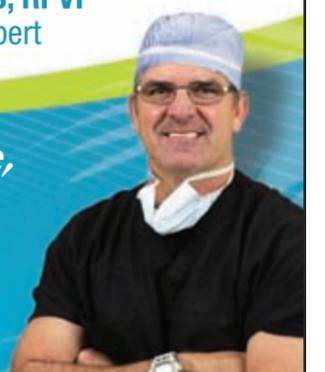
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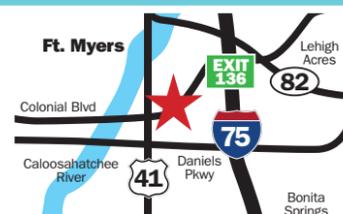
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— **Matt Vissagio**, event organizer

High-powered summit set to strategize

sustainability

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CHRIS SHAREK WAS AMONG ONE OF THE FIRST in line to buy a Chevy Volt when the electric car was first released in the U.S. Now, five years later, he’s amazed at how many more electric and hybrid cars he’s seeing on the road. Sales records were broken this March when there were more than 13,000 electric vehicles sold in the U.S.

“Now every major (car) manufacturer is making something that will plug in. It’s been awesome to watch, the number of electric vehicles on the road is just growing exponentially,” says Mr. Sharek, of Sharek Solutions based in Sarasota.

The engineer and environmental consultant believes radical shifts, like what he’s seeing in the car market, will ensure Southwest Florida will remain a hub for business and pleasure for generations to come.

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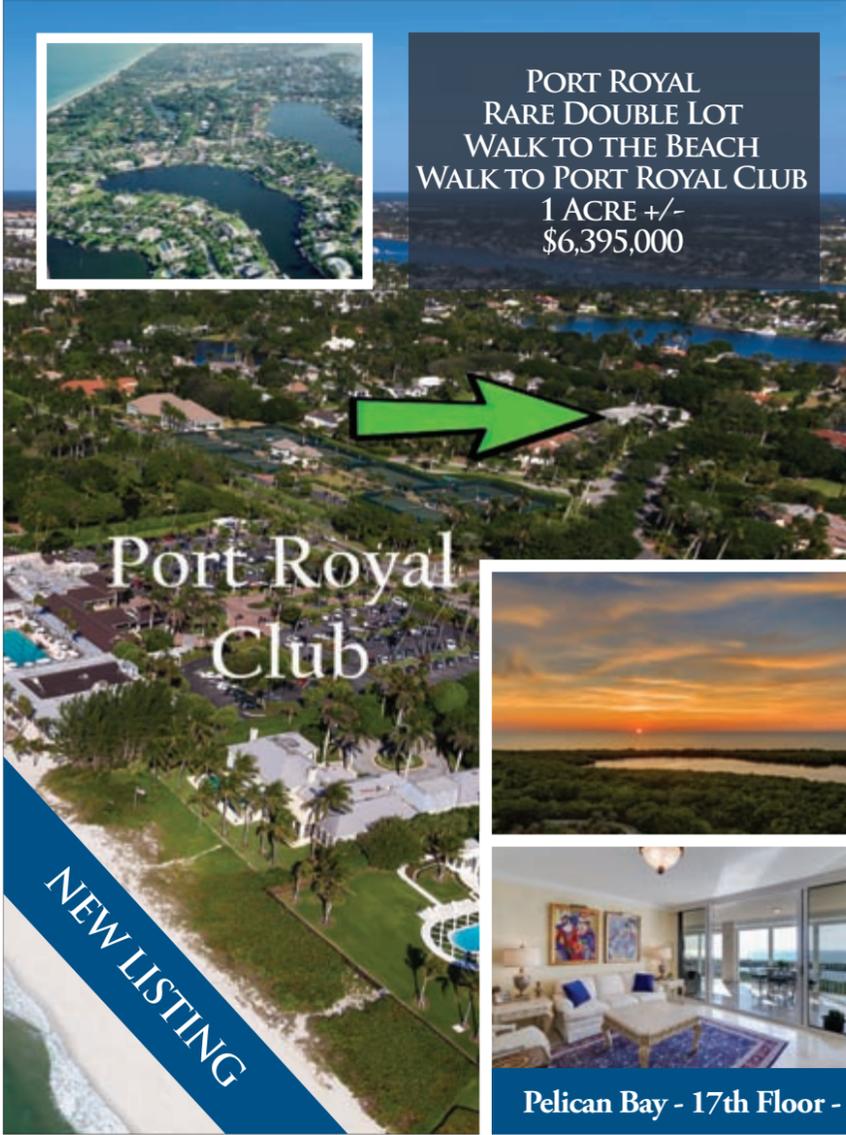
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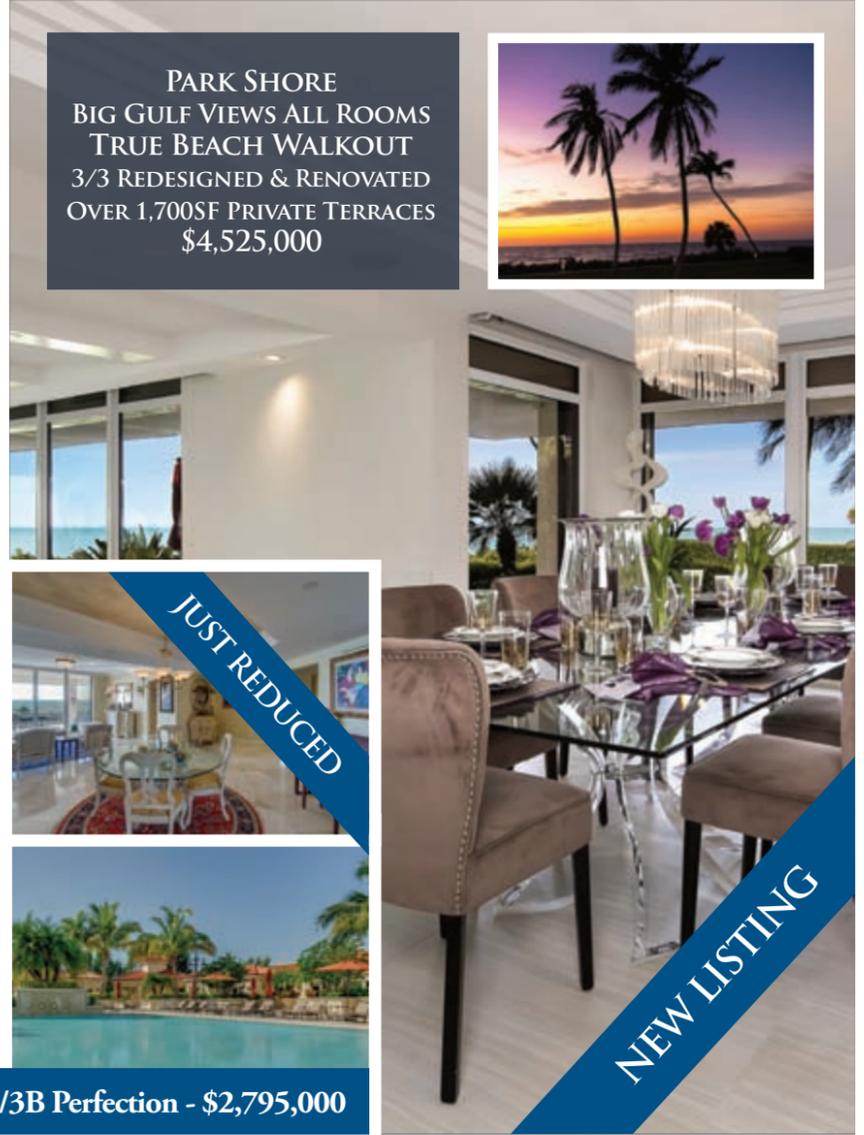
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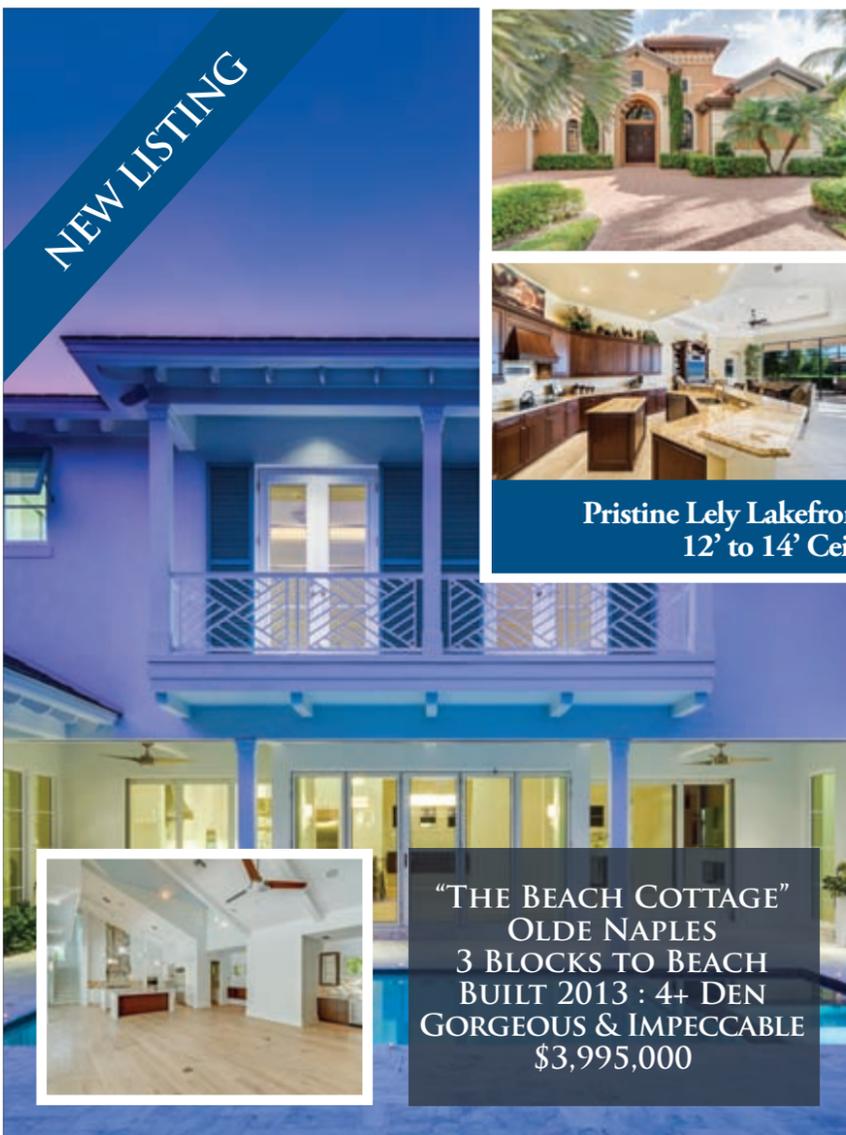
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The SCORE business office is at 900 Goodlette-Frank Road in the Fifth Third Bank branch building. Counseling can be done there or at a public location of your choosing.

The Naples chapter of SCORE has been helping local small businesses succeed for the past 30 years. For more information about becoming involved, call 430-0081 or visit naples.score.org. ■

Set your career to music at FGCU

The Florida Institute of Government at Florida Gulf Coast University presents the 11th annual Administrative Professionals Day Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 25, in the university's Sugden Hall. The conference is designed for individuals looking for better ways to manage their careers.

Award-winning speaker and violist Jarrod Haning will use music to help participants create meaning and fulfillment at work and in life.

"It's no surprise that music activates more of your brain than anything else," Mr. Haning says. "What is less known is that you can take advantage of those brain pathways to increase your influ-

ence and impact in the work place. If you care about making a bigger difference, then I want to empower you to make it happen."

Among the things he will discuss: renewed clarity toward your greater purpose; ways to awaken a sense of purpose in others; powerful phrases that get to yes; techniques to reduce resistance to change; and tools to slay the email dragon of "busyness."

Mr. Haning is the principal violist with the South Carolina Philharmonic.

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SUSTAINABILITY

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Mr. Sharek will host an electric and hybrid car show at this year's Southwest Florida Sustainability Summit at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point. The goal of the summit is to bring together businesses, activists and policy-makers to talk about long-term strategies for preserving a healthy quality of life, maintaining the environment all the while creating a culture that's favorable to business.

The theme for this year's summit is "Healthy People, Healthy Place and Healthy Profit."

"Sustainability puts people at the top," says event organizer Matt Vissagio, who envisions the summit as a starting point for bold ideas. "What I'm trying to do is get people to care about this stuff. I don't want to set the priorities. I want people to come out and engage in dialogue."

The summit will feature breakout panels and discussions featuring Babcock Ranch, Publix and Healthy Lee. Presenters include Robbie Roepstorff and Dr. Bill Hammond, along with regional community leaders Jon Thaxton and Ed Chiles, the son of the late governor Lawton Chiles. *Florida Weekly's* Pason Gaddis, John Hillman of Kitson & Partners and Bonita Springs' sustainability coordinator Jennifer Duffala Hagen will also be among the presenters. Jon Iglehart, district director for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, will present the DEP Recycling Recognition Award. The awards program was developed to encourage organizations and residents to increase recycling by 75 percent by 2020.

"Sustainability means maintaining and enhancing our quality of life," says Carl Schwing, city manager for Bonita Springs. The city was recently granted a gold certification by the Florida Green Building Coalition for meeting a long list of sustainability goals.



SCHWING

"Sustainability includes a lot of things like protecting and enhancing our environment," said Mr. Schwing. "You can take a look at our waters, for instance, and see the fight we're having with the feds over Lake Okeechobee releases and how it negatively impacts us."

Water quality along the Caloosahatchee River has deteriorated recently due to federally mandated water releases from Lake Okeechobee. Polluted water from the lake alters the river's salinity, killing seagrass; a source of food for many fish. The Lake Okeechobee releases also bring with them nutrient pollution caused by things like fertilizer and animal manure. Those nutrients cause harmful algae blooms which in turn can impact fishing and tourism, and the myriad other industries tied to them. Local leaders have banded together to fix the problem. While the fight against Lake O releases continues, it has brought together a wide range of environmentalists, activists and leaders to talk about protecting the environment and in turn, protecting business.

The Lake O fight is also helping business leaders get talking about the region's sustainability efforts. Regionally, there is still much work to do in coming up with wide-ranging plans to protect the environment. The group Sustainable Florida recently rated Lee and

Collier county's sustainability efforts as "beginning" while Charlotte's efforts are somewhat better at "emerging." Sustainability efforts are characterized as beginning when there are informal sustainability programs and initiatives without an overarching master plan. Nevertheless, some recent achievements are notable.

The city of Cape Coral saved hundreds of thousands of dollars by implementing simple energy-saving policies. Air conditioning temperatures at public buildings were set higher when no one was around. More of a focus was placed on regularly cleaning and maintaining AC filters and condensers. Light bulbs that weren't necessary were removed. The changes saved 4,600 megawatt hours of electricity. Sanibel Island city leaders have led the way in restricting the use of fertilizers and converting most of the island's homes from septic tanks to a waste-water collection and treatment system. There are examples throughout the region of government buildings that were built to meet the strict

Private business too appears to be pushing forward in adopting sustainable practices.

Builders and developers like Minto Communities, Collier Enterprises and Bonita Bay use guidelines set by the Florida Green Building Coalition to ensure they're following best building practices. The Babcock Ranch community has made international headlines, billing itself as the most environmentally sensitive town ever. Babcock will feature 19,500 homes and 6 million square feet of retail and schools powered almost entirely by solar energy. The town will promote the use of electric cars.

However, the town is being designed to promote walking and biking as the primary mode of getting around.

Pathways will be linked to hiking trails that tie into a 74,000-acre preserve.

The entire community will take about 20 years to build out.

It's long-term thinking like that that excites the electric car driving Mr. Sharek, who recently upgraded his vehicle to a Tesla and gave his 16-year-old son his Volt. Both will be among a group of electric car enthusiasts at the summit who will talk to attendees about their experiences.

Their presentation is one part of a larger effort to do nothing less than radically change the way people and business approach the environment.

"We're no longer just trying to hand things off to the next generation the way it was left to us. We need to be cleaning (stuff) up. We need to be doing better than what our parents did," he says. ■

in the know

- >> **What:** Second annual SWFL Sustainability Summit: "Healthy People, Healthy Place, and Healthy Profit"
- >> **Where:** Hyatt Regency Coconut Point, Bonita Springs
- >> **When:** 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, April 28
- >> **Who:** Keynote speaker Mary Lou Benecke, former vice president of public affairs & corporate communications for Dow Corning Corp.; master of ceremonies Dr. Ron Toll, FGCU provost and vice president of academic affairs
- >> **More:** The summit will feature breakout panels and discussions featuring Babcock Ranch, Publix and Healthy Lee. Presenters include Robbie Roepstorff and Dr. Bill Hammond, along with regional community leaders Jon Thaxton and Ed Chiles, the son of the late governor Lawton Chiles and more.
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Awards & Recognition

Shawna Devlin, vice president of advertising for the *Naples Daily News* and a graduate of Hodges University in Naples, was named one of Editor & Publisher's 25 most successful and forward-thinking individuals in the journalism industry under the age of 35. Ms. Devlin, 34, made the list for her innovative process and motivating management style. She earned a bachelor's degree in management and a master's degree in business administration at Hodges, both while working fulltime and raising a family. She credits the flexibility of her course schedule and professors for allowing her to pursue her educational goals while building a career.



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Laird Lile, a board-certified wills, trusts and estates attorney in Naples at Lile & Hayes, has been re-elected to the Board of Regents of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. An ACTEC Fellow, Mr. Lile was elected for a second three-year term during the organization's annual meeting held recently in Las Vegas. Now serving his sixth term as an elected member of the Board of Governors for The Florida Bar, he is the chair of the Second District Court of Appeal Nominating Commission and serves on the Supreme Court's Florida Courts Technology Commission.



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Landscaping

Christopher FitzGerald has joined Avant-Yarde Inc. as director of paver operations in the company's interlocking paver division. His responsibilities include new business development, client relationship management, installation oversight and quality assurance. Mr. FitzGerald worked for Keystone Interlocking Pavers of Naples for 18 years, overseeing sales, managing installation crews and training the sales team. He has served as president and vice president of the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Interlocking Concrete Paver Institute and is a member of the Collier Building Industry Association. ■



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Board Appointments

The Immokalee Foundation announces the installation of the organization's 2016-17 board of directors as follows: **Joyce Hagen**, chair; **Alison Douglas**, secretary; **Jim Markiewicz**, treasurer; and board members **Michael Benson, Chuck Campbell, Luis Cartagena, John Costigan, Curt Culver, Don Gunther, John Henry, Cynthia Janssen, Kevin Johnson, Mac McDonald, Pete Negri, Don O'Neill, Louise Penta, Bob Schoonmaker, Ann Stallkamp, Pablo Veintimilla and Joe Zednik**. Board emeritus members are **George Franks, Blake Gable, Skip Hil-**



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The one topic I am asked to write about the most, both by people I meet on the street and via email, is annuities. And the request always comes with an emotional preamble where it is clear the person either believes annuities are a total scam akin to investing with Bernie Madoff, or something that came from the financial gods where everyone over 50 should own one or is a total buffoon. So just what are annuities and should they be a part of your portfolio?

An annuity is simply an insurance product where you pay an insurance company a premium today and the company then pays you income in the future. Generally speaking, there are two classes of annuities — a fixed annuity and a variable annuity. A fixed annuity pays a “guaranteed” (there is a reason I put this word in quotations, I will get to that in a bit) constant income. Fixed annuities act similar to owning a bond where the investor gets regular and predictable coupon payments. Variable annuity payouts, in contrast, are dependant on the performance of an underlying index such as the stock market.

The benefits of an annuity are very obvious, hence their inherent appeal. By

paying a premium today, you can get a “guaranteed” income for the rest of your life and even your spouse’s life depending on the annuity. And better yet, with a variable annuity, you can get the benefit of a bullish stock market but still get regular payout if the market sinks. Finally, with annuities that defer payouts for a number of years, you can grow your retirement payout without paying any taxes on that return until you collect that money.

But if annuities are so great, why do they have such a bad reputation in some quarters? First, most annuities are sold by insurance agents who get a very healthy commission for selling them, as high as 10 percent. That means 10 cents of every premium dollar never makes it into your investment. In addition, the annual fees that insurance companies charge to manage your annuities can be quite high, again taking away from your return. And if you ever want to get out of an annuity, the exit fees again can be very steep.

Second, the “guaranteed” income payments of an annuity are not guaranteed by the government, they are simply backed by the company issuing the contract. Some insurance companies are stronger than others and, as we saw during the financial crisis just a few years ago, are not invincible. If the insurance company goes belly-up, your annuity could become worthless overnight.



The third, and most complex, issue I have with some annuities is that in some cases you are simply not getting a favorable return on them. Let me give you an example. Insurance Company ABC is proposing a fixed annuity where it will pay you 4 percent guaranteed income on your premium for the rest of your life. Sounds like a good deal, right? Where else can you get a 4 percent guaranteed return with minimal risk? But then what if I told you that you can buy the same ABC Insurance Company’s 20-year corporate bonds, which yield 6 percent? Maybe you can create your own annuity, not pay any fees, and get a better return with the same risk profile by simply buying the insurance company’s bonds.

So because of these downsides, would I steer all people away from annuities? Actually, no.

Especially for older investors, annu-

ties can provide a stable and mostly safe way to provide income during retirement. But there are definitely a few rules I would want to follow when deciding to invest my money into one.

First, only buy annuities from financial companies with a strong financial position with lots of liquidity. You are taking credit risk to that company for a long period of time so it had better be there for the long haul. Second, I would recommend buying a direct-sale annuity where there is no insurance agent taking a huge commission off the top. Companies like Fidelity, Vanguard and Charles Schwab offer annuities without taking a large upfront commission. Third, understand the annual fees, exit fees and other costs that will be taking a bite out of your return.

And finally, never buy an annuity until you both completely understand how your income will be calculated and then stop to think whether you can recreate this income in a more cost effective manner. There may be a better way to recreate that cash flow stream to ensure you can enjoy that retirement that you so richly deserve. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick’s Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks.



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Be Careful With Biotechnology

Biotechnology can seem irresistible, featuring companies that are busy developing tomorrow's blockbuster treatments for various diseases and conditions. Some will indeed reward shareholders handsomely over the long run — but others won't, with some going down in flames.

The possibility that a drug in development might cure a cancer is understandably thrilling, but it can take 10 years or longer — and hundreds of millions of dollars — to eventually clear several Food and Drug Administration hurdles. Testing on humans begins with phase 1 trials, continues with more-involved phase 2 trials, and concludes with phase 3. This entire trial process can take five years or longer. It can take another year to apply for and receive a verdict on FDA approval, and the answer can be no.

Biotech stocks can be volatile. For example, cancer drug developer Exelixis lost 42 percent in 2011 and 77 percent in 2014, and surged 34 percent in 2013 and 292 percent in 2015. As of this writing, it's down 30 percent. See?

Despite all that, you can still invest effectively in drugs, via pharmaceutical titans such as Pfizer, Novartis, Roche and Merck. Although the idea for a new drug might start with a scientist working for a small development-stage company, it's likely to end up marketed and sold by these giants, which often buy or license drug technology from small developers. They may even fund drug development at small companies in exchange for marketing rights. You might also look at big biotech companies, such as Amgen and Celgene.

Another option is to invest in a mutual fund or exchange-traded fund that focuses on biotechnology stocks. That way, your money will be diversified across many companies, and if a few implode, the losses can be offset by gainers. Consider, for example, the iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF (IBB).

Smart investors try to stick to what they understand. If you're not a scientist, think twice before investing in any small, unproven biotech company pinning its hopes on a possible big breakthrough. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Into the Toilet

I bought Nokia stock a few years ago for \$9.93 per share, a price at which I thought it was seriously undervalued. I knew the company had partnered with Microsoft to co-develop a new phone, and I figured there might be a chance that Microsoft would buy Nokia outright. I was new to buying stocks, and this was one of my first purchases.

Microsoft did wind up buying Nokia's mobile devices business, but Nokia's stock price kept falling, well into penny-stock territory. I was crushed — not financially, though, as I had only invested about \$3,000. It hurt because I thought I'd picked an obvious winner and instead the stock went into the toilet.

I recently sold my shares for about a 30 percent loss. I realized I was just waiting and waiting for it to do something — either tank completely or make me proud of my early vision, to redeem myself, in a way.

— S.W., West New York, New Jersey

The Fool Responds: Nokia was once a mobile phone leader, but leaders don't always stay on top. It's reasonable to be hopeful about a partnership with a deep-pocketed entity such as Microsoft, but even giant companies make mistakes. Microsoft's purchase of Nokia's phone business for more than \$7 billion is seen by many as one of its biggest blunders. For best results, favor companies that are succeeding over ones that are struggling. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1901; my first product was saccharine. Decades later, I sported major agricultural, pharmaceutical, nutrition and chemical businesses. After mergers and reorganization, I am now an agricultural giant and the world's largest seed company, with products that help farmers increase crop yields. Many don't like my genetically modified seed business or my pesticides and herbicides. Based in St. Louis, I rake in more than \$14 billion annually, employ more than 21,000 people worldwide, and have 404 facilities in 66 countries. My CEO is Hugh Grant — but no, not that one. Who am I? (Answer: Monsanto) ■



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Intro to Mutual Funds

Please explain how mutual funds work.

— P.M., Abilene, Texas

A mutual funds hold the pooled money of many investors that's managed professionally. They're great for the majority of us who don't have the time or skills to carefully choose investments. Instead, we can let professionals do the research and make the decisions, for a fee.

There are many kinds of mutual funds. Some invest just in stocks, others in bonds, and some in a variety of asset types. They can focus on small, medium-size or large companies. Some seek income through dividend- or interest-paying securities; others aggressively seek fast-growing stocks. Some specialize in one industry (such as financial services or health care) and others in a region (such as Asia or Latin America).

Unfortunately, many professionally managed mutual funds don't do so well for their investors, due to hefty fees or management issues, such as poor investment choices or a counterproductive focus on short-term results. To combat this, many people sensibly opt for broad-market index funds, which tend to have very low fees and invest only in the stocks in major indexes, such as the S&P 500. Over the long run, these have outperformed most managed, non-index funds.

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What's a "real return"?

— S.S., Decatur, Illinois

A It reflects an investment's performance that has been adjusted for inflation. For example, if your stocks and mutual funds gained 10 percent in a year with 3 percent inflation, your real return would be 7 percent. It's smart to pay attention to inflation. ■

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

The Motley Fool Take

Infrastructure Pays Dividends

For relatively low-risk investments, consider stable, cash-producing enterprises that own businesses and assets with major barriers to entry — such as Brookfield Infrastructure Partners (NYSE: BIP). It builds, buys and operates assets that are critical to commerce, industry, and the economies of the areas it operates in — assets that are difficult to replace or disrupt and that face little to no competition.

For example, Brookfield's assets are geographically and economically diverse, spanning several continents and focused on power transmission systems, railroads, ports, energy transportation and storage, telecommunications and more. These kinds of assets tend to produce very dependable cash flows and are often regulated, which can further limit com-

petitive entry.

Brookfield's stock has had a bit of a bumpy ride lately. Since its assets are all over the world and cash flows are usually generated in local currencies, it has been hurt by the currently strong U.S. dollar. Still, its earnings have been growing. When exchange rates move in the opposite direction, they can boost Brookfield's results.

Another big Brookfield draw is its dividend, which recently yielded 5.5 percent. It's a master limited partnership, which means it has special tax considerations and isn't ideal for tax-advantaged accounts such as IRAs and 401(k)s. It can serve you well in regular investment accounts, though. (The Motley Fool has recommended Brookfield Infrastructure Partners.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ The **Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance** meets Wednesday, April 20, at the Hilton Naples. Doors open at 8 a.m. for networking followed by breakfast and a program at 9:30 a.m. by the Collier County Sheriff's Office about "Citizen Response to an Active Shooter." \$10 for CCLTA members, \$15 for others. Reservations required. Call 293-5327.

■ Members and guests of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** meet for Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Bayfront Inn Fifth Avenue. \$10 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **SCORE Naples** hosts a panel discussion with five women entrepreneurs and business owners from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 23, at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. Sue Huff will moderate the panel

whose members are: Dr. Caroline Cederquist, Cedarquist Wellness Center; Chris Wohlbrant and Jessica Macera, Business Dynamix Solutions; Michelle Spitzer, Maid Pro; and Jennifer Alvarez, Purely You Spa. \$20. Sign up at scorenaples.org.

■ The **Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** members and guests will hear about "Branding, Identifying, Finding, Funding and Capturing Your Ideal Candidate" at the chapter's lunch meeting Tuesday, April 26, at the Naples Hilton. Doors open for networking at 11:30 a.m. Guest speaker Ashley Mirakian is vice president-marketing and patron engagement at Artis—Naples. \$27 for PRSA members, \$35 for others. Sign up at gulfcoastprsa.org.

■ Members of the Executive Club of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Com-**

merce meet from 5-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Seasons 52. Guest speaker Ramon Abadin, president of the Florida Bar and member of the Florida Commission on Access to Civil Justice, will discuss "Florida's Civil Justice Gap and Its Impact on Businesses." \$25, members only. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Realtors, mortgage brokers and builders** are invited to meet, mingle and network from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at Blue Martini in Mercato. The next date is May 3.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** holds its annual dinner on Thursday, May 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Individual tickets for \$175 and table sponsorships for \$2,000 are on sale now. Visit napleschamber.org/events for reservations or more information.

■ 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.

■ **BNI Downtown Naples Networkers** meet at 7:30 a.m. every Thursday at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Drive. Call Jamie Bergen at 572-3720 for more information. ■

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What \$1 million will buy in Southwest Florida



5765 Hammock Isles Drive, Naples

This professionally designed Vienna home is the only model in Aspen Palms that has a family/great-room concept. The four-bedroom, 3½-bath property sits on one of the nicest lots in The Vineyards-Aspen Palms. The front of the home faces a large park like cul-de-sac. From the back, sit on your lanai and look at a beautiful lake, fountain and tree view as nature unfolds right in

front of your eyes, or take a dip in your plunge pool-spa that handles 14 people comfortably.

This extravagant home has crown molding throughout, granite, tile on a diagonal, rope lighting, custom built-ins, window treatments, wine room and a summer kitchen, among its many upgrades.

The property is listed at \$995,000 by RL Nardi & Associates, rlnardi.com. ■



4731 Via Santa Lucia, Bonita Springs

From the moment you walk into this well-appointed home in Las Palmas, you get a cool, coastal feel. With an ideal split floor plan, this Verona model showcases three bedrooms with en-suites and 3½ baths along with formal living and dining room. Enjoy private, lush vegetation from your West-facing lanai. High-quality finishes throughout the home including 14-foot ceilings, 12-foot

baseboard, crown molding and granite in all the bathrooms and butler's pantry.

The home got new carpets and a new pool heater in 2015, new air conditioning and a new refrigerator in 2013 and has new paint and light fixtures throughout.

The property is listed at \$1,099,000 by Keller Williams Elite Realty, kellerwilliamsbonitasprings.com. ■



15860 Dorset Lane, Fort Myers

This completely remodeled gulf-access home on the basin in St. Charles Harbour offers vistas with tropical sunset views and a western exposure with unique and dramatic architectural detail. You can watch the sun go down on the water while soaking in the new Jacuzzi, or share the beauty while entertaining on the oversized lanai. The community pool, tennis courts and pri-

vate restaurant are outside your door, or walk the few steps to your yacht and cruise off into the sunset.

Take the elevator to the second floor, which boasts soaring ceilings and an open floor plan with a large great room with French doors that open to an elegant Florida room.

The property is listed at \$995,000 by Florida Complete Realty, 205-7200. ■



1931 Hunter Creek Drive, Punta Gorda

This two-story Key West-style home is on 254 feet of frontage on the Peace River with direct access to Charlotte Harbor and the Gulf of Mexico. The six-acre property is gated and beautifully landscaped with 90 navel orange trees, two artesian wells, an irrigation system, a stocked pond and a two-hole golf course with sand trap.

Other features include a large lanai, tiki hut, two boat lifts, double jet-ski lift, self-cleaning heated pool/spa with multi-level Travertine tile and a covered dining area.

Three sets of French doors lead out to the lanai and decking.

The interior features three bedrooms, three baths, a great room/living room with a wood-burning fireplace, office, oak hardwood floors, Turkish hand-chiseled tile, granite counters, island kitchen and wood cabinets. The upper balcony faces a nature preserve that can never be built on.

The property is listed at \$999,900 by Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, coldwellbankerhomes.com/fl/punta-gorda. ■

Report examines sales for vacation and investment homes

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

Vacation home sales cooled off in 2015 but remained at the second highest amount in nearly a decade, while investment purchases increased for the first time in five years, according to an annual survey of residential homebuyers released April 8 by the National Asso-



ciation of Realtors. Mirroring the strong price growth seen throughout the U.S., the median sales price of both vacation and investment homes surged in 2015.

NAR's 2016 Investment and Vacation Home Buyers Survey, covering existing- and new-home transactions in 2015, found that vacation-home sales last year declined to an estimated 920,000, down 18.5 percent from their most recent peak of 1.13 million in 2014.

Investment-home sales in 2015 jumped 7 percent to an estimated 1.09 million from 1.02 million in 2014. Owner-occupied purchases jumped 15.9 percent to 3.74 million last year from 3.23 million in 2014, the highest level since 2007 (3.93 million). Sales estimates are based on a national online survey including responses from more than 2,000 U.S. adults who purchased a residential property in 2015; institutional investment activity is excluded.

"Baby boomers at or near retirement continue to propel the demand for second homes, although headwinds softened the overall volume of vacation sales last year," says Lawrence Yun, chief economist at NAR. The expanding pool of buyers amidst a dwindling number of bargain-priced properties led to tighter supply and fewer sales and caused the price of vacation homes to

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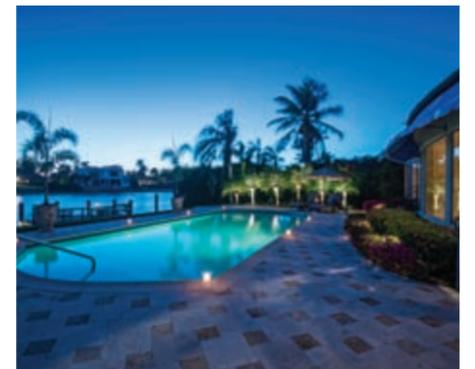
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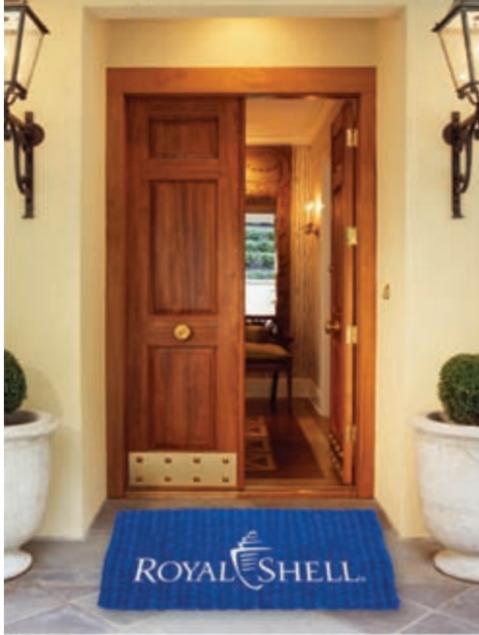
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OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



25941 NESTING CT. #201, BONITA
• 3 BR + Den, Bonus Office, Attached 2-Car Garage
• Glassed Lanai to Enjoy Long Lake & Golf Views
• \$719,000 MLS 215069834
Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

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OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



27140 LOST LAKE LN., BONITA
• Spectacular Lake & Preserve Views, Beautiful Sunsets
• Updated 2-Story Villa, Master & Den on 1st Floor
• \$649,000 MLS 216017416
Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

HAWTHORNE

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



26438 DOVERSTONE ST., BONITA
• Stunning Home on Private Preserve
• Swimming Pool w/Large Deck
• \$549,000 MLS 216012292
Deb Adams-Bateman 239.273.4824

SPANISH WELLS

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



9873 EL GRECO CIR., BONITA
• Beautiful 3 BR, 2 BA + Den Pool Home
• Oversized 26' x 21' 2-Car Garage
• \$529,900 MLS 216015648
The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

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OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



28365 ALTESSA WAY, BONITA
• Fantastic 3 BR, 2 BA + Den Newer Pool Home
• Beautiful Lake & Golf Course Views
• \$525,000 MLS 215031278
The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

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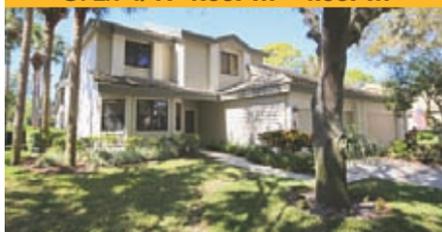
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19855 MADDELENA CIR., ESTERO
• Stylishly Appointed Designer Owned Home
• Heated Salt Water Pool/Spa
• \$524,900 MLS 216007093
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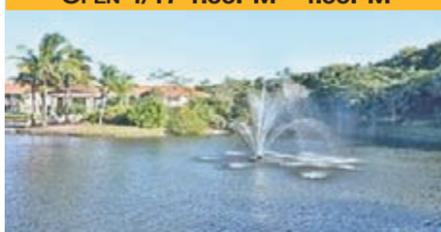
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27065 KINDLEWOOD LN., BONITA
• 3 BR, 2.5 BA + Den Attached Villa
• Master on Main Level, 2 BR Upstairs
• \$384,900 MLS 216014456
Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

THE BROOKS

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



23830 AMALFI COAST RD. #201, BONITA
• 3 BR, 2 BA Sunny 2nd Floor Condo
• Beautiful View of Lake & Botanical Island
• \$375,000 MLS 215066328
Ilse Lefas 239.269.4289

PARK PLACE

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



27630 WISCONSIN ST., BONITA
• Professionally Decorated w/Large Open Great Room
• 3 Bedrooms, 2-Car Attached Garage, Large Lot
• \$349,000 MLS 216019208
Patti Fortune 239.272.8494

BONITA BAY

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



3651 WILD PINES DR. #203, BONITA
• Large 2 BR, 2 BA Corner Unit w/1,268 S.F.
• SW Exposure & Golf Course View, Turnkey
• \$349,000 MLS 216019012
Sandy Kass, The Fagan Team 239.292.4004

SOUTHERN CLIPPER

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



3333 GULF SHORE BLVD. N #402, NAPLES
 • Moorings Beachfront
 • Direct West Views of the Gulf
 • \$975,000 MLS 216024188
 Jim Hiester & Annette Villano 239.248.6798

GOLDEN SHORES

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



1607 CURLEW AVE.#1607, NAPLES
 • Waterfront Villa 2-Story
 • Direct Gulf Access, Boat Dock & Lift
 • \$799,000 MLS 216018642
 The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

VINEYARDS

OPEN 4/16, 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



584 AVELLINO ISLES CIR. #101, NAPLES
 • Newly Decorated Furnished 3 BR, 2.5 BA Condo
 • Amazing Views of Lake & Fairways
 • \$629,000 MLS 216000546
 Kurt Petersen 239.777.0408

PINEWOODS

OPEN 4/16, 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



2269 INGLEWOOD CT., NAPLES
 • 4 BR, 3 BA, 2,999 S.F. Home on Private Cul-de-Sac
 • Gourmet Kitchen, Salt Water Pool & Spa
 • \$605,000 MLS 216019373
 Lady Carlyon Coates 239.273.2516

PELICAN RIDGE

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



840 MEADOWLAND DR., NAPLES
 • 2-Story Villa w/Large Loft, 2 BR, 2.5 BA
 • Less Than 1 Mile to the Beach & Mercato
 • \$350,000 MLS 216020353
 The Taranto Team 239.572.3078

HERITAGE GREENS

OPEN 4/16 & 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



NEW PRICE

1649 MORNING SUN LN. #E-15, NAPLES
 • Golf Course Lifestyle without Fees
 • Near All That Matters, Yet Secluded For Serenity
 • \$249,900 MLS 216025421
 Ornela Rroboci 239.293.3715

WEST BAY BEACH & GOLF CLUB

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



20181 RIVERBROOKE RUN, ESTERO
 • Former Cornerstone Furnished Model
 • Golf Course Views Over Lavish Pool & Spa
 • \$1,695,000 MLS 216008062
 Pam Olsen 239.464.6873

BONITA BAY

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



NEW PRICE

26367 MAHOGANY POINTE CT., BONITA
 • www.26367MahoganyPointe.com
 • 3 BR, 3.5 BA + Den, Offered Furnished
 • \$1,495,000 MLS 216000047
 Gary, Jeff & Becky Jaarda 239.273.4596

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OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



3738 WOODLAKE DR., BONITA
 • Beautiful Lake View & Water Feature
 • SW Exposure, 4 BR, 3 BA, Pool & Lanai
 • \$995,000 MLS 216020965
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

PALMIRA GOLF & CC

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



28509 CHIANTI TER., BONITA
 • Newly Remodeled 3 BR, 3.5 BA Pool Home
 • Open Great Room Design
 • \$925,000 MLS 216016011
 Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

PALMIRA GOLF & CC

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



14553 CARINO TER., BONITA
 • Custom Built Single Family Home, 3 BR + Den
 • Pool & Spa, Many Upgrades
 • \$859,000 MLS 216015001
 The Bordner Team 239.989.8829

BONITA LAKES

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



23080 SANABRIA LP., BONITA
 • Best Value in Bonita Lakes
 • Beautiful Wooded View
 • \$799,900 MLS 216015753
 Joy Gugliuzza, Team LaVita 239.600.0900

BONITA BAY

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



25901 NESTING CT. DR. #101, BONITA
 • Exceptional Long Lake & Golf Views!
 • Only 2 Units in Building Set on Cul-de-Sac
 • \$619,000 MLS 216009734
 Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455

THE COLONY AT PELICAN LANDING

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



4610 COLONY VILLAS DR. #1201, BONITA
 • Beautiful 1st Floor 3 BR, 3 BA Condo
 • Quiet Setting, Golf Course View
 • \$614,900 MLS 216015400
 Sue Ellen Mathers 239.877.2726

BONITA BAY

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



27123 SHELL RIDGE CIR., BONITA
 • Bright Peaceful Water Views, Great Lifestyle
 • 3 Bedrooms, 2.5 Bathrooms + Den
 • \$585,000 MLS 216002335
 Connie Lummis, The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

COPPERLEAF AT THE BROOKS

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



23431 CARAWAY LAKES DR., BONITA
 • Low Density Bundled Golf
 • Renovated Golf Course
 • \$579,000 MLS 216014127
 Bette Pitzer 239.560.2627

SPANISH WELLS

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



9879 EL GRECO CIR., BONITA
 • Turnkey 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths, Pool/Spa
 • Extensively Updated
 • \$495,000 MLS 215019667
 The Boeglin Team 239.287.6414

SPANISH WELLS

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



9251 SPANISH MOSS WAY, BONITA
 • Outstanding 3 BR, 2 BA + Den Pool Home
 • Golf Course & Lake Views, Southern Exposure
 • \$465,000 MLS 216001128
 Jim Griffith, Boeglin Team 239.322.2409

PALMIRA GOLF & CC

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



28648 SAN LUCAS LN. #202, BONITA
 • Custom Designed, Many Upgrades
 • Peaceful Water Views, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2-Car Garage
 • \$455,000 MLS 216012050
 Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

THE BROOKS

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



23924 CREEK BRANCH LN., BONITA
 • Fantastic Lake & Golf Course View!
 • 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 2-Car Garage
 • \$399,000 MLS 216018121
 Corye Reiter, The Lummis Team 239.273.3722

SHADOW WOOD

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



23166 ROSEDALE DR. #201, BONITA
 • 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms
 • Nicely Furnished
 • \$348,500 MLS 216001425
 Gary Ryan 239.273.6796

BONITA BAY

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



4701 MONTEGO POINTE WAY #102, BONITA
 • 2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms + Den
 • Southern Exposure, Private Preserve View
 • \$324,000 MLS 216017338
 Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

BONITA BAY

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



3641 WILD PINES DR. #207, BONITA
 • 2 BR, 2 BA Corner Unit w/Wrap-Around Lanai
 • Turnkey Furnished, Updated Furnishings & Accessories
 • \$254,000 MLS 216023478
 Cathy Lieberman & Cindy Reiff 239.777.2441

THE VINES AT ESTERO CC

OPEN 4/17 1:00PM - 4:00PM



8450 SOUTHBRIDGE DR. #2, ESTERO
 • Lake, Golf Course & Wildlife Sanctuary Views
 • Apx. 2065 S.F., 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, S, SE & SW Exposure
 • \$239,000 MLS 216018874
 Leah Alfieri 239.464.2829



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1720 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 12 - \$4,495,000



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466 4th Avenue North - \$3,995,000



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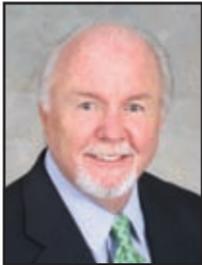
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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Gerald Murphy, managing broker for the Bonita Springs office of Downing-Frye Realty Inc., has been appointed to serve as chair of the new Media Relations Committee of the Bonita Springs/Estero Association of Realtors. The committee was formed to be the source for news in the Bonita Springs/Estero market about closed sales, pending sales and inventory levels. This news will be conveyed to both consumers and the media through published statistics by the committee, which consists of brokers and broker managers in the area. Mr. Murphy has more than 35 years of experience in the real estate industry. Prior to moving to Southwest Florida, he owned and oper-



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ated a realty firm in Monmouth County, N.J., that had five offices and more than 300 agents. It was sold to NRT-Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate. He also previously was president of Hovnanian Realty Inc. Mr. Murphy also had an extensive commercial banking career, having been involved in the start-up of Shrewsbury State Bank as senior vice president and treasurer and in Tinton Falls State Band as founding chairman and director. He also was vice chairman and director of Commerce Bank Shore. A frequent real estate trainer, he shows agents how to develop their marketing, sales and language skills to reach higher levels of success.

Sabra Smith has been promoted to vice president of human resources at London Bay Homes. Ms. Smith joined London Bay Homes in 2014 and has more than 20 years of human resources expe-

rience in Southwest Florida. A certified Senior Professional in Human Resources, she earned a bachelor's degree in human resources from Eckerd College and previously served under Gov. Jeb Bush as appointed chair of the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida. She has also served as chairman of Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida and the Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce. Smith is a graduate of Leadership Lee County, Leadership Bonita and Leadership Florida.



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Lisa Van Dien has been promoted to general council/vice president at London Bay Homes. A Florida Bar

board certified real estate attorney and member of The Florida Bar since 1996, Ms. Van Dien has practiced law in Naples for more than 20 years. She has also served on the 20th Circuit Judicial Nominating Committee and the Florida Bar's Real Estate Board Certification Committee. She has held leadership positions with the Collier County Bar Association, Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida, Leadership Florida and the Naples Area Board of Realtors' Legal Resources Committee. She is also a founding member of the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, where she served on the board for more than 10 years. ■



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Luxury report from Coldwell Banker shows strong performance in Naples

The spring luxury market report from Coldwell Banker examines changes in the context of America's top cities and ZIP codes for luxury market listings and sales at three price points: \$1 million, \$5 million and \$10 million. Here are the latest standings for the Naples region in relation to luxury listings and sales nationwide:

■ Cities with the highest number of active luxury home listings - \$1 million: Naples is No. 4 with 1,146 listings; \$5 million: Naples is No. 6 with 120 listings; and \$10 million: Naples is No. 9 with 33 listings.

■ Cities with the highest number of closed luxury home sales - \$1 million: Naples is No. 9 with 1,135 sales; \$5 million: Naples is No. 5 with 87 sales (up from the No. 6 spot in 2015); and \$10 million: Naples is No. 8 with 16 sales (a rise from the No. 9 spot last year).

■ U.S. ZIP codes with highest number of active luxury home listings - \$1 million: 34102 in Naples is No. 14 with 270 listings; \$5 million: 34102 in Naples is No. 15 with 71 listings; and \$10 million: 34102 in Naples is No. 14 with 26 listings.

■ U.S. ZIP codes with the highest

number of closed luxury home sales - \$5 million: 34102 in Naples is No. 12 with 49 sales; and \$10 million: 34102 in Naples is No. 12 with 15 sales.

The spring report also shows that high-rise buildings are increasingly in demand among ultra-wealthy homebuyers. Cities such as Los Angeles, New York City and Miami have seen skyscraper luxury units sold above \$20 million, with the demand continuing. In these luxury high-rise buildings, buyers want more than expansive views. Among the features growing in demand:

■ The application of technology to create residences that are fully automated and networked.

■ Sky garages that allow residents to drive into an elevator for a quick ride up to their own garage, providing added privacy and convenience.

■ Family-friendly environments are in high demand from wealthy buyers. New towers are featuring bowling alleys, movie theaters, ice-skating rinks, pools and athletic courts. Dog runs and pet-oriented features also are becoming more common. ■



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GULF ACCESS WATERFRONT • \$1,480,000

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GOLDEN GATE ESTATES • \$324,900

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LAKE PARK • \$549,000

1376 10TH ST N

Totally renovated 4BR/2BA home with resurfaced pool & spa, caged. New kitchen & baths w/solid wood cabinetry & granite counter tops and beautiful quartz in the bathrooms, SS appliances and new washer & dryer.

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LELY RESORT • \$514,900

6737 Bent Grass Dr

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Renovations mark a golden milestone for Country Club of Naples

The Country Club of Naples celebrated its 50th anniversary with the commencement of a multi-million dollar clubhouse renovation. The \$7.6-million project led by D. Garrett Construction Inc. is scheduled for completion by Thanksgiving.

This is the first rebuild of the 26,600-square-foot clubhouse since 1991. Improvements include expanded casual dining; new locker rooms; a multi-purpose room for meetings and activities; new air-conditioning, plumbing and electrical systems; and a veranda for dining overlooking the golf course. The clubhouse will have a capacity of 250 people and will be available for private

meetings, banquets, weddings and fundraisers.

The exterior of the building will receive a new facade with fresh colors and flat tile roofing. Exterior improvements also include parking lot resurfacing, new landscaping and new restrooms on the golf course.

Off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road, The Country Club of Naples was built in 1962 as the Big Cypress Golf and Country Club. In 1966, members bought the club from the developer for \$700,000 and renamed it. The Country Club of Naples was the first private, full-service country club in Naples. ■



<p>GREAT HOME FOR INVESTMENT UNTIL RETIREMENT</p> <p>\$219,000</p> <p>15100 HAWKS SHADOW DRIVE, FT. MYERS Come and see this beautiful 3+ bedroom, 2 bath home with formal living room, eat-in kitchen and great room with sliders leading to patio. Home has been well cared for by tenants. The master bedroom suite is spacious, has a large walk-in closet and the bathroom has dual sinks, soaker tub and separate shower. <i>Call Diane Cox 239-986-9139</i></p>	<p>GREAT INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY</p> <p>\$219,000</p> <p>2700 SOARING HAWK DRIVE Great investment opportunity or your dream home sitting on an oversized corner lot. The home boasts 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, formal living and dining rooms, huge master bedroom suite and a 2-car garage waiting for a new owner. <i>Call Diane Cox 239-986-9139</i></p>
<p>HAWKS PRESERVE A GATED COMMUNITY</p> <p>\$299,000</p> <p>14921 COOPERS HAWK WAY This gorgeous 3 bedroom + office/4th bedroom, 2 bath home situated on a fenced corner lot exudes the charm of a well-cared for home. There are decorator colors in each room, a formal dining room and living room as well as a great room to relax in the evening or sit and listen to nature from your screened lanai while sipping your favorite beverage. There is room for a pool. <i>Call Diane Cox 239-986-9139</i></p>	<p>ENJOY THE EXPANSIVE CALOOSAATCHEE RIVER VIEWS FROM THIS GULF ACCESS HOME</p> <p>\$699,000</p> <p>13332 MARQUETTE BLVD, FT. MYERS This home features a total of 4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 master suites, a screened-in lanai with pool, 3 car garage 100' feet of seawall, cantilever and 65 feet of dock space, and a 10,000 lbs boat lift with power and water available. <i>Call Tad Miller 239-281-6692</i></p>
<p>THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN COMPLETELY REMODELED WITH NO EXPENSE SPARED</p> <p>\$299,000</p> <p>13312 CARIBBEAN BLVD, FT. MYERS 3 Bedrooms, 2 Bath, oversized 1 car garage, 1440 living area, Electric and plumbing replaced, new HVAC and ducting, impact windows/doors. Located on deep-water canal with seawall, direct access to gulf, 30' dock, 2 davits, Roof was replaced in 2011, open lanai and gazebo. <i>Call Tad Miller 239-281-6692</i></p>	<p>BREATHTAKING SUNSET VIEWS OVER THE CALOOSAATCHEE RIVER</p> <p>\$848,000</p> <p>13896 RIVER FOREST DR, FT. MYERS This custom 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath waterfront/pool home has been completely upgraded within the last 5 years. Large gourmet kitchen with custom maple cabinetry, granite counter tops, stainless steel appliance. The large master bedroom has views to the patio/pool area with water views. Private wrap-around Boat Dock, Boat Lift, Electric and Water available at dock. <i>Call Tad Miller 239-281-6692</i></p>

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3BR/3BA | 3,827SqFt AC | 4,438SqFt Total | Turnkey | \$2,650,000

OWN THE SKY!

Fantastic Sky Home in luxurious Tavira in Bonita Bay! The entire home has beautiful custom furnishings, Fine Art light fixtures and custom cabinetry in the Living Room, Den and Bedroom. The flooring is marble with wide plank wood floors in bedrooms, den and closets. Custom surround sound with ceiling speakers and ceramic glass fireplace. Enjoy sunrise views from the east and artist painted skies from the screened in lanai facing the gulf. The large open kitchen with island boasts a Wolf Gas Cooktop/Electric Oven, Instant Hot Faucet, Microwave, Dishwasher, Sub-Zero Refrigerator with Ice/Maker and high-end granite counter tops. Oversized master bedroom with dual custom closets, and large master bath. This sky home is furnished and ready for you!

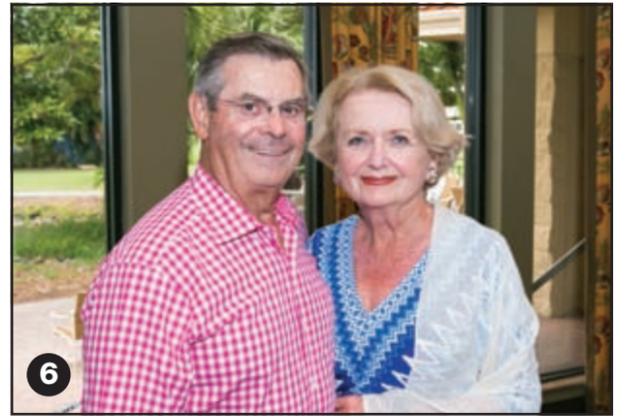
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Staff, members and guests of The Country Club of Naples celebrated the private club's golden anniversary and the start of a \$7.6 million improvement project on April 2.

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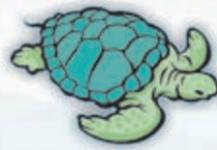
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rise, he adds. "And furthermore, the turbulence that hit the financial markets the second half of the year likely seized some would-be buyers' available cash."

The median sales price of both vacation and investment homes soared in 2015. The median vacation home price was \$192,000, up 28 percent from \$150,000 in 2014. The median investment-home sales price was \$143,500, up 15.3 percent from \$124,500 a year ago.

According to Mr. Yun, many of the metro areas with the strongest price appreciation in 2015 were in the South — the most popular destination for vacation buyers — and particularly in several Florida markets. While increased buyer demand contributed to the run-up in prices, it also likely squeezed less affluent households looking to purchase vacation properties.

Vacation-home sales accounted for 16 percent of all transactions in 2015, down from 2014 (21 percent), but still the second highest share since the survey was first conducted in 2003. The portion of investment sales remained unchanged from a year ago at 19 percent.

"Despite a smaller share of distressed properties coming onto the market, investment purchases reversed course in 2015 after declining for four straight years," Mr. Yun says. "Steadily increasing home prices and strong rental demand appear to be giving more individual investors assurance that purchasing real estate will diversify their portfolios and generate additional income if they decide to rent out the home."

This year's survey found that among investors, 42 percent did or tried to rent their property in 2015 and plan to rent their property in 2016. Twenty-four percent of vacation buyers did or tried to rent their property in 2015 and plan to rent their property this year. Vacation buyers are more likely to use a property manager or social media to rent their property, while investors are more likely to use a traditional real estate agency.

The share of vacation buyers who paid in cash jumped to 38 percent from 30 percent in 2014, while cash purchases by investors decreased to 39 percent from 41 percent a year ago. Of buyers who financed their purchase with a mortgage, more than half (52 percent) of vacation buyers and 44 percent of investors financed less than 70 percent of the purchase price.

The overall trend of fewer distressed properties (short sale or foreclosure) on the market resulted in vacation buyers and investors purchasing fewer of them in 2015. Thirty-six percent of vacation

buyers (45 percent in 2014) and 39 percent of investors (44 percent in 2014) purchased a distressed property a year ago.

Who buys vacation homes?

Vacation-home buyers in 2015 had a higher median household income (\$103,700) than those in 2014 (\$94,380) and purchased a property that was a median distance of 200 miles away from their primary residence (unchanged from a year ago). Buyers plan to own their property for a median of seven years, an increase from six years in 2014.

With more vacation buyers purchasing single-family homes (58 percent) compared to a year ago (54 percent), the share of those buying a condo (25 percent) or a townhouse or row house (13 percent) decreased in this year's survey. Forty percent of vacation buyers purchased in a beach area, 19 percent purchased in the mountains or at a lake-front, and 16 percent purchased a vacation home in the country.

Nearly half of all vacation homes bought last year were in the South (47 percent, versus 41 percent in 2014), 25 percent were in the West (unchanged from a year ago), 15 percent in the Northeast (unchanged from a year ago) and 13 percent in the Midwest (14 percent in 2014).

More than one-third of vacation buyers plan to use their property for vacations or as a family retreat (37 percent), 16 percent bought for future retirement plans and only 7 percent purchased to generate income through renting the property, a decrease from 11 percent in 2014.

Who buys for investment?

The typical investment-home buyer in 2015 had a median household income of \$95,800 (\$87,680 in 2014) and bought a detached single-family home (62 percent) that was a median distance of 22 miles from their primary residence (24 miles in 2014).

Investment buyers last year purchased property for a variety of reasons, with an increasing share from 2014 citing rental income as the primary reason (42 percent; 37 percent in 2014), followed by low prices and the buyer found a good deal (16 percent), and for potential price appreciation (14 percent).

Likely reflecting growing demand toward renting in the city, investment purchases in urban areas increased to 29 percent (26 percent in 2014). Purchased properties from investment buyers were more likely to be in the South (37 percent) and in a suburban area (41 percent).

Perhaps encouraged by rising housing demand and home prices, more than 80 percent of both vacation buyers and investment buyers believe that now is a good time to purchase real estate. ■

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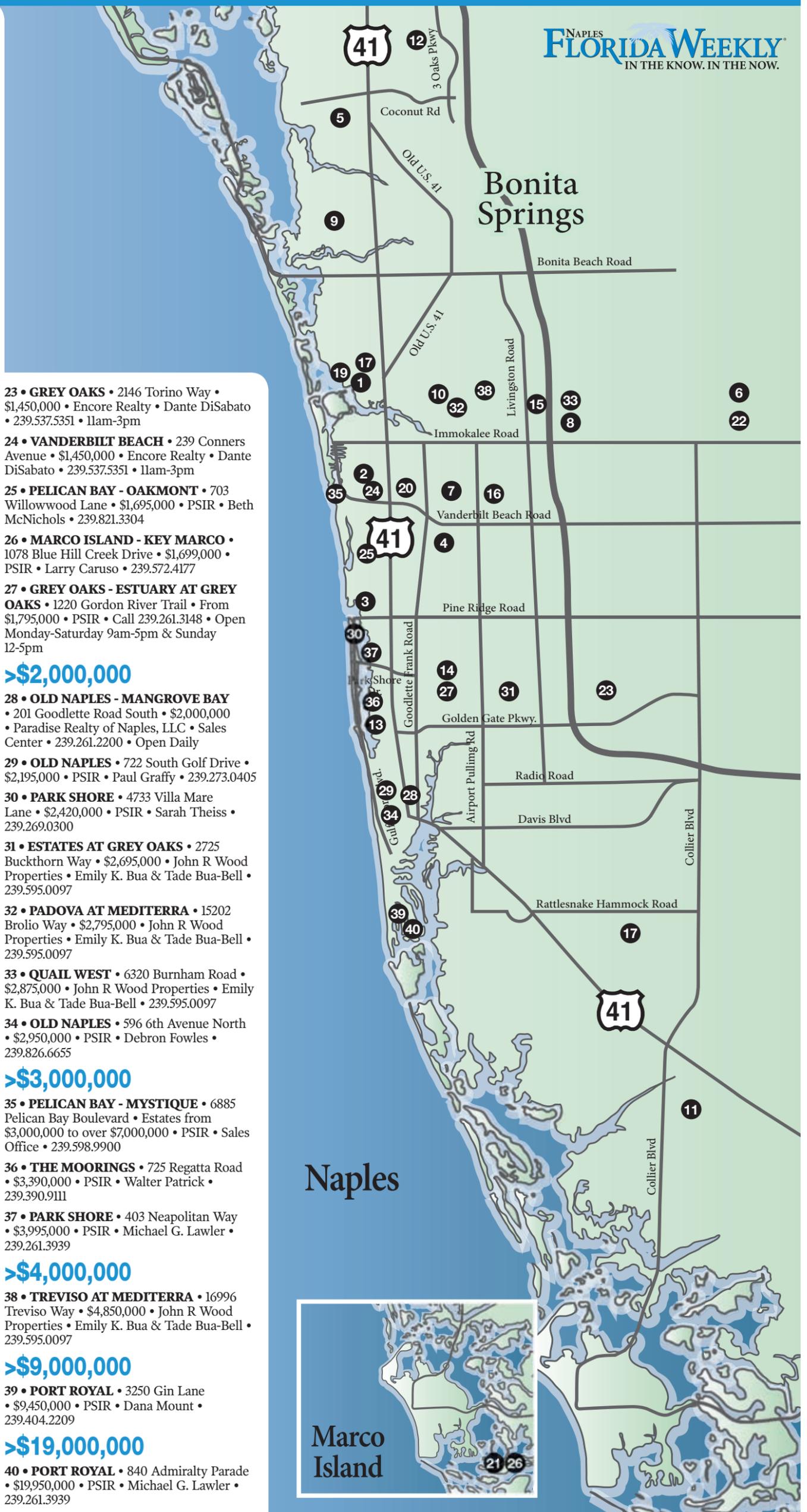
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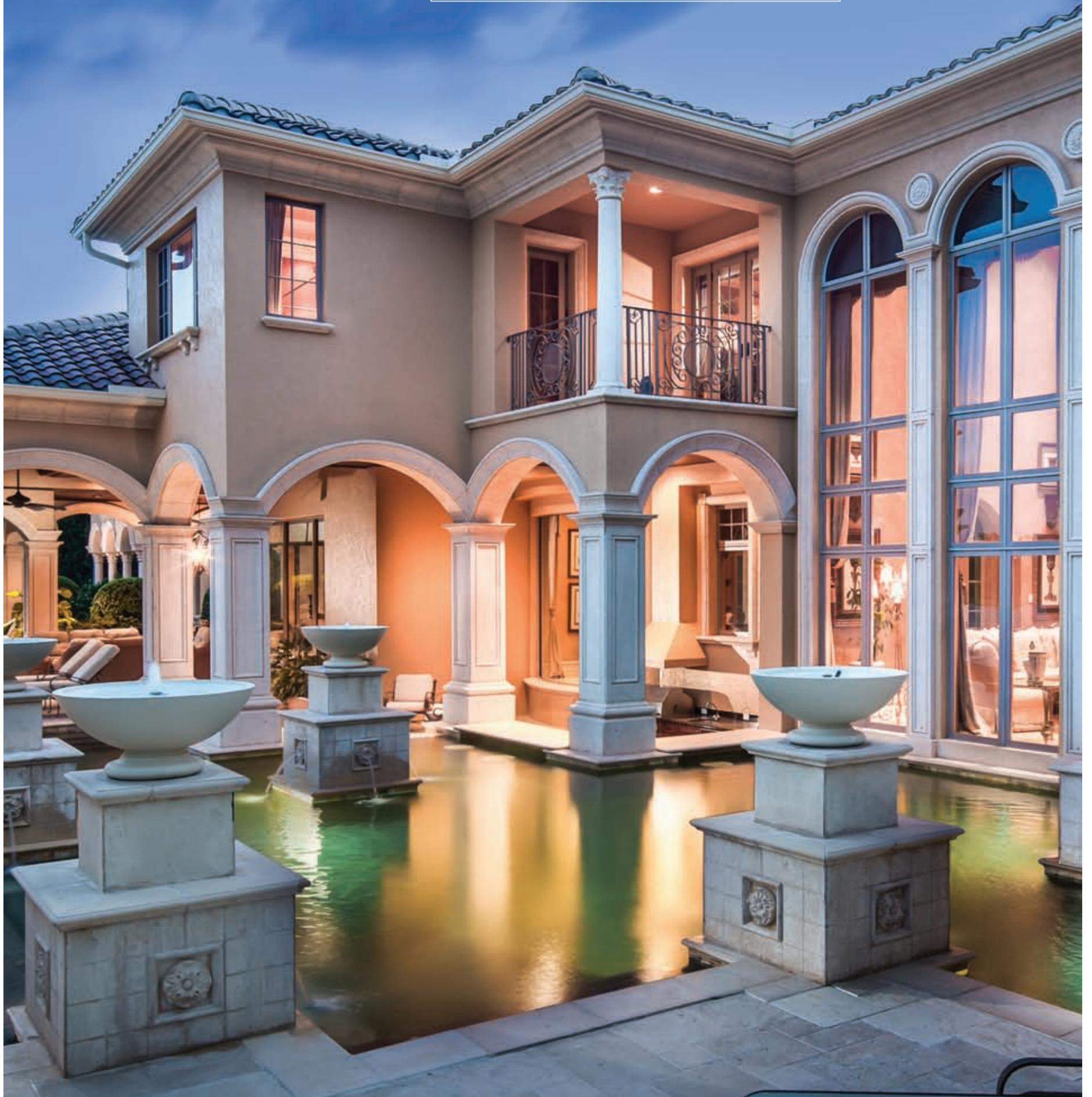


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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

Music, art merge in multimedia world premiere

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Concerts and art shows are common happenings in Southwest Florida's active cultural scene, but rarely at these events does an audience have the chance to be immersed into the artistic process of highly creative people. Such an opportunity, however, presents itself in the multi-media concert Patchouli & Terra Guitarra: "The Landscape of Guitar," which has its world premiere at the Center for the Performing Arts Bonita Springs on Friday, April 22.

"It is a unique occasion to experience what it is like to go into the mind of the musicians, to see the music playing on the canvas and to feel the guitar vibrations in the lush texture of the paint," singer-songwriter Julie Patchouli says.

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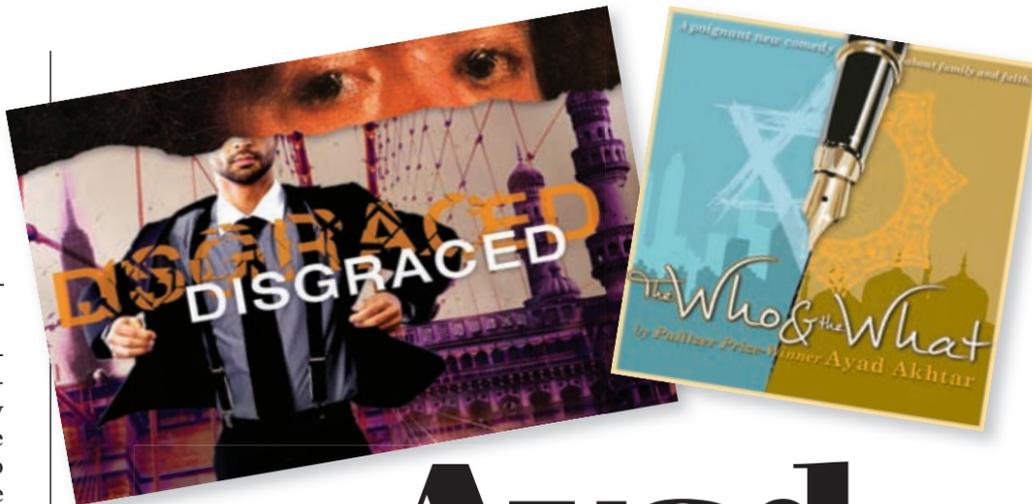


"Canyonbird," top, and "Labryinth" are two of Bruce Hecksen's paintings that will be brought to life through animation in the multimedia concert Patchouli & Terra Guitarra: "The Landscape of Guitar."

five years of intertwined musical and artistic work, Ms. Patchouli and master guitarist Bruce Hecksel will perform their original music while animated versions of Mr. Hecksel's impressionistic paintings are projected behind the musical duo as well as to both sides of the audience. The effect will be a wrap-around, fully immersive experience for everyone in the center's Moe Auditorium, analogous to the movie "What Dreams May Come."

Susan Bridges, president of the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs, has known the singer-songwriters for several years and is thrilled to be hosting the world premier. "Everyone here is a great fan of their music and their creative spirit," she says. "I really like their ideas, their enthusiasm and how they take their work

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Ayad Akhtar's DOUBLE-HEADER

Area theaters stage works by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright

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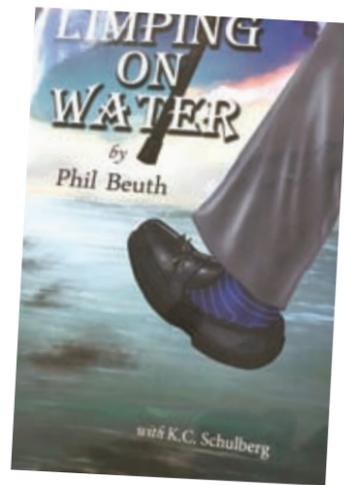
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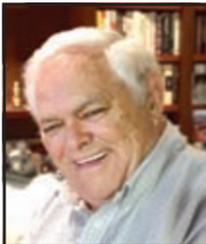
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In a plain, clear style, Neapolitan Phil Beuth recounts (says the subtitle) “My 40-year adventure with one of America’s outstanding communications companies.”

The author’s outlook is consistently one of thankfulness and optimism. He feels blessed by having been in the right place at the right time, and having been trusted with important responsibilities at an early age.

Mr. Beuth’s growth as a business executive parallels the growth of this marvelous company, the name of which is less well known today than it was when it swallowed a media giant.

The company was Capital Cities Communications, often referred to as CapCities. The giant it swallowed in 1985 was the American Broadcasting Company. In time, Mr. Beuth became the ultimate insider, being among those first hired



BEUTH

by CapCities head Tom Murphy in 1955 when it was a new company, with plenty of ambition.

CapCities brought on many established media professionals, and at just 23 years old, Mr. Beuth was smart enough to learn from them, just as they were smart enough to put challenging opportunities in his way.

Mr. Beuth’s personal narrative has to do with his growing up in New York City, family matters and learning to live with a physical disability that never became an excuse. His high school years included enjoying the great sportscaster Red Barber, holding afterschool jobs and meeting Betty Yost, who would become his wife. His scholarship to Union College in Schenectady (followed by a master’s degree from Syracuse) supplied one part of his education; a job at a local radio station initiated another set of learning experiences.

Then came WROW-TV in Albany at the outset of the deals that launched CapCities. Mr. Beuth’s detailed description of Tom Murphy’s tutelage helps readers understand how the CapCities management style groomed beginners for success. By 1957, the young media employee was making purchases of the just-issued CapCities stock.

It was in the building called the Nunery, WROW-TV’s headquarters, that Mr. Beuth met one of the many entertainment celebrities he came to know over

his long career. This was Ted Knight, known best for his portrayal of the Ted Baxter character on “The Mary Tyler Moore Show.”

“Limping on Water” is filled with many delightful anecdotes about celebrity performers and other prominent individuals including Lowell Thomas, Charles Gibson, Warren Buffett, Burt Reynolds, Barbara Walters and Paul McCartney.

As CapCities grew, Mr. Beuth’s responsibilities broadened. He handled many important projects for the company, arranging meets of all sorts and being on hand to fix problems as they arose. He did spend three tours of duty as a station manager: He ran WSAZ-TV in Huntington, W. Va.; KFSN-TV in Fresno, Calif.; and WKBW-TV in Buffalo, N.Y. The chapters that cover these assignments provide a detailed description of what that kind of job entails and how a station interacts with the communities it serves.

As he describes these assignments and communities. Mr. Beuth pays careful attention to the stresses and strains of family life, intensified by relocations as well as by his workaholic behavior pattern. There was also the problem of Betty’s severe nicotine dependency and its effects on her health. He paints the distinct personalities of his three sons, describing how each thrived in the various communities.

In the early 1970s, as the Beuths settle into Fresno, now parents of a young daughter, other things are happening in the CapCities world. It’s still growing by leaps and bounds, making acquisitions on a regular basis. Also at this time, CapCities enters the world of print media, a move that greatly increases corporate profits.

As business continues to grow, so do Mr. Beuth’s responsibilities and stature. His family life, however, becomes burdened by Betty’s addiction and by the prejudicial behavior that attached to their homosexual son Barry. The powerful chapter treating this tragedy is filled with keen, troubling insights. More than any other part of this book, this one reveals Phil Beuth the man, the father and the citizen.

Soon after CapCities bought ABC in 1985, can-do Mr. Beuth became president of the ABC’s “Good Morning America.” Under his rule the show became the No. 1 morning program after trailing the “Today” show for many years. Now a powerful ABC leader, Mr. Beuth remained so until his retirement.

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AKHTAR

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Award for Best Play, received the Pulitzer Prize for Best Drama in 2013. According to American Theatre magazine, "Disgraced" is the most-produced play in the United States this 2015-16 season, with 18 productions.

And, Mr. Akhtar is also this season's most-produced playwright overall, with 21 productions. That's more than classic playwrights such as Tennessee Williams (17 productions), August Wilson (16), Arthur Miller (15) or Eugene O'Neill (10).

"I'm confused and delighted," says Mr. Akhtar, by phone from New York City. "It's always hard to believe that something you could write would be that popular with folks."

But, he acknowledges, "The play's engaged with matters of the moment in our lives as citizens, and I think that can often create a really good theater experience for people."

Southwest Floridians are in the unique position of being able to see two of his plays in the area: "Disgraced" is currently at Sarasota's Asolo Historic Theater through April 24, and "The Who & the What" plays at the Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples from April 30 through May 15. (They can also see "Ink, Silk and Gold: Islamic Art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston," at The Ringling, right next to the Asolo, through May 1.)

"It's one of the most exciting new plays I've seen in years," says Asolo Rep producing artistic director Michael Donald Edwards, who directed "Disgraced" for the venue. He snatched up the rights to the play as soon as they were available. "It's very current, and is ... about our national conversation around identity and religion and citizenship that is more sophisticated, engaging and more genuinely human than any of our politicians are presenting," he says.

Talking about it

Audiences who've seen Mr. Akhtar's "Disgraced" at the Asolo Historic Theater are so bursting to discuss the play that they refuse to leave, so the theater now holds a post-show discussion after every performance.

"The audience demanded that," Mr. Edwards says. "They're in a state. The audience is staying, they want to talk about it. They're really on fire with conversation. People are hungry to actually have an honest dialogue, not just throwing hateful clichés at each other."

He compares the reaction to "Disgraced" as similar to John Patrick Shanley's "Doubt," which people felt compelled to discuss after seeing.

"Disgraced" revolves around two couples whose dinner together explodes in conflict. Amir is a corporate lawyer who was raised Muslim; he's changed his name to appear Indian. He's deeply conflicted about his identity. His wife, Emily, is a white woman who's a painter; her work is intensely influenced by Islamic art.

Their friends are Isaac, a curator from the Whitney Museum, who's Jewish, and his wife Jory, a fellow lawyer of Amir's, and African-American.

Fueled by alcohol and heightened emotions, the four have a no-holds-barred discussion that disintegrates into an argument involving politics, religion, 9/11, terrorism, airport security and stereotyping.

"People are feeling privileged to listen to this kind of discussion in areas that are relatively taboo," says Mr. Edwards. "Characters are talking openly about Islam and religion and identity in America in ways that are complicated and engaging. Because it's a play, because every character is a human being, with all the complicated emotions and intellect of a human, we find every point of view irresistible and comprehensible. We are asked to walk in



In Ayad Akhtar's "Disgraced," which won the Pulitzer Prize, the characters engage in heated discussions of Islam, terrorism and religion.

someone else's shoes. It deals square-on with a lot of our prejudices and our fears."

It raises more questions than it answers, Mr. Edwards says, calling "Disgraced" the play that "has the conversation that most of us are afraid to have."

People may be drawn to "Disgraced" as a "curiosity," says Mr. Akhtar. "And then people are surprised they find their own experience in it. They're drawn by the lure of 'the other,' and the lure of 'the other' leads them to feel, in many cases, they have seen something that is really about themselves."

He relays how, when he read Chaim Potok's novels as a teenager, he felt he was reading about his own "very small Muslim, suburban Pakistani community," just outside of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, even though the books are about Hassidic Jews in Brooklyn.

The novels gave him "a weird sense of feeling that I had stumbled onto something that was very familiar to me. I couldn't account for it," he says, noting that he related to them more than other books such as "The Catcher in the Rye" and "A Separate Peace."

Creative dervish

Mr. Akhtar burst onto the scene in 2012 with his critically acclaimed novel, "American Dervish," about a young boy growing up Muslim in suburban Milwaukee. His play, "Disgraced," played at Lincoln Center in 2012, followed by "The Who & the What" and "Invisible Hand" on Off-Broadway in 2014.

This flurry of creativity happened, he poetically explained to the Guardian newspaper, when "All I did metaphorically was to turn and look over my shoulder at what I was running away from. And at that moment there was an explosion of creativity."

Writers are constantly urged to "write what you know," but "I never really thought anyone would care about what I knew," he says, explaining that it took him a long time to mature as an artist.

"When we're younger, we're so enamored with our own individual experience and what feels unique about our own contributions, ourselves, that (our work) is not pointed towards the universal, it's pointed to me as singular, remarkable, unique."

"I had a shifting of consciousness where I started to understand how my particular was actually universal, and that was where all the work came from."

A lot of it too, he says, has to do with perseverance.

"You just keep at it," he says. "The more you fail, the better you get. The challenge is, when you fail, not to give up. That's really hard. A lot of times failure makes you want to give up."

Mr. Akhtar, who also writes screenplays, typically writes from 9 a.m. to 1 or 2 p.m., when he can. He's going to London for a new production of "The Invisible Hand."

"I'm reworking the second act," he says. He also has a new play opening this summer in La Jolla, California. Called "Junk," it's set in the '80s and is about junk bonds.

"It's about that moment when debt became an asset: how did that happen, why, and what were the results of it," he describes.

He's also 25,000 words into writing a novel which "continues all of the explorations of all the various forms of Muslim identity in the West, post 9/11," he says.

'The Who & the What'

A local production of his comedic drama, "The Who & the What," opens at the Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples April 30. The play focuses on a traditional Pakistani Muslim living in America with two daughters, Zarina and Mahwish. Zarina, the elder, is writing a controversial novel about the Prophet, Muhammad. Her younger sister wants to get married, but can't, until her older sister marries.

The plot also involves a white man, Eli, who has converted to Islam.

The girls' father keeps insisting that they are a conservative family, but he fails to recognize just how Americanized his daughters have become.

"The Who & the What" questions faith and what it means to be a Muslim in today's world.

Mr. Akhtar describes it as "the question of tradition, what one leaves behind and what one takes along. Zarina and Mahwish are willing to take a lot of tradition with them," he says, "but they want to do it in a different way (than their father.) Whereas Amir (in "Disgraced") wants nothing to do with any of it."

The playwright himself isn't religious, but considers himself a cultural Muslim.

"I don't believe the revelation as revealed to Muhammad in a particular purchase of the truth, that Christ is the central defining act of history, or the historic convenient given to Moses and the people is the original contract. All of these myths are myths. They can have great wisdom in them and truth, can be great inspiration. We run into trouble when we confuse the myth with reality."

He's received flack from Muslims who feel he shouldn't be "airing their dirty laundry" or writing negatively about them, feeling it just fans the flame of anti-Muslim sentiment.

But what they don't realize, he says, is that without conflict, there is no drama.

"There'd be nothing worth watching,"

he says.

He compares it to the post-World War II era, when Jewish people would question, "What's good for the Jews?" and "What's bad for the Jews?"

"The fear and the anxiety, it makes sense," he says. "But it didn't stop Philip Roth from writing."

"Each of the plays is a different perspective on issues of faith and identity and the immigrant experience, globalization. 'American Dervish,' my novel, they're all part of the same gesture. And I have three more works, which are going to be really seven works, all together, a multiplicity of points of view, with some contradicting others. Each of them is a snapshot, and they're very different, they're not intended to be very consistent. Their different points of view sometimes contradict each other. There is no single perception of Islam in my work. My purpose is to tell you a good story."

"Ayad Akhtar is never going to please everybody," says Mr. Edwards. But audiences, he adds, are moved by his work.

"That's what theater does. It's not an op-ed piece in *The New York Times*. Many people want the play to be that: a nice, tied-up intellectual coherent statement that reinforces their point of view."

"But that's not what art does. Art asks questions, throws down gauntlets, demands your attention, rather than give you bromides."

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in the know

'Disgraced'

>>When: through April 24

>>Where: Asolo Historic Theater, 5555 North Tamiami Trail, Sarasota

>>Cost: \$12.50 to \$40

>>Information: (941) 351-8000 or (800) 361-8388 or tickets.asolorep.org

>>More: "Ink, Silk and Gold: Islamic Art from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston" is on exhibit at The Ringling through May 1.

'The Who & the What'

>>When: April 30-May 15, previews April 28, 29

>>Where: Gulfshore Playhouse, 755 Eighth Ave. South, Naples

>>Cost: \$49 to \$64, opening night \$74

>>Information: (866) 811-4111 or gulfshore-playhouse.org

ART

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to a fun, new level with artwork compositions.”

The duo releases its lyrical folk music under the name Patchouli and its nouveau-flamenco instrumental guitar music as Terra Guitarra, although Ms. Patchouli and Mr. Hecksel comprise the personnel for both bands.

When they started releasing the instrumentals under the Terra Guitarra name, Mr. Hecksel began painting art for the album covers along with composing the music. He says he became inspired to paint guitars as landscapes in an impressionistic-primitivist style reminiscent of stained-glass windows.

“Julie and I have always painted together,” he adds. “At one point she made this guitar upside down sitting on a hillside, and it looked like a person looking into the sunset. I always loved that and I thought about how she “anthro-guitarized” it and made this guitar seem like a being, so I came up with the idea of the guitar landscapes.

“With Terra Guitarra, which I took from terra firma, the land we think of as solid and concrete and never changing is in fact ever-changing and resonating and capable of inspiring melodies.”

The music takes considerable inspiration from nature. Ms. Patchouli writes lyrics about places such as oceans and woodlands, and Mr. Hecksel creates atmospheric sounds with his guitar that recall water drops and rain.

“It’s a celebration of nature, and in fact nature is trying to communicate with you,” he says. “It’s trying to sing songs to you and make you feel better, but you just



Julie Patchouli and Bruce Hecksel

have to go over there and let it happen.

“The whole concept of my art and of Terra Guitarra is that nature is doing this. These melodies are all gifts from nature,” he says. “I heard them in my head, but that doesn’t mean I created them. They came from these places where I was at, so it’s a celebration of the gifts of nature — a celebration of harmony, melody and color.”

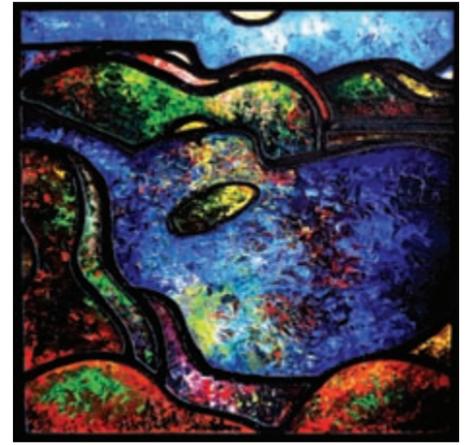
The liveliness of nature reflects in Mr. Hecksel’s artwork, with things such as dragonflies and birds flying over guitar-shaped hills. He became inspired to attempt animating the artwork after he recognized the capabilities of the software he used to produce the duo’s music videos.

“I came to the realization I could do something more than a slideshow,” he

says. “I could break apart the paintings into different pieces and then be able to move those pieces around to make these interesting worlds. If I could make one of the birds fly, then I would know I’d gotten it. I was thinking I’d just make it soar around, but I discovered how to make its wings flap, put it into 3-D and fly it around as a 3-D object.”

Once he discovered this world of capabilities, he says, “I had 150 paintings ready to go on this journey.”

The journey has been a time-consuming one, however, taking the entire winter. Mr. Hecksel taught himself animation as he went, and unlike artwork created specifically for animation, he hadn’t created his creatures and his landscapes as separate paintings. As it is, he has to extract



“MotherNight” by Bruce Hecksel

the creatures from his paintings and then repaint what would have been behind in the original.

“If I had known I was going to be painting for animation, I could have saved myself most of that time” by creating separate images from the beginning, he says. “But although it’s a lot of work, it is also a lot of fun. I’m getting to take these paintings and breathe another life into them. Usually when you paint a painting, it’s over — that’s the painting. Maybe you make a print of it, but to take it, re-enliven it and make it do things is really thrilling.”

The multi-media animated immersion will merge the music and art in a way that has not been possible for the duo before, melding the colors and sounds to create what Mr. Hecksel describes as a spiritually vibrational experience.

“It will be a euphoric experience without the hangover,” he says. “These were two dimensions — the sound and the art — and this is the third dimension where you’re getting a full circle picture of what we’re trying to communicate. In that respect it’s singularly unique.” ■

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THEATER

A Sleeping Country – By The Naples Players through April 16 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

An Enemy of the People – By Gulfshore Playhouse through April 17 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4441 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

The Dingdong – By Florida Repertory Theatre April 19-May 8. 2268 Bay St. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

Funny Girl – At the Broadway Palm Theatre through May 14. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

The 39 Steps – By FGCU's theater program through April 17 at the university's Theater Lab. 590-7268 or theaterlab.fgcu.edu.

Who's Under Where? – At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre through April 30. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? – By Let's Put on A Show Productions April 22-May 8 at Golden Gate Community Center. letsputonashowproductions.com.

The Tempest – By The Marco Players April 22-30 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Dames at Sea – By Theatre Zone April 30-May 8 at the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

THURSDAY 4.14

Meet the Author – Musa Ngqunwana, author of "Odyssey of an African Opera Singer: From Zwile Township to the World Stage" and performer in Gulfshore Opera's "Elixir of Love," speaks about his journey from Apartheid-era South Africa to becoming an opera singer at 10 a.m. at Silverspot Cinema. \$15. 529-3925 or gulfshoreopera.org.

Meet & Greet – Impressionist artist Joyce Norwood greets visitors at Sheldon Fine Art from 6-8:30 p.m. 460 Fifth Ave. S. 649-6255 or sheldondfineart.com.

Masterworks – Guest pianist Benjamin Grosveor joins the Naples Philharmonic for a program of works by Strauss, Mozart and Brahms at 7 p.m. tonight and Friday, April 15. Matthias Pintscher conducts. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

She Knows – Medium and lecturer Francesca Kimpton demonstrates her gifts at 9:30 p.m. at Chez Boët. \$60, reservations required. 755 12th Ave. S. 643-6177 or chezboetnaples.com.

FRIDAY 4.15

Evenings on Fifth – Enjoy sidewalk music and dancing along Fifth Avenue South from 6:30-9:30 p.m. 693-8436 or fiftheavenuesouth.com.

Big Band – The 10-piece Helios Swingtet Orchestra performs at 8 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$30-\$40. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Mayhem on Marco – Take a "fright-seeing" history tour of Marco Island starting at 6 p.m. with a cocktail at the Olde Marco Inn and then setting out on the trolley at 7 p.m. \$39. Not recommended for children younger than 13. 537-8353 or marcomurderandmayhem.com.



The Broadway Palm Theatre presents "Funny Girl" through May 14. The musical stars Elizabeth McMonagle and Drew Stark as Fanny Brice and Nicky Arnstein. She ruled Broadway as Ziegfeld's brightest star and brought the house down as an outrageous comedienne and singer; he was her disastrous love interest. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com. See review on page C10.

Live Music – James McSheffrey performs from 8-10 p.m. at Freedom Fine Cigars & Lounge. 2260 Tamiami Trail E. 207-9070 or freedomfinecigars.com.

SATURDAY 4.16

Sensory Speaking – Paragon Theaters at Pavilion hosts a sensory-friendly screening of "The Jungle Book" for autistic children at 10 a.m. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Nature Fest – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida celebrates Earth Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with speakers, educational exhibits, crafts, live animals and more. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

Family Yoga – Parents and kids can bend, stretch and breathe together in a beginning yoga class at 10 a.m. at Miromar Outlets. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Orchid Advice – Orchid experts dispense advice and diagnose problems from 1-4 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. Free with admission. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Mad Cap Comedy – John Caparulo ("Chelsea Lately," "The Mad Cap Hour") brings his stand-up routine to Off the Hook Comedy Club tonight and Sunday, April 17. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

SUNDAY 4.17

Om in the Garden – An instructor from Green Monkey Yoga leads a session from 10-11 a.m. outdoors at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for Garden members, \$20 for others. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Camp Fair – Parents can learn about their kids' options for summer fun when representatives of various programs gather at Mercato from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Meet & Greet – Author Stuart Woods signs copies of "Family Jewels," the newest installment in the Stone Barrington series, from 2-4 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Free Concert – The Gulf Coast Big Band performs at 2 p.m. in the band shell at Cambier Park. 877-6090 or gulfcoastbigband.com.

Foreign Film – The FGCU Renaissance Academy screens "Eyes Wide Open" (Israel, 2009) at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. \$5 for members, \$7 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Strings Sing – Stewart Strings performs classical, jazz and contemporary selections at 7 p.m. at First Congregational Church. Free, but donations appreciated. 6630 Immokalee Road. 398-6666.

MONDAY 4.18

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Society hosts dinner and a screening of "La Doppia Ora" (Italy, 2009), about a chambermaid who emigrates from Lithuania and becomes entangled in a web of crime, love and treachery. Dinner served at 5:30 p.m. \$15 for both, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Lock, Stock & Two Smoking Barrels" (U.K. 1998) at 7 p.m. A botched card game in London triggers conflict between four friends and masters of the city's sordid underworld. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

That ZaZaZa – Opera Naples hosts an evening of Spanish Zarzuela featuring Martin Nusspaumer and Marinell Cruz at 8 p.m. at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. 2408 Linwood Ave. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

TUESDAY 4.19

In Anne's Shoes – Hodges University hosts an interactive walk through of Anne Frank's "secret annex" in Amsterdam from 1-3:30 p.m. at the university's Center for Lifelong Learning. Free. 598-6143 or hodges.edu.

Spectrum Concert – Violinist Daniela Shtereva and Richard Bosworth perform Cesar Franck's "Sonata for Violin and Piano in A Major, M.8" at 7 p.m. at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. The pair are debuting their "The Beauty of a Violin and Piano" album at this CAPA Spectrum Series concert. The evening starts with a wine social. \$100. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Free Film – Bring the kids and some chairs or a blanket and settle in for an outdoor screening of "Monkey Kingdom" starting at 8 p.m. at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

American Standards – The Naples Jazz Orchestra performs influential American songs and jazz standards from the early 20th century at 7 p.m. at Golden Gate High School. \$30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

WEDNESDAY 4.20

Opening Reception – Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery hosts a reception for the exhibit "Earth Day to Arbor Day" from 5-7 p.m. The show features works by Clyde Butcher, Karin Rosenthal, Paul Arsenault and James Kerr. The evening includes a presentation by Bobbie Lee Davenport, founder of Cypress Cove Conservancy. Show continues through April 30. 1199 Third St. S. 263-1214 or arsenaultgallery.com.

COMING UP

Master Plan – Master gardeners are on hand from 1-4 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Naples Botanical Garden to advise on best-practice techniques and pest control. Free with regular Garden admission. 643-4737 or naplesgarden.org.

Gallery Chat – Marco Island Historical Museum hosts a talk with watercolor artist Donald Sunshine, whose exhibition "Isles of Capri ... A Place in Time" is currently on display, and local historian Betsy Perdichizzi from 2-3 p.m. Mr. Sunshine work is on display through April 26. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Dr. 642-1440 or colliermuseums.com.

Book Signing – James Rosebush, author of "True Reagan: What Made Ronald Reagan Great and Why It Matters," signs copies of his book from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at A Mano. 301 Third St. S. 261-8936 or

Third Thursday – Alan Darcy and Spoonful perform outdoors on Third Street South starting at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 21. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com. or events@neapent.com.

Opera Night – Gulfshore Opera presents Donizetti's "Elixir of Love" featuring Irish tenor Anthony Kearns at 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21, at Artis—Naples. 529-3925 or gulfshoreopera.org. See story on page C21.

Rock Around the Block – Miromar Outlets hosts a block party with live entertainment by Sean Wilson Biggs from 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 22. \$50-\$75, with proceeds to benefit Dancing Classrooms. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

Jazz Concert – Enjoy smooth jazz by Jus' Us from 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 22, in the pavilion on the Naples campus of Hodges University. \$15-\$45. 598-6143 or tpardue@hodges.edu.

Bluegrass Music – The Florida Fish Hook Tour presents the Southern Express Bluegrass Band at 7 p.m. Friday, April 22, at The Norris Center. \$22 in advance, \$28 at the door. 213-3058 or southernexpressbluegrass.com.

Chamber Concert – Young pianist Noah Waddell performs with the Kapella Chamber Group at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center as part of the CAPA Rising Stars Series. \$10-\$40. 2408 Linwood Ave. 775-2800 or capacenter.org.

Guitar Landscape – Patchouli and Terra Guitarra join forces in concert at 8 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org. See story on page C1.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Live Music – Denny Breau performs from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 22, at Freedom Fine Cigars & Lounge. 2260 Tamiami Trail E. 207-9070 or freedomfinecigars.com.

Magic Carpet Ride – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform an up-close concert for kids at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 23. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Cruisin' – Mercato presents the Naples Motor Fest & Fashion Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Founders Day Fun – Golisano Children's Museum of Naples celebrates its birthday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 23. 514-0084 or cmon.org.

Highway Birthday – Museum of the Everglades hosts lectures, car shows, live music and more starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 23, in celebration of the Tamiami Trail's 88th anniversary and the museum's 18th birthday. Free. 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. 695-0008 or colliermuseums.com.

Crawfish Boil for Boys & Girls – Boys & Girls Club of Collier County holds its sixth annual Crawfish Boil from 1-6 p.m., Saturday, April 23, at a private home on Tupelo Road. \$25. 325-1765 or bgccc.org.

Student Recital – Winners of the Naples Music Club's annual scholarships perform at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Free. 1235 Piper Blvd. 384-9205 or naplesmusicclub.org.

On Your Mind – Mindreader and entertainer Joshua Seth performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at The Norris Center. \$25. 213-3058 or naplesgov.com.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform works by Schulhoff, Adams at Brahms at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 24, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

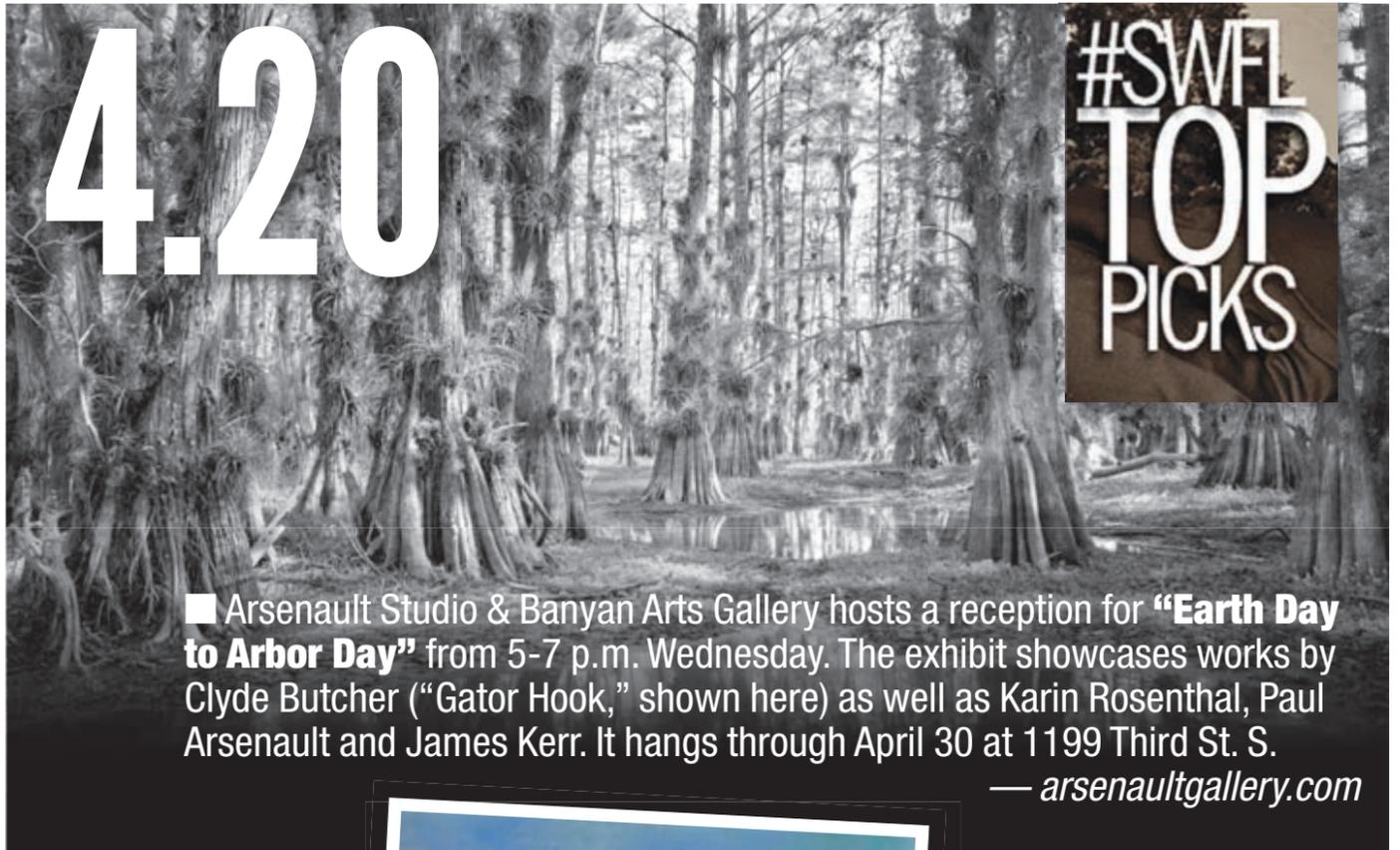
Organ Concert – Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church hosts organists Raymond and Elizabeth Chenault in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 24. Reception follows. Free, but donations appreciated. 553 Galleon Drive. 262-6581 or trinitybythecove.com.

Stay in May – ArtsNaples World Festival immerses guests in music, food and cultural experiences from around the world with a variety of events April 25-May 8. Check website for details. 390-2788 or stayinmay.com.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a screening of "Ladro di Bicicletta" (Italy, 1948) at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 25. A man becomes desperate when the bicycle he depends upon for employment after World War II is stolen. \$15 for dinner and the movie, \$5 for film alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Sea Inside" (Spain, 2004) at 7 p.m. Monday, April 25. It's the true story of Ramon Sampedro, a Spaniard who fought a 30-year campaign in favor of euthanasia. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Chamber Concert – Fifth Avenue Chamber Orchestra performs works by Bach at 8 p.m. Monday, April 25, at Sugden Community Theater. \$60. 263-7990 or classicchamberconcerts.org.



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#SWFL TOP PICKS

■ Arsenault Studio & Banyan Arts Gallery hosts a reception for **"Earth Day to Arbor Day"** from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday. The exhibit showcases works by Clyde Butcher ("Gator Hook," shown here) as well as Karin Rosenthal, Paul Arsenault and James Kerr. It hangs through April 30 at 1199 Third St. S. — arsenaultgallery.com

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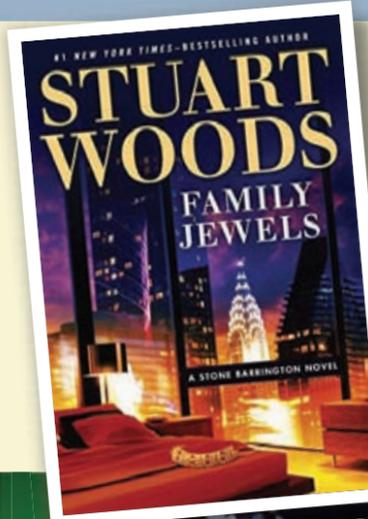
■ Marco Island painter Tara O'Neill ("Three Herons," shown here) and photographer Jim Freeman greet friends at their **"home-grown art extravaganza"** from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the historic Little Bar Restaurant in Goodland. — 642-0528

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■ John Caparulo, the underdressed Every Man from **"Chelsea Lately,"** brings his stand-up show to Off the Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday. — offthehookcomedy.com

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■ Novelist Stuart Woods discusses and signs copies of **"Family Jewels,"** the latest in his Stone Barrington series, at 2 p.m. Sunday at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. — bn.com



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■ The **Fort Myers Derby Girls** and the Dub City Derby Girls hit the rink to benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida starting at 6 p.m. Sunday at Bamboozles Skating & Event Center in Fort Myers. Doors open at 5. After the bout, meet the skaters at Stevie Tomato's Sports Page. — fortmyersderbygirls.com

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Sharp-Dressed Men – ZZ Top performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 26, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Chamber Concert – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a string and piano concert featuring works by Smetana and Dvorak at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. \$27-\$32. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Stand Up and Paddle – Learn the basics of paddle-boarding at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 28, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Suitable for ages 12 and older. \$15, reservations required. 431-0598 or floridastateparks.org.

Shop for A Cause – Republic of Décor and Curbside Couture Mobile Boutique will donate 10 percent of sales from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, April 28, to the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida. Guests will also enjoy champagne while they shop. Reservations required. 90 First Ave. S. tinyurl.com/zssqfn3.

Live Music – Carlene Thissen performs from 8-10 p.m. Friday, April 29, at Freedom Fine Cigars & Lounge. 2260 Tamiami Trail E. 207-9070 or freedom-finecigars.com.

Game Night – Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops pulls out board games and invites the public to play starting at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 30. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Dames at Sea – TheatreZone wraps up the season with “Dames at Sea” April 30-May 8 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

Meet the Composers – Lecturer Anne McLean performs in a multimedia presentation about Beethoven from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Taste It All – Enjoy restaurant samples, chef competitions, demonstrations and family fun at Taste of Collier from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at Shoppes of Vanderbilt. 331-3371 or tasteofcollier.com.

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Night of Jazz – Bob Zottola and Jazz Simpatico perform Louis Armstrong and Miles Davis numbers at 8 p.m. Friday, May 6, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$22-\$32. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Mancini Magic – Naples Jazz Orchestra performs the works of Henry Mancini at 7 p.m. Sunday, May 8, at Golden Gate High School. \$30. 207-8299 or naplesjazzorchestra.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Shower" (China, 1999) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 9. It's a comedy about a businessman who must choose between his decaying hometown — where his elderly father is thriving as a vital community member — and the booming city where he and his wife live. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Last Chance – Head over to Crayton Cove for the 40th annual and final Great Dock Canoe Race from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 14. 261-4191 or greatdockcanoerace.com.

Slumber Party – Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center hosts a sleepover starting at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 14. Kids ages 11-14 will enjoy games, activities, guest speakers and more. \$30. 590-5940 or rookerybay.org.

WHAAT? – Comedian Amy Schumer performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 14, at Germain Arena. \$49-\$99. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

Independence Day – The Israel Advocacy Committee of the Jewish Federation of Collier County celebrates Israel's 68th anniversary of independence from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 15, at Mercato. Enjoy Israeli dancing, live music, food, art and more. jeffreymrاندall@gmail.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Keeping Mum" (U.K. 2005) at 7 p.m. Monday, May 16. A pastor preoccupied with writing the perfect sermon fails to realize his wife is having an affair and his children are up to no good. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Frothy Fun – The Southwest Florida Soapfest charity weekend returns to Marco Island May 27-30. Daytime soap stars participate in a variety of events to raise money for local charities. Visit website for full schedule and ticket prices. 394-0080 or theateronmarco.com. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

'Funny Girl' provides lots of laughs at Broadway Palm

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It can't be easy to play Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl."

Not only must an actress possess the pipes to belt out beloved chestnuts such as "Don't Rain on My Parade" and "People," but she needs a keen comedic sensibility as well — one that allows you to deliver a line with perfect inflection and timing and to perform the required physical comedy as well.

And then there's the fact that Barbra Streisand is so indelibly tied to the role. When you think of Fanny Brice in "Funny Girl," you think of Streisand. When you hear those iconic songs in your head, it's typically Streisand's voice you hear singing those lyrics.

It's an uphill battle for any actress bold enough — or foolish enough — to accept the role.

But Elizabeth McMonagle grabs hold of the role with both hands and doesn't let go.

I confess to having some doubts when she first walked on stage at the Broadway Palm Theatre. She looked like a lost little girl, not someone who could belt out a song.

And she doesn't possess the unconventional beauty of a Streisand or Bette Midler.

But then she sang her first number, "I'm the Greatest Star," and I was won over.

As Fanny, Ms. McMonagle possesses tons of moxie and overflows with self-confidence, something people in show business need a never-ending supply of.

In that first scene, she's 19 and at a rehearsal, trying to convince dancer Eddie Ryan (Christopher Russell) that she belongs in the show — even though she can't get through any of the dance numbers without going the wrong way or doing the wrong step.

She knows she's different. She knows she doesn't fit in.

"I'm a bagel on a plate full of onion rolls," she acknowledges.

But she also knows how good she is. "I'm the greatest, but no one knows it," she sings.

And just like that, she wins over the audience.

Her own self-belief makes the audience believe in her. (Which is pretty much what acting is all about, anyway.)



The "Rat-Tat-Tat-Tat" number in Act III is filled with tap-dancing, patriotic dancers.

COURTESY PHOTOS



Elizabeth McMonagle's performance wins over the audience.

She has that spark. As a suitor tells her later on, "You're so full of life you make everyone else look like a sleep-walker."

"I'm the Greatest Star" is not the easiest song to perform: There are plenty of asides to be spoken after singing a line, even little scenarios to act out. The timing has to be perfect.

And Ms. McMonagle nails it.

Not only that, but the sound is crystal clear, and her diction perfect.

Kudos to Ms. McMonagle and also to director Brian Enzman and conductor Loren Strickland.

"Funny Girl" is based on the life of comedian/singer/actress Fanny Brice and her disastrous relationship with gambler Nicky Arnstein, with lots of creative license. They meet, they fall in love, they marry. Fanny's star continues to rise, as she performs with the Ziegfeld Follies and makes a name for herself, but Nick's future is as shaky as betting on the horses.

Many people know the musical, either through seeing it on Broadway or watching the 1968 movie, which was also a vehicle for Streisand.

(The musical was nominated for eight Tony Awards but lost out to "Hello, Dolly." Streisand won the Oscar for her movie performance four years later.)

The book is somewhat strange, but it does have those classic songs — especially the showstopper "Don't Rain on My Parade" — that, along with Ms. McMonagle's great performance and some terrific ensemble numbers, make this show easy to watch.

When you have a musical about an

actress, it's a great excuse to have a variety of numbers that are from the shows within the show.

"Funny Girl" offers "His Love Makes Me Beautiful," with brides in white gliding about. Costume designer John P. White goes all out with the chorus-girls-dressed-as-brides outfits. One wears a three-tiered wedding cake as a hat, while another balances a birdcage on her head. Fanny, who thinks the audience will ridicule her for singing about being beautiful when she isn't exactly one herself, takes the number and puts her own twist on it, deliberately courting laughs. She learns early on that when something's not working for you, you have to put your own spin on it and make it yours.

And then there's the "Rat-Tat-Tat-Tat" number in Act II, filled with tap-dancing, patriotic, white-rifle waving dancers in red, white and blue sequins, led by the very able Mr. Russell.

The "soldiers" introduce themselves: "I'm Private Ryan from Maine." "I'm Private Smith from Kansas." But when Ms. McMonagle comes out and announces she's Private Schwartz from Rockaway, I just about fell off my seat laughing. I proceeded to laugh through the entire number. It's so outrageous, so much fun, I wished they could have done it all over again.

Diane Wilde is outstanding as Fanny's mother, Mrs. Brice. The backbone of the show, she's wise, and also wise-cracking. You see where Fanny gets her spunk. She and Mr. Russell have a duet in "Who Taught Her Everything?" in which they both claim credit for hav-

ing taught Fanny everything she knows. And the opening number, "If a Girl Isn't Pretty," with Ms. Wilde, Megan Leigh Pattison, Megan Orłowski and ML Graham as the neighborhood women playing cards, is warm and welcoming, as well as funny.

Drew Stark plays Fanny's love interest, Nicky Arnstein. In his black cape and top hat he's dashing and charming, but I was looking for some darkness in his character, some edge. You can see why Fanny falls in love with this reformed gambler; he's so nice, so gallant. But there's no sense of inner struggle, of danger. It's difficult to believe he's someone who would make bad choices or shady deals.

"Funny Girl" is not only the story of Fanny Brice. It's the story of performers everywhere who, armed with only their talent and their belief in themselves, struggle in their journey to the spotlight.

Fanny Brice is not so much an ugly duckling as an odd duck, and it's when she embraces her "oddness," her "differentness," if you will, that she becomes fully who she is: much more interesting than your average, generic chorus girl — and yes, ultimately, a star. ■

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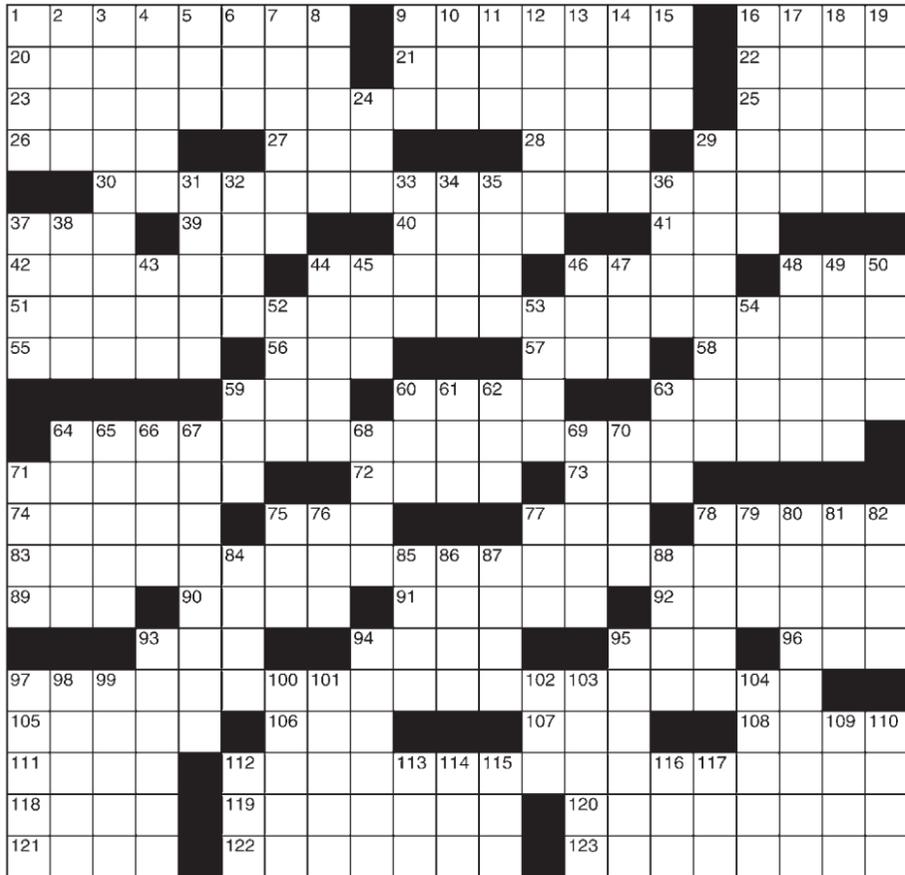
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 - 15 Joseph who co-founded an ice cream company
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 - 38 Eros' father
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 - 63 And other things: Abbr.
 - 64 All upset
 - 65 "Half — is better than none"
 - 66 Skating area
 - 67 Velocity increases
 - 68 Kauai, e.g.
 - 69 Obliterate
 - 70 Lizardlike amphibian
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 - 76 Really pester
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 - 87 Do field work
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 - 97 Winfrey of "Beloved"
 - 98 Not a soul box
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 - 100 "Hogwash!"
 - 101 Fetal homes
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 - 109 Aliens' craft
 - 110 Shipped off
 - 112 About half of a fluid oz.
 - 113 Numerical suffix
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 - 115 Repeated syllables in "Hey Jude"
 - 116 Tantalite, e.g.
 - 117 — -de-lance

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Impatience is still somewhat of a problem. But a sign of progress should soothe the anxious Aries heart. Meanwhile, invest some of that waiting time in preparing for the change ahead.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bovines tend to excel at solving problems, not creating them. But you risk doing just that if you're slow to respond to a timely situation. If necessary, seek advice from someone you trust.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) The Gemini Twin might need to do more than a routine check of both a job-linked and home-based situation. Dig deeper for more data on both fronts to avoid unwanted surprises later.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Moon Children facing an important workplace decision are encouraged to use their perceptiveness to see through any attempt to win them over with a supercharge of fawning and flattery.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Good news catapults Leos and Leonas into reconsidering a deferred decision. But time has moved on, and it's a good idea to recheck your plans and make adjustments where necessary.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) The week favors relationships, both personal and professional. Take the time to look for and immediately repair any vulnerable areas caused by unresolved misunderstandings.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A friend's problems bring out your

protective instincts. Be careful to keep a balance between meeting the obligations of friendship without being overwhelmed by them.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The temptation to take an extreme position on an issue is strong, but moderation is favored both in personal and professional dealings. Move toward finding areas of agreement.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Getting another boss or teacher? Try to see the person behind the image. It will help you adjust more easily to the changes that new authority figures inevitably bring.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Much as you might dislike the idea, keep an open mind about using the assistance of a third party to help resolve problems that threaten to unravel an important agreement.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Music helps restore the Aquarian's spiritual energies this week. Take someone you care for to a concert of your musical choice. Also, expect news about a workplace matter.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A challenge that seems easy enough at first could take an unexpected turn that might test your resolve. Decide if you feel you should stay with it, or if it's better to move in another direction.

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By Linda Thistle

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

The opponents' bidding sometimes draws a road map for declarer to follow that he would be unlikely to find had the opponents remained silent. For example, take this deal played by multi-time world champion Bob Hamman in a U.S. national championship.

Hamman's opening one-club bid was artificial and forcing, promising at least 17 high-card points with almost any distribution. West's four no-trump announced a strong two-suiter in the minors. The double by North indicated at least moderate values, and South's five-heart bid closed the auction.

Without a club lead, Hamman would have had no trouble collecting 11 tricks. But West's king-of-clubs lead cut South off from dummy's king of spades. As a result, declarer was faced with the possibility of losing three diamond tricks. However, Hamman utilized his knowledge of West's hand to bring the contract home.

After taking the club ace, he led a diamond to his nine, losing to the 10. As expected, West shifted to a trump. After winning the eight with the nine, Hamman now made his second key play in the diamond suit by returning the king.

West took the king with the ace, but, just as Hamman hoped, he did not have another trump to lead. Declarer ruffed the queen-of-clubs return, trumped his last diamond in dummy and so made the contract.

South dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

WEST	EAST
♠ 6	♠ Q J 10 8 7
♥ 8	♥ 10 4
♦ A Q 10 7 3	♦ J 6 5
♣ K Q J 10 7 3	♣ 9 6 5

SOUTH
 ♠ A
 ♥ A K Q J 9 7 5 2
 ♦ K 9 8
 ♣ 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	4 NT	Dble	Pass
5 ♥			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

By playing the diamonds as he did, Hamman prevented East — the player far more likely to hold two or three trumps — from ever gaining the lead. Had Hamman put up the king of diamonds at trick two, or led the eight of diamonds instead of the king at trick four, East would have won the second diamond with the jack and returned a trump to sink the contract. ■



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(Jonathan Gold, Roy Choi, David Chang) The story is unfocused in this documentary about Pulitzer Prize-winning food critic Jonathan Gold and his influence on Los Angeles. Not only that, but Mr. Gold's personality isn't interesting enough to warrant following him for 90 minutes. Rated R.

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 2 ★★

(Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Lainie Kazan) Toula (Ms. Vardalos) and Ian (Mr. Corbett) have trouble connecting while her parents (Ms. Kazan and Michael Constantine) realize their wedding was never official. It's a delight to see this crazy family back on the big screen, and just as funny as it was when the original was a box office hit in 2002. Rated PG-13.

Dough ★★★

(Jonathan Pryce, Jerome Holder, Ian Hart) A old-school Jewish baker (Mr. Pryce) hires a Muslim teenager to give him a hand, not realizing the teenager also sells marijuana. Naturally, when some of the marijuana gets into the dough, business booms. It's a funny yet poignant serio-comedy that nicely hits its mark. Not Rated: Adult situations.

Hello, My Name Is Doris ★★★

(Sally Field, Max Greenfield, Tyne Daly) Sixty-something Doris (Ms. Field) falls for her 20-something (Mr. Greenfield) co-worker. Ms. Field makes Doris so endearing and likeable that we easily look past her character's un-thought-out desires. It's a cute movie. Rated R.

Zootopia ★★ ★ 1/2

(Voices of Ginnifer Goodwin, Jason Bateman, Idris Elba) From Disney Animation ("Frozen"), a small town bunny (Ms. Goodwin) moves to the big city and teams up with a sly fox (Mr. Bateman) to track down missing mammals. Great visuals, ample funny moments for kids and adults and a slew of memorable furry characters make this an absolute delight. Rated PG.

Whiskey Tango Foxtrot ★★★

(Tina Fey, Martin Freeman, Margot Robbie) A TV news journalist (Ms. Fey) battles sexism and bureaucracy while covering Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan starting in 2003. Although Ms. Fey shows a mix of dramatic acting chops alongside her perfect comic timing, the film as a whole doesn't handle the shifting tones between comedy and drama nearly as well. Still, it's intriguing and enjoyable. Rated R.

How To Be Single ★★★

(Dakota Johnson, Rebel Wilson, Alison Brie) New York City singles find themselves among friends — not romantic partners — in this smart comedy. Ms. Wilson gets the biggest laughs with Leslie Mann coming in a close second. Best of all, this film allows people to be single and happy, which is a rarity in movies. Rated R.

The Witch ★★

(Anya Taylor-Joy, Ralph Ineson, Kate Dickie) In Puritan New England circa 1630, a family that lives on its own in the woods is tormented by witchcraft. It's minimalist and moody, though not altogether enticing. Shocks come, but there are too few. Rated R. ■

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Is it worth \$10? No

"Demolition" is a movie about a man who doesn't feel emotions, and as a result we feel nothing for him. If you can't emotionally invest in the main character, why watch a drama?

Instinctively our hearts want to break for Davis (Jake Gyllenhaal) when his wife is killed in a car accident, but when he can't even bring himself to so much as shed a tear, well, it's hard for us to give a damn about anything that comes after.

Clearly he's not processing the loss, we think. He's in denial. Shock. We all grieve in our own way, right? But he never snaps out of it, and indications are he was like this well before his wife's death.

Davis also has no friends. He hates his job as a money manager working for his father-in-law Phil (Chris Cooper). He claims he didn't love his late wife (Heather Lind). He's numb to the world, indifferent about everything. And yet, given his propensity to confess deeply personal things to complete strangers, clearly he yearns for a connection.

In a clever bit of storytelling, director Jean-Marc Vallee ("Dallas Buyers Club") uses complaint letters Davis writes to a vending machine company as personal discourses that allow us to learn his backstory. At the offending company, the letters pique the interest of Karen (Naomi Watts), a single mother of 15-year-old Chris (Judah Lewis) with issues of her own. She resists meeting Davis, but soon they form a symbiotic bond that is never quite believable. Her backstory is never discussed, and why they're drawn to one another is anyone's guess. To make matters worse, Davis is a terrible role model for Chris, even if Bryan Sipe's screenplay tries hard to make you think otherwise.

Here's another thing: Phil tells Davis to tear things apart and examine everything so he can put all the pieces back together. Davis takes this literally, even going so far as to pay construction guys so he can do their work for them. While this provides for a movie title that otherwise makes no sense, it's nonetheless bad advice. Davis proceeds to destroy his refrigerator, work computer, a cappuccino machine and later his house. Why is he doing this, exactly? It's never clear. He rarely shows and never discusses his emotions.

You kind of feel bad for Mr. Gyllenhaal because his character is the equivalent of a stone and (worse) has the personality of one. Even someone as phenomenally talented as Mr. Gyllenhaal will struggle with a script this opaque.

Ms. Watts doesn't fare much better. One senses she knows her character is a lost soul but isn't quite sure how damaged she is, resulting in a middling rather than impactful performance. Judah Lewis does better playing her son, though Chris' relationship with Davis feels a bit forced and heavy-handed.

And give credit to Chris Cooper: The Oscar winner ("Adaptation") has the hurt for the loss of his daughter all over his face in every scene, and the movie is stronger because of it.

Unfortunately, the rest of "Demolition" is notably less compelling.

Simply put, you cannot tell a story like this without getting the viewer to invest emotionally in the characters, which means you cannot have a lead character who is emotionless. If he feels nothing, we feel nothing. Perhaps on paper Mr. Vallee, who did so well in getting us to care for the characters in "Dallas Buyers Club" and "Wild," thought there was enough in the script for him to bring the story to life visually. Turns out he was wrong. ■



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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Venturi chair series based on eight design periods

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Furniture made by earlier workmen often inspires later designers who create a modern version. A series of chairs by Robert Venturi that were first sold in 1985 represented the work of eight periods of furniture: Queen Anne, Chippendale, Sheraton, Biedermeier, Empire, Gothic Revival, Art Nouveau and Art Deco. Made of plywood by Knoll, each chair is a cutout form shaped like the 18th-, 19th- or 20th-century chair it represents.

The chairs are covered in a plastic laminate and some have fabric cushions. One version of the Chippendale chair is covered in the "Grandmother's Tablecloth" pattern (the pastel flowers actually were inspired by a friend's grandmother's tablecloth).

These chairs are seen in homes, shops and auctions today. In the 1980s, one could sell for up to \$16,000, but now many more of the chairs have been made and prices have dropped. A "Grandmother's Tablecloth" Chippendale chair sold by Skinner in 2015 brought \$6,150.

Q: I have a treasured picture frame given to me by my grandmother. It is white porcelain with painted flowers and gold trim. The mark on the back looks like an E over an S with 1811 in the bottom curve of the S and Prussia (Prussia?) below. Do you know the history from the mark? And can you give me its value?

A: The mark on your frame was used by a company founded in 1861 by Leon-

ard Schlegelmilch (1823-1898) in Suhl, Germany, and named in memory of his father, Erdmann Schlegelmilch (1782-1844). The Schlegelmilch names and factories confused collectors for years until extensive research in the mid-1980s sorted out the families and companies.

The Erdmann Schlegelmilch company made porcelain kitchenware, tableware, giftware, figurines, coffee and tea sets and, for a time, containers for perfume lamps. After Leonard died, his son Julius Martin ran the business, which reached its peak in 1913. The company closed in 1937. Erdmann Schlegelmilch items are marked "ES Germany" or "ES Suhl." Other pieces, like your frame, were made at a factory in Saxony, Prussia, and bear the mark "ES Prussia." The mark on your frame has the date 1861, the founding date (not 1811). "Prussia" is Prussia (the double "s" is in old German writing). The value of your frame is \$75.

Q: I have a small salve container that belonged to my father. It's made of tin and is about 2 inches high. The screw-off lid is embossed "Medicat 60, Trial Size, Resinol Shaving Stick." On the bottom, it reads "under the Food & Drugs Act, June 30, 1906." What is its antique value?

A: Resinol Chemical Company was started in Baltimore, Md., in 1895 by Dr. Merville Hamilton Carter, his brother Allan and a cousin. The company made soap and other products that contained Resinol ointment, supposed to clear up pimples, eczema and other problems. A 1916 ad for the shav-

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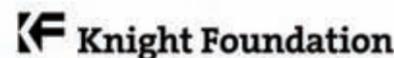
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Q: I have a marble and bronze bust signed “Schumacher.” I’d like to know something about the maker, how old it is and how to clean it.

A: The Schumacher Foundry in Austria made bronze and alabaster busts and full-length figures from about 1900 to the 1920s. Alabaster can be damaged by improper handling and cleaning. Water causes it to dissolve, and wax will eventually cause discoloration. Simply dust alabaster by brushing it with a soft bristle brush. Works made at the Schumacher foundry have sold at auction for a few

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The flowers on this 1985 plywood “Grandmother’s Tablecloth” Chippendale chair by Robert Venturi were inspired by a tablecloth. Black lines change it to a more modern look. The 37-inch chair sold at auction last year for \$6,150.



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'Rizzoli and Isles' wrapping up

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me when "Rizzoli and Isles" will be back? And is it true that this is the show's final season?



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Amy Adams

— Peter F., via email

A: This seventh season of "Rizzoli and Isles" is indeed the crime-solving duo's last hurrah. TNT's hit comedy-drama returns with its final 13 episodes on Monday, June 6, at 9/8c. I also have the premiere dates for the rest of TNT's blockbuster summer series. Premiering June 7 is a new series called "Animal Kingdom," which stars Ellen Barkin.

The series centers on 17-year-old Joshua Cody (played by Finn Cole), who moves in with his freewheeling relatives in their Southern California beach town after his mother dies of a heroin overdose. The family is headed by Janine Cody (played by Ellen) and her right-hand man Baz (played by Scott Speedman), who runs the business and calls the shots. Josh realizes that joining the family comes with more danger than he might be ready to handle.

Q: I loved "Gone Girl," both the book and the movie. Are there any more of Gillian Flynn's books in the running for a movie adaptation?

— Ellie W., via email

A: I also loved "Gone Girl." It's really difficult for me to find a movie adaptation

that I like and that I feel does the book justice, but this one definitely did for me. Charlize Theron starred in the movie adaptation of "Dark Places," which came out in 2015 and is now available on DVD and streaming. HBO also just announced that "Sharp Objects" will be adapted into an eight-episode original series and will star Amy Adams. For me, this is the best way to adapt a book because you can cover a lot more of the book's ground that you can with a movie.

The story centers on Camille Preaker, played by Amy, who is a journalist in Chicago trying to make a better life for herself following years of self-harm that landed her in a psychiatric hospital. Camille returns to her hometown of Wind Gap, Missouri, to cover the murder of a preteen girl and the disappearance of another.

Q: I haven't heard mention of Gerard Depardieu in a while. Does he have anything in the pipeline?

— Sam T., Webster, N.Y.

A: The accomplished French actor stars in Netflix's original drama series "Marseille," which is the network's first original French production. The eight-episode series — available for streaming beginning May 5 — follows the mayor of Marseille, Robert Taro (played by Gerard), who enters into a war of succession with his former protege turned rival Lucas Barres, played by Benoit Magimel. ■

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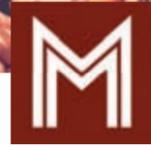
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This is Part 3 of a six-part fiction series from a novel-in-progress by Florida Weekly writer Artis Henderson. The novel's protagonist, Jesse Lowe, has run away with her father's best friend, Corbin Tillis. Jesse's father died when she was 5 and now 16, she longs to discover more about him. Corbin was just released from prison after serving a sentence on drug charges. He has reluctantly agreed to take Jesse on his travels around the state.

Corbin slowed the truck as they came on a trailer park set against the swamp. "Are we stopping here?" Jesse asked. Corbin nodded. "I need to see some people."

"About what?"
"About a boat."
Corbin parked in front of a yellow trailer with a fine patina of black mold spread across the front. Three wooden steps led to a small porch with a corrugated tin roof eaten away by rust. He stepped out of the truck and left Jesse sitting in the cab. Through the windshield smeared with insects, she watched as a short, dark-skinned woman came out of the trailer. The woman wore an apron and had a long braid hanging down her back. She watched Corbin with a neutral expression, her arms crossed over her chest. He talked until she dropped her arms and let him pull her into a hug, kissing the top of her head. When they stepped apart, she saw Jesse sitting in the truck. Her brows came together and she crossed her arms again. Corbin followed her glance over his shoulder then spoke some more. After a time she nodded, a gesture so slight Jesse almost missed it, and turned to go back inside the trailer.

Corbin came back to the truck and leaned in through the open window. "Let's go."

"Where are we going?" Jesse asked.
"We're spending the night here."
"In the trailer?"
Corbin laughed. "What? You never slept in a trailer?"

Jesse followed him across the yard and up the steps. The day's heat felt weighty inside the trailer, substantial, the way it does in a windowless shed. The space was strangely quiet without air conditioning. A mixing bowl sat on the counter in the kitchen and a frying

pan smoked on the stove. Corbin pulled out two chairs from the kitchen table.

"This is Lida," Corbin said as he sat. "She makes the best damn fry bread in Big Cypress."

Lida glanced at Jesse but didn't say anything. She pinched off a piece of dough and began to pat it in her hands. Corbin eyed her over the table as she dropped the patty into the oil.

"You hear from your brother much?" he said.

"Billie? He's around."

"Around here?"

"Sometimes."

The batter crackled in the hot grease and droplets spattered around the stove. Lida flipped the rounds with a fork.

"Is he still running boats?" Corbin asked.

"Sure," Lida said. "Airboats. Pole boats. The real Indian experience."

"That's not what I mean."

When Lida didn't say more, Corbin said, "Don't give me that silent Indian bullshit."

The corner of Lida's mouth crooked up in a smile. She fished out the patties and set them on a folded piece of newspaper to drain.

"They don't run it anymore," she said. "It's all home grown now."

"Where they growing it?"

"Hiialeah."

"Bad people out that way."

Lida made a small noise of acknowledgement. She wrapped a piece of fry bread in a paper towel and handed it to Jesse. Jesse took a careful bite and the hot bread burned her tongue.

"I'm looking for a boat," Corbin said.

Lida turned off the burner and moved the skillet to the back of the stove. "What kind of boat?"

"A fishing boat."

"What do you need a boat for?"

"I have to get to Nassau."

Lida glanced at Jesse. "She going with you?"

Jesse looked up from the fry bread in her hands.

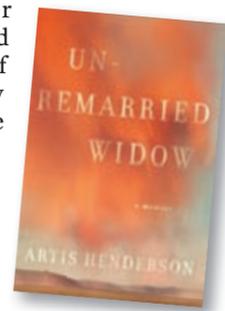
"No," Corbin said.

"You sure?" Lida asked.

Corbin leaned back in his chair and propped a foot on the table leg. "Give me some of that fry bread before I come across this table after you."

Lida untied her apron and handed Corbin a piece of bread. "You got any booze in this joint?" he asked. ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of *Unremarried Widow*.



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Gulfshore Opera presents the comedic opera "L'elisir d'amore" ("Elixir of Love") in Punta Gorda on April 15 and at Artis—Naples on April 21.

One of Gaetano Donizetti's most popular works, it is the story of Nemorino, a poor peasant in love with a beautiful landowner, Adina, and tormented by her utter indifference.

The production includes both celebrated and up-and-coming artists from around the world, accompanied by the Gulfshore Opera Orchestra and Chorus and with dancers from Gulfshore Ballet.

Irish tenor Anthony Kearns, South African bass-baritone Musa Ngqungwana and American soprano Danielle Talamantes lead the cast.

Mr. Kearns, who is known around the world for his PBS appearances and has performed locally numerous times, is making his debut in the role of Nemorino. Mr. Ngqungwana is revisiting the role of the opera's charlatan medicine man. About her leading role of Adina, Ms. Talamantes says, "My season this year has been filled with dramatic concert work and intense operas, so 'Elixir' is going to feel wonderfully refreshing and playful."



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Baritone Wes Mason, a former classmate of Mr. Ngqungwana at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia, sings the role of the pompous Sergeant Belcore.

Ryan McAdam conducts the production for Gulfshore Opera. A Fulbright Scholar and the first-ever recipient of the Sir Georg Solti Emerging Conductor Award, Mr. McAdam made his Eastern European debut with the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields and has led the Israel Philharmonic in three performances.

The Gulfshore Opera Orchestra includes professional musicians who regularly perform with the Naples Philharmonic, the Charlotte Symphony Orchestra and the Southwest Florida Symphony. ■

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'Elixir of Love'

What: The comic opera by Gaetano Donizetti's
Who: Gulfshore Opera
Where: The Charlotte Performing Arts Center, Punta Gorda, 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 15; Artis—Naples, 8 p.m. Thursday, April 21
Tickets: \$25 and up
Info: 529-3925 or gulfshoreopera.org

Board the bus to Miami for 'Don Pasquale'

Naples Opera Society invites opera aficionados to board a Miami-bound bus for Florida Grand Opera's production of Gaetano Donizetti's "Don Pasquale" on Saturday, May 14. On one of the pillars of Italian comic opera, it is the story of a reclusive old fool who, worried that a scheming nephew will squander his wealth, finds himself a wife — only to discover having a wife is not quite as straightforward as he expected.

The \$140 round trip includes early dinner at a Coral Gables restaurant, pre-opera lecture and mezzanine seating for the show at the Adrienne Arsht Center for Performing Arts. An optional rear orchestra seat is available for \$165. Board the bus at any of three locations:

- 11:45 a.m. at the Ace Hardware Shopping Center in Cape Coral.
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Catch a Rising Star at the Wang Opera Center

The Cultural and Performing Arts Center presents piano prodigy Noah Waddell with the Kapella Chamber Group at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center. It is the second concert in this year's CAPA Rising Stars Series.

Now 14 years old, Noah began playing the piano shortly after his seventh birthday and won his first international piano competition in 2014 in Fort Collins, Colo. At age 12, he made his orchestral debut performing three concerts as a soloist with the Tampa Bay Symphony. He recently performed with the Coral Gables Chamber Symphony and Gulf

Coast Symphony to standing ovations.

Kapella Chamber Group is composed of four leading members of the Artis-Naples Youth Orchestra: Noelle Torres, Luciano Marsalli, Cassie Drake and Bridget Denze. Individually, these young artists have received top awards in local competitions, including Naples Music Club, Opera Naples, Southwest Florida Bach Festival, Southwest Florida Symphony Concer-



COURTESY PHOTO

Piano prodigy Noah Waddell, shown here at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, performs with the Kapella Chamber Ensemble on Friday, April 22, at The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center.

to Competition and Artis-Naples Youth Concerto Competition.

The CAPA Rising Stars Series concludes at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, with the Naples Philharmonic Youth Chorus, a 100-voice chorus of elementary, middle school and high school singers under the direction of James Cochran.

The David and Cecile Wang Opera Center is at 2408 Linwood Ave. Tickets are \$30 for adults, \$10 for students and children, \$40 for VIP seating including a meet-the-artist reception. To order tickets, call 775-2800 or visit CAPACenter.org. Tickets are also sold at the door. ■



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CLUB NOTES

■ **The Naples High School Class of 1966 Reunion Committee** meets at noon Wednesday, April 20, at Sweet Tomatoes on U.S. 41 in North Naples. All alumni are invited to get involved in planning the 50th reunion, which is set for Oct. 8. For more information, call Larry Ryan at 398-4011 or email napleshighschoolclassof66@gmail.com.

■ **The Naples Wednesday Bridge Club**, now in its 25th year, welcomes new members to join in at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday in the clubhouse at Longshore Lake. The group plays five rounds of six hands each, changing partners after each round and with a break for lunch. The game is over by 3 p.m. Admission for \$20 includes beverages, lunch and a small reward for the winning players. For more information, email Phil Reed at philbarb8142@gmail.com.

■ **The 41 West Social Club** is a free membership club for persons living west of U.S. 41 in Naples who want to get to know their neighbors. The next event on the calendar is a covered dish picnic and sunset celebration starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, at Lowdermilk Park.

Coming up Monday, April 25, members will gather at 11 a.m. for a free interior design presentation at Clive Daniel Home before traveling to Bayside Seafood Grill for lunch.

For more information or to RSVP for either of the above, email the41westsocial@yahoo.com.

■ Are you new to Naples and interested in making friends? Consider joining the **Naples Newcomers Club**. Members must be full-time residents of Naples for less than five years. Lunch meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout Naples. The next meeting is April 14. In addition, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking. For more information, visit naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is April 14. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ **The Solo Women Travel Group** meets at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

■ **Naples Press Club** members and guests will hear from candidates for the Florida Senate District 23 seat at the monthly luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday, April 18, at the Hilton Naples. State House Reps. Kathleen Pasidomo and Matt Hudson, Republican primary rivals for the seat of retiring Sen. Garrett Richter, will speak about various issues facing Southwest Florida. The primary election takes place Tuesday, Aug. 30. Cost of the luncheon is \$30 for NPC members, \$40 for others. To sign up and choose from the lunch menu options or for more information, visit naplespressclub.org.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is April 18. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ The **PCBUG** computer and technology club invites all those interested in learning more about computers and mobile devices to its regular meetings at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. The next meeting is April 21. For more information, call J. Burke at 659-0659 or email paddyeb@hotmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, April 21, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is held. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and all are welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month

at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is April 21. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to the 45th Anniversary Celebration of the Naples Alumnae Club and Golden Arrow Induction from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 30, at Pelican Isle Yacht Club in Naples. Cost is \$27, and payment is required in advance. Call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.co.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 3, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bit.ly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools. Meeting admission and membership are free. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

■ Civitan clubs are dedicated to serving the needs of the community first with an emphasis on the developmentally disabled. The uniqueness is their Civitan International Research Center dedicated to finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease, Down syndrome and others. For more information about the organization, visit civitan.org.

The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the first Tuesday of the month at noon and in the evening for has social/educational meetings during the third week of the month. **The Marco Island Civitan Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month and also at 6 p.m. in the fourth week of the month for social/educational meetings. For more information about either club, call 774-2623 or e-mail neryk@aol.com.

■ The last meeting of the season for the Naples chapter of **Ikebana International** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 4, at Naples Botanical Garden. Naples artist Dusty Holmes will present a demonstration and workshop on kimihimo, the Japanese art of braiding. Admission of \$5 includes all materials. Membership is not required and all are welcome. RSVP by emailing Sue Pigman at skling6427@aol.com. For more information, visit ikebananaples.com.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** serves

a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds benefit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is May 14.

Association members hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is May 4. EAA The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts.

For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaal067.com.

■ Visitors who own or admire **Corvettes** are welcome to attend Corvettes of Naples meetings at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church in North Naples. The next meeting is May 5. For more information, visit corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to regular meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The next meeting is May 5. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for flower registration. Judging is at 7:10 p.m., followed by a short meeting at 7:15 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Moorings Presbyterian Church is at 791 Harbour Drive. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ Alumnae of **Gamma Phi Beta** in the Naples area meet for lunch and conversation on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is May 9. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com.

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■ **Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida** presents "Fashion Through the Decades" as part of its 50th anniversary celebration from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday, May 6, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Goodwill employees and clients will walk the runway wearing fashions trends from the past five decades, accompanied by music to match. This year's Goodwill Breakthrough Award winners will also be announced, and graduates of the Goodwill MicroEnterprise program

will have their wares on display. Tickets for \$75 are available at goodwillswfl.org/goodwillfifth. For more information, call Natalie Tursi at 995-2106, ext. 2249.

■ **Hats for Cats**, an afternoon of shopping and socializing to benefit the Naples Cat Alliance, takes place from noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, April 17, at a private club in Port Royal. Proceeds will support the alliance and its Trap, Neuter, Release program for feral cats. Guests are encouraged to wear a creative hat and vie for the Best Hat prize. Tickets for \$75 include a Mediterranean salad, dessert and glass of wine. For tickets or more information, call 370-2437, email cpamride@comcast.net or visit naplescatalliance.org.



■ The fourth annual **Wines Around the World: "Taste and Discover"** to benefit the Ricky King Children's Fund takes place Wednesday, April 20, at Shula's in the Hilton Naples. First Florida Integrity Bank is title sponsor of the evening that will help the fund provide services and medical equipment to critically ill or severely disabled children whose families cannot afford it or that insurance won't cover. In addition to the bank and the steak house, this year's sponsors include Fisher Broyles, *Naples Daily News*, American Ash Recycling, Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame, Sticky Holsters and DME Shoppe. Tickets and sponsorships are still available. For more information, call 449-0209 or visit RickyKingFund.org.

■ The eighth annual **Barristers Bash** to benefit Legal Aid Service of Collier County takes place the evening of Thursday, April 28, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for \$125 include cocktail hour, a three-course dinner and one glass of wine, silent auction, live auction and a community awards ceremony. For tickets or more information, call 775-4555.

■ The **American Heart Association** holds its seventh annual Go Red for Women luncheon from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, April 29, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. This year's theme, "Life is Why and You Are How," addresses preventing and reversing heart disease with lifestyle changes. In addition to a heart-healthy lunch and keynote speaker Dr. Marc Braman, the event includes sponsored booths with information about heart disease and related resources. For tickets or more information, call Monica Seif at 495-4903 or email monica.seif@heart.org.

■ **Naples Equestrian Challenge** holds its sixth annual Kentucky Derby Party from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at the Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort. Post time for the 142nd Run for the Roses is anticipated to be at 6:24 p.m. Guests are encouraged to vie for the Best Hat (women) and Craziest Pants (gents) prizes and to play the 50/50 derby raffle. Tickets are \$50 and include heavy hors



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■ **Naples Winter Wine Festival's Friends of the Foundation** host The Grape Celebration from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, June 3, at Paradise Wine. Guests will enjoy more than 50 vintages and heavy hors d'oeuvres with proceeds benefiting the festival's founding organization, the Naples Children & Education Foundation. Tickets are \$75 through April and \$95 through May. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 325-2978 or visit friendsofthefoundation.com.

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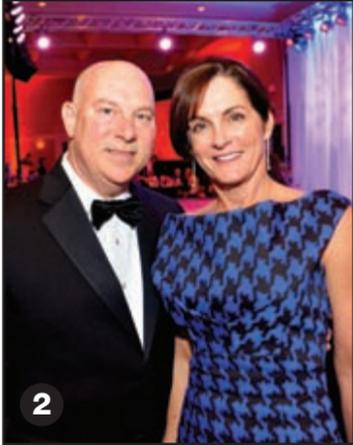
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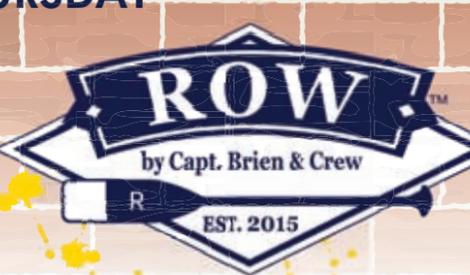
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CUISINE NEWS

Cajun-style crawfish boil will benefit Boys and Girls Club of Collier County

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Could there be a more interactive food than crawfish? Aficionados can snap off the heads and suck out the innards of the tasty Cajun crustaceans to their hearts' content at the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County's sixth annual Crawfish Boil from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at a private home on Tupelo Road in Naples. And when they've had their fill of crawfish, they can feast on muffaletta sandwiches, gumbo and more.

"It's just a huge spread of food," organizer Audra DiNanno says. "It's kind of a thank-you to the community for supporting us all year. It's just good fun."

Tons of fresh crawfish will be shipped in overnight, and several chefs, including those who work for Boys & Girls Club and a private chef from Louisiana, will do the cooking.

It's all you can eat and two drink tickets for \$25, with all proceeds going to the club. "It's really a fabulous deal," Ms. DiNanno says, adding attendance is limited to 250 people.

A variety of bands will provide live entertainment, and guests will also enjoy a host of raffles, giveaways, henna tattoos, a cigar tent and more. The event takes place at 210 Tupelo Road. For tickets or ore information, call 325-1700 or visit bgccc.org.



Savor all the crawfish you can eat along with other Cajun delights at the sixth annual crawfish boil for the Boys and Girls Club off Collier County on Saturday, April 23.

manager, Clement Calleja, will be on hand to discuss the wines. \$99. 1186 Third St. S. 434-7258 or seasaltnaples.com.

■ **Paradise Wine** hosts a Full Moon Bomba Shack Party starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, with Caribbean-themed specialty cocktails, light bites and live music. 8965 Tamiami Trail N. 687-3155 or paradisewinellc.com.

■ **Shula's** hosts a wine dinner featuring selections from Banfi Winery starting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 27. The menu includes a welcome glass of Maschio Prosecco Brut followed by a jumbo lump crab cake dressed in house-made remoulade and served with San Angelo Pinot Grigio; a caprese salad served with Banfi Centine Rosso; filet mignon medallions accompanied by parmesan crusted new potatoes, sautéed spinach and sundried tomatoes served with Castello Banfi Brunello di Montalcino; and chocolate crème brulee with macerated berries served with Rosa Regale. \$95. 659-3176 or shulasnaples.com.

■ **Avenue5** gets down to "Whiskey Business" with a tasting starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28. Guests will sip eight single-malt Scotch whiskeys from distillers including Macallen, Glenmorangie and Ardbeg alongside paired hors d'oeuvres such as pork belly, smoked salmon, cheese and chocolate. \$50, reservations required. Visit avenue5naples.com/whiskey-business.

■ The 32nd annual **Taste of Collier** takes place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 1, at the Shoppes of Vanderbilt. Participating restaurants so far include Greek Gourmet, La Moraga, Quail Creek Country Club, Texas Tony's Rib House and the new 1500 South at Naples Bay Resort. Chef competitions, ice-carving demonstrations and live music are also part of the fun.

Admission is \$5; tickets will be required for food purchases. Proceeds benefit the American Culinary Foundation Caxambas Chapter, the Heil Luthringer Foundation for Multiple Sclerosis Education, Legal Aid Service of Collier County and The McQuaid Cares Foundation. For more information, call 331-7371 or visit tasteofcollier.com. ■

Here's to refreshing shrubs

Things are heating up outside, and that means we're starting to look for light, refreshing drinks to counteract the rising temperatures. If you want something a little more novel than lemonade and a little less potent than a margarita, you should give shrubs a try.

A combination of vinegar and fruit syrup, shrubs can be mixed with liquor, sparkling water or wine to create drinks that are sweet, tart and light for a variety of palates. Here's a recipe provided by Vom Fass, which hosts a shrub tasting from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 23, at its Mercato location.

Appleberry Shrub

1 pint raspberries, blackberries or blueberries, fresh or frozen, thawed
1½ cups Vom Fass Apple Balsamic Star Vinegar
¼ cup sugar
Ice
Club soda
Bring berries, balsamic and sugar to a boil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Remove from heat and steep for 30 minutes for berries to release their juices. Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a glass jar, pressing solids to extract as much liquid as possible. Cover and chill.



This concentrate can be made up to three days ahead.

When ready to serve, fill a 12-ounce glass with ice, at 2 TBS of concentrate and top with club soda. Stir to blend. Come on, summertime!

Take note:

■ **Sea Salt** hosts a four-course wine dinner featuring selections from Champagne Billecart-Salmon at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18. The winery's regional

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THE DISH

The Dish: Lobster Avocado Salad

The Price: \$16

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The Full Menu: billssteakandseafood.com

The Details: Lobster! Meaty, chewy, buttery Maine lobster has a hold on me I can't shake. Scoop it out, dress it up and plop it in a creamy avocado and I go weak in the knees. All that tasty meat

and none of the work? Done! My salad arrived with two generous scoops of lobster salad on two avocado halves, all presented on a pretty chef's salad with carrot curls and blue cheese dressing. It was an indulgent, but entirely appropriate lunch that screams for a repeat. Will do, happily.

One More Thing: Bill's Steak & Seafood specializes in New England-style seafood, and the raw bar selection looks amazing: several types of oysters, lobster cocktail and shrimp, all giving me reason to look forward to the next time. ■

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GRGICH

His name is Miljenko Grgich, but everybody calls him Mike, for apparent reasons. And, since this year is the 40th anniversary of the so-called "Judgment of Paris," it's time you get to know him ... and his wines.

If you've seen the movie "Bottle Shock," you know that the famous blind tasting held in Paris in 1976 consisted of a lineup of American and French wines sampled by a panel of France's most distinguished connoisseurs and critics.

In the red category, six of the top 10 winners were American, including Stag's Leap, Clos du Val, and Ridge Montebello. In fact, several of the judges ranked two of the American wines in first and second place against the finest Bordeauxes.

In the white wine judging, three of the top four wines were American, including the No. 1 Chardonnay, Chateau Montelena.

Though the movie does not disclose this, Mr. Grgich, working at Montelena at the time, made that wine. The event put American wines squarely on the world stage, and Mike was a big part of it, even though he

says he had no idea a blind tasting was happening in Paris.

"I was winemaker and limited partner at Montelena," he recalls, "but was not told by Mr. Barrett about the event."

He relates that in the previous year, the estate's 1972 Chardonnay "won over three best French Chardonnays at a tasting in San Diego."

"I knew it was something important when a reporter from *The New York Times* called to say they were sending a photographer to take my picture! Imagine! A little immigrant named Mike Grgich was to be in a famous New York newspaper. I started dancing around the winery and singing in Croatian that I was born again! It was a miracle!"

Mike also remembers that the prize-winning Chardonnay sold, at the time, for \$6.50 a bottle. Today, there's one bottle on display in the Smithsonian Museum to commemorate the event.

The results of the Paris tasting changed his life.

"As soon as the story was released, I started getting offers to become a winemaker," he told me. "But I had always wanted to own my own winery. I had a five-year agreement that ended in 1977 and I told Mr. Barrett that I would be leaving at the end of the contract. I earned 1 percent ownership for each year I was winemaker at Chateau Montelena, and I took the money from that to purchase land in Rutherford."

The rest, as they say, is wine world history.

Today, Grgich Hills Estate produces a wide assortment of wines from classic vari-



etals, at several different (and attractive) price points.

"I have always thought acid is important in white wines," he says. "Our wines are dry, crisp, balanced, food friendly, aromatic, not too oaky." He wants his wines to "give a lingering enjoyment."

They do.

Grgich Hills Estate Chardonnay Napa Valley 2013 — According to Mike, 2013 was a "nearly perfect" vintage for Chardonnay. This sample, from vineyards in the southern tip of Napa Valley, gives off peach aromas and that characteristic "tutti-frutti" Chardonnay nose. On the palate, there are hints of mango and a mix of tropical fruits. WW 92, about \$40.

Grgich Hills Estate Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2013 — The law says that if you want to call your wine by a varietal name (like "Cabernet Sauvignon") there must be at least 75 percent of that grape in the bottle. The rest can be ... whatever. In this case, "the rest" is a yummy blend of Bordeaux varietals, including Cabernet Franc, Petit Verdot and Merlot. As you'd expect from this particular combi-

nation, there are bold, full-bodied flavors of currant, mocha and licorice, with spicy hints of cinnamon. WW 91-92 points, about \$70.

Grgich Hills Estate Zinfandel Napa Valley 2012 — It's a bit rare to grow Zinfandel in Napa, but Mike does ... in a 34-acre vineyard above Calistoga. He co-ferments his Zinfandel with about 2 percent Petite Sirah to add complexity and structure. This wine is very true to type, with big blackberry flavors, black cherry, and perhaps a peppery note way in the back. Of course, you'd drink this wine at your July 4 cookout, with grilled meats, chicken and lots of barbecue sauce. WW 91, about \$35.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q: "My small wine refrigerator stopped working, and I'm worried about the condition of the wines inside. What's the best way to store them if there's no cooling?"

— C. Gold, Fort Myers

A: The biggest enemies of wine are light, heat and vibration. If your bottles are stored in a moderately dark place (not on the kitchen windowsill), protected from vibration (not on top of the fridge), and kept at a constant temperature, they should be fine for a while. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His new book, "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer," is available through his website or on Amazon. Read his other writings on his website, winewhisperer.com.

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CUISINE NEWS

Sushi-Thai Too serves the best of both worlds



Wooden sculptures shaped like trees with outstretched limbs reach toward the ceiling of the dining room at Sushi-Thai Too, conjuring the experience of strolling through an enchanted forest. Metal lotus leaves in decorative arrangements hang on several walls, and the dark copper color of the ceiling tiles warms the space considerably.

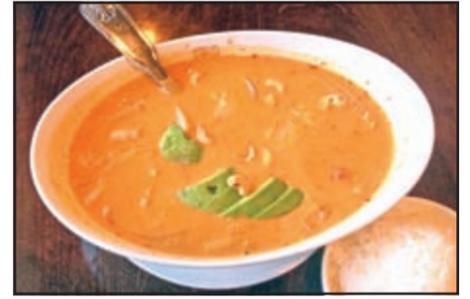
You'd never have known such a unique atmosphere awaited based on the restaurant's generic commercial plaza exterior.

The former location of David Wong's Pan Asian & Sushi and earlier Cilantro Tamales, this Bonita Springs restaurant is the newest of four Sushi-Thai outlets; the original is in Naples Park, and the others are on Airport-Pulling Road and Fifth Avenue. Clearly, the owners have found a successful formula pairing the cuisines of Japan and Thailand (others, such as Komoon just down the road, have followed suit).

Aside from the exotic ambience, there are other qualities that set Sushi-Thai Too apart from similar pan-Asian concepts. The service is remarkably brisk, thanks in part to an extensive service staff that works cooperatively; we lost track of the number of different people who came to our table to serve or remove dishes. Entrees may be a tad more expensive than at other Thai restaurants, but a tureen of Sushi-Thai's curry is ample enough to feed two or three diners.

On this visit we were more interested in the Thai offerings, but we did try one makimono roll that sounded like something we'd never had before. The kimchee roll (\$9.95) was filled with remarkably tender conch, spinach, asparagus, scallions and cucumber and laced with the spicy, sweet and sour sauce used for the namesake Korean fermented-cabbage dish. The roll was constructed with a deft touch.

Our other appetizer, the soft spring roll (\$9.95), was a variation of the Vietnamese summer roll — a softened wonton filled with vegetables and seafood. This one had shrimp, "krab," cooked egg (tamago), cucumber and spring lettuce mix. Dipping it into the peanut sauce provided added another layer of flavor, but I missed the distinctive flourish that



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Top left: The soft spring roll is filled with shrimp, imitation crab and vegetables. **Far left:** Chicken in basil sauce is studded with onions and crisp green beans and bell peppers.

Left: Pa thong ko are Thai doughnuts served with sweetened condensed milk for dipping.

Top right: A tureen of Massaman curry is garnished with cashews and avocado slices.

Above: The kimchee roll is laced with the spicy, sweet and sour sauce used for the namesake Korean fermented-cabbage dish.

fresh herbs bring to the Vietnamese version.

The first course was enjoyed with glasses of milky Nigori sake (\$7) and Clifford Bay Sauvignon Blanc (\$8), a citrusy wine from New Zealand. Wine offerings are decent, if not extensive.

Dishes were quickly cleared away, and the main course soon arrived. Sushi-Thai Too offers all of the curries you would expect, along with sautees, noodle dishes and some unusual "homestyle specialties" (including the intriguing Swimming Angel — chicken and shrimp topped with peanut sauce over a bed of broccoli and tomatoes). On the Japanese side, there are teriyaki and tempura dishes, soba and udon noodles, stir-fries and dombori (rice bowls).

From the curry dishes we settled on the Massaman with shrimp (\$18.95). Again, the price might raise some eyebrows, but half of the serving went home for another meal. The creamy coconut-milk sauce contained lots of onion, potatoes and shrimp along with some surprising garnishes of cashews and sliced avocado — just a touch different from what you get in most Thai restaurants. I didn't detect any of the Thai herbs the menu mentioned, other than what you'd find in chili paste, but

nonetheless the sauce achieved a good balance of sweet and heat.

In contrast, the chicken with basil sauce (\$14.95) had a generous amount of fresh herbs to provide that signature minty lift. Juicy and flavorful, the sliced chicken breast was tossed with copious amounts of crisp bell peppers, green beans and onions. We ordered our dishes "hot" — not "Thai hot" — but did not find them overly spicy at all. They achieved just the right level of lip tingling associated with Thai food.

Dessert is not something generally emphasized in Thai restaurants, but you can get tempura ice cream, fried bananas or lychees. I find it hard to pass up Thai doughnuts — pa thong ko, they call them in Thailand, where they're a popular street treat. Every culture seems to have its version of fried dough, and what's not to love when you can dip these warm, crusty bits in sweetened condensed milk? At Sushi-Thai Too, they snip the half-moon shaped doughnuts so they sort of resemble the silhouette of a lotus flower. Nice touch.

According to our ticket, we ordered and settled up in an hour and 20 minutes, which is fairly quick for a three-course meal. Thai fast food — Sushi-Thai Too is onto something there. ■

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Find your perfect fit at Raffia Preserve



When something fits perfectly, it feels right. Residents at Raffia Preserve often find that feeling is an experience they share in common whether they are swimming at the resort-style pool, working out in the state-of-the-art fitness center, enjoying play dates at the playground, or sharing stories fireside in the clubroom at the end of a relaxing day.

■ A Warm Welcome

Bob and Kay DeTeso recognized that feeling during their first visit to Raffia Preserve. Now, a little more than a year later, the DeTesos are enjoying life as residents in one of WCI Communities' North Naples communities.

The first residents to move into Raffia Preserve in late 2014, the DeTesos considered a half dozen communities when looking for a Naples home. Kay said once they saw the variety of home designs and learned about the reasonable HOA fees at Raffia Preserve, they knew it was the right fit for their new easygoing Southwest Florida lifestyle.

The DeTesos relish being Raffia Preserve's first residents. "We're like pioneers," Bob laughed.

The DeTesos will make Raffia Preserve their full-time home this year as they complete the transition from their Massachusetts residence to their new three-bedroom, two-bath Egret Executive Home. They also are looking forward to hosting visiting family from up North. "We're only minutes from the beach!" said Kay.

The DeTesos are already taking advantage of the 7,400-square-foot community clubhouse and resort-style pool. WCI completed Raffia Preserve's amenities early so new homeowners can experience ample opportunities to share an active, social lifestyle with their neighbors.

"The clubhouse events have been a great way to meet people, and we're starting yoga classes soon," said Kay. "Everyone is so warm and friendly."

■ Room to Grow

The Prasad family moved from St. Louis to Naples five years ago. But as the

Above: The Ibis' spacious kitchen and center island makes entertaining easy. Right: Raffia Preserve's great-room centered home designs provide flexibility for families. Below: The Ibis Executive Home offers 2,707 square feet of air-conditioned living space.

children grew, so did the family's need for more space.

"Our house initially seemed fine, with four bedrooms and 2,500 square feet," said Lisa Prasad. "But as our kids start heading into the teenage years, we knew we would need more room for our active family. So the hunt began!"

Lisa started her search online and narrowed the list to communities in the convenient area of Naples she knew she already loved for its proximity to great schools and easy shopping.

Last fall, the Prasads visited Raffia Preserve for the first time. "We were first attracted by the location - it's close to everything, yet tucked away," she said.

The Prasads selected a Pelican Executive Home. With four bedrooms, three baths, den and powder room, the 3,604 square-foot Pelican is particularly popular with families who need plenty of room.

Lisa especially likes the privacy afforded by the home's two-story design, in which bedrooms are situated upstairs, away from the main living area.

"I love the wide hallways and the bright, open feel of the second floor," she said. "The loft is the designated kid hangout space for studying and playing video games, and we use the great room together as a family."

"It's exciting to see the neighborhood taking shape, with families and children of all ages," she added.

Offering only 363 single-family homes, Raffia Preserve emphasizes outdoor living within a 184-acre Southwest Florida setting of palm trees, nature preserves and lakes.

Raffia Preserve offers 15 one- and two-story Executive Home and Estate designs that include granite-countertop kitchens with freestanding islands and 18-by-18-inch ceramic tile flooring in select rooms. Own-



er's suites offer walk-in closets and bathrooms with dual sinks, private water closets and glass-enclosed tile-clad showers. Offering from 2,053 to 4,457 square feet of living space, select homes have bonus and flex rooms, three-car garages and second floors for bedrooms, lofts, media centers and game rooms - all designed to make it easy to find your perfect fit.

At Raffia Preserve's model home park, four fully furnished homes offer homebuyers an immersive experience into the design, livability and flexibility of the community's homes. Featuring interior design by award-winning Kay Green Design, the models also showcase the extensive selections and finishes available at WCI's Design Studio.

Raffia Preserve homes start from the

\$370,000s. Several Dream Ready homes are available for immediate move-in starting from high-\$400,000s.

Raffia Preserve residents enjoy easy access to the area's best amenities, including Naples' 20 miles of beaches, upscale shopping and dining at Mercato and Waterside Shops, cultural attractions like Artis-Naples, home of the Baker Museum and the Naples Philharmonic, and family fun at the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples and Sun-N-Fun Lagoon water park.

Raffia Preserve is located on Collier Boulevard between Immokalee and Vanderbilt Beach roads. For more information, stop by the welcome center at 4142 Raffia Drive, visit www.RaffiaPreserveWCI.com or call 239-598-2370. ■

Are you ready to move into an unparalleled luxury home at Mangrove Bay?

Isn't it time for you to move into one of the fully decorated, absolutely stunning model homes at Mangrove Bay in Old Naples? The Amelia III and the Sanibel III are available for sale, offering top-of-the-line features, interiors imagined in a "coastal style" décor by the award-winning firm of Freestyle Interiors, guest cottages, a concierge lifestyle, and their own private boat slips.

Mangrove Bay, in Old Naples, is situated along the Gordon River, offering water enthusiasts convenient access to Naples Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. Each of the 53 Old-Florida style single-family residences comes complete with a private boat slip.

Step into the Amelia III single-story Waterfront Residence, and prepare to be utterly charmed. At approximately 3,640 SF under air, this model home evokes a classic seaside cottage, with intricate trim details, a grand beamed, tongue-and-groove ceiling in the great room, and built-in upholstered bench seats which flank the whitewashed brick fireplace.

Its "coastal cottage" décor is finished in watery shades of blues and crisp whites grounded with traditional heart pine wood floors for a comfortable feel. Other key design elements include traditional bead board accents, bench seat reading nooks, cottage-style barn doors, and stacked stone for the second fireplace in the spacious outdoor living area.

The Amelia III offers four bedrooms plus den and four-and-a-half baths, with all primary living spaces (including the master suite, two guest suites, and a private den) located on the ground level, a private-entry guest house above the garage and tropical pool and spa area complete with outdoor grilling station. The guest house features a generous sitting room, scaled-to-fit kitchenette, private bedroom and bath area, and private balcony.

The two-story Sanibel III Courtyard Residence model, available fully decorated, offers a four-bedroom, four-and-a-half bath design with approximately 3,331 SF under air, including a private-entry guest cottage above the rear-entry garage with its own spacious deck.

The tranquil "respite reclaimed," beach-themed aesthetic of the Sanibel mixes dark, light, and weathered wood appointments with soft taupe and cream hues, and natural fabrics that perfectly complement its limed oak wood floors, reclaimed wood accents, tongue-and-groove ceiling detail, barn doors, two-story cupola, French doors, transom windows, and custom moldings and cabinetry.

Its ground-floor master suite includes corner-pocketing sliding doors, which open to the lanai surrounded by tropical landscaping, a soaring 1 1/2-story covered outdoor living area with fireplace, outdoor grilling station and a pool and spa with a gently flowing water feature.

There are 19 residence elevations available at Mangrove Bay. All residents will have the benefit of resort-style living with an on-site Concierge Center, an owners-only boat ramp, and their own private boat slip. Complete pool care, landscaping, and dock maintenance are just a few of the services offered.

This exclusive community of just 53 homes is adjacent to the City's Gordon River Greenway preserve and proposed Baker Park, moments from Fifth Avenue South, and blocks from the Gulf of Mexico.



Above: Dock at Mangrove Bay, Amelia III pool/outdoor living and Sanibel III kitchen. Below: Sanibel III master suite and Amelia III exterior.



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Sales of Phase I residences at Naples Square 100% closed



The Ronto Group announced that 100% of the sales of 73 completed Phase I residences at Naples Square have successfully closed. A 90% closed level triggered a developer turnover of the Naples Square I Condominium Association to the residents within 90 days. With that milestone reached, Phase I residents will be empowered to elect their own Condominium Association Board of Directors by mid-June. Ronto is developing Naples Square at 5th Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road. The community has united downtown by connecting 5th Avenue South to Bayfront with access on 10th Street via a redesigned segment of 3rd Avenue South within Naples Square. With the completion of the 3rd Avenue South streetscape, including fountains at each of Naples Square's roundabouts, the community's residents, visitors, and residents elsewhere downtown enjoy more immediate access to the entire downtown district from Bayfront west to the beach.

Naples Square's walk-able lifestyle and availability of one and two-story, two and three bedroom plus den Phase II floor plans with open-concept living areas and open-air terraces priced from the \$600's continue to generate strong sales and luxury homebuyer traffic. Fifty-two binding and pending Phase II sales contracts worth more than \$48 million have been processed. Each of the six remaining Phase II floor plan choices offer 10-foot ceilings, designer kitchens, chic owner's bedrooms and designer flooring throughout. Controlled access under-building parking, private storage, and bicycle storage within the garage are included. Ronto anticipates construction of Phase II will be completed in first quarter 2017.

Ronto is now accepting reservations for Phase III residences. Eight Phase III floor plans offering enlarged iterations of the Phase I residences range from 1,460 to 3,238 square feet under air and are priced from \$695,000. The one and two story, two and three bedroom plus den plans include open-concept living areas and open-air terraces. The plans feature 10' ceilings, designer kitchens, elegant owners' bedrooms and designer flooring. The Phase III kitchens will feature an enhanced appliance package with a gas cooktop and hood and a wall mounted oven and microwave.

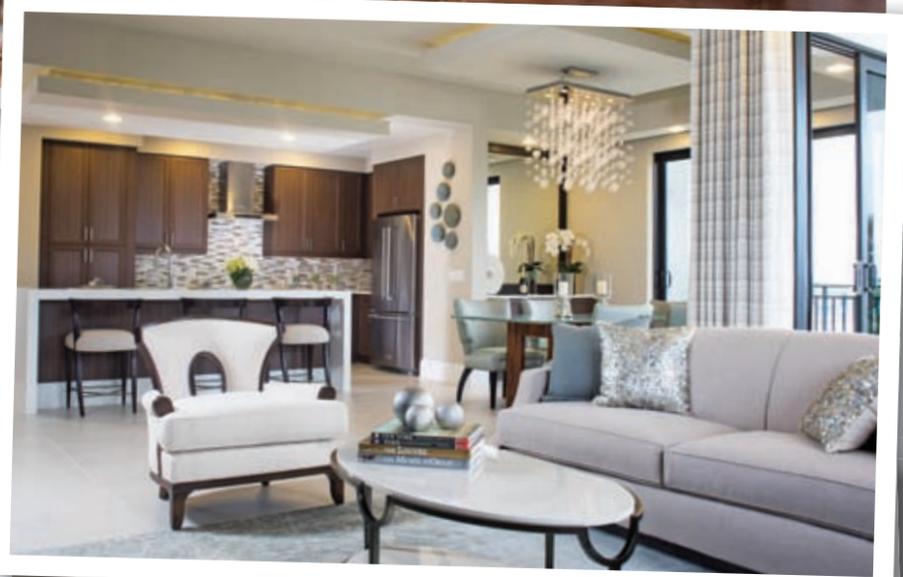
Three previously sold designer decorated furnished Phase I model residences

Above: Naples Square's Phase I Essex model's urban tropical interior was designed by Renee Gaddis, owner of the award winning Renee Gaddis Interiors. The Essex floor plan offers 2,469 square feet of living space. Right: The Ronto Group's furnished Phase I Denison model features an interior designed by Claudia Baer of Baer's Furniture. The floor plan offers 2,264 square feet of living space and a 290 square feet balcony. Below: Three previously sold furnished Phase I models are available for guided tours with a sales associate at Naples Square. The Phase I Chelsea model showcases an interior by Rachelle Porco and Christine Neal of Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors.

are available for guided tours with a sales associate. The Phase I Chelsea model showcases an interior designed by Rachelle Porco and Christine Neal of Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors. The Phase I Chelsea's two-bedroom plus den, two-and-a-half bath plan includes 1,832 square feet and a 214 square feet open-air terrace. The great room, owner's bedroom, and guest bedroom all open to the terrace. The plan features a kitchen with a peninsula counter height bar. The owner's suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with a glass-enclosed shower and tub and his and her vanities.

Porco and Neal have brought an eco-luxe flair to the Phase I Chelsea's interior. Natural materials play against a neutral color palette featuring tonal cream backgrounds and slightly darker patterns. Flooring throughout the living areas and den is porcelain tile with an undulating bamboo texture.

The Phase I Denison model's interior was designed by Claudia Baer of Baer's Furniture. The plan offers 2,264 square feet and a 290 square feet balcony. The plan features three bedrooms, a den, three baths, a family room and dining room, an island kitchen, and an L-shaped balcony that wraps around the corner of the building. The family room, dining room, and one of the guest bedrooms open to the balcony. The owner's suite includes a bedroom with a private balcony, double walk-in closets, and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass-enclosed shower, and a separate water closet. Baer's classic contemporary design emphasizes relaxed comfort and livability. The model features a neutral color palette ranging from white to taupes with accents in coastal tones of aqua, green, and blue. Flooring in the



main living areas is linen-textured 12" x 24" ceramic tile.

The Phase I Essex model's urban tropical interior was designed by Renee Gaddis, owner of the award winning Renee Gaddis Interiors. The Essex floor plan offers 2,469 square feet of living space. The plan's living room, dining room, owner's bedroom, and one of the two guest bedrooms open to a 277 square feet balcony overlooking Naples Square's landscaped courtyard. The plan includes a den, and an island kitchen with counter height bar seating. The owner's suite includes double walk-in closets and a bath with his and her vanities, a soaking tub, glass enclosed shower, and a separate water closet. The Phase I Essex model's color palette is based on clean, neutral whites with splashes of navy blue, emerald green and orange for fresh allure. Beautiful wide plank wood flooring with the look of teak adds contrast and texture.

Naples Square's u-shaped residential buildings will be situated with their open ends facing one another. The juxtaposition of the buildings allowed Matthew Kragh, AIA, owner of MHK Architecture & Planning, to create amenity courtyards over each building's parking level and to design residences with long-range internal courtyard views. The courtyard amenity decks feature a resort-style heated swimming pool and spa, sundeck, pavilion bar with gas grills, and a gas fire table with seating. Each building will have its own pool and club room and there will be two fitness centers. The majority of Naples Square's residences have views of the community's internal amenity courtyards, fountain features, and landscaped streetscapes designed by Christian Andrea of Architectural Land Design, Inc.

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March sales jump for Stock Development: move-in ready homes available across Southwest Florida!

Stock Development saw a boost in sales across Southwest Florida during the month of March. According to Claudine Léger-Wetzel, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Stock Development, the company has sold 35 furnished models, custom built homes and inventory homes during the month.

"Homebuyers are responding to the amazing selection of homes we have to choose from in superb locations throughout Southwest Florida," said Léger-Wetzel. "With 30 furnished models available, visitors can tour an astonishing selection of stunning residences set in communities with world class lifestyle amenities!"

Stock's furnished models are open in Twin Eagles, Bonita Bay, Quail West, Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, Lely Resort, The Renais-



Above: The Windsor II at Twin Eagles. Left: The Glenmore at Esplanade. Below: The Useppa, the Majestic II at Lakoya.



sance, Hidden Harbor and Paseo. The company recently began operations in The Isles of Collier Preserve.

Stock's quality construction and attention to detail are unmatched. Its residences and lifestyle amenities have received more than 500 awards in the past 14 years, including an unprecedented 16 Community of the Year honors from the local building industry associations over the past 10 years.

At Lely Resort, visitors have the opportunity to see 10 furnished multi-family and single-family home models in the Lakoya, Cipriani, Signature Club and Olé neighborhoods. They may also view the recently expanded Tiki Bar and the new Amenity Center debuting this month at The Players Club & Spa.

Stock just signed three new home contracts in TwinEagles where The Windsor II is open. Stock is selling single-family homes from the \$800s in three neighborhoods of this stunning North Naples country club community. A Golf Membership is included in the cost of every new home.

The Windsor II is a single-story residence encompassing 4,155 square feet under air. It has four bedrooms, three and a half baths inside plus a pool bath, a central great room, exercise room, dining room and study with a screened covered lanai.

The master suite includes a sitting room overlooking the pool and twin walk-in closets. The home also features two separate, two-car garages. With a beautiful interior design by Beasley & Henley, it is priced at \$1,989,990.

Stock's homes are surrounded by TwinEagles' exceptional beauty. Outstanding community amenities include a gorgeous new swimming pool and fitness center and a 47,000 square foot Clubhouse two championship golf courses.

Stock has recently sold two Estate Homes in The Baywoods neighborhood within Bonita Bay. Stock Signature Homes has the Cameron model open for viewing and sale.

Priced at \$3,087,825, Stock's Cameron floor plan includes a formal living

room with a fireplace, a formal dining room, wet bar, kitchen with a T-shaped island, breakfast nook, family room, a study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, and a three-car garage. The Cameron model showcases an interior by Lisa Ficarra and Heather Van Hoven of Ficarra Design Associates. As well the soon to be completed Savannah Model by Soco Interiors is available for sale.

Two new home contracts were also recently signed at Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, where Stock Signature Homes has the furnished Glenmore model on display.

The Glenmore is a four-bedroom/four and one-half bath home with 3,591 square feet under air and a total of 5,459 square feet, including an attached three-car garage and an under cover outdoor living area. This home features a spacious great room with an island-style kitchen and a formal dining room overlooking the pool and lanai through sliding glass doors. The outdoor living area has a pool bath, a dining room and a living room, as well as an optional kitchen and island bar and an optional fireplace. Soco Interiors is responsible for the interior design of the home. It is priced at \$1,549,990.

Quail West has also seen strong sales activity with the sale of two furnished models, the Casa Katrina and the Mariposa. Both were recently on display during the LBIA and CBIA Parades of Homes.

Stock has four furnished models for sale in Quail West. The homes feature interiors by Beasley & Henley Interior Design, Clive Daniel Home, KVS Interior Design, and Vogue Interiors. Five custom estate residences with architectural designs by the likes of Weber Design Group and RG Designs provide a glimpse of Quail West's legendary estate lifestyle are in various stages of construction within the Community

Stock also signed two new home contracts in March at Hidden Harbor, an exclusive, amenity-rich boating community nestled between Naples and Fort Myers, which provides access to the Gulf of Mexico.



The Biscayne is a three-bedroom/two-bath home with 2,384 square feet under air and 3,806 total square feet, including the covered entry, attached three-car garage and spacious outdoor living area. The home offers an exquisite interior design by Diana Hall and Laurie Walter of Cinnabar Design for Pizzazz Interiors and is priced at \$824,990.

At The Renaissance, two homes worth more than \$2 million were sold. Inventory homes are available, including The Muirfield III, a four-bedroom home, three-and-one-half-bath residence with 3,255 square feet under air and 4,823 total square feet, including an attached three-car garage and a screened and covered lanai with an outdoor kitchen. It is priced at just \$829,990.

Stock has finished multi-family and single-family models open at Paseo. With move-in ready homes priced from just \$199,990, this private, gated enclave is a nine-time winner of the LBIA Community of the Year Award.

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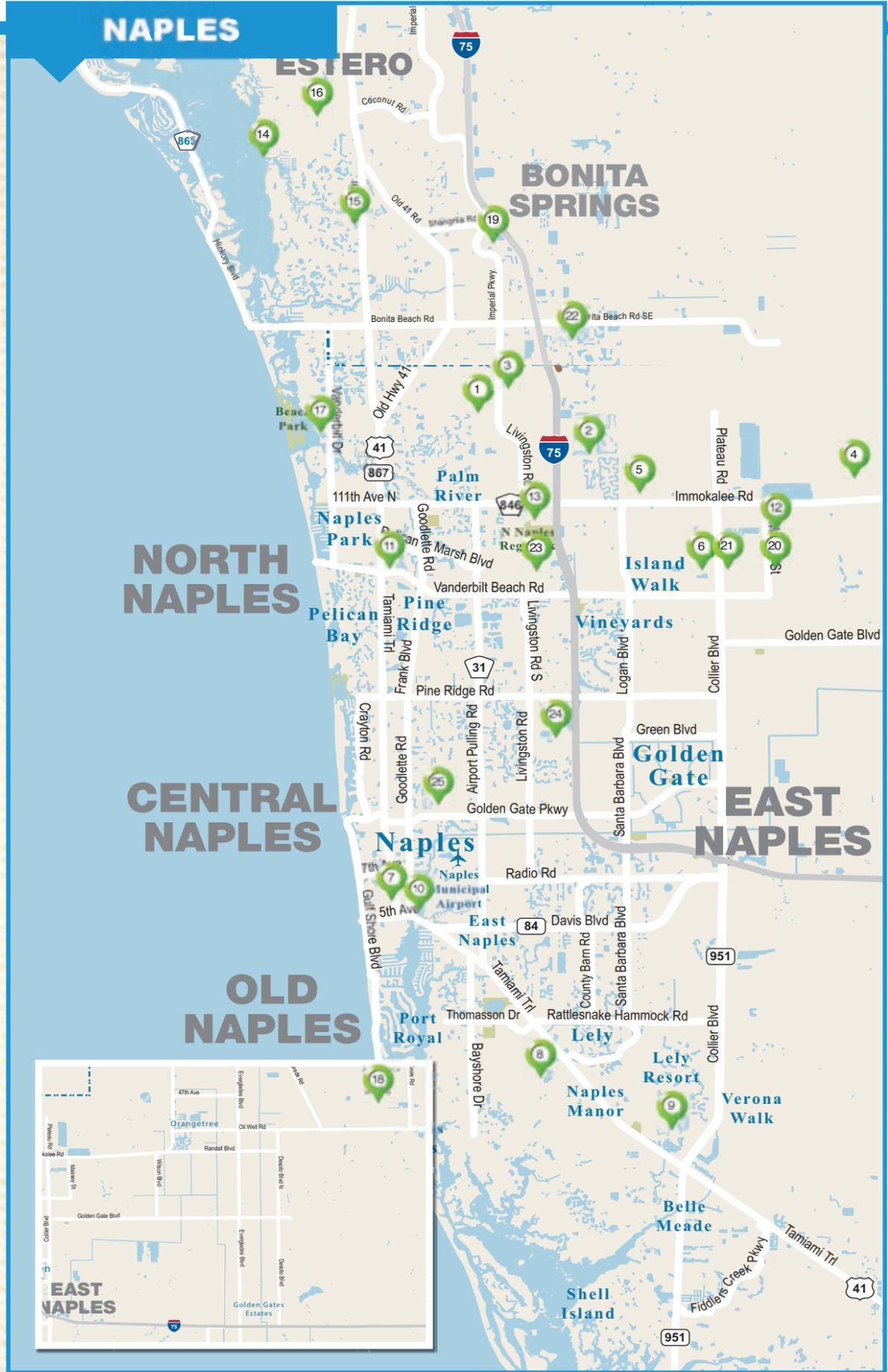
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Seaglass lifestyle to include Bonita Bay's diverse dining options



With binding and pending sales contracts worth more than \$90 million already processed and construction now underway, the future residents of the 26-floor, 120-unit Seaglass high rise tower being built by The Ronto Group within Bonita Bay are looking forward to enjoying the community's award-winning lifestyle. With various membership opportunities, the future residents of Seaglass will have a diverse array of on-property dining and lounge choices.

As part of its Vision 2013 initiative, the Bonita Bay Club redesigned the kitchen and traditional dining areas in the clubhouse. The redesign incorporated a 40-foot long buffet station in the dining space. Solid surface cooling tops, a cooking area, and sub-surface mounted heating elements are included in the design. The shape of the buffet station enhances the appeal of the dining room and contributes to a more efficient diner flow.

The Club transformed the former golf pro shop into what is now the 55th Hole, an approximately 3,500 square foot high-end casual bar experience. The design capitalizes on both the interior space and the surrounding areas to create an indoor/outdoor venue. Nano doors open to covered and open outdoor spaces and a patio with the largest fire pit in Florida. Inside, the design affords views of a minimum of three televisions from every seat. Eight 60-inch television screens area incorporated into a ceiling-mounted structure suspended over a square bar. A 127-inch media wall with 18 LED panels can function as one screen or as four. The 55th Hole is a favored place for socializing. Ninety-seven percent of the members visited the venue last year.

The Bonita Bay Club completed a three-story, 60,000 square foot Lifestyle Center last year. The Lifestyle Center is located in the Promenade complex adjacent to Bonita Bay. The completion of the Lifestyle Center contributed to Bonita Bay being recognized as one of the ten healthiest clubs in America by Prevo Health Solutions. Situated adjacent to the 20,000 square foot fitness center on the second floor, the WAVE Café serves healthy fast food, fresh organic juices, and smoothies. The WAVE acronym serves as the brand for the Bonita Bay Club's healthy initiatives and stands for "Wellness and

Above: Bonita Bay's 55th Hole offers an approximately 3,500 square foot high-end casual bar experience. The design capitalizes on both the interior space and the immediately surrounding areas to create a captivating indoor/outdoor venue. Right: The WAVE Café at the Bonita Bay Club's Lifestyle Center serves healthy fast food, freshly made organic juices, and smoothies that can be enjoyed on-site or prepared to go. The WAVE acronym stands for "Wellness And Vitality Enhancement."

Vitality Enhancement." Menu selections include salads, bowls, pressed sandwiches and wraps, soups, and protein selections such as salmon, steamed chicken, grilled lean beef, and protein alternatives for vegetarians. An assortment of freshly made toppings is available. Hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with food service available at 10:30 a.m.

Backwater Jack's, a waterfront restaurant and bar at the full-service Bonita Bay Marina, is a favored gathering place for boating enthusiasts. The dining and lounge experience is overseen by Matt McNeff, formerly managing partner at Bonefish Grill in Bonita Springs. An all-new menu offering flavorful twists on Backwater Jack's casual dining selections was introduced for season. Dinner is served Tuesday through Sunday evenings and lunch service will extend through season. A 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. happy hour includes drink discounts and a bar food menu. All selections are available for take-out. Live music by an assortment of artists is featured Friday and Saturday nights during season. Special events and themed parties are open to Bonita Bay residents and their guests. Backwater Jack's is also available for events by special interest clubs, community parties, and private dinners.

Bonita Bay's Naples Club facility on Immokalee Road is home to two of the community's five golf courses. The Club offers a pure golf experience on over 1,000 acres with preserved wetlands and no residential development. A Club Room within the clubhouse offers additional dining options and serves as the Naples Club's primary dining venue.

Another dining venue will be introduced this year. A 10,000 square foot building that formerly housed the community's fitness center and spa will be



transformed into a tennis clubhouse with casual dining and an indoor/outdoor bar. The space will include a tennis pro shop, locker rooms, a stretching room, multifunction rooms, and a relaxing lobby area. Nano doors will open the entire space to the outdoors and the new exhibition court. Café style seating will be available outside.

Situated nearly 250 feet from its closest neighboring building, Seaglass will feature fully-completed, ready for occupancy residences with designer-selected premium finishes, including flooring, paint, and trim. Each residence will come with two protected access under-building parking spaces. Private enclosed two-car garages will be available. Seaglass will showcase the open living environments that luxury homebuyers prefer and offer a level of livability rarely found in high-rise environments. The elegant residences will be accessed by private elevator foyers and feature spacious great rooms, large centrally located kitchens, and

two or three expansive outdoor terraces per residence, one of which will include a grill. The terraces and extensive use of glass throughout the residences will provide stunning views of Estero Bay and the Gulf of Mexico, Bonita Bay's golf courses, and mangrove preserves.

The Seaglass tower's second floor will connect to an amenity complex previously designed by architect Santiesteban & Associates. Amenities in place include a theater, guest suites, card and club rooms, a fitness facility that features men's and women's spas with steam and massage rooms, a resort-style walk-in pool and spa, and a deck with a covered cabana that includes a bar and grill. Plans for the tower include a rooftop amenity deck available to all residents.

For additional information, visit the Seaglass Sales Center from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. Visit Seaglass online at www.seaglassatbonitabay.com. ■

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San Marco	3/3	2,919	\$635,344	furnished
Lakoya				
Capri	3/2	2,107	\$508,185	
Napoli	2/2	1,882	\$594,990	furnished
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Kalea Bay's community amenities popular with buyers

Clubhouse area under construction

If the clubhouse is the social and recreational centerpiece of a community then this fabulous amenity of Kalea Bay will surely be one of the busiest places in the gated, luxury residential high-rise community currently being developed on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples.

"There are several reasons why buyers have decided to purchase at Kalea Bay," said Inga Wilson, Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Kalea Bay. "The first is the beautifully designed three-bedroom plus den/three-and-a-half-bath and four-bedroom/four-bath tower residences with Gulf views. The other is our spectacular community clubhouse. Not only will it be a dramatic site as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it will also be the envy of every community in the Naples area."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance and is currently under construction.

The clubhouse will feature three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, a snack bar, an Internet cafe and a gifts and sundries shop.

"All three pools will overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Wilson.

Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Wilson. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant will serve phenomenal meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Just a short walk from the clubhouse will be the tennis pavilion with six lighted Har-Tru tennis courts. Nearby are 24 guest suites to accommodate overnight guests and family members.

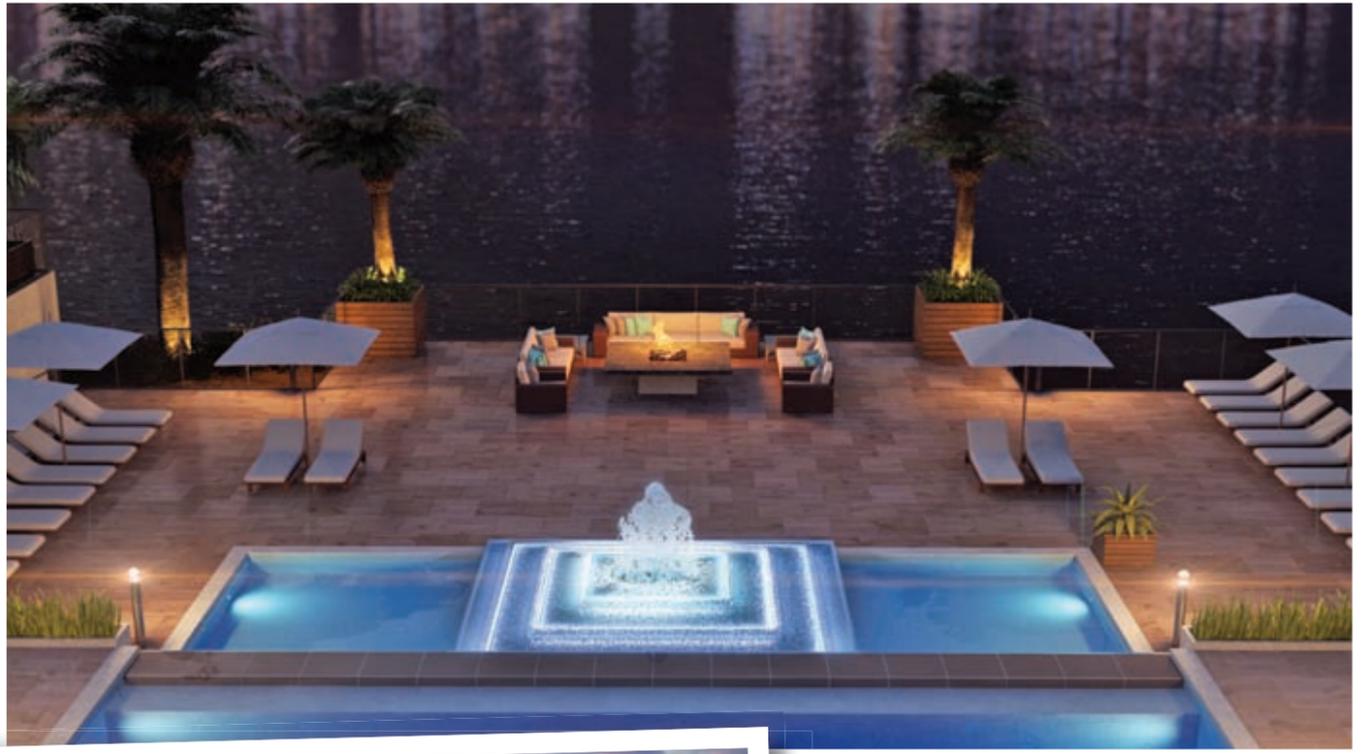
"Having that number of guest suites is unusual for a luxury high-rise community, but it's an amenity many of our residents are excited about especially when they have extended family visiting," said Wilson. "Rather than putting their guests up in hotels throughout the Naples and Bonita Springs area, they can vacation within the community. It's a real convenience."

There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to a designated Gulf beach.

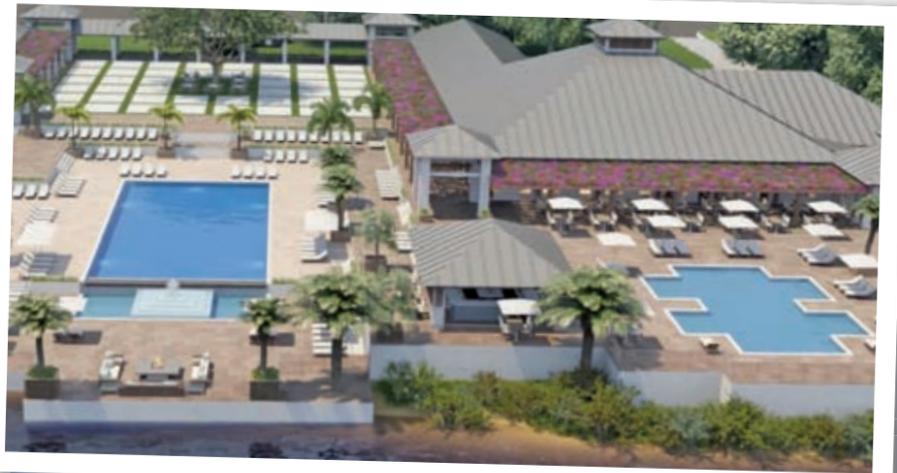
"Three of the best beaches in the country are only minutes away from Kalea Bay," stated Wilson.

Construction on the clubhouse is slated for completion in the summer of next year and will coincide with the anticipated move-in of the residents in the first tower.

The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking. At the current time construction crews are working on the tower's 12th floor, which is helping buyers see the value of purchasing now.



Above: Kalea Bay residences will enjoy their clubhouse day and night. Left: Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. Below: One of the three pools at the Kalea Bay clubhouse (on right) is for adults only. The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay will have 120 residences. The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe.



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The 32 residences in the new II-story tower range from 3,940 to 6,599 sq. ft. with three and four bedrooms, 3.5 to 4.5 baths, with living and family rooms/den. Each will have generous sunrise and sunset terraces, gourmet kitchens, spacious master bedroom suites, lavish master bathrooms with generous closet space and more.

AQUA residents enjoy access to a stunning array of amenities. The community's private yacht harbor, with direct access to the Gulf, consists of 29 slips for purchase and accommodates boats up to 55 feet. A rooftop sky lounge and terrace offer magnificent vistas of the Gulf of Mexico, beaches, Wiggins Bay and mangrove-lined estuaries. The grand social room is designed to accommodate events from the casual to the most elegant. AQUA's resort-style pool

and spa is complemented by a pavilion bar, gas grills and fire pit overlooking the yacht harbor. In addition, AQUA features a fitness center and private movie theater.

The launch of the new tower means plans for a host of new amenities. These include: a social room complete with large screen television and sound system, comfortable seating area with a fireplace, bar and card tables; three spacious guest suites, which can reserved for guests. Additional guest cottages and cabanas are available for purchase by residents; a game room with a billiards, interactive virtual golf and other video games; outdoor putting/chipping green, dog run; and an outdoor screened social pavilion overlooking the marina.

To learn more about AQUA and how you can become one of the boutique community's 32 new owners, go to www.aquanaples.com, call (239)-591-2727 or visit the AQUA Information Center, located at 13675 Vanderbilt Drive, Naples, Florida 34110. Offered exclusively by PACT Realty and priced from \$1,900,000 to \$4,950,000. ■

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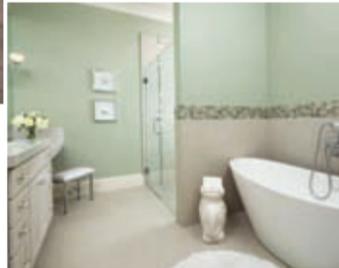


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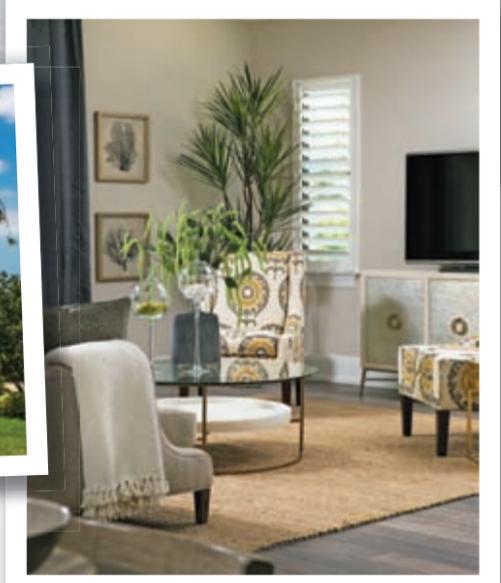
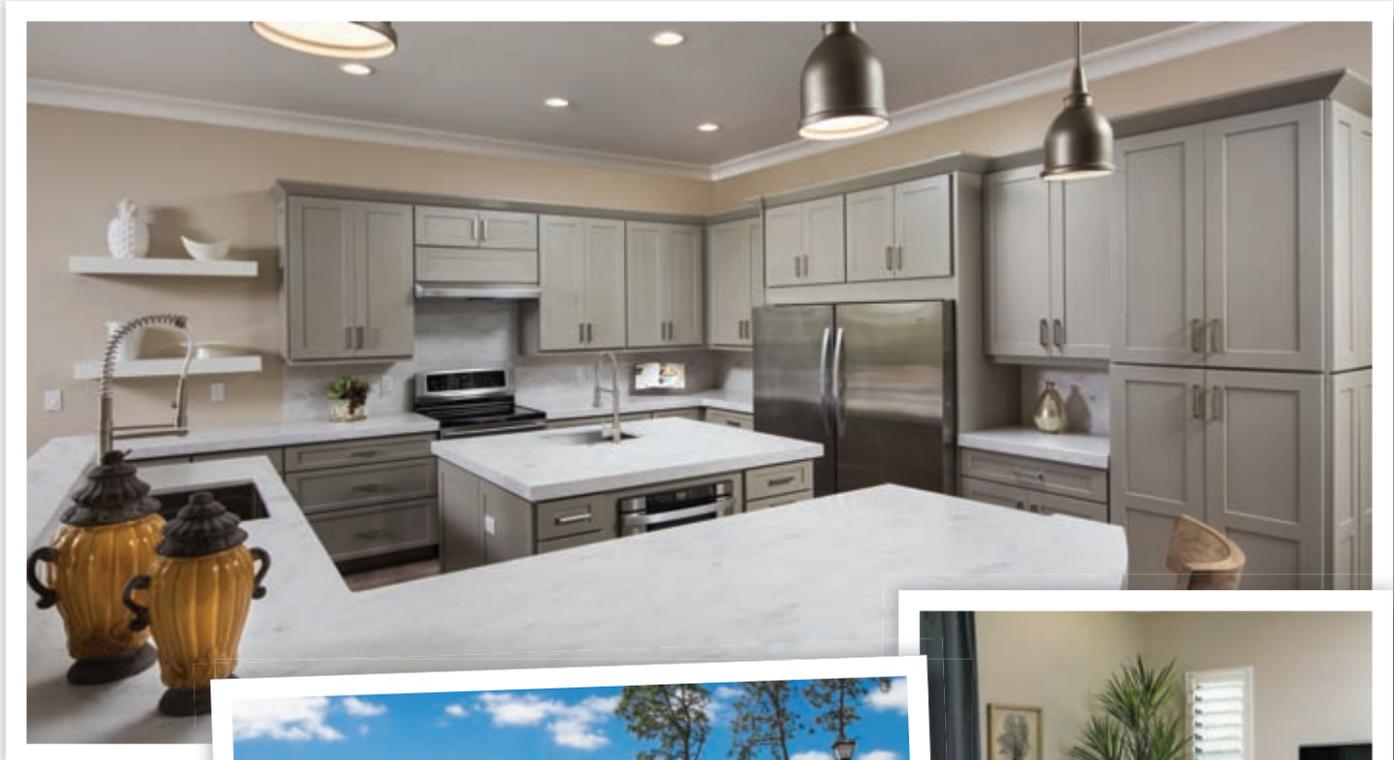
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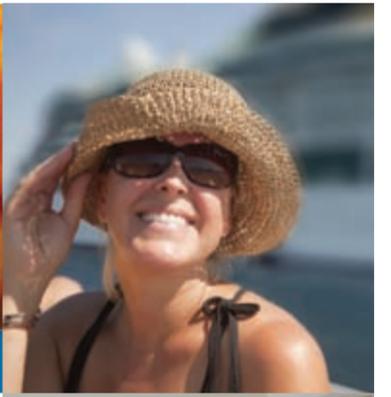
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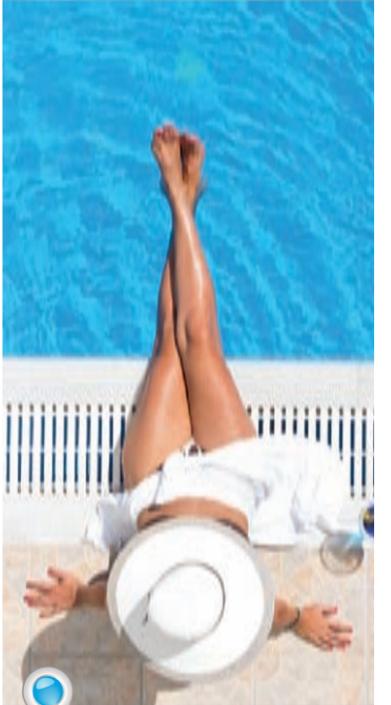


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Float like a butterfly



A unique approach to mixed media creates an emotional art form



BY LINDA DONNELLY
Special to Florida Weekly

Juan Carlos Collada has always loved butterflies. When he was a child of 5, his mother embroidered a large butterfly on the back of a denim jacket for him, and it was the most magnificent thing he had ever seen.

"I don't still have it, sadly, but I loved it, and it will forever hold a special place in my heart," he says. Mr. Collada's is a heart that is very full indeed, as many of the pieces he creates have a restorative, almost therapeutic process and result.

For a recent remodeling of the Ronald McDonald House, Mr. Collada designed one of his most exquisite pieces for the foyer. Project Design 2016 involved 20 designers who put their stamp on 20

spaces at the house. They graciously donated their time, designs and resources to transform the facility that provides free room and board to the families of seriously ill children who are patients at the nearby Golisano Children's Hospital in South Fort Myers.

Mr. Collada collaborated with Suzanne Costa of Suzanne Costa Interiors to redesign and refresh the main entry to the house. The result is a breathtaking welcome that has tremendous emotional significance.

"The butterflies in the bottom left portion of this design are pale from sickness as they enter the heart shape," Mr. Collado explains. "The heart represents love, health and family, and it cures them with warmth, comfort and kindness while they stay at the facility.

And when they leave at the top right of the piece, they are vibrant and healthy and full of color."

This artwork, which incorporates hundreds of butterflies that are actually made from feathers, has become a symbolic focal point of not only the foyer, but of the entire Ronald McDonald House, greeting weary families when they arrive and conversely sending them back out feeling loved and nurtured by the RMH staff and their surroundings.

"People ask me all the time how I catch the butterflies," Mr. Collada says, adding with a laugh, "Even though they are made of feathers, I tell them 4 a.m. is the best time to hunt for them." He has a whimsical free spirit, in a way mimick-

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A seven-panel installation from Mr. Collada's "Flight" series makes a stunning focal point in the great room of a luxury home, above. In the master bedroom of the same home, below, a smaller piece hangs above the bed.



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ing the butterflies themselves. "I'll be outside, and if I see one, I'll have to stop everything I'm doing and follow it as far as I possibly can. I'm simply amazed by them."

The hand-painted feather butterflies actually come from London, Australia and China, but he often customizes many of the colors using acrylics and sometimes even hobby paint for the metallic finishes.

Only 20 pieces of this multimedia art wall sculpture collection have been made to date, but clients are loving them.

Mr. Collada, who has homes in Naples and Toronto, also creates wood sculptures, one of which will be installed in a Salem Homes project in Naples to incorporate into the interior design by his life partner, Jeffrey Fisher of Jeffrey Fisher Home.

Always in pursuit of inspiration, Mr. Collada just returned from a month in Mexico during which he took a three-week stone-sculpting course at one of the oldest art institutes in Mexico. He fell in love with the process and enjoyed the one-on-one lessons with a renowned sculptor.

Coming from a family of marble masons (his father and grandfather both practiced the trade), he would play, glue, sand and chisel in his early years in Fort Lauderdale.

Where his cottage in Toronto is, he says, there is a species of monarchs that sadly are becoming extinct. "They need the milkweed plant for various stages of their development, and it's getting cut out by people in the lake region where the species have to lay their eggs and develop. So, I'm starting to plant the exact types of plants that they need to stay alive and grow," he says.

Ironically, it seems the butterflies themselves have the same restorative connection to Mr. Collada as he does to them. ■

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Mr. Collada's piece anchors the far wall of the foyer at the Ronald McDonald House, catching the eye of all who enter the front door.

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A feature wall in the master bath with tufted plaster panels and hand-painted highlights adds drama and intimacy to the space.

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Mastering the marriage of art and interior design

A designer and artist join forces to take this home to the next level

BY LINDA DONNELLY

Special to Florida Weekly

Sometimes a homeowner just gets lucky when choosing from among many designers and subcontractors for a new home design project. Often there is a learning curve for the key players who must all get to know each other's style and work seamlessly together in order to achieve the most successful finished result. On this stunning luxury estate in Quail West, however, two of those key players had already developed a remarkable rapport on previous collaborations.

Neither Leslie Thompson of Malibu West Interiors nor Christopher O'Guin of O'Guin Decorative Arts knew that the homeowner had chosen them for the new project on Woodmont Court until they both turned up at the

house — to their great surprise and delight.

"Since we'd worked together before, I knew what Christopher was capable of doing, and I knew what finishes are his specialty. He's really good with color, and I was able to match our fabrics around the palettes of his artistry," Ms. Thompson says.

To make the process even more of a pleasure, the homeowner was willing to try new things and completely trusted Ms. Thompson and Mr. O'Guin to do what they do best.

"Clients lately have been using my art finishes to add a punch of interest, to highlight a grouping of furniture, to create a focal wall or to replace more typical stacked stone or slab marble," Mr. O'Guin says.

In this case, he chose "Calce Petra," a matte white plaster with flecks of natural stone and silver mica, for the walls throughout the



Artist Christopher O'Guin and interior designer Leslie Thompson

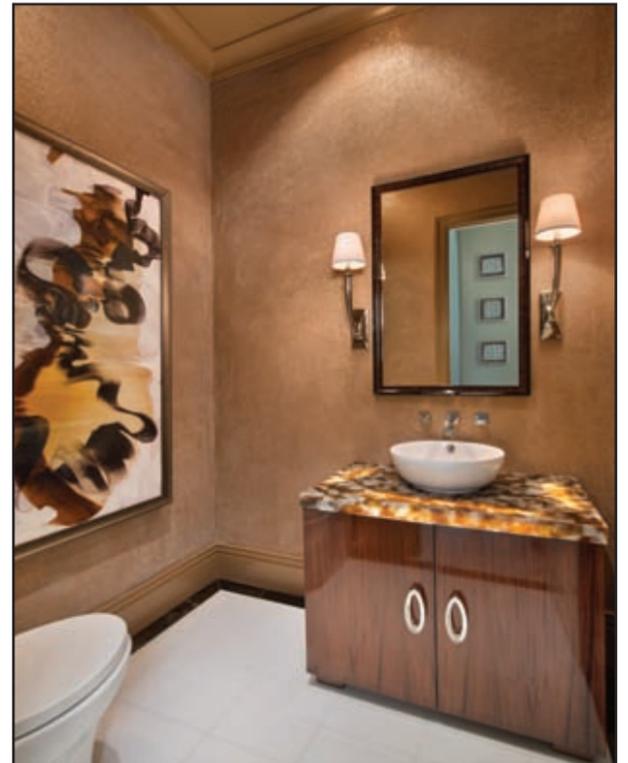




The grand foyer has a porcelain tile floor, dramatic crystal chandelier and a collage wall of colorfully framed photographs.



Bold and fresh chartreuse accents enliven a reading nook in the family room.



In the powder bath, walls were painted a metallic bronze, then covered with tiny, trowel-applied, clear glass beads made from recycled auto windshields.

main living areas. “It’s from a small, Italian manufacturer whose family has been making lime putty for plasters since the 1920s,” he says, adding it’s also one of Ms. Thompson’s favorite wall finishes. “It was a perfect choice for this project, as it is equally at home in classic or contemporary settings.”

To complement the “updated traditional” feel of the Quail West home, the organic movement and matte sheen of the plaster are classic, but updated with the addition of a glimmering silver fleck.

In the dining room, extensive renovations to what was a standard coffered ceiling yielded a contemporary round tray cutout of the room’s rectangular lines. Above the large circular dining table, the silver blue color of the textured metallic paint finish complements the draperies and the beautiful hand-knotted rug that were chosen by Ms. Thompson.

In the master bath, tufted plaster panels with hand-painted highlights add drama and intimacy to “her” vanity, while wide horizontal stripes with chrome edging continue visual lines

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A charming family room is flooded with light and pops of turquoise.



One of Mrs. Thompson's favorite wall finishes, a matte white plaster with flecks of natural stone and silver mica, graces the majestic grand foyer and formal living room.



A grayed green-blue color wraps the room in serenity. Painted and glazed dimensional wallpaper adds importance and interest to the bed wall without breaking the quiet ambience of the room's inviting sitting area.

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from the shower tile through the water closet and into "his" vanity area. Every detail here is thoughtfully considered

with the most creative approach to interior design.

The art in this home goes beyond traditional paintings, photography and sculpture, and incorporates actual art treatments on the walls and ceilings, stepping up the design quotient exponentially. Pooling together the talents of Ms. Thompson and Mr. O'Guin has again achieved another home run

for this dynamic duo for yet another happy homeowner. ■

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On the cover: An example of the true collaborative nature of this project is the extensive renovations to this home. A traditional coffered ceiling designed by Ms. Thompson and Mr. O'Guin features a textured, metallic, silver blue paint finish that complements the luxurious draperies and the hand-knotted rug below.

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Side by side

Interior design studio and art gallery make great neighbors



Mickey Dickson

BY LINDA DONNELLY

Special to Florida Weekly

Since 2008, Elliott Design & Interiors and its principal interior designer, Mickey Dickson, have been creating beautiful spaces in Southwest Florida. But with the launch of a unique mixed-use space called J.A. Willy Gallery, owner Joe Marzucco has created a niche that many interior designers would agree is much desired in the industry.

“Often my clients turn to me as their designer to advise and facilitate the procurement of fine art for the projects we have together,” Ms. Dickson says. “What better way to provide beauty, resources and options but to have the direct accessibility to a fine art gallery adjacent to the design studio?”

Although not a fit for every project, as some clients may never have been introduced to fine art previously, Mr. Marzucco felt it a great way to give clients that introduction. About a year ago, he acquired the 3,300-square-foot space just south of Pine Ridge Road on Tamiami Trail and dedicated 1,900 square feet to the gallery enterprise (the design studio occupies the remaining 1,400 square feet). Ms. Dickson then assisted in procuring 25 to 30 artists with an emphasis on contemporary, but still representing choices for a broader audience.

The space strikes the perfect balance between art and design. Its artists are primarily exclusive in this region, but do hail from all over the United States with representation elsewhere as well.

“I like what I like, and I’ve come to know this area and its lifestyle pretty well,” Ms. Dickson says. “So I try to assist in selecting art I think the Naples homeowner would like in their home here.”

Many of Ms. Dickson’s clients are finding art for their EDI projects at J.A. Willy Gallery, affectionately named after Ms. Dickson and Mr. Marzucco’s 3-year-old son, Jack Anthony William. Other area interior designers are responding well to this resource and turning to it for art for their residential and commercial projects as well.

Michael Laut, the assistant gallery director, hails from New York and has been brought on board to guide the direction and development of the gallery’s collection. Adding an element of big-city sophistication, he rounds out the collection with a certain “je ne sais quoi” in its selection of artists. One such artist is Pat Bailey, whose whimsical oil paintings of marbles and beach balls are a colorful



upbeat favorite of local residents. Mr. Bailey’s penchant for nostalgia captures fond memories of childhood, and clients say having one of his works in their home is immediately transporting.



Billy Solitario’s “Blue Crab With Tattoo 2” oil painting is similarly upbeat. “My opinion was to keep the mood light, so we steered away from edgy or somber. This isn’t the right part of the country for moody,” Ms. Dickson says.

Mixing media, the Conrad Williams study of aqua hand-blown glass vases always brings positive feedback.

When Ms. Dickson works with a design client, they often have pieces of their own they wish to incorporate. The welcomed challenge comes in blending the old with the new and encouraging her clients to open their mind to some new possibilities. Having EDI and J.A. Willy Gallery all under one roof makes that process, and its happy result, as productive as it does enjoyable. ■

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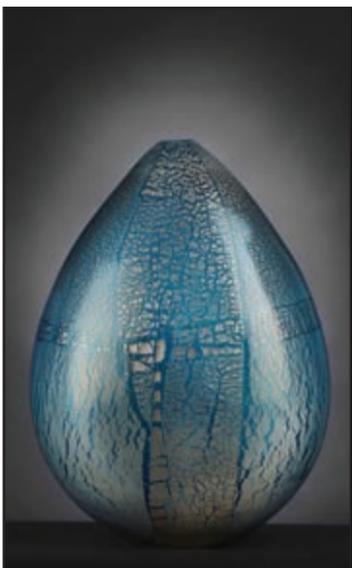
The J.A. Willy Gallery is 1,900 square feet of painting, sculpture, blown glass and photography adjoining the Elliot Design & Interiors design studio.



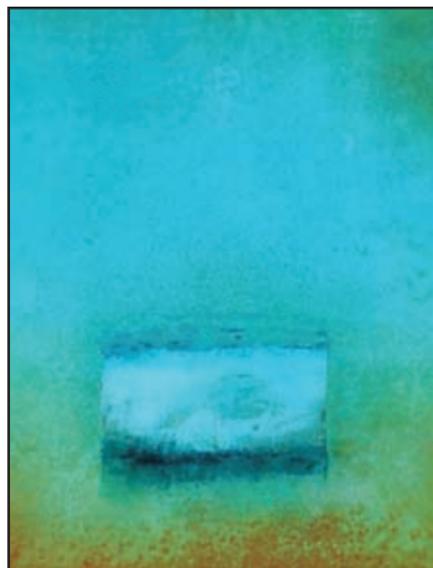
A traditional master bath gets an artistic uplift with stained glass and a pair of paintings flanking the tub and shower.



Ms. Dickson chose a unique marble slab for the powder vanity and then cleverly used the remaining pieces to create an unexpected matching frame around the mirror.



“Aqua Tear Drop” hand-blown glass vase by Conrad Williams



“Pierview” mixed media by Scott Upton



“Adrift,” above, and “Marbles 28,” right, oil paintings by Pat Bailey



Design diversity

Three models in Naples Square show how interiors can reflect individuality

BY KELLY MERRITT

Special to Florida Weekly

Construction at the corner of Fifth Avenue South and Goodlette-Frank Road has captivated Neapolitans for months. Now that The Ronto Group has debuted three models in Naples Square, prospective buyers are enjoying tours that let them see how residences in the same complex can have interiors as distinct as the personalities and lifestyles of those who inhabit them.

One model is a lesson in color, with navy blue, emerald green and shades of red and orange making a splash against bright white walls, while another makes a bold statement with a completely neutral palette. In the third, creamy walls make a perfect backdrop for a combination of white and wood in furnishings and accessories.

All three models — in fact, all 73 residences in the Phase I building of Naples Square — are sold.

Under construction and set to open in early 2017, the Phase II building has 20 of its 73 residents still available for purchase. Reservations are being accepted for Phase III residences.

“As the market progresses we like to react to it, and as we are always looking at the design, we found some areas where we could increase sizes and add features,” Ronto’s Anthony Solomon says about the eight floor plans that are offered in Phase III. The designs are expanded and enhanced iterations of the Phase I offerings.

The Essex

Renee Gaddis Interiors outfitted the spacious Essex model with an equal mix of sophistication and surprise to suit those who want to celebrate the good fortune that allows them to reside in a coastal paradise.

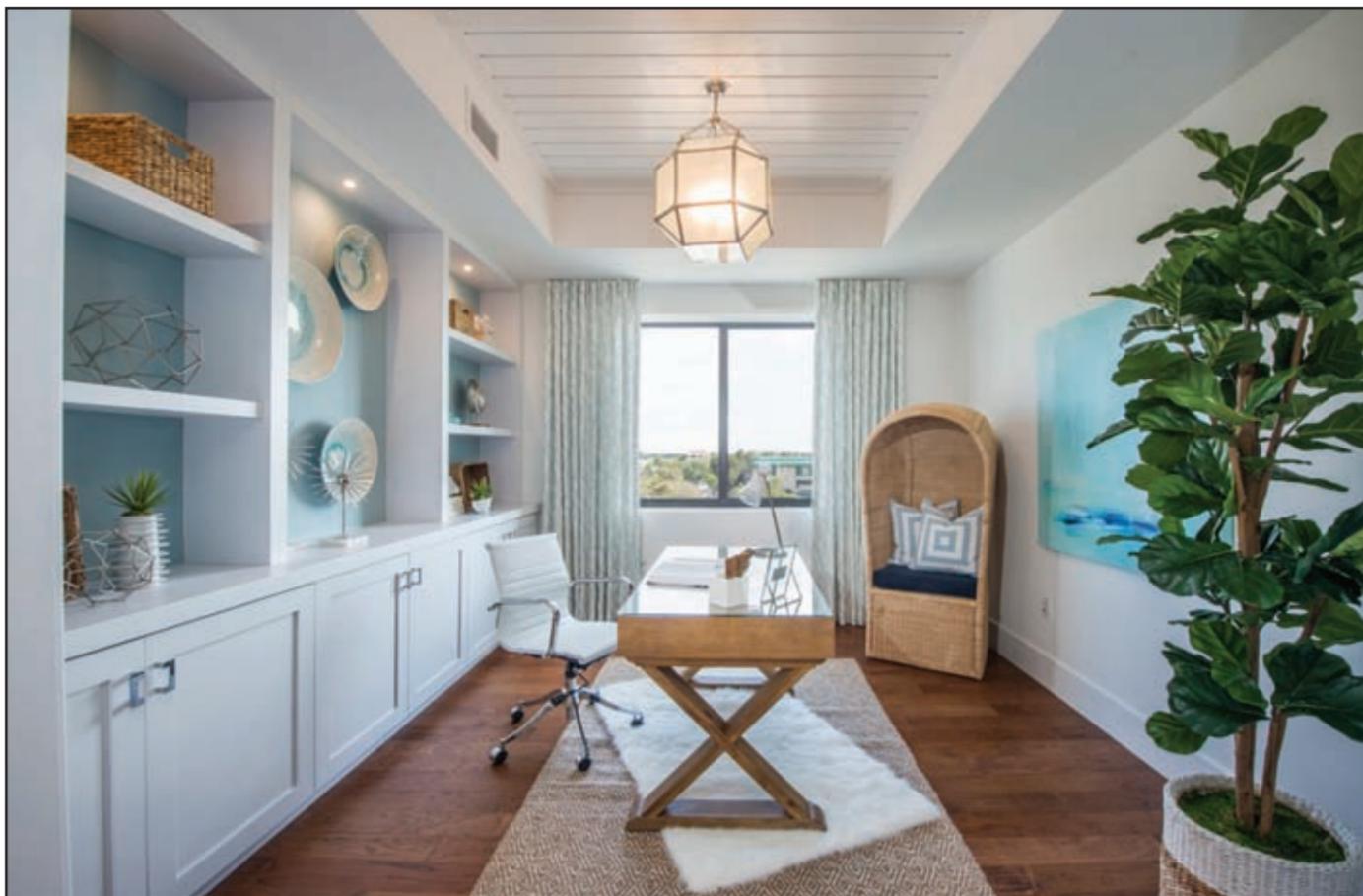
In almost 2,500 square feet of living space, the residence has three bedrooms, an office/den, 3½ baths and a laundry room. The living area, master suite and one guest bedroom all open to a 277-square-foot balcony that overlooks Naples Square’s beautifully landscaped courtyard. The den, kitchen and second guest bedroom enjoy a southern exposure. In addition to the formal dining area, the island kitchen has counter-height bar seating for casual entertaining.

The Denison

Young families and grandparents with frequent visitors will be equally at home in the Denison, which has three bedrooms plus a den and three full baths in 2,264 square feet of living area. There’s more room to play (or to escape) on the balcony that’s almost 300 square feet.

The family room, dining room and one of the guest bedrooms open to the balcony, and the master suite has its own private balcony.

Claudia Baer of Baer’s Furniture maintained an emphasis of relaxed comfort and livability throughout the Denison. Her design includes timeless furniture pieces with clean, midcentury lines and rich textures. The overall neutral color palette benefits from accents in coastal tones of aqua, green and blue.



Above: The office in the Essex provides a peaceful place for productivity.

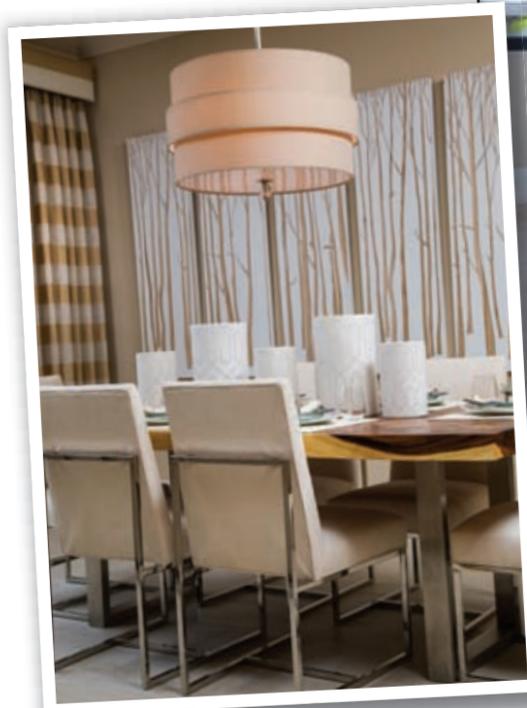
Right and below: The Chelsea

The Chelsea

“The Chelsea is great for people who want a place in Naples and don’t need anything too large,” says Anthony Solomon of The Ronto Group. “Perhaps they’re downsizing or they want a getaway place.”

The Chelsea has two bedrooms, a den and 2½ baths in 1,832 square feet of living space; there is also a 214-square-foot terrace.

With the “downtown Naples lifestyle” in mind, Christine Neal and Rachele Porco of Robb & Stucky Furniture and Interiors brought a contemporary, eco-luxe flair to the Chelsea, combining wood, stone, cork and grass cloth with glass, chrome and stainless steel. The natural materials play





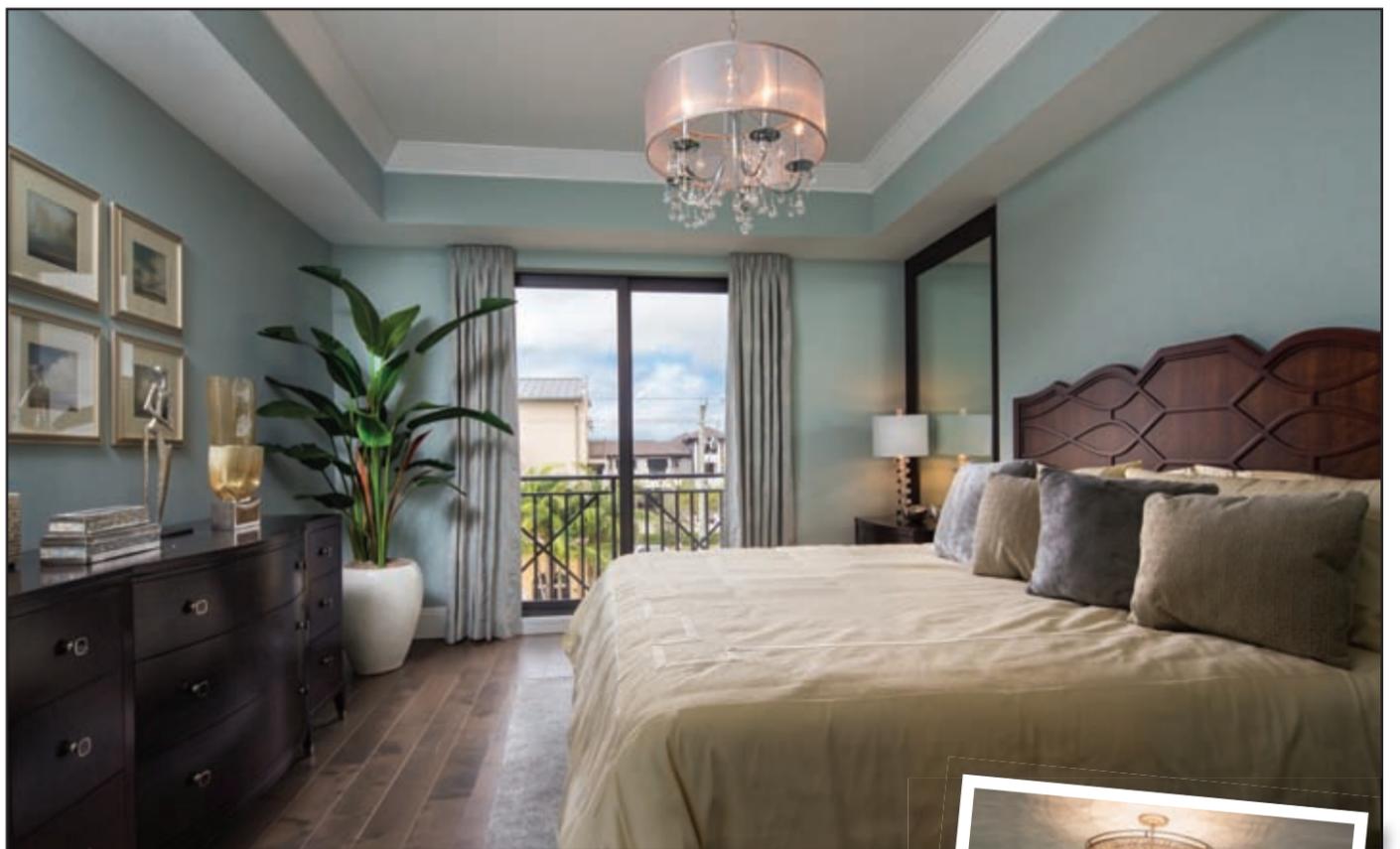
against a neutral color palette that features tonal cream backgrounds and slightly darker patterns. Flooring throughout the living areas and den is porcelain tile with a slightly undulating bamboo texture.

"We love the textures and materials that emphasize the geographical surroundings," Ms. Neal says.

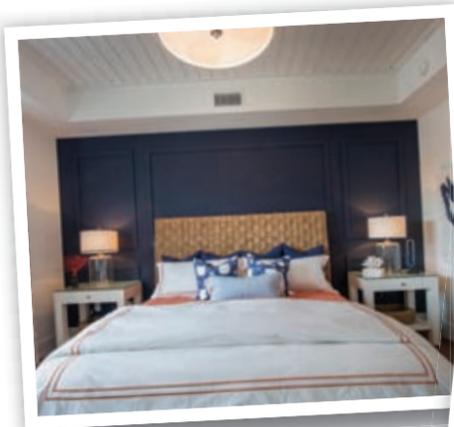
Those environs include Baker Park, picturesque Bayfront shops and restaurants and all of the water that cradles Naples. The proximity of Naples Square to these and other local attributes has helped drive sales, as have the community's many amenities and residential details that include 10-foot ceilings with crown molding, designer kitchens, spacious master suites, separate laundry rooms and designer flooring standard in every floor plan. Residences in Naples Square range from 1,200 square feet to 3,800 square feet. Pricing is from the \$600,000s.

Naples Square was designed by Naples-based MHK Architecture and Planning. The sales gallery and models are open daily. ■

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Above and top: The Denison



The Essex





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BY LINDA DONNELLY
Special to Florida Weekly

In its 25 years in business, the Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild has become synonymous with expert craftsmanship in fine woodworking, millwork and cabinetry. Fine art is a new chapter in the family's legacy.

The Thomas Riley Studio, and its founder and gallerist Chad Jensen, are making a tremendous contribution to the footprint of contemporary art in Southwest Florida. As they describe their position: "We are a gallery and design atelier specializing in contemporary craft, fine art and design. We have an interdisciplinary philosophy that transcends conventional models and blurs the lines of distinction."

In its third season, the gallery is led by Mr. Jensen's insightful curation. An accomplished artist, designer, furniture maker and self-described "advocate of the arts," he graduated from the renowned College for Creative Studies in Detroit and began working with the senior Mr. Riley, Thomas, about 12 years ago. Fast becoming a member of the extended Riley family, he felt a true synergy with Matt and Ben Riley, who had also recently graduated from their schools and come into the family business at around the same time.

"Working in these amazing homes that were being built and/or remodeled, I realized there was nothing really in Naples to support an interest in the 'high contemporary' art world," Mr. Jensen says. "I was still pursuing my own artwork, and I was seeing that a lot of clients were coming back to us without their architects for commissioned piec-

es, which led to us brokering the artwork between our clients and friends."

From one early client who commissioned a custom dining room table from him, he went on to do an entire project for that client that included art sales, custom furniture design and a full interior build-out. Thus, a new business model was born. He started to compile a roster of contemporary artists for a gallery, leveraging the Riley family name and reputation within the Naples community and settling in about 1,000 square feet downtown on 10th Street South, an area quickly becoming known as the Naples design district.

The niche seems prime for Mr. Jensen, his taste level and his singular voice for contemporary craft and design. He's in a class by himself with artists exclusive only to the Thomas Riley Studio.

Taking on just a couple of new artists a season, the gallery now represents glass artist Jamie Harris, paper artist and engineer Matthew Shlian, "Photo Fusion" photographer Ysabel Lemay, oil painter Carmelo Blandino and select artful companies, including glass and crystal lighting giant Lobmeyr Lighting, and the clever, circular, expanding Capstan Tables.

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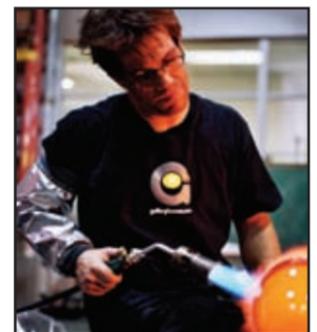
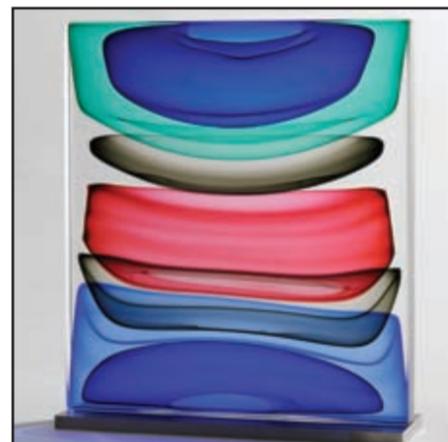
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Chad Jensen, furniture maker, artist and gallerist at the Thomas Riley Studio



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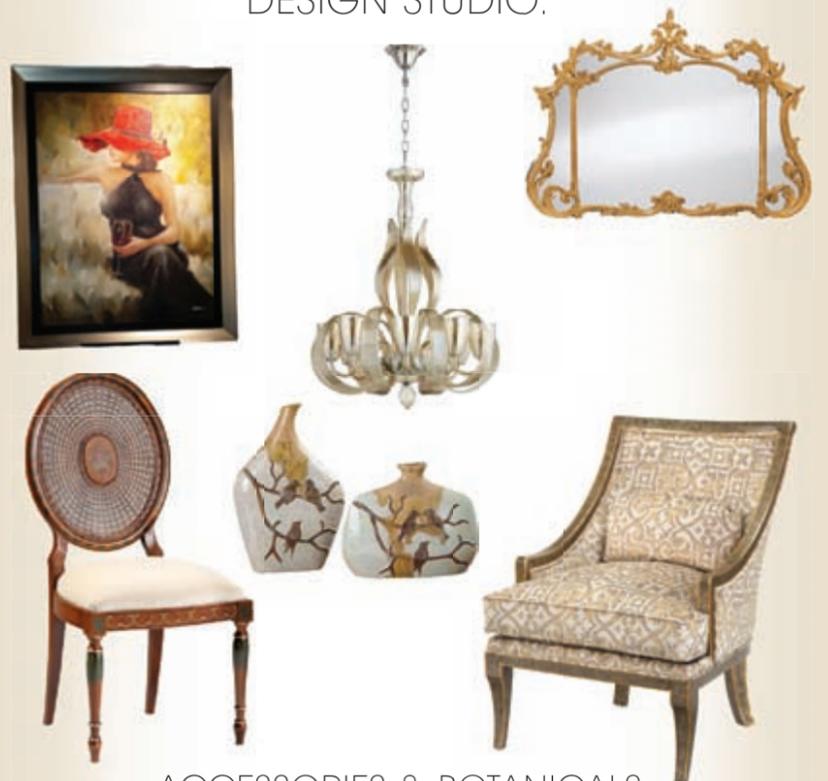
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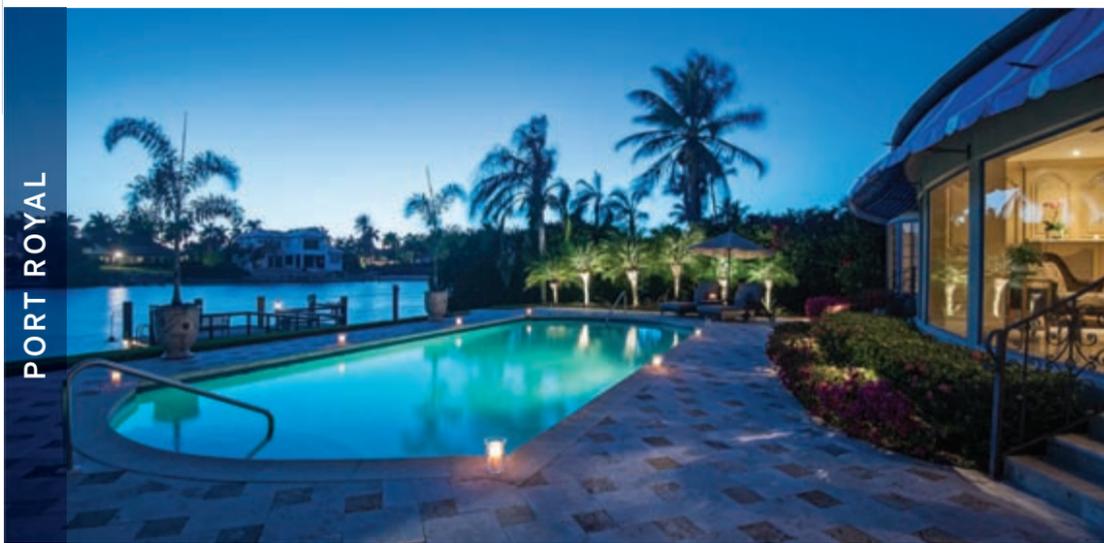
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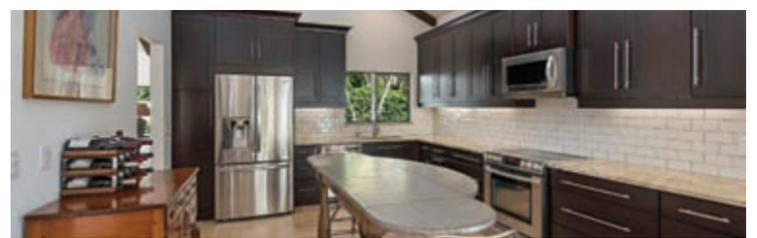
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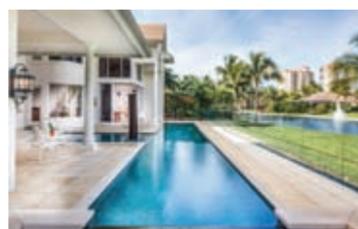
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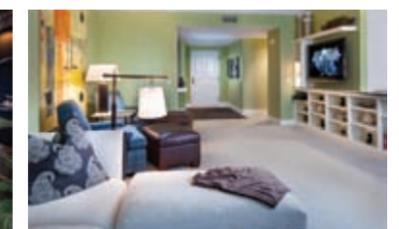
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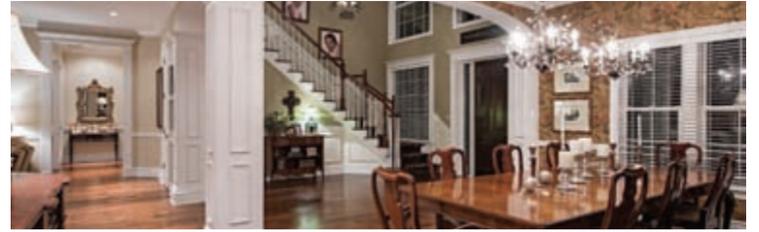
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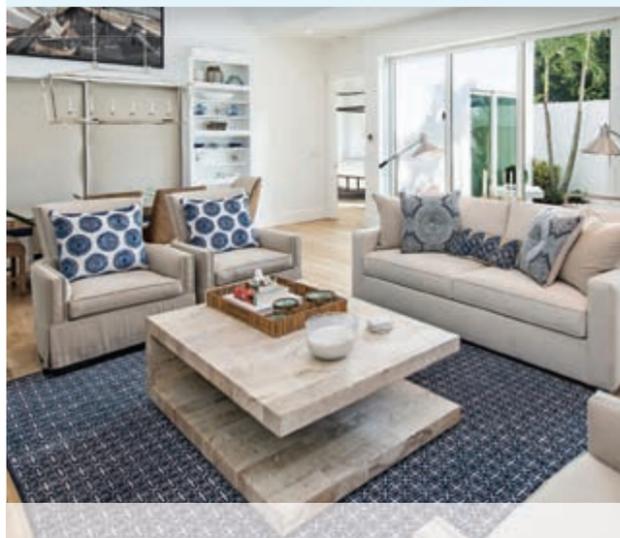
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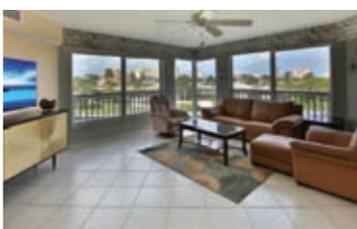
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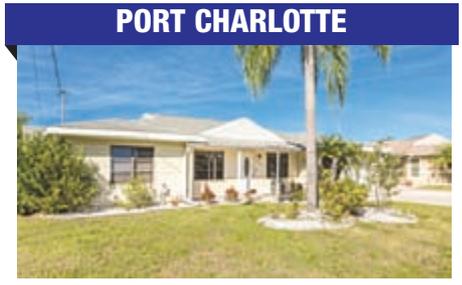
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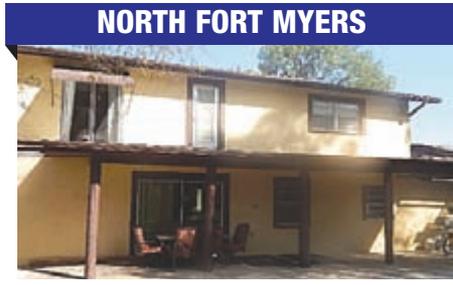


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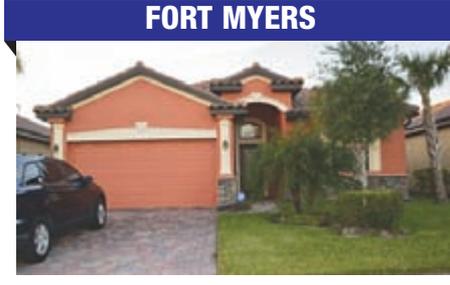


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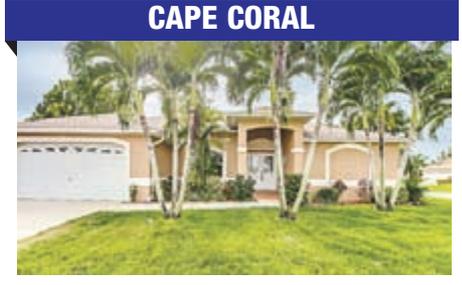


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Beautiful Pool Home in Burnt Store Village

Lovely pool home on a private cul-de-sac surrounded by privacy. 3/2/2 w/laundry room. Well maintained, ready for new owner!
1-866-657-2300

\$265,000
800LE013385.



CAPE CORAL

Gorgeous Cape Coral Pool Home

3/2 located in Pelican area of Cape. Sitting on an oversized corner lot with southern exposure.
1-866-657-2300

\$264,985
800CC062322.



NAPLES

**OPEN
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4325 Covey Cir Unit 10- B

3/2 West of Goodlette Frank Road

Awesome location and great starter home Awesome schools and convenient to everything!
1-866-657-2300

\$252,500
800NA020963.



PUNTA GORDA

3/2/2 Pool Home in Burnt Store Isles

Affordable price in desirable Burnt Store Isles. A bit of TLC will make this a dream home!
1-866-657-2300

\$249,894
800CH202728.



NAPLES

3 Bedroom 2 Bath 1.59 Acre Home

3 bedroom 2 bath home for sale in the Golden Gate Estates Naples FL 1.59 acres, fireplace, 1 car garage.
1-866-657-2300

\$249,500
800NA068294.



CAPE CORAL

4 Bedroom Pool Home near Middle School

Beautiful 4 bedroom, salt solar pool near school, open family/kitchen plan.
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\$249,000
800CC071435.

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SANIBEL



Sanibel Island Tennis Place!!!
1 bedroom condominium with pool view. Walk to parks and bicycle throughout the island. Very popular association!
\$245,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA022268.

PORT LABELLE



Spacious Home in Port Labelle
Spanish style large 3 bed 3 bath home on oversized lot in Laurel Oaks Village. Features include 2 master bedrooms.
\$245,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE047972.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access in Cape Coral
1 bridge access to river. Well maintained 3/2 split floor plan. New roof in 2010.
\$225,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM061672.

LEHIGH ACRES



Large 4 Bed Home on 1/2 Acre Awaits You
This oversized home sits on a quiet 1/2 acre lot in well kept neighborhood. All bedrooms are located on top floor.
\$222,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE013962.

CAPE CORAL



NW Cape Pool Home-Perfect For Entertaining
Entertainment sized living room w/open floor plan to kitchen & eat-in dining rm. Split bedroom floor plan.
\$220,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC065312.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Pool Home 3/2/2 Fenced Yard
1990 model, over 2200 sq.ft. pool, intercom & security wired. Nice residential area.
\$214,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH218509.

LABELLE



Beautiful 3/3/2 plus Den in Port Labelle
This large home features Spanish style architecture and offers 3 bed each with private bathroom and enclosed terrace. den/study.
\$194,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE016670.

CAPE CORAL



3 Bed 2 Bath-Prime Location w/Upgrades Galore!
Motivated seller for this 3, 2, 2 with wood cabinets granite counters, fenced yard and more! Must see!
\$177,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC013796.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Waterfront Home
2/1/2 on saltwater canal. Updated bath, electrical, a/c, windows with hurricane protection. Back yard boat storage.
\$174,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH223493.

CAPE CORAL



Very Nice 4/2/2 In NW Cape Coral
Hard to beat this 4 bedroom home. New carpet, tile, fresh paint, and new landscaping. Can't build it for this price.
\$174,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC053046.

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PORT CHARLOTTE

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Waterfront Home
Newly Updated 3/2/ saltwater front home. Brand new granite kitchen countertops and appliances. Newly landscaped.
\$169,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH219468.

CAPE CORAL



1st Floor Condo - Gulf Access
2 bed/2 bath waterfront condo. Community pool, spa/bbq area. Extra storage unit outside. Convenient location in SW Cape.
\$168,200
1-866-657-2300 800CC005184.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Spa Tub In Lanai
Formal dining room w/eat in kitchen. Living and family rooms. 2 car garage. Quiet street. Close to everything.
\$167,500
1-866-657-2300 800NA022680.

LEHIGH ACRES



Great 4 Bedroom Home In Quiet Area
Plenty of room to stretch out in this one, with soaring vaulted ceilings that give a light open feel & large living area.
\$166,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC013762.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious Home
This is a spacious home on an over-sized corner lot. It offers 3 bed/2 bath & a den. There is a large backyard w/privacy fence.
\$152,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE062155.

LEHIGH ACRES



Looking for a True 4 Bed Home in Lehigh
Your search for a ready to move in home has ended. This spacious home offers 4 bed 2 bath & an open living space.
\$144,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE017353.

BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful and Move In Ready Condo
1 bed/1 bath car garage. Walking distance to Coconut Point Mall!!!
\$140,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM005541.

LEHIGH ACRES



3/2 Home On 1/2 An Acre
Gorgeous house features tile throughout, large lanai over looking the vegetable & fruit trees. Fenced yard.
\$140,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC022495.

CAPE CORAL



Still Affordable living!
3 bedroom 2 bath concrete block home. Carport. Fenced in yard and tile throughout.
\$129,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC004313.

PORT CHARLOTTE

OPEN SAT 11-1



Single Family Home
Gorgeous view of the nice fresh water canal & that canal goes to a huge wide canal where you can canoe or paddle boat!
\$124,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH222588.

NAPLES



North Naples Gulf Access
Imagine living in a Naples riverfront community that's affordable. This clean 2 bed/1.5 bath unit
\$119,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM012335.

LEHIGH ACRES



Look No More! Great Backyard!
Great 3/2 located in East Lehigh Acres! Fenced in yard! Room for a pool! Great Price!
\$115,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE017551.

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LEHIGH ACRES



Very Nice Home in Quiet Area
Lovely 3 bedroom 2 bath home with 1 car garage and fenced yard.
\$113,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE008969.

FORT MYERS



3 Bed 2 Bath + Den
Renovated and properly maintained 3 bed 2 bath + den. Flexible upon consideration! Please contact agent ASAP.
\$111,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM016154.

FORT MYERS



The Perfect Investment
Location, location, location!!! Great price for a condo in the Green Tee Community adjacent to the Fort Myers Country Club.
\$105,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM066559.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Mobile Home
2/1 Charming, well maintained and fully furnished. 5 minutes or less to open sailboat water!
\$94,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH213800.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Cozy Condo in Foxmoor Village
Come and see this nicely furnished second floor condo. This bright and clean 2 bedroom/2 bath unit.
\$92,500
1-866-657-2300 800FM018446.

NAPLES



Well Maintained 55+ Community
Great location! 4/2 double wide manufactured home in Cape Sable Lakes. Large living room, full size laundry, ramp.
\$85,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA063544.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2 Bed 2.5 Bath Furnished Townhouse-Aqua Gardens
Upstairs, each bedroom has its own bathroom and walk-in closet. Community Pool being replaced.
\$79,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH219374.

NAPLES



Countryside Golf and Country Club
Needs total renovation but the potential is there to flip this one. 2 bedroom 2 bathroom ground floor golf course view.
\$79,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA022286.

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FORT MYERS



Ft. Myers Contemporary Estate Home
This is a two story estate home has been totally remodeled.
\$1,800,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM022494.

FORT MYERS



Stunning Canal Home
Breathtaking views of the bay!! Watch sea life & shrimp boats! Superb location! Open Floor Plan.
\$1,775,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM014540.

CAPE CORAL



Luxurious Estate
Breathtaking 4 bedroom 6 bath gulf access custom built estate home with 7000 sq.ft. Schedule your private showing today!
\$1,549,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC032693.

CAPE CORAL



Direct Sailboat Access Across From Cape Harbour
Better than new construction !! This home is located in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral.
\$815,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC019327.

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous 4+Den 3 Bath 3 Car Garage
Spacious custom pool home 4bd+den 3.5 baths 3 car garage canal gulf access.
\$799,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM015780.

CAPE CORAL



Stunning High-End, Gulf Access Home
This 3000 sq.ft. home has it all! Beautiful, spacious kitchen with granite countertops and island.
\$749,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC028472.

FORT MYERS BEACH



Own Your Own Tropical Paradise
This immaculate 2 bedroom 2.5 bath home comes with a 7500 Lb. boat lift and is a dream home for every fisherman.
\$699,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS044296.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, with access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac.
\$650,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH216378.

CAPE CORAL



Stunning 7 Bed, 4 Bath-Direct Sailboat Access
This amazing 3,500 sq.ft. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms. This house has it all!
\$649,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC034353.

CAPE CORAL



Exquisite Gulf Access Pool Home
This gorgeous 2 story home offers 2251 sq.ft. of paradise living with 3 bed 3 bath 3 car garage + bonus room!
\$619,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC062342.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access, 3 Lot Site
2500+ sq.ft. home has 2 master bedrooms! Custom built w/110 feet of waterfront & southern exposure. Room for all!
\$595,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC020015.

BONITA SPRINGS



Beautiful 3/3 Pool Home - Gated Community
Move in ready 3/3 home w/lake view. 2520 sq.ft. w/all the extras. Custom window treatments, crown molding & more.
\$589,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS002382.

