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FIX THE FIX TO OUR WATER CRISIS IS COMPLICATED BUT DOABLE

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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IT'S THE YEAR OF WATER IN FLORIDA.

Unprecedented winter floods swept into Lake Okeechobee from the north, cascading into the delicate estuaries on Florida's east and west coasts, cooking up the worst summer algae blooms and fish kills in memory.

It was international news. Vacationers stayed away. All businesses touched by tourism reeled from revenue losses.

A fever pitch of frustration resulted in scores of

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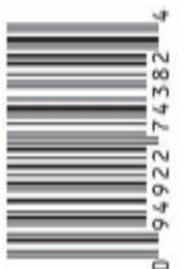
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COMMENTARY

They say never look back



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Never look back. That's poor advice, but it's poor advice perfectly tailored to fit a nation that sometimes pushes pragmatism, profit and comfort to their foolish extremes.

Don't ever look back, pal. Not only because something might be gaining on you, as Satchel Paige wisely pointed out, but because it just isn't practical. *It's a waste of time and you won't make any money looking back. You have work to do so get your rear in gear.*

We live in the present and we're going to the future, right?

No. Wrong. Dead wrong.

In large part, we're going to where we've been — unless we learn to pay attention to where we've been then go somewhere better.

Besides, I happen to like looking back. The strangest things happen. One day you discover you're looking forward by looking back.

Why just last week I was looking back down the long tunnel of time when suddenly I spotted him: Donald by-god Trump. He'd adopted the masterful disguise of a medicine show carnival barker. I recognized the man right off the bat, of course, by his hair and his

smirk. Anybody would.

He was standing on the back of a wagon in Biloxi wooing the eager — the anxious, the frightened, the devout, the angry and self-righteous and those with warts and curved spines. Good people, most of them, just a little too eager for the world to be kinder to them, for the world to make more sense, for the world to be less complicated and a lot more comfortable.

He sounded a lot like a character out of Ann Anderson's 2000 history, "Snake Oil, Hustlers and Hambones: the American Medicine Show." The book describes the kinds of places the Trumps of the world worked between about 1850 and 1930. And the kinds of things they said.

In Mr. Trump's case the shtick has changed only slightly, which is part of why I like listening to the man. Carnival barkers are fun and full of promise, as this passage from "Snake Oil" suggests:

"How much is your health worth, ladies and gentlemen? It's priceless, isn't it?"

"Well my friends, one-half-dollar is all it takes to put you in the pink. That's right, ladies and gents, for 50 pennies, Nature's True Remedy will succeed where doctors have failed. Only Nature can heal, and I have nature right here in this little bottle. My secret formula, from God's own laboratory, the Earth itself, will cure rheumatism, cancer, diabetes, baldness, bad breath and curvature of the spine."

Sure it will. Always has. Not only that, but it'll cure terrorism and illegal immigration and ISIS and Chinese trade deals and godlessness and even get you a job, probably kicking immigrant butts and laughing at uppity little ladies who want to go to the White House as President Little Lady, not as First (Little) Lady.

And it's even cheaper than 50 pennies.

All it takes for this miracle cure, ladies and gents, is a single vote for the Trump, free of charge and courtesy of the American republic.

Trust me. You vote for the snake oil cure and you'll get it.

Now it's true that Mr. Trump has never claimed to have lived at history's crossroads, unlike General George S. Patton Jr., for example.

The general, with absolutely no understanding of the Buddhist reasoning that celebrates reincarnation, seemed convinced that he'd fought with Hannibal against the Romans 2,000 years ago, and with Napoleon in his European conquests 215 years ago, and all before leading the American Third Army into battle against the Germans in World War II. He must have been pretty damn tired by the time he got to 1944 and '45.

But Mr. Trump doesn't have to make such a claim. The minute I saw him selling snake oil off the back of the wagon, I knew he'd been at some of history's crossroads, too: Selling pig's bones as relics of the saints, or wood

slivers presented as portions of the True Cross (the one Jesus got hung up on), in Europe in the Middle Ages.

He sold gin in the 1720s from thousands of door-front shops to Londoners who had never before encountered hard liquor, and who died by the thousands, their bodies collected each morning on carts by grave diggers and street cleaners.

He sold leeches to 18th and 19th century societies that believed blood-letting — or blood sucking in the case of the leeches — was a way to cure terrible diseases nobody understood by removing bad blood from the corpus animus.

Mr. Trump is a champion of blood-letting from the American corpus animus. Remove that bad blood, now, he advises. Leech it out right smack dab here in the 21st century.

In the home of the free and the land of the brave, Now Mr. Trump proposes to leech out the bad-blood M&Ms — the Muslims and Mexicans.

The country's going to be great again, ladies and gents. Not just great again, but safe again. Trust him.

And if you believe that, I have — not a bridge in Nevada, not a refrigerator on the North Pole, not a cure for all cancers on the oncology ward of the Mayo clinic — no.

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OPINION

What? Only half?



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When I heard Hillary Clinton's remark that half of Trump's supporters qualify for inclusion in a "basket of deplorables," my immediate reaction was, "What!? Only half!?"

Trump's ego is so epic, it is hard to believe he is only half-way successful at anything he does — even if it's just Hillary's assessment of his success in recruiting supporters from the "alt-right."

The "alt-right" is the term used to describe the loose confederation of extremists who support Trump. It includes xenophobes, anti-Semites and white nationalists. These radicals have always been present but held in abeyance at democracy's table. They have found their champion in Donald Trump.

He has legitimized their racial hatred, stoked their credibility and given them a voice and place of influence in his campaign. This unholy alliance of racial hatred with national ambition is one match short of incitement to violence. It's the new normal in American politics.

It takes a world-class con artist to pull this off. Only Trump could so popularize his brand of bigotry that his supporters wear Hillary's label of "deplorables" with pride. Sure, Hillary came up with the concept but Trump owns the intellectual property rights. He courts the darkest of the dark side of the right wing. They serve as his personal militia. When provoked, he dog whistles them out of the shadows. Protestor at a rally? Punch 'em in the face. Trash talk from Hillary? Disarm her and take a shot.

Trump supporters embolden his use of threats and intimidation on the campaign trail. His allusions to assassination are just a punchline to his sick-making, Second Amendment jokes. They laugh like hell when he tickles their funny

bone with his casual incitements to violence. This is, after all, what makes them "deplorables."

Despite conservative outrage, I think Hillary probably undercounted the closet haters among Trump's supporters overall. At the very least, the political road rage of some of his devotees puts them on the edge of the unthinkable. These are people who believe "Stand Your Ground" is how arguments are won. When they say politics is a contact sport, some Trump followers tend to mean it literally.

Yes, Hillary committed a "Mitt Romney," the political shorthand for something a politician says he/she will live to regret. Romney's namesake gaffe? He said 47 percent of Obama supporters are moochers, addicted to government handouts. This time, the Democrats pounced. They cried foul, defending the "takers," too, as hard, working, decent Americans.

Hillary's sin? She lumped too many Trump believers in the basket with those ugly, hateful people, who, deep down, want to bury a hatchet in someone's face. Trump supporters are decent, hardworking Americans. They want America to be great again and safe from terrorism. They do not share or endorse Trump's racist, bigoted views. And maybe he isn't really any of those things anyway.

Some conservatives may be forgiven for their star-spangled naiveté. They are what I call Trump virgins, who are like teenagers who engage in unprotected sex and think their only risk is becoming a little bit pregnant.

Those who excuse Trump's bigotry are really making excuses for themselves. They put his outrageous words into their mouth and go through verbal contortions to remove their moral inhibitions to saying them, too. They give his bombast a wash of acceptability, making up rationalizations, issuing denials, venturing re-interpretations, or telling "pants on fire" falsehoods.

Then there are the Republicans who may privately despise Trump, but support him anyway. They believe, if Trump becomes president, they will ride the

tiger and hold him accountable. So respected, credible conservatives are repeating with a straight face Trump's bald-face lies. It was Hillary all along who originated and deserves the blame for the "birther movement."

Other non-deplorables defend Trump by citing all the reasons they hate Hillary. They really like the idea of a rogue in the White House who promises, if elected, to blow up Washington and remake America as a white people's version of Disneyland.

In a letter to the editor of *The Palm Beach Post*, a Trump supporter wrote, "I am not deplorable, just smart enough to know who has the best interests of my country at heart."

Here it was, the very essence of Trump's con: Persuading voters he has America's best interests at heart — this from a man who has lived his entire life focused only on his own self-interests, exploiting without shame, the hopes, fears, dreams and vulnerabilities of his marks. Their wants and needs are only a means to his end. He crushes and throws away people no longer of value to him like yesterday's trash.

If elected, Trump won't change his stripes. He believes he is America's one true savior. Only he can make things right.

Our Constitution was designed to protect and defend our democracy from a despot who harbors such a dangerously grand conceit. If the unthinkable happens, and Trump becomes president, Americans had best pray to God the Founding Fathers got it right. ■

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A big, beautiful black swan



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

If you aren't seriously contemplating the biggest black swan event in American electoral history, you aren't paying attention.

Fifteen months ago, Donald Trump was a reality-TV star with a spotty business record and a weird penchant for proclaiming that he was on the verge of running for president. Now, he's perhaps a few big breaks and a couple of sterling debate performances away from being elected 45th president of the United States.

Trump has no experience in elected office and, unlike past nonpoliticians elected president, hasn't won a major war. He perhaps knows less about public affairs than the average congressman. He has repeatedly advertised his thin-skinned vindictiveness and is trampling on basic political norms. No major political party has ever nominated anyone like this.

Trump now has a legitimate shot at winning the general election because he got the lucky draw of at least the second-worst presidential nominee in recent

memory and, pending how she fares over the next two months, perhaps the worst.

All it took for Trump to wipe away most of Hillary Clinton's lead was acting like a somewhat normal presidential candidate. Have a meeting with a foreign leader. Give some policy speeches. Read from a teleprompter at rallies. Use his NPR voice when appropriate.

None of this required strategic genius, only a decision not to throw away the election with repeated episodes of self-indulgent stupidity. Democrats should be feeling a creeping sense of panic:

■ They are trying to win with a candidate who is loathed and distrusted and has few redeeming qualities. As Yuval Levin, editor of the journal *National Affairs*, points out, corrupt and dishonest politicians are often entertaining, and dull politicians are usually earnest and honest. Hillary manages to be both boring and corrupt.

■ No one can be certain that her health is what the campaign says it is. Even if nothing else ails her, if Clinton has another episode in public like the one on Sept. 11, the bottom might fall out.

■ President Obama probably can't close Hillary's enthusiasm gap. Obama is an adept campaigner, but there is no evidence

he ever successfully transferred enthusiasm for himself to another candidate.

■ If the kitchen sink hasn't killed off Trump, what else is there? The Clinton campaign has already used his greatest hits of most offensive statements in countless TV ads. If none of this has sunk Trump, what's left?

■ A compelling Trump debate performance could change perceptions of his suitability to be commander in chief. Hillary is trouncing Trump on this attribute by a 2-to-1 margin. If Trump shows up and seems plausible during the biggest moment of the campaign, he could vastly improve his standing on this basic question of readiness.

All this said, Hillary probably still has an advantage. She has a campaign and Trump doesn't, and that must count for something. Demographics favor her. But if Trump can hoist himself over the bar of acceptability, he might give the voting public enough permission to make this the change election it is naturally inclined to be.

A Trump victory may not be likely, but it isn't far-fetched. And no, stranger things haven't happened. ■

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



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Drug Free Collier hopes parents visit mock teen bedroom to look for drugs

Drug Free Collier and the national nonprofit notMYkid have partnered for a Back-to-School Substance Abuse Prevention Campaign.

“Most parents are unaware that the average age for first-time drug experimentation is 13,” says notMYkid CEO Aimee Runyon. “When a child starts using drugs, it is typically two years before parents realize there is a problem.”

To help parents learn what signs to look for, a mock teenager’s bedroom has been set up as a traveling exhibit called “Hidden in Plain Sight.” Parents enter the room and look around before hearing from a Drug Free Collier expert about typical ways teens hide and/or disguise drugs in their rooms. When they go back to the exhibit for second look, parents turn up an assortment of drugs and related paraphernalia.

Local parents have two opportunities to visit “Hidden in Plain Sight” and also pick up free drug-testing kits and information about resources available locally:

■ 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11, at Oakridge Middle School, 14975 Collier Blvd.

■ 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Big Cypress Elementary School, 3250 Golden Gate Blvd.

“Parents will walk away with valuable information to help them protect their child from substance abuse,” Rey Pezeskan, Drug Free Collier board president, says.

In addition to opening the dialogue about substance abuse, when parents choose to drug test their kids, it help kids avoid peer pressure situations by empowering them to say, “No, I can’t. My parents drug test me.”

Drug Free Collier, a non-profit coalition founded in 2005, reminds parents that they are the No. 1 influence in their children’s lives — “more than friends, music, TV, the internet and celebrities. Kids who learn about the risks of drugs and alcohol from their parents are up to 50 percent less likely to use than those who do not,” according to the Drug Free Collier website.

For more information, call 302-6717, email info@drugfreecollier.org or visit drugfreecollier.org. ■



Five recipients named for philanthropy awards

The Community Foundation of Collier County will honor five individuals/organizations at the 2016 Celebration of Philanthropy luncheon on Friday, Nov. 4, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Here are the honorees:

■ **Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System: The Robert C. Cosgrove Award** acknowledging individuals who represent devotion to human values, families and the well-being of our community.

■ **The David Lawrence Center: The Harvey Kapnick Award** recognizing a non-profit that has distinguished itself by exemplifying program excellence.

■ **Bigham Jewelers: The Outstanding Corporate Philanthropy Award** for consistently supporting the community by making intelligent use of its own strengths and social capital.



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■ **William C. Huff Companies: The Community Collaboration Award** acknowledging effective partnering with others to produce exceptional results for the community.

Tickets to the Celebration of Philanthropy luncheon and awards ceremony are \$185. To register or for more information, call the Community Foundation of Collier County at 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org. ■

Humane Society Naples celebrates Adopt-a-Shelter Dog Month, aka “Dogtober,” with a promotion highlighting the large breed dogs that are so often overlooked in the shelter. Throughout October, the adoption fee for any dog weighing 30-plus pounds at HSN’s main shelter will be waived in exchange for a donation of canned dog food to help feed pregnant dogs and puppies in foster homes arranged by HSN. Chicken Salad Chick will give a \$10 gift card to anyone who adopts a

large dog in Dogtober. Find your new four-legged friend by visiting the shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Road. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call HSN at 438-4616 or visit hsnaples.org. The HSN “Paws Around Town” mobile adoption van will be at Chicken Salad Chick at 11180 Tamiami Trail N. on a date in October TBA. Anyone who adopts any animal from the adoption-mobile that day will receive a \$10 gift card as well.



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Marco architect donates treasure trove of memorabilia to museum

BY AUSTIN BELL

Special to Florida Weekly

Marco Island icon Herb Savage may be closing up shop in October, but part of his office will live on forever at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Mr. Savage has donated nearly 50 items from his office — including rare photographs, blueprints and architectural drawings — to the Marco Island Historical Society. The materials offer a unique glimpse at an important period in Marco Island's history.

As an architect for the Deltona Corporation's famous Mackle Brothers, Mr. Savage designed many of Marco's iconic buildings in the 1960s and '70s. Now 97 years old, he has operated out of his current office (Herbert Rosser Savage, AIA Architect) since 1979, but is closing in October.

Museum staff Austin Bell, curator of collections, and Kaitlin Romey, curatorial assistant, along with Marco Island Historical Society board member Paul Tateo met with Mr. Savage in his office this past summer to discuss the donation. The Herbert R. Savage Collection, which includes 31 photographs, seven sets of blueprints and seven hand-drawn architectural renderings, will be preserved in perpetuity by the MIHS for the benefit of future generations of Marco Island residents and visitors. The photographs have already been digitized and turned into a photographic album that is available for the public to peruse in the museum lobby.

"What an honor it is for the Marco Island Historical Society to receive such a unique and irreplaceable collection,"



KAITLIN ROMEO / COURTESY PHOTO
Herb Savage browses through materials in his office in July, before donating numerous architectural drawings and photographs to the Marco Island Historical Society.



Mr. Savage, right, slicing cake with Marco Island developers Frank Mackle Jr., left, and Frank Mackle III. This undated photo is among those from the early days of development on Marco Island that Mr. Savage has donated to the Marco Island Historical Society.

Ms. Romey says. "Herb significantly influenced the development and aesthetic of Marco Island. His donation



RON RUTLEDGE / COURTESY PHOTO
Mr. Savage in May of this year, at the dedication of the Herbert R. Savage Bridge on Marco Island.



KAITLIN ROMEO / COURTESY PHOTO
Herb Savage and Emily Savage receiving a commemorative book of the collection from Austin Bell, curator of collections for the Marco Island Historical Museum.



KAITLIN ROMEO / COURTESY PHOTO
Photos and memorabilia in Mr. Savage's office.

Left: An architectural rendering Mr. Savage created in 1987.

Mr. Savage has been a regular visitor and support of the Marco Island Historical Museum since it opened. The MIHS owes him a debt of gratitude and wishes him a happy and healthy retirement. ■

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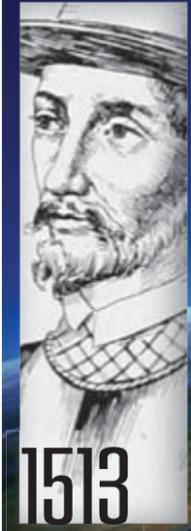
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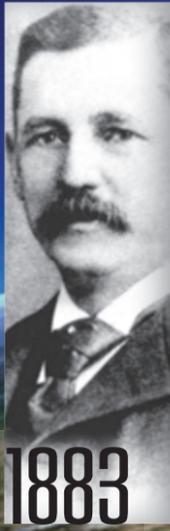
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■ **2.8 million years ago:** The Florida peninsula emerges from the seas like a slow-rising saltwater crocodile.

■ **5,000 years ago:** The subtropics and the current water system come fully into being. Glaciers have scraped out a shallow depression Indians will later call Okeechobee. From north of Okeechobee almost 200 miles to Florida Bay, the topography is almost as flat as a table. It slopes downward to the south at about an inch per mile.

■ **1513:** Ponce de Leon and the Europeans first encounter Florida and the inhospitable Calusa Indians.

■ **1800:** In the western Everglades, the last of the Calusa Indians along the Caloosahatchee River and in Charlotte Harbor have likely vanished forever — the extinction of a once-commanding tribe.



1883

■ **1845:** Florida becomes a state. Federal and state officials create the first-ever plans to drain parts of it and control water.

■ **1862:** The Homestead Act, allowing ranchers and farmers to own land if they could produce on it for five years, will ultimately attract the first sizeable number of settlers into the northern Everglades region.

■ **1883:** Hamilton Disston digs the first canal connecting the Caloosahatchee, and therefore the Gulf of Mexico, with Lake Okeechobee.

■ **Mid-1920s:** The Okeechobee Waterway is dug, connecting Lake O. with the north-flowing south fork of the St. Lucie River, which empties into the Atlantic at Stuart.

■ **1926 and 1928:** Hurricanes overwhelm Lake Okeechobee, killing thousands and creating a demand for a dike that could hold water and protect development south, east and west of the lake.



1930

■ **1929-30:** President Herbert Hoover orders the Army Corps of Engineers to bring Okeechobee "under control." Work begins.

■ **1935:** Locks at Moore Haven and Ortona are opened.

■ **1935:** The U.S. Sugar Corporation begins growing small amounts of sugar cane near Lake Okeechobee.

■ **1937:** The Herbert Hoover Dike surrounding Lake Okeechobee is finished in a footprint of its current form, but work continues into the 1960s. That dike — nowadays 143 miles in circumference, 35 feet high and under repair — is judged by engineers to be capable of retaining a safe water level no higher than 15.5 feet. When the level might or does exceed that, torrents of water are released down the estuaries. In addition, the dike finally and permanently cuts off water supplied from Lake Okeechobee to Florida Bay for the first time in 5,000 years.



1948

■ **1947:** Marjory Stoneman Douglas publishes "The Everglades: River of Grass," warning of its losses and potential destruction. The book creates a widespread awareness of catastrophic environmental damage.

■ **1947:** President Harry Truman dedicates the original Everglades National Park, now about 1.5 million acres, a quarter of the original everglades.

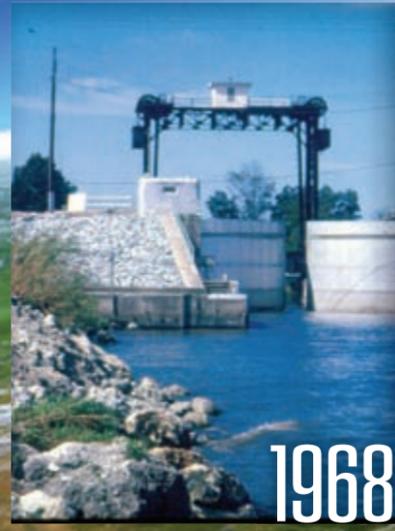
■ **1948:** Under President Truman, the 700,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area is created. The land is mucked out, canals and pump systems installed and larger-scale farming begun south of the lake. The idea is to allow farmers to contribute significantly to the food supply of Floridians and the American people.



1959

■ **1959-60:** During the Cuban revolution, the wealthy Fanjul family, sugar producers, flees Castro to Florida. Here, the U.S. Sugar Corp. is already growing sugar cane in the traditional Everglades near Lake O. The family begins buying land around Lake O. Sparring with Castro, President Kennedy orders price supports for sugar cane farmers (U.S. taxpayers make up the difference between the world market price and what sugar growers are paid). Ultimately, price supports build the wealth of the Mott family, owners of U.S. Sugar, and the Fanjul family. The Fanjuls now own Florida Crystals and other enterprises worldwide. The price supports still exist. Sugar producers are paid roughly twice the cost of sugar on the world market.

■ **1962:** The Army Corps of Engineers completes work on the Caloosahatchee River, straightening the traditional wind-flow-way and creating a direct pipeline — a canal — from the lake to Charlotte Harbor.



1968

■ **1960s:** Work and renovations on the expanded Herbert Hoover dike are completed.

■ **1972:** The federal Clean Water Act is enacted, regulating pollutants discharged into U.S. waters. The Clean Water Act provides the state an opportunity to control and reduce pollution.

■ **1980s:** Concerned about increasing levels of phosphorous and nitrogen and rising lake levels, officials restrict the amount of phosphorous that dairy farms can put into their water (the restrictions take effect in 1987). Many in the Kissimmee River Basin go out of business (the state offers a buyout program). Remaining farmers must retain dirty water in retention ponds and spray fields, cleaning it and recycling it.

■ **1992:** The last and final leg of I-75, the greatest single detriment to south flowing water besides the dike and the EAA, is completed. The Interstate Highway connects Miami and Naples with the rest of the four-lane I-75 highway system.



2008

■ **2007:** In a drought, water managers excavate the lake bottom, removing tons of muck and discovering that it contains levels of pesticides, including arsenic, four times higher than the maximum limit for residential land. It is also too toxic for use on commercial or agricultural lands.

■ **2008:** The Lake O. level is so low during drought that portions of the old lake bottom catch fire.

■ **2008:** Gov. Charlie Crist proposes buying land from the U.S. Sugar Corporation south of the lake to open a flow-way for southbound water through the great EAA barrier. Although U.S. Sugar expresses a willingness to sell, the Fanjuls resist the notion energetically. The deal ultimately fails.

■ **1992:** Money for restoration of the central portion of the Kissimmee River, 103 miles from Lake Kissimmee to Lake Okeechobee, is authorized by Congress. To date, 43 miles are being restored, creating significantly better water conditions in the basin of the northern Everglades.

■ **1999-2000:** Congress passes the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, known as CERP. The plan is designed to alter the 20th and early 21st century management of water from near Orlando south to Florida Bay, saving the Everglades. The projected date of completion: after 2030.

■ **2004-2005:** Red tide, although naturally occurring at least in small measure, explodes along the coasts, killing fish and dampening tourism. Scientists point to nitrogen combined with other nutrients as the cause.



2010

■ **2010:** Gov. Rick Scott is elected governor. By the following year he begins laying off many state employees, including almost 200 workers and regulators in the Department of Environmental Protection and the South Florida Water Management District.

■ **2010:** Among the unregulated influences is dry sludge — treated human waste — sold as fertilizer and mixed with compost to spread on fields in the river basin, a potential huge source of nitrogen not yet fully understood or measured.

■ **2010 to present:** More than 40 miles of the Kissimmee River Basin being restored to a wetland averaging 1.5 miles in width (the natural once averaged three miles), allowing water flowing from the north to be greatly slowed and thus cleaned before it reaches the lake. Most of the groundwater entering the lake comes down the Kissimmee basin. The work is ongoing, with completion expected by 2019. Plans to store water north of the lake are also moving forward.

“ Someone has to pay for that land. It would have to go through the eminent domain process. In Washington, we're in a competition for money for what Sen. Negrón is proposing to buy — and it would begin in CERP funding. It may very well be necessary. And it may be necessary to purchase more land. But I would also ask people to take into account communities in Belle Glade and Clewiston and around the lake. It's not just Big Sugar. It's smaller and associated businesses that would be affected. Those communities are already distressed. No one is talking to them. What about their lives? ”

— Republican Marco Rubio of West Miami, U.S. Senator

“ To fix it Florida's water system, first the House needs to follow the Senate's lead and secure funds for the Central Everglades Planning Project. And we have to use Amendment 1 money — what a unique opportunity. Now we have hundreds of millions of dollars to buy more land, primarily south of the Lake. We don't have much time to get this right. We're almost past due when you look at the algae, and we have to have more water flowing south to keep salt intrusion out of the aquifer. Once it starts it's very tough to reverse that trend. ”

— Democrat U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy of Jupiter (running for U.S. Senate against Sen. Marco Rubio)



■ **2012:** Under the Scott administration, the budget for the 16-county SFWMD, the largest in Florida and tasked with managing water north, south, east and west of Lake Okeechobee in conjunction with the Army Corps, is cut in half.

■ **2013-16:** The lake level is periodically so high, the dike could collapse. The Army Corps begins the most massive releases in the history of the lake, including an unprecedented release in January 2016. When the Corps releases fresh water down the Caloosahatchee and the St. Lucie, the flora and fauna begin to die in large quantities, media reports point nationally and internationally to the resulting Florida water problem, and businesses on both the east and west coasts suffer.

■ **2013 - 2016:** Both east and west of the lake, as well as south into Florida Bay, algae blooms, flooding and destruction of flora and fauna become more evident than ever before, creating a new political challenge for Florida's federal, state and local officials.

■ **2016:** A real estate expert for the South Florida Water Management District estimates land south of the lake is now worth about \$10,000 per acre; land north of the lake is worth about \$5,000 per acre.

■ **2016:** For the first time in the history of the central and southern portions of Florida, in every political race from local to regional to state to national elections, including the presidential race, water becomes a campaign issue.

■ **August 2016:** State Sen. Joe Negron, president-elect of the Senate, proposes that the state and federal government split the cost to buy 60,000 acres south of Lake Okeechobee.

■ **September 2016:** Florida's U.S. Senators, Bill Nelson, a Democrat, and Marco Rubio, a Republican, finally convince the Senate to include \$1.9 billion in a water bill for Everglades restoration. The money will help pay for a suite of jobs known as the Central Everglades Planning Project, just one part of the massive Central Everglades Restoration Project. The dry season is still six weeks away.

FIX

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new advocacy groups, petitions, rallies and protests.

Following the heaviest rains ever recorded for the month of January — 10 or more inches above the average 2 inches, in many places — releases from the lake into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers began in February.

When the lake level gets too high, its aging dike — which protects nearby communities like Belle Glade, Clewiston and Pahokee — is in peril of collapsing. The Army Corps of Engineers, responsible for the dike, issues the orders to release the water.

So far this year, 614 billion gallons have been released, about double the quantity in calmer years, making this the third worst year since 1963. With much more rain it could become the worst year.

Experts, advocates and volunteers of every stripe have waded into the debate about what to do.

A 2015 study by scientists at the University of Florida Water Institute calls for a comprehensive re-engineering of the Everglades system, with action on every side of Lake O.

But the pressure from his constituents led State Sen. Joe Negron of Stuart — the place in Martin County perhaps hit hardest by the inches-thick “guacamole algae,” as some call it — to propose a state and federal buyout of 60,000 acres in the lake’s traditional southern flow way. That land would capture, treat and transfer water into the Everglades.

Despite repeated requests over a four-week period for an interview with *Florida Weekly*, Sen. Negron declined to answer telephone calls or emails.

His plan has prompted a hot debate whether government should buy or take land from farms or cane fields, or whether water should be first captured and cleaned to the north, before moving it into the lake and south.

On the environmental side, Captains for Clean Water, the Everglades Foundation, One Florida, Audubon, Riverwatch, 1000 Friends of Florida, the Florida Oceanographic Society and the many signers of the Now or Neverglades Declaration have shared their voices. They want water stored, treated and transported from south of the lake to Florida Bay, as soon as possible.

On the agricultural side, U.S. Sugar, Florida Crystals and numerous farm and lake-area businesses with well-versed town and county politicians have been equally vocal. They want water stored and treated north of the lake.

Real estate, tourism, and service-industry voices, perhaps having the most to lose, just want the bad water to be dealt with elsewhere, but not in the coastal communities where they’ve thrived for decades.

If Floridians agree on one thing, it’s this: Florida’s hydrological wonder, the vast water system stretching 200 miles south from the Chain-of-Lakes near Orlando to Florida Bay, is in dangerous disrepair. And it’s getting worse, even with decades of study and local fixes.

The ecological, economic and geographic future of Florida — the single American state most deeply defined and shaped by water — now hangs in a precarious balance between natural torrents difficult to control and clean, and the 1,000-person-a-day torrent of humanity moving into the

Sunshine State, where 20 million residents could become 33 million or more by 2070, demographers say.

“A saga of errors created this monstrosity,” says Nathaniel Reed, chairman emeritus of 1000 Friends of Florida. He’s describing a tale of engineering dating back to the 1880s. Mr. Reed served as assistant secretary of the interior for Presidents Nixon and Ford, and worked under several Florida governors, helping to shape water policy.

This saga and its solution matters to every single Floridian and future visitor, for a simple reason: humans require potable water. And if more water can’t be stored north and south, then cleaned and delivered into the Everglades, we won’t be able to drink or bathe without multi-billion-dollar desalination engineering.

“If we don’t have water in the Everglades, you don’t have water in your tap. We’re on our own. We’re on a peninsula and can’t borrow water from another state,” explains Shannon Estenez, director for the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Everglades Initiatives. A Florida native, she previously served on the governing board of the South Florida Water Management District.

Delivering enough clean groundwater south into the Everglades will guarantee that the shallow Biscayne Aquifer remain fresh — that saltwater does not destroy it. That aquifer is the single water source for millions of residents and visitors to Florida’s urbanized southeast coast.

In addition, Lake Okeechobee itself is the back-up water supply for about 6 million people living in the region, water managers say.

With a national election only weeks away, the politics and hydrology of the Florida water problem seems to change almost every day.

But if we continue to bandage the problem or do nothing, finally, the system will continue to degrade — nobody disputes that.

And those likely to be stung by the economics of bad water or patchwork solutions will continue to argue the economics.

Even in the current form, those numbers are impressive. U.S. Sugar, Florida Crystals and others boast some 14,000 employees and a \$2 billion economic impact from farming cane on about 440,000 acres in the 700,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area south of Lake O. They don’t want to surrender that largesse, now.

But that doesn’t compare to the recreational fishing industry in Florida, which boasts \$9.3 billion in economic activity and 123,000 jobs, its advocates say. Or the commercial fishing industry which may also depend on clean water fixes and supports more than 67,700 jobs.

From the real estate perspective, things are even worse than the numbers suggest:

When water clarity increased by just one foot by single-family waterfront homes, property value increased in Lee County by \$541 million and in Martin County by \$428 million, a report by Florida Realtors found. The 155,000-member trade group released the study last year after monitoring the impact of water clarity on the value and sales of single-family home sales in coastal Lee and Martin between 2010 and 2013.

But chief economist Brad O’Connor was even more dire, since the study looked only at single-family homes.

“My feeling is the true economic impact is much, much greater than those numbers,” he said. ■

“ We’ve seen firsthand the effect that the toxic discharges from Lake Okeechobee can have on Florida’s waterways and the local communities that depend on them. To solve this problem, we need both short- and long-term solutions, which I have been working toward for many years. Everglades restoration projects such as the Central Everglades Planning Project, which the Senate approved, will help restore the natural flow of water south into the Everglades and reduce the need for massive discharges east and west into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers. So getting this project approved ... is a significant step forward in our ongoing efforts to restore the Everglades, but to ultimately solve this problem, the state has to start acquiring more land south of Lake Okeechobee. The state needs to use Amendment 1 funds to buy additional land south of the lake to store and cleanse more water before sending it further south into the Everglades. ”

— Democrat Bill Nelson of Miami, U.S. Senator



Water at Lake Okeechobee shows a thick sludge of algae in this 2015 photo.

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Waters around Lake Okeechobee have been sampled and tested and the results show devastating levels of phosphorous.

How 2016 became the year of water

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SINCE JANUARY, ABOUT 8 MILLION residents living south of Lake Okeechobee have watched a unique political moment unfold: Water has become an issue in every single race, and even a nightmare in some dreams.

“I can’t sleep well now — I lay awake at night worrying about that dike and wondering what will happen if we have even one big (storm) come over the lake,” says



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Algae blooms grew on the Caloosahatchee River near Olga this summer.

Clewiston’s Mayor Phillip Roland — and not for the first time. He’s been mayor for years, and he doesn’t mind telling people that he sweats it out during every incoming tropical storm, wondering if he’ll have to order an evacuation of his hometown.

The year unfolded like this (and it’s not over).

■ Starting in January, unprecedented winter rains flooded the peninsula, lifting the level of Lake Okeechobee and threatening the dike.

■ The Army Corps of Engineers, with no place to put it either north or south of the lake — and accountable for both human life and the southern Everglades — discharged devastating levels of phosphorous-rich lake water into the estuaries, which combined with nitrogen-thick runoff from septic, urban and agricultural environments.

■ By spring and summer, massive algae blooms erupted in the lake and the estuaries. The problem continues through the rainy season and engineers predict the lake level will reach 16 feet by November — too high for safety or for the grass beds in the lake to be reached by sunlight. The estuaries are in deep trouble.

■ The algae and brown water gained national attention. Tourists stayed away. Beach businesses, tourism agencies and the sport fishing and real estate industries reported plummeting revenues.

■ Seemingly overnight, new advocacy groups, like Captains for Clean Water, formed and began intense lobbying.

■ In August, Republican State Senator Joe Negron, of Stuart, called for the state and federal governments to buy 60,000 acres of land owned by sugar cane produc-



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The contrast of colors becomes obvious at the Franklin Locks when lake water is discharged.

ers south of the lake for water storage and southward release into public lands, a controversial \$2.4 billion proposal that startled some members of his own party, who don’t support the effort, they say. Half would come from Florida’s Amendment 1 money secured by voters for environmental needs, he suggested. He said he would likely introduce the plan during the 2017 legislative session, which begins in March.

■ On Sept. 7, releases from the lake down the Caloosahatchee Basin on the west reached more than 1 million acre feet, and releases to the St. Lucie estuary stood at about a half-million acre feet.

“If flows exceed the maximum allowable amount for more than a few weeks

then salinity drops too low for sea grasses to survive,” says John Cassani, an ecologist and public-interest advocate.

For three out of every four days so far in 2016, the river has flowed at more than the maximum allowable amount.

“It’s no longer just a bad year, it becomes a very bad year,” says Riverwatch co-director John Capece.

■ On Sept. 15, the U.S. Senate passed a \$10 billion water bill that included money for Everglades restoration — \$1.9 billion worth. Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio presided over the session that ended in a bipartisan victory championed for years by the state’s Democratic Senator, Bill Nelson. The sum would help Flo-



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Senators voted Sept. 15 on a massive water bill. It is awaiting action in the House.

ridians kick off one of several distinct and on-going plans to fix the Everglades system from north to south — in this case the Central Everglades Planning Project.

In its current schedule, if the U.S. House now ratifies the water bill with money for CEPP, and President Obama signs it into law, a suite of projects using public land south of the Lake to control and clean water flowing southward would be undertaken.



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EAA is the golden goose of the nation's protected sugar producers, including U.S. Sugar (owned primarily by the Mott family of Flint, Mich.); Florida Crystals (owned by the Fanjul family of Palm Beach); and companies such as the Texas-based King Ranch and the Clewiston-based Hilliard Bros., all of whom add vegetable crops or citrus to their operations.

Those corporate entities number among the most powerful water lobbyists in the U.S., profoundly affecting Everglades-region policy and planning, which places them squarely at the center of any story about water.

As the second decade of the 21st century winds down, meanwhile, there is too little water flowing southward out of the lake to the Everglades and Florida Bay, and too little storage and cleaning capacity to handle much more.

But there's plenty of excess water shunted down the estuaries east and west, decimating marine life and the various industries and occupations that depend on it.

Imperfect city water systems, unregulated septic fields and the agricultural operations — now cleaner and more efficient, but leaving legacy pollution dating back decades — all contribute to the troubled system.

Here's the bow on that ungainly box: If it isn't fixed the system could collapse, according to hydrologists and biologists. And that poses a problem not just to the unique flora and fauna of the Everglades, but to any person appreciates a glass of H₂O.

"If it was just about some birds in the Everglades, I could understand the lazy approach," says Mr. Reed.

He was born and raised in Florida and lives on Julipter Island, where the stinking, toxic algae accumulated this summer.

He's not complaining just about his own view of bad water. Underlying the southern Everglades, he explains, is a shallow, clean aquifer that depends on the southward flow of fresh water coupled with rain, both to recharge and to resist saltwater intrusion.

It's the single water source for millions of humans living on the southeast coast and its future depends on healthier southward water flows, just as the future of the estuaries to its north may depend on those appropriate flows.

"The conclusion of the Academy of Science, the Water Institute of Florida, of every expert is the same: You will never restore or guarantee water for millions of people if the Biscayne Aquifer goes to salt," explains Mr. Reed.

"All of those people depend on a very flush aquifer, the Biscayne aquifer. It's shallow, it's clean and if that goes to salt, you're talking about desalinization. And it will cost billions."

As a result, "We can't keep using as much water as we do every day — all the tourists, all the residents — and all of it coming out of a shallow aquifer that is now only restored by rainfall because

the link to Lake Okeechobee has been cut off."

THE BACK STORY (IN WHICH PRETTY MUCH NO ONE LOOKS GOOD)

Everyone seems to understand the problem. But what to do about it, and how fast, is a matter of opinion.

"The Everglades is a massive ecosystem and projects take a lot of time," says Sen. Rubio. "My message two months ago (in Fort Myers and Stuart) was, let's focus on getting this done. One step at a time. It's still the message."

That will take too long for many, since restoring the huge and hurting system on the schedule of the now 16-year-old, congressionally approved, Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan will require another 20 years or so.

"The timetable on all of this is absolutely ridiculous," says state Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen, a Republican from Fort Myers who with Stuart's Republican state Sen. Joe Negron has stepped out in front of her party by calling for the state and federal governments to buy land in farm country south of Lake Okeechobee.



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"Think about the resources we were able to marshal to take on the Second World War," she adds, citing political will as the final tool required for a fix. "This ravages the economy of Florida and it will be very short sighted if we don't address it now. Guess what? Florida's economy will be going down the toilet. People will find other places to live."

For decades, Floridians have behaved like testy siblings, sometimes working together to stave off environmental disaster, and sometimes bickering and fighting over who should do or pay what, and when.

In 2000, recognizing that the Everglades were in deep trouble, Congress passed the CERP, but it seemed to slip into political obscurity. In 2004 and 2005, naturally occurring red tide became an unnaturally large behemoth in some estuarine waters, giving notice that the system was going to get worse.

In 2008, as the recession set in and agricultural profits fell, then-Gov. Charlie Crist persuaded the U.S. Sugar Corp. to sell its entire operation to the state, about 180,000 acres, for \$1.75 billion. He aimed to open the traditional flow ways south of the lake. With engineering for storage, cleaning and transfer of water, that could have helped save the estuaries, the Biscayne Aquifer, the Everglades and Florida Bay, environmentalists insisted. And it could have rescued the fortunes of a struggling U.S. Sugar, economists said at the time.



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"Who could be against it? It was going to save the Everglades. It's like being against motherhood and apple pie," a former U.S. Sugar comptroller, Ellen Simms, told *The New York Times*.

A chimera of sorts, the complicated deal changed shape as the state and the South Florida Water Management District realized they might not have the money. Skeptical questions and politics intervened — Gov Crist's plan would have allowed the company to withdraw slowly by continuing to farm for years to come, putting restoration on a back burner.

Finally in 2010 the state bought 26,800 acres from U.S. Sugar for \$197 million in a deal that came with a 10-year option: the South Florida Water Management

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Costs:

- >> Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), largest hydrological project ever undertaken in United States: estimated at **\$16 billion** by 2035.
- >> Hoover Dam, 1935: **\$750 million** in today's dollars.
- >> Herbert Hoover Dike, 1937, **\$165 million.**
- >> Three Gorges Dam in China, **\$28 billion** (had to move a million people).
- >> Cost of Iraq and Afghanistan wars, **\$4 trillion to \$6 trillion.**
- >> U.S. cost of World War II: estimated at about **\$4.65 trillion** in today's dollars.

Distances and sizes:

- >> **156** miles from Lake O to Florida Bay
- >> **37** miles from Lake O to Stuart and the Indian River Lagoon
- >> **83** miles from Lake O to Sanibel and Charlotte Harbor
- >> **114** miles from Orlando to Lake O.
- >> Lee County in land area: **785** square miles (over **1200** including water).
- >> Lake O: **730** square miles
- >> Palm Beach County: **2,386** square miles
- >> Everglades National Park: **2,357** square miles

District, supported by the taxpayers of 16 counties, has until 2020 to buy some or all of the company's remaining land, at a price to be determined.

But company officials are adamant now: "We have no intention of getting out of farming," says Malcolm "Bubba" Wade, a vice president and longtime spokesman for U.S. Sugar, arguing the implausible notion of sending water south when it isn't clean.

"You can't just put dirty water in there (and leave it)," he added, suggesting that such action would put the Everglades at even greater risk. "And if we're not there to pump the water out?"

But the company, along with the cane and crop grower Hilliard Brothers, has pursued big development in land south of Lake Okeechobee, convincing Hendry County officials in 2014 to permit a deal called Sugar Hill: 18,000 homes and commercial properties including shopping centers.

State agencies required to sign off on the deal balked. The DEP's written opinion was succinct: "(Sugar Hill) sits squarely within the Everglades ecosystem, an internationally recognized treasure."

Meanwhile, the Hendry County permitting of Sugar Hill may increase the value of U.S. Sugar's acreage. Asked to estimate the cost of acreage both north and south of Okeechobee, the chief real estate expert and negotiator for the South Florida Water Management District, Ray Palmer, said land to the north could average about \$5,000 an acre, and land south of the lake would price out at \$8,000 to \$10,000 per acre.

"From a real estate standpoint it would make more sense to buy land for water storage north of the lake," he noted.

Mr. Wade at U.S. Sugar says his land is now worth more than that — "in the \$12,000 to \$15,000 range" per acre.

To buy 153,000 acres at \$12,000 per acre, the Water Management District or the State would have to spend about \$1.84 billion.

Beginning in the wet season of 2013 — known as "the lost summer" along the Indian River Lagoon — intense rains and explosions of algae from phosphorous and nitrogen became international news. Produced by old septic systems and development along with runoff from cows and crops, they led to destruction of marine habitats and a loss of robust tourism east and west.

Throughout much of that back-story — and through the continuing danger

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posed to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay — the science and engineering, and even some of the initial work, has been in place to make the fix.

“Fixing this is an economic, social, political problem now.

It’s not a scientific problem or engineering problem. We’ve known the science for years,” says Dr. Wendy Graham, a scholar and director of the Water Institute at the University of Florida.

“The biggest mistake now would be to ignore what’s happening — not to do anything,” says her colleague, Dr. Thomas Frazer.

The Water Institute’s 2015 study analyzing the broken Everglades system is widely embraced as both accurate and fair in estimating the scope of the problem and pointing to solutions.

Advocates from every side of the water storage debate borrowed portions of the report to support their views of progress.

“As the UF Water Institute study shows, taking land in the EAA to store water is much more complicated and expensive than storing it and cleaning it north of the lake,” says Mr. Wade, the vice president. “So it doesn’t make sense to buy more land south of the lake and try to clean water there, when the dirty water is coming from north of the lake.”

He likens that notion to trying to clean dirty water flowing into a bathtub after it’s in the tub, and not before it leaves the faucet.

And Joe Collins, a vice president to the big agricultural operation, Lykes Brothers — Mr. Collins was also a member and chair of the South Florida Water Management District governing board — took to quoting lines he pulled from the report in newspaper editorials, such as this one: “A passive EAA flow-way is not the optimal approach for addressing problems of too much water going to the estuaries in the wet season or too little water going to the Everglades in the dry season.”

On the other hand, “the Water Institute report shows that to reduce by over 90 percent or to eliminate the flows to the estuaries, you have to have storage both north and south of the lake,” says Jennifer Hecker, director of natural resource policy for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. A growing chorus of voices has joined her in calling for land buys south of the Lake — or at least leases from landowners who decide to “farm water” — to add to public lands already there.

In fact, both sides are right about the Water Institute’s report, although Mr. Wade’s conclusion that storage south of the lake is senseless is not the conclusion of the report.

“Our report said, This is a big problem with hydrologic, legal, infrastructure constraints,” Dr. Graham explains.

“And there is no silver bullet that will solve the problem. We’ll need storage north, south, east and west and probably more storage in the lake to make it work.

“None of the projects taken one at a time can solve the problem. Individually they don’t show benefit across the system. It will take all the projects to achieve restoration goals for the estuaries, the lake, and the Everglades.”

WHY CAN’T WE ALL JUST GET ALONG?

Politics is not impartial, and neither is the fierce instinct to defend livelihoods and ways of life.

“I’m not so sure we can afford to ask farmers to do anymore than what we’ve



St. Lucie inlet: Algae-choked water met the Atlantic in midsummer. Fish died by the thousands.

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Bad water moving in and out of Lake O devastates the environment. But it can be fixed.

already asked them to do,” says Gary Ritter, of Okeechobee, assistant director of government and community affairs for the Florida Farm Bureau.

“This entire restoration effort now has been on their backs, and they’ve spent hundreds of millions using Best Management Practices. They aren’t the polluters now. And they even tax themselves \$25 an acre to maintain (clean operations).”

An Everglades Agricultural Privilege Tax established in 1994 under Gov. Lawton Chiles designed to make agricultural polluters help pay for pollution was capped by the 2003 Florida Legislature under Jeb Bush at \$25 an acre, the figure Mr. Ritter refers to. The \$25 per acre cap was extended by Rick Gov. Scott.

Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner suggests through it all, different interests should try to get along, without losing their critical thinking.

“I think there’s been a tremendous calming effect with people saying, ‘Let’s stop the blame game.’ Those guys on Sanibel Island or Jupiter — they hate us farmers. And we get nowhere by saying it’s not us, it’s them and go fix your septic tanks.

“We have a great plan (the CERP), it’s taken us generations to get to where we are today, and unfortunately we’re talking about billions of dollars in tourism and so on — I grasp that.

“But I challenge the Lee Convention and Visitors Bureau and the east coast as well. What were your numbers? Are we still doing OK, or is the industry really collapsing? I don’t know, I’m just asking.”

SWEET GIFTS TO POLITICIANS MAINTAIN BIG SUGAR’S REIGN

U.S. Sugar and Florida Crystals have deeply influenced how any water problems might be solved.

In the last 22 years, the sugar companies in tandem have contributed \$57 million to state politicians, with U.S. Sugar anteing up \$33.4 million and the Fanjuls kicking in \$12.4 million both to Democrats and Republicans, the Miami Herald reported in July.

But most sugar money goes to



CALDWELL

Republicans, including State Rep. Matt Caldwell, R-79, who has worked energetically in the legislature to support agricultural interests.

Accepting a trip three years ago from U.S. Sugar to the company’s hunting lodge on the King Ranch in Texas is just how business is done, he says.

“When we do a Republican fundraiser with Disney they have us come to the park. When it’s Universal, the same. They like the legislators to come see their thing, so we understand what it is they do,” he says.

“I’ve got a relationship so I’ve received direct campaign contributions. If you name an ag business — Lykes Brothers, U.S. Sugar, King Ranch, all the rest, Alico — those are in the campaign contribution silo.” Mr. Caldwell says he can remain impartial.

HURRY UP AND WAIT

Champions of various causes hailed the Comprehensive Everglades Planning Project as significant progress.

Sen. Rubio stepped off the Senate floor on Sept. 15 after the vote on funding for it, and in a phone conversation with *Florida Weekly* said, “It’s the single biggest Everglades project in over a decade. A suite of dozens of projects that will cumulatively help us clean water, help with water management, and reduce flows out of Okeechobee.

“It’s taken too long to get to this point, and I voted against some water projects in the past because they didn’t include this.”

In the eyes of his Democratic challenger in Florida’s senate race, U.S. Rep. Patrick Murphy, “Congress adjourns for five weeks at the end of the month, and we have to make sure the funding is in place for these projects. We can’t let them get tied up in politics, so the House needs to follow the Senate’s lead.

“But another part of this is Amendment One money, passed by 75 percent of Florida’s voters. So we have hundreds of millions of dollars for land acquisition south of the lake, and we have to use that. I’m working with Rep. Curt Clawson to create a federal matching program to assist state



MURPHY

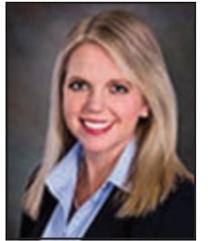


FLORIDA FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Sick double crested cormorants found in Florida’s waters.

acquisitions of land.”

Melissa McKinley, a Palm Beach County commissioner, said, “I wish I could be more optimistic this will work its way through the House and land on the president’s desk before the changing of the guards.”



MCKINLAY

“It shows a recognition of the range of projects we’re dealing with here. And that we need water projects both north of lake and south of the lake. And that folks beyond Florida recognize the need for Everglades restoration.”

Neither Sen. Rubio nor Gov. Rick Scott have pushed to recover the Everglades at a pace faster than one step at a time, in part because of cost and in part because sound planning is essential, they say.

Gov. Scott, who for four weeks did not respond to repeated quests for an interview with *Florida Weekly*, has been criticized sharply for firing scientists and regulators in the Department of Environmental Protection and the Water Management Districts: He slashed the budget of the SFWMD almost in half in 2012-13, from more than a \$1 billion to \$567 million. He may also blame the federal government, and not just for refusing to give the state emergency status and money during the summer algae blooms, but for moving too slowly to fund its share of restoration, suggests his press officer, Lauren Schenone.

“Gov. Scott remains committed to protecting all of Florida’s natural treasures, including the Everglades,” she said, following the Senate approval of CEPP.

“Under Gov. Scott’s leadership, an historic \$880 million water quality plan was created to protect the Everglades and to date, Florida has invested nearly \$2 billion in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan. We look forward to any steps the federal government takes to fulfilling their promise to the people and natural treasures of Florida.”

Although the governor has supported projects that will alter sections of man-made barriers to natural water flow in the Everglades — under I-75, for example — and pushed to get reservoir projects underway, he is also under fire for continuing to relax water quality standards.

Most recently, his Environmental Regulation Commission approved a change in state water standards that will allow an increase in toxins released into water by oil companies and fracking operations. ■



SCOTT



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Fish died this summer in polluted waters.

The complicated science of the fix

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TOO MUCH WATER. TOO LITTLE WATER. Weather extremes wreak havoc throughout South Florida where an antiquated water management system designed decades ago with little regard to the environment connects the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers to Lake Okeechobee. Too much rain like this winter's El Nino event means fresh lake water is flushed in 70,000-gallons-per-second torrents east and west, impacting habitat along both rivers and the biodiversity of their sea life-sustaining estuaries near the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic Ocean.

Too little rain, and lake water is withheld, forcing the 67-mile stretch of Caloosahatchee into water-starved survival mode.

Come rain or shine — hell or high water, some say — either scenario creates the potential for cyanobacteria, the blue-green algae that this summer swirled like ominous green clouds in the lake, rivers and tributaries downstream, coating shorelines with goo. The algae are also deadly, capable of producing toxic incarnations that kill off plant and fish life and pose hazards to humans if inhaled or touched.

Mankind is pretty much responsible for building the perfect environment for cyanobacteria, fortifying Lake O water with nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen and diverting historical water flow through a series of locks, dams, canals and levees. Instead of water seeping south as nature intended within the original 18,000 square miles Everglades from Orlando to Florida Bay, freshwater is diverted east and west where coves and inlets provide the standing water the bacteria need to thrive. High volume releases reduce the salinity of brackish estuaries, essentially the nurseries for aquatic plants and sea life.

"Sunlight, sitting water and nutrients create the perfect storm for blue-green algae," says Wayne W. Carmichael, a professor emeritus at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio, who has studied cyanotoxins for over 40 years. "Cyanobacteria impacts all aspects of water — fish, invertebrates the fish eat, dominates other algae and limits the food chain. It's a potent toxin. Any animal drinking the water is going to be affected, get ill and may die. It affects everything down the line and up the line to humans."

The Army Corps of Engineers is mandated to release Lake O's freshwater into the rivers whenever rising lake levels pose the potential of breaching the earthen dike protecting 1 million people to the south. The water is tainted with phosphorous and nitrogen from agricultural operations, municipalities and development to the north.

In a twist of irony, the very algae scientists attribute to creating the oxygenated environment for life on earth some 3.5 billion years ago is also toxic and impacts the water also needed to sustain life.

Nature also plays its part. Seagrass beds that succumb to the algae add additional nutrients, allowing it to grow exponentially through photosynthesis and to monopolize oxygen. Its deadly kin spawns toxic microcystins that affect the liver and cause skin rashes.

"Algae was the first oxygen-producing organism on earth and is largely responsible for the air we breathe," says Dr.



NASA IMAGE

In early May an algae bloom grew to cover 85 square kilometers (33 square miles) of Lake Okeechobee. The conditions that gave rise to the bloom persisted into July, and were blamed for affecting water quality downstream all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.

Carmichael. "They adapted and evolved. They flourished and they dominate."

The scientist visited Lake Okeechobee in the 1990s, summoned by the South Florida Water Management District when drought conditions created algal blooms in the lake.

"I was there to help identify which algae were involved in the water blooms and if they were toxin producers," he says. "Back then it was the same cyanobacteria that is present and a problem currently."

The only way to control cyanobacteria in Florida's warm sunny climate is to control the nutrients in freshwater. Dr. Carmichael says agriculture, septic tanks and municipal affluent run-offs are largely responsible for feeding harmful algal blooms, or HABs, which technically are toxin-producing bacteria that look and act like algae.

The water management system eliminated the historic sheet flow north of the lake, where wetlands and marshes once filtered out nutrients from the Kissimmee River and Chain of Lakes near Orlando.

"It's all part of the same pattern, the result of cultural and natural enrichment eutrophication and human activity," says Dr. Carmichael. "It's a situation people like to say is getting worse and there's no questions HABs are a lot worse. It's coming to a point the nutrient input has to be controlled. Even then, it's going to take decades to get the water quality back."

Phosphorus in Lake O is notoriously high and has been for decades. Right now it's anywhere from three to four times higher than targeted levels, according to Dr. Melodie Naja, chief scientist for the Everglades Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to protecting and restoring the River of Grass.

If there's any consolation, we're not alone. Blue-green algae blooms have been reported almost every summer along western Lake Erie since 1995. In California, lakes and rivers have tested for high levels of anatoxin-a, a cyanobacteria toxin that kills dogs and wildlife within 20 to 30 minutes of exposure. Problems with cyanobacteria and HABs exist in freshwater bodies around the continent. Dr. Cartwright has seen it so thick in Africa, stones thrown at the slime layer bounced back.

"It can get worse," he says. "I've seen it in half a dozen different places. It's

affecting more and more water bodies."

Residents along Lake Erie took notice this summer when Lake O's woes overshadowed their ongoing problems. Both lakes are large but shallow, however, winter temperatures kill off blooms in the Great Lake. This summer, toxin levels in the St. Lucie Estuary reached 86 parts per billion — eight times the threshold allowed by the World Health Organization, reported Mark Perry, a native Floridian and executive director of the Florida Oceanographic Society, a Stuart-based nonprofit with a mission of protecting, preserving and restoring the state's ocean and coastal ecosystems

The algae can be treated chemically and filtered if crucial to the health of a small reservoir or drinking water supply but there are consequences associated with chemical treatments. "With something the size of Lake Okeechobee, those methods don't work," says Dr. Carmichael. "You have to go back and control the watershed and the nutrients going into it."

"Since Jan. 1 to date, 614 billion gallons of water have been released from the lake," says Dr. Naja. "That's a staggering amount and it impacts the estuaries, is killing ecosystems and altering the ecology. There's also an impact on tourism and the economy because of the huge algae blooms."

The massive Lake O releases were also attributed to the brown water along portions of Southwest Florida's beaches and killed off oyster and seagrass beds along the St. Lucie and Indian River Lagoon.

"The St. Lucie does not need any of this water," says Mr. Perry. "We need a third outlet to provide capacity to move a significant amount of water equivalent to the amount moving east and west. In our case we're advocating for an order to stop discharges into the St. Lucie and Indian rivers."

Since the outbreak of the algae blooms, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection has been issuing daily Lake Okeechobee updates on its website, monitoring salinity conditions along both rivers based on optimal conditions for adult oysters. Recent reports showed levels within the fair range at Sanibel and poor at Cape Coral.

Complicating the challenges in South Florida is the physical water manage-

"Is it sugar's fault? I think sugar has changed to a great degree in how they operate. But the crux of it is, they are able to continue to farm and manage the water in the EAA, and the net result is we now have a barrier that can block a flow of water to go south of the lake. They have made significant adjustments. I'm not blaming them, but I am saying, 'Could you help us, a'la Joe Negron's plan, by taking a small but critical part of the land and selling it to us?' It could be a release valve. The argument could be made that we're spoiled brats on the coasts and we don't care about farmers. I don't think that's it at all. The monies that are being spent and lost as we destroy these estuaries are vastly more than monies that would have to be used in donating or selling land for other than an ag purpose."

— Republican State Rep. Heather Fitzenhagen of Fort Myers

"We've taken so much out of taxes and agricultural production, 110,000 acres, that I don't see another 60,000 as generating much support among Sen. Negron's colleagues. When he's re-elected this fall, he'll be representing Pahokee, one of our agricultural communities. I've invited him to sit down with leaders in Pahokee and see it through their eyes. We all recognize that something needs to be done to fix water. But in my opinion, we should complete all these other projects before we talk about taking another 60,000 out of production for landowners who are not willing to sell at this time. That land is not for sale. If it was, I'd be the first to say, let's buy it."

— Melissa McKinley of Royal Palm Beach, Palm Beach County commissioner

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ment system, some parts of it nearly a century old, built by “people who are no longer here, who in the greatest leap of their imagination maximized the region at 2 million people, not 7.5 million people,” says Florida native Shannon Estenoz, director for the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Office of Everglades Initiatives. “We’re pushing it beyond what it was designed to do to begin with — push water east and west not knowing whether it’s going to stop raining in six months.”

“Environmental protection wasn’t as valued as it is today,” says John Campbell, a public affairs specialist with the Corps of Engineers’ Jacksonville district office. “In the late 19th century and early half of the 20th century, nature was something man wanted to conquer. Now 50 to 60 years later, these values have changed and protection of the environment becomes more important. Our current system was not designed as environmentally friendly.”

Indeed. In the name of growth and progress, our predecessors installed various obstacles inhibiting natural flow, drained Everglades swampland for agriculture use, straightened the Kissimmee River and bypassed the Caloosahatchee’s historic headwaters from Lake Hicpochee to a manmade canal linking to Lake Okeechobee.

“If you look on Google Maps, Lake Hicpochee is just a big circle,” Mr. Perry says. “It over-drained the lake.”

Corralling Lake O into the 143-mile Herbert Hoover Dike also impeded water flow to Biscayne Bay, the Ten Thousand Islands and Florida Bay, as did construction of the Tamiami Trail through the southern Everglades. The Army Corps of Engineers is in the middle of a \$1.5 billion restoration of the dike around the 730-square-mile Lake O, which the International Hurricane Research Center ranks as the second-most vulnerable mainland area to hurricanes.

The Corps also manages the lake level, releasing water whenever it rises above 15.5 seasonally adjusted feet, calculated from 30 years of precipitation and lake water activity data. Optimal lake levels are between 12.5 and 15.5 feet.

Plans within a bigger plan

The big-picture plan guiding water management in the 16-county South Florida Water Management District is inherently tied into the federal-state Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, or CERP, a 68-project puzzle focusing largely on water flow, storage and quality and restoring the River of Grass to the fullest extent humanly possible. Pieces of the project already call for creation of reservoirs expected to divert water from Lake O and ultimately the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers.

In her role, Ms. Estenoz works with the plan’s architects, a consortium of agencies and nonprofits. She’s a former member of the SFWMD and has been involved with Everglades restoration since 1996 as the chairwoman of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, established by Congress to facilitate a partnership between federal, state, tribal and local governments.

Ms. Estenoz is pleased with the progress to date on CERP and the multi-agency collaboration making it happen — although it’s not moving as quickly as some might want.

“We’ve made steady progress over the past two decades,” she says. “Because of what we saw this winter with El Nino and high water and the other extreme — the terrible lake fires during droughts — it reminds us our job

is not done. I’m never surprised when the public sees this happening and gets upset. If you have algae in your backyard, you want it gone. For me, these events are a very sharp reminder we have a lot of work to do.”

Components of CERP are designed to reverse ecological damage created by the existing water and flood management systems, which Ms. Estenoz describes as “broken. It took a long time to build these systems and it’s going to take a while to reconfigure it. It’s a system ironically designed to throw water away.”

“Right now we’re wasting 1.7 billion gallons of water a day through discharges to the gulf and the Atlantic Ocean,” Mr. Perry says.

CERP is unfolding in incremental improvements spread over 30 years, possibly 40. It includes completed components and a whirlwind of projects currently under construction and some fast-tracked because of the summer’s excessive releases and algal blooms.

Elevating portions of Tamiami Trail has eliminated a water flow choke point but posed a new set of challenges. “There’s seepage,” Mr. Campbell says. “The water still wants to flow south. The state is actively constructing levees and features to better control it.”

The Corps also is in the process of building water storage in Hendry County; constructing a storm water treatment area, discharge system and a pump station in Martin County; and addressing water in the western Everglades near Big Cypress National Preserve.

“Some of these ongoing projects don’t get a lot of attention because everyone is looking for the one project that solves everything,” says Mitch Hutchcraft, a SFWMD board member since 2013 and vice president of real estate for King Ranch/Consolidated Citrus in Fort Myers.

“These small projects are in the right locations. The district is restoring natural systems and historic flow where we have the opportunities. We all talk about ‘Yes, we need to restore the Everglades,’ but don’t talk about the over 1 million people who live within the boundaries of the Everglades. The portions that can bring back the highest quality of water flowing through the River of Grass won’t happen unless you can convince 1 million people to move.”

“What we can do is work very hard to get the quality and timing right of the water in the areas that do exist.”

The public hearing phase is commencing for the Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project, a multi-pronged plan to improve water quality, quantity, timing and distribution of water entering Lake Okeechobee and to reduce high-volume discharges to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie estuaries.

A 2015 study by the University of Florida Water Institute recommended creating hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water storage north of Lake Okeechobee, where it will provide the fresh water the Caloosahatchee needs during dry season and droughts.

The SFWMD already owns thousands of acres north of the lake and is in a holding pattern in accessing 27,000 acres of federally owned lands south of the lake, which Mr. Campbell says would provide minimal storage.

Water enters Lake O five to six times faster than it’s released, according to Mr. Hutchcraft, who grew up in the Fort Myers area. He swam and sailed the Caloosahatchee and remembers episodes of “brown water” along the river. “Brown water happens almost every



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On May 31, the algae began moving into the Stuart area in Martin County.

year and people think brown equates to toxic. That’s not necessarily true. Even in the late 1880s before the river was connected to Lake O, people were writing about the brown water.”

Water quality, which the federal government leaves to states to enforce, ideally would be controlled naturally in the Everglades. But ultimately it’s up to the state Department of Environmental Protection to enforce infractions by property owners leeching phosphorous and nitrogen into the flow ways.

Several high-impact CERP components have been advanced as a bundled restoration project to deliver water — an estimated annual average of 200,000 acre feet — to public lands south of the Everglades Agricultural Area to Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. In the works since 2011, \$1.9 billion in funding for the Central Everglades Planning Project, or CEPP, was overwhelmingly approved Sept. 15 by the U.S. Senate as part of the \$10 billion Water Resources Development Act. CEPP will also redirect water from the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers and remove 25 miles of canals and levees with the goal of reintroducing historic sheet flow to the south.

The bill is expected to receive heavy opposition in the House.

CERP is already showing promising environmental benefits since water-slowing bends were restored to the Kissimmee River. Before development, water flowed about a mile every four days, Mr. Perry says.

“The ecosystem has responded positively and the Kissimmee is bouncing back,” says Ms. Estenoz. “It’s proving to be a sound hypothesis and needs a little help here and there.”

By slowing the flow, it also allows plants to uptake nutrients, says Mr. Campbell.

Continued implementation of CERP projects will reduce large Lake O water releases and improve the Everglades’ health.

“Big wet years used to happen every 10 years, now it’s every three years,” says Ms. Estenoz. “We have to get the water right, make sure it’s clean, and distribute and move it around in the right way. Timing is a big part.”

Comes now a new plan

Regional water storage around Lake Okeechobee has been identified as a crucial piece of overall Everglades restoration and reducing Lake O releases. But where to store it has become a heated debate, fueled by a recent proposal by Florida Senate president-designate Joe Negron, a Republican from Stuart, the first city the tainted lake water reaches along the St. Lucie. Sen. Negron wants to purchase 60,000 acres of land south of Lake O in the Everglades Agricultural Area to provide 120 billion gallons of storage.

The price tag is about \$2.4 billion, a cost the senator hopes can be split between

the state and federal governments, as is the standard for CERP projects.

The plan was derived from the input of stakeholders representing environmental and nonprofit organizations, farmers, city and state officials, scientists and hydrologists.

The two potential storage areas, identified in big red circles on a map accompanying Sen. Negron’s announcement, include land straddling the Miami and Bolles canals and an area to the southeast adjacent to existing storm water treatment areas, canals, and a shallow basin that captures and stores storm-water runoff until it’s needed.

Some say Sen. Negron’s plan is his response to public outcry following algae bursts this summer — a search for that silver bullet or quick fix to this squeaky wheel, the failing dike constructed decades ago as a stop-gap measure in response also to public outcry. Citizens south of the lake long ago demanded protection from future flooding and hurricanes.

Water flow south in the agricultural area has long been part of CERP, just not scheduled for now. Initial work is scheduled to begin in 2020 with design plans finalized six years later.

Sen. Negron’s proposal to speed up use of EAA land has been well received by many citizen advocates and environment groups.

The Everglades Foundation’s Dr. Naja was one of the scientists modeling the benefits to both rivers and their estuaries by comparing CERP north and south reservoirs under existing conditions. Unfinished components of CERP were not factored in.

“Our goal basically was to answer Sen. Negron and the Legislature’s request to reduce discharges to the estuaries and quantify the benefits to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie,” she says. “There’s a huge amount of freshwater that needs to go somewhere. Building reservoirs south of the lake have much higher benefits to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie.”

Southern storage could decrease high discharge frequency to the St. Lucie by 37 percent, the Caloosahatchee by 31 percent. Store water to the north and the percentages drop to 3 percent and 9 percent, respectively, she says.

The 60,000 acres would also supply precious freshwater to the Everglades and Florida Bay, where lingering drought has claimed a 40,000-acre dead zone of seagrass, Dr. Naja says.

“Once the water is south of the lake, it’s pretty much gone,” says Randy Smith, a spokesperson for the South Florida Water Management District. “The Caloosahatchee needs a certain amount of freshwater during the dry season. If we store water north of the lake, we have more flexibility in how we can use it.”

Lake Okeechobee is the primary backup drinking water source for 6 million South Floridians.

“We realized at an early point just how intrinsically the Everglades is linked to the prosperity and sustainability of the region,” says Ms. Estenoz. “If we don’t have water in the Everglades, you don’t have water in your tap. We’re on our own. We’re on a peninsula and can’t borrow water from another state.”

As outlined in CERP’s Lake Okeechobee Watershed Project, northern storage would help reduce nutrients entering the lake; storing it south doesn’t have the same ecological or water quality benefits. It also notes existing water management systems south of the lake are limited by design capacity, ecosystem concerns and enforcement of the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

While saying the water management district would consider alternative plans, Mr. Hutchcraft also pointed out that public is reacting to an anomaly.

“We’ve had two years of greater than average rainfall but prior to that we were more on the drought side,” he says. “There’s no denying this year’s event was significant and had an adverse impact on the lake and estuaries. But we can’t abandon 25 years of planning to react to the short term. In the long term, we need a more predictable supply of water.”

Pitting north vs. south

Opponents of the Negrón plan prefer a wait-and-see approach. Complete the in-progress CERP and planned CEPP projects first and evaluate their impact.

Not everyone views these nonprofit foundations and environmentalists as knights in shining armor determined to save the Everglades and the estuaries impacted by Lake O releases. Nor do they think the Negrón plan is the answer. They criticize nonprofit organizations for conducting meetings in ritzy resorts and spearheading fundraising machines that generate millions of dollars to rob them of their livelihood.

“There are so many parts to this conversation and it’s sad because there has to be a villain and ag is it,” says Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner. “If there was no villain, there would be no reason for the existence of these groups and no reason for millions of dollars in fundraising.”

“The environmental refrain from the Everglades Foundation and the answer to every Everglades issue is to buy south, buy south,” says Judy Sanchez, senior director of corporate communications and public affairs for U.S. Sugar, which owns sugarcane property in Sen. Negrón’s red circles.

Hendry County’s northeast boundary borders a small portion of Lake O yet most of its land lies south of the lake. With a population of just 39,190 — many who make their living in agriculture — the county lacks the resources or manpower to fight for its future. It’s also Florida’s fourth poorest county with 25 to 26 percent living below the poverty level.

“We’re making sure the trash is picked up, the toilets flush, our dogs aren’t running the streets and our babies are fed and covered,” Mr. Turner says. “We don’t have a diverse economic portfolio. You remove ag, you remove our existence.”

A 2012 agricultural census showed Hendry County had 406 farms operating on 495,734 acres and selling products with a market value of nearly \$500 million. More than half of its farms reported \$99,999 or less in sales; 113 recorded \$1,000 or less.

Hendry ranked No. 1 in Florida for acreage devoted to all varieties of oranges and was second, behind Palm Beach County, for acreage of sugarcane. It also had the state’s highest sale value for fruits, tree nuts and berries.

“Sen. Negrón’s plan sounds sexy, but in all due respect to the incoming senate president, I wish it were that simple,” Mr. Turner says. “I don’t think data supports a shift in focus from the north to the south. It’s treating the system not the problem. It’s a Band-Aid on a jugular vein.”

Shortly after Sen. Negrón’s plan was announced Mr. Turner’s fellow Commissioner Janet Taylor led 50 residents in protest to the senator’s Martin County office.

“All these conversations are happening about us without us,” says Mr. Turner. “The sad thing for me, is we don’t have a louder voice from south of the lake.



Signs posted in Martin County advise the public not to enter the water because of algae levels.



Rivers, canals and beaches turned green when algae bloomed.

Our people are focused on existence, covering our bills and working the very land environmentalists and everyone in the state wants to acquire. I’ve talked to colleagues in Orange County and Osceola County and they’re not even in these discussions. There’s been an unfair bullseye put on industry south of the lake.”

Agricultural land in Palm Beach County, also within Sen. Negrón’s red circles, boasted Florida’s top agriculture sales in 2014-15 with 36 percent of its total land, or 460,445 acres, dedicated to farm operations. Total ag sales were estimated at \$1.41 billion in 2014-15 with the county leading the nation in the production of sugarcane, sweet corn and sweet bell peppers. It’s also the state’s top producer of rice, lettuce, radishes and celery and leads Florida in agricultural wages and salaries with over \$316 million.

And will it work?

Opponents are also questioning the science — or lack thereof — behind Sen. Negrón’s plan.

“Have you seen it?” asks U.S. Sugar’s Ms. Sanchez. “Have you seen any specifics about how this plan is going to do what people say it’s going to do? All we see are two big red circles.”

Ms. Sanchez’s questions aren’t sardonic; she just curious if additional details have been released.

“It’s really hard for U.S. Sugar to comment on the plan because there are no other details,” she says. “We haven’t seen any specifics. We haven’t seen the science behind it.”

Ms. Sanchez notes the lands identified in the Negrón plan are already waterlogged at the same time lake water would be released south. The timing just isn’t copasetic.

“We can’t see how buying additional land south will help when it’s wet,” she says. “To the south of these areas are the state’s water conservations areas which have been full to the brim since January. They haven’t sent any water to the conservation areas because water at Everglades National Park is high. If water is stored south of the lake you don’t have the ability to send it farther south because of federally mandated flood levels in the Everglades. If a res-

ervoir dries out, incoming water flushes out all the phosphorous and that’s a big no-no going into the Everglades.”

She also questions why the in-depth and already evaluated science behind CERP and CEPP is being questioned.

“Those systems provide deeper storage,” Ms. Sanchez says. “It’s like they want to create a diamond-encrusted bucket which would have to be deep, really deep. They’ve discharged 1.6 million acre feet of water. Unless there’s some way to continuously move water south, it’s going to be a very small and very expensive bucket. You’d still have a 1.3 million discharge which would blow out the estuaries anyway while putting the farming folks out of business.”

To date, Sen. Negrón’s proposal doesn’t incorporate treatment facilities to reduce nutrient levels before lake water is sent south, although Republican state Rep. Gayle Harrell of Port St. Lucie said it would be part of the plan.

Mr. Hutchcraft cautions the plan “won’t bring the quick solution everyone wants. The district has made it very clear we’re going to implement CERP and CEPP to the extent they get approved. We are actively building projects. The district has a world-class staff of researchers, Ph.D.s. and an entire water modeling team.”

Negrón’s plan would give the Corps “additional flexibility,” says Mr. Campbell. “We don’t know to what degree or if the federal government will pick up half of the bill. There’s no silver bullet that doesn’t impact several economies.”

There’s no doubt water flow to the south of Lake O is needed not only to coax back the Everglades but also to recharge its aquifers which supply water to the Miami-Dade metro area. And the megalopolis that is Southeast Florida will forever present a major roadblock in Everglades restoration.

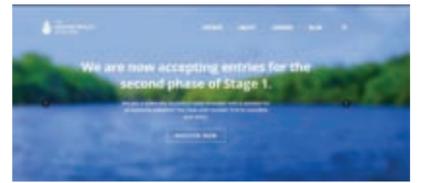
As Ms. Sanchez notes, I-95 now skirts the southern boundaries with “20-plus miles of suburbia west of I-95. It’s not as simple as buy land and send water south. We can’t go back to the way Mother Nature intended because we did away with that.”

South Florida’s water woes — either too much or too little — will continue to pose uncertainties from year to year, even month to month.

Ms. Estenoz was serving on the water management board in 2007 during the worst drought on record at the time.

“The lake was down to eight feet,” she says. “Low water is scary. High water is scary.”

“We understand the nexus between a sustainable economy and sustainable ecosystems in Florida. You can’t separate the two. I’ve always said ‘As the Everglade goes, so does the region.’ I’ve based my whole career on it.” ■



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The Everglades Foundation is offering a prize for solutions on water quality.

Water quality: The \$10 million question

WITH VARIOUS OPTIONS AVAILABLE for potentially reducing Lake Okeechobee discharges into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee

ivers, the Everglades Foundation is now focusing on water quality, recently announcing the \$10 million George Barley Water Prize for innovative solutions addressing excess phosphorous in freshwater around the world. It’s a partnership with the Knight Foundation, the Ministry of Environmental and Climate Change in Ontario, Canada, and water technology company Xylem.

“The prize was established to research and find cost-effective technical ways to reduce phosphorus,” says Melanie Naja, the foundation’s chief scientist. “We’d like it to have global applications that work as well in Lake Okeechobee and Lake Erie. There are existing technologies to clean up phosphorus but they are expensive or require a huge amount of land. We need something else, something effective and cheap. We can’t solve it today or tomorrow but we need to start.”

Dr. Naja estimates 70 percent of the phosphorous and other algae-stimulating nutrients come from agricultural operations, the other 30 percent from urban development.

Charged by the federal government to oversee water quality in Florida, the state Department of Environmental Protection has developed best management practices for polluters but it’s not enough, Dr. Naja says.

And they’re not enforced.

An analysis of the Florida DEP’s raw enforcement data by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility noted the number of cases opened in 2015 were 81 percent below those of 2010, the year before Gov. Rick Scott took office. The group also observed fines collected were the lowest in 28 years.

“For the first time in nearly 30 years, DEP assessed no penalty above \$100,000,” PEER said in a press release. “Pollution pays in Florida because violators often get off scot-free.”

DEP officials did not address that criticism. Spokeswoman Dee Ann Miller said the DEP works with governments and “stakeholders” to reduce pollution. For example, DEP officers provide “implementation assurance visits,” to farms to help them use Best Management Practices.

Water quality may continue to worsen in lieu of the Sept. 13 dismissal of challenges brought by several groups opposed to the state’s new Human Health Toxic Criteria Rule, which would increase the acceptable level of toxins and known carcinogens into Florida’s water.

Those challenging the rule can still appeal the decision. ■

— Nanci Theoret

The fight is real and interests involved are plenty

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“The high walls (of the Clewiston Inn cocktail lounge) bear a beautiful 360-degree mural of the verdant, incomparable flora and fauna of the Everglades to scale. Will the mural need an update in the years to come? The animals absent, the trees bulldozed and a cane field falling off into the horizon of smoke stacks, perforated with brown irrigation ditches leading seaward.”

— **Michael Adno**, August 2016

“Perhaps, even in this last hour, in a new relation of usefulness and beauty, the vast, magnificent, subtle and unique region of the Everglades may not be utterly lost.”

— **Marjory Stoneman Douglas**, “The Everglades: River of Grass”

WITH SO MANY POWERFUL AND often vocal interests involved, finding consensus enough on restoration plans to fund them is one of the primary obstacles to fixing South Florida’s plumbing and the Everglades. But the polluted discharges in estuaries this winter that gained so much attention could also force positive action.

“I have to say that it’s a social-political response that’s driving a lot of the urgency because the pollution has been going on a long time but the public’s now more aware of it than ever,” said Joel Trexler, a marine ecologist and professor at Florida International University who has studied the



TREXLER

MORE VOICES

Randy Smith of West Palm Beach, spokesman, South Florida Water Management District

“We’re examining Sen. Negron’s proposal, but so far there are far more questions than answers. There are two planning projects underway now, one to identify water storage for the Western Everglades, and the very critical study to identify storage north of the lake. The northern storage has much more benefit for the Caloosahatchee than southern storage. If it’s stored north, we have an easy avenue to put water in there during dry season. But the St. Lucie never wants additional water. As far as the St. Lucie is concerned, storage north of the lake is a nice way of keeping water from going into the lake in the first place.”

Republican State Rep. **Gayle Harrell** of Stuart

“For people living south of the Lake: I do not in my heart of hearts believe buying this land in the EAA will create the havoc they are foreseeing. The state will work closely so everything is done and in place, to assist them. For the land, Legacy Florida uses Amendment 1 money — 25 percent of Amendment One money is now a dedicated source of revenue for everglades restoration. It will provide about \$200 million per year that will go into Everglades restoration.”



HARRELL

John Heim of Fort Myers Beach, president of the Southwest Florida Clean Water Movement

“Clean water is a human right, and in Florida it must



COURTESY PHOTOS

Clean water activist **John Heim** of Fort Myers Beach protests regularly and vociferously.

Everglades for more than two decades. A comprehensive University of Florida Water Institute study identified solutions to Everglades restoration, primarily by increasing storage and treatment of water surrounding Lake O by an enormous amount beyond what current plans call for, and then moving more of it south into the ‘Glades.

But federal and state money needed to carry out even current plans such as the \$1.9 billion Central Everglades Planning Project — widely regarded as an example of good planning by scientists, representatives of U.S. Sugar and a fishing trade group, among others — is still caught in political gridlock. The Senate passed the Water Resources Development Act bill that includes CEPP on

Sept. 15. The House has yet to vote.

“In the interim, the coupled human-ecological system is continuing to degrade in ways that may not be reversible,” the UF report reads.

It also notes that despite so many smart people working on this problem, they aren’t planning for future unknowns: “(r)esearch indicates clearly that climate change, changes in human demographics, energy costs and land use will affect Florida’s future, yet there is little evidence that salient information is being incorporated into restoration project plans.”

Without action the water problems that grew in intensity this year will worsen, said Stephen Davis, a wetland ecologist with the Everglades Foundation.

“I think this year is just an example of how bad things could get so we could see it repeat or even a scenario that might be worse than what we saw this year.”

Meanwhile, agriculture corporations, small towns and the fishing, tourism, and real estate industries offer a glimpse of the social-economic quagmire facing politicians and planners as they try to move forward to fund projects.

Sugar

Florida’s powerful sugar industry owns land south of Lake O. that could be a key piece of efforts to store and treat water. But unlike years past, they appear unwilling to sell any more of it.

Bubba Wade, a senior vice president of corporate strategy and business development with U.S. Sugar, described as the company’s environmental expert, said that to even discuss buying sugar land is “putting the cart before the horse.”

He argues that plans such as Sen. Joe Negron’s, which calls for buying 60,000 acres south of the lake now, could crimp funding for other necessary projects, and that it should be a priority first to clean up pollution in the northern part of the system. Selling sugar land is the last thing on the list of restoration priorities he cares to discuss these days, if it is on his list at all.

That’s a change from the company’s attitudes in the past decade.

U.S. Sugar, Florida Crystals and others boast some 14,000 employees and a \$2 billion economic impact from farming cane on about 440,000 acres in the 700,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area south of Lake O.

In 2010, U.S. Sugar sold the state 26,800 acres for restoration for \$194 million — with the option to buy another 153,000 acres at fair market value by 2020. But since then, the company has balked at selling any more land.

be moved in appropriate amounts into the Everglades. The only solution to all this is to unchain the land south of the lake and cut off the stranglehold the sugar industry has on water going south. The reason you hear, ‘the Everglades are dying,’ or ‘stop the releases down the estuaries’ is because they cut off the natural flow of water south.” Mr. Heim doesn’t insist on the restoration of the traditional Everglades — it can’t be done, he says, echoing the opinions of most everyone else on each side of the debate — but he insists that political candidates right up to those seeking the White House recognize how important the issue has become. Though he was removed from a Donald Trump rally in Fort Myers Sept. 19 before it began, he says, “I have nothing against Trump — I’m on the fence, with voting. Both he and Hillary (have sought support) from U.S. Sugar and the Fanjul brothers. We have only one goal. Send the water south, clean. That’s why we’re called the ‘clean water movement.’”



HEIM

Basin Management Action Plans need to be updated to ensure better water treatment and quality standards. More storage to the north and south of the Lake needs to be identified and secured, including looking at the Holey Land and Rotenberger Wildlife Management Areas. Most importantly, there is not just one ‘fix’ for the problem. We must look at the problem comprehensively. So what I’m advocating for is sitting down with all the stakeholders, and interested citizens and looking objectively at the issue — without all the agendas and preconceived notions. And together coming up with an updated Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan based on sound science.”

Dr. **Brian LaPointe** of Fort Pierce, research professor, Florida Atlantic University’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute

“I believe in waste-water treatment. It’s one thing to use septic if you’re way out in the country, but to build cities, high-density urban areas with four or more septic tanks per acre in poor soil conditions at a time when we have rising water issues — that’s a mistake. These fields are inundated in the wet season, there’s fecal contamination, it’s a problem out of sight, out of mind. Now the research is finally shedding light on this problem.”



LAPOINTE

Nathaniel Reed of Jupiter Island, chairman emeritus of 1000 Friends of Florida

“A saga of errors has created this monstrosity of a system. But now there’s hope that wisdom will come. I don’t expect wisdom will come to Gov. Scott, but other

people are smarter. When you’re talking about potable water, all growth depends on a rich water supply to the Biscayne aquifer, and it can only happen when the lake is connected again to the Everglades. It was one of most tragic errors every made, disconnecting the lake. The powerhouses of the counties — Palm Beach and Broward, Miami-Dade, Lee and Collier — are the chambers of commerce, the hotel and restaurant owners, anybody taking care of tourists, anybody who has a leg in the game. If you don’t have an adequate supply of fresh water, you’re up the creek. They should be clamoring to join us. They don’t give a damn about the birds, but they should look at their pocket books.”

Hendry County Commissioner **Karson Turner** of LaBelle

“Our population is small. We’re the miners in the coal mine and the canaries are alive and well and then everyone says the canaries died.”



TURNER

Republican State Rep. **Matt Caldwell** of Lehigh Acres

“Everybody agrees with the statement out there from 200 scientists that to restore Florida Bay you have to send water south. From my perspective, and most scientists, that’s more than a reservoir, that’s a lot of work. The bridging of Tamiami Trail, changing way we operate the park, the way they deliver water to lower Florida — that’s the big picture and that’s what we’re doing. If we’re looking at Sen. Negron’s proposal as being the solution for the discharges we receive (down the Caloosahatchee or the St. Lucie), that’s a separate question. It’s not the same as sending water south for the health of Florida Bay. So their proposal is not the most effective way.”

"I think at the time U.S. Sugar had some significant financial issues so I think what they were proposing was a sale that would essentially take them out," said Samuel Poole, a Fort Lauderdale attorney who represented the interests of Florida Crystals during talks leading up to the deal, and in the mid-to-late 1990s worked toward Everglades restoration as head of the South Florida Water Management District. "(I) think that infusion of capital put U.S. Sugar back on its feet and they have since prospered and really have no interest at this point in a transaction that would have them selling the assets. They're back in business and seem to be doing well."

Mr. Wade said profits in recent years have increased.

Some suggest that U.S. Sugar will sell more land to the state at some point, but it is waiting for better prices. With the Hilliard Bros., the company convinced Hendry County officials to permit a 43,313-acre development with residences and retail two years ago. State officials have not approved it.

At the same time, pressure to find solutions to Lake O discharges has reached a fever pitch as economically powerful industries such as fishing, tourism and real estate are increasingly hurt by water quality problems.

While buying land in sugar country has become a rallying cry for many on the coast, including Sen. Negrón, Mr. Poole said attention should be focused on cleaning up drainage north of the lake, for now.

"In the long run I would see the need for additional storage and treatment south of the lake, but the real crisis for the lake and real priority for the lake has to be the drainage from the north. That's where all the nutrients (and phosphorus pollution) are coming from."

John Cassani, a former water manager and research scientist who is chairman of the Southwest Florida Watershed Council, supports Sen. Negrón's plan. But he said people on both sides of the issue have at times overlapped their hand.

"In a general sense they're saying buying land south of the lake is the silver bullet and it won't necessarily do that," he said. "It won't fix all the problems but it was never meant to solve all the problems."

On the other hand, he argues that buying land south of the lake will not crimp funding for other projects as Mr. Wade suggests, but is a key part of them.

"The state has plenty of money to do this additional storage," said Mr. Cassani, citing a budget surplus and Amendment 1 money.

Florida TaxWatch estimates the average surplus each of the last four years has been more than \$1.2 billion, but growth in programs such as schools and Medicaid will soak up a lot of it next year.

Amendment 1, approved by about 75 percent of voters, requires a third of the tax money collected from documentary stamps that come with every real estate sale in Florida between 2015 and 2035 be set aside and used to buy land and help save water now being polluted and degraded. That will amount to \$700 million to \$900 million or more each year.

Lake O towns

If sugar companies decide to sell property for Everglades restoration, Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor worries it could harm local economies in Clewiston, Belle Glade, South



TAYLOR

Bay and Pahokee that already have some of the highest unemployment rates in the state.

With combined populations of about 36,000 and smaller economies, the towns in Hendry, Glades and rural Palm Beach counties have scant political representation compared to urban areas and rely on agriculture and sugar farming.

They are often an afterthought for coastal economies furious about discharges from the lake, Ms. Taylor feels. Those residents don't seem to understand the Army Corps is forced to discharge the water when it's too high to protect the lives and property of people who live every day in the shadow of the lake's aging Herbert Hoover Dike.

And much of that water that ends up discharged east and west is drainage from north of the lake, a fact some people south of the lake resent.

"There's no shared adversity," said Clewiston Mayor Phillip Roland. "In other words, the people of Orlando down to Lake Kissimmee don't give a damn how much it rains or whatever, they're not going to be flooded, so they don't ever even think about a water problem. I mean it doesn't even cross their minds."

In an article published in SRQ Magazine in August, writer Michael Adno observed, "These sleepy agricultural towns seem so far removed from the urgent call to action along the coasts. The line of communication between coastal residents dependent upon tourism and the state's interior based in agriculture uncannily echoes the disparity between state and federal interests."

Ms. Taylor is concerned that buying sugar land for water storage would further damage their struggling economies. She has become a voice for Glades Lives Matter, a group that includes mayors, ministers, farmers and employees — many of Ms. Taylor's extended family work for the sugar industry, she said — and others who fiercely oppose Sen. Negrón's plan. They aim to give a voice to Lake O communities at the divisive table of restoration planning.

"I have this saying — 'If you're not at the table you're on the menu,'" Ms. Taylor said.

Florida Realtors

When water clarity increased by just one foot near single-family waterfront homes, property value increased in Lee County by \$541 million and in Martin County by \$428 million, a report by Florida Realtors found.

The trade group boasting 155,000 members last year released the study funded partly by the Everglades Foundation. It monitored the impact of water clarity on the value and sales of single-family homes in coastal Lee and Martin counties between 2010 and 2013. Regular Lake O discharge events could have a long-term impact on real estate sales, said the study's author and the group's chief economist, Brad O'Connor. This is "just the tip of the iceberg" because it only takes into account single-family homes.

"My feeling is the true economic impact is much, much greater than those numbers," he said.

"Look on Google Earth. These communities are completely revolving around the water that surrounds them. They're completely dependent on it."

The report does not figure in beach closures, commercial real estate or multi-family condo complexes. And it especially does not figure in national media coverage when polluted discharges cause unsightly, stinky algal blooms. Mr. O'Connor was shocked when the national media actually took a break from Trump-Clinton news to report on the discharges this winter, he admitted.

"I think it's devastating for both these economies — especially the national attention," he said. "It's not good if it keeps getting broadcast and there's no solution. That's awful for these two places."

And not just on the coast.

"The bad press affects us," said Ramon Iglesias, manager of Roland Martin's Marina and Resort in Clewiston, recalling when a boat club from Bonita Springs canceled its reservation.

Fishing

A Lee County fishing guide, Daniel Andrews, has for years witnessed waterways being degraded, describing a labyrinth of oyster bars surrounded by grass flats that he grew up fishing as "all but gone."



ANDREWS

"I knew fundamentally the solution, but it was never really a cool thing to talk about," he said. "Everglades restoration doesn't sound very glamorous. But this winter once it got really bad right in the heart of tourist season everybody was mad."

Capt. Andrews jumped on the opportunity to get people engaged, co-founding Captains for Clean Water, and he is now supporting Sen. Negrón's plan. He's also lost plenty of business.

"What disturbed me the most are the amount of people who would come down and plan to fish with me for five days or a week and they'd end up leaving after one or two days because the water smelled bad or looked bad," he said. "I think we're going to feel that next season because of people who were displaced and won't return because of it."

Recreational fishing in Florida boasts \$9.3 billion in economic activity and 123,000 jobs, said Gary Jennings, Keep Florida Fishing manager for the American Sportfishing Association, with millions of anglers each year contributing licensing fees and taxes.

"Hotels, restaurants, marinas, kayak and SUP rentals, fishing guides and tackle shops have all felt negative impacts from the overabundance of freshwater entering these two marine estuaries," he wrote in an email.

"Tackle for Less, a neighborhood tackle shop located on Federal Highway in Stuart, is the latest casualty. Catering to a local neighborhood whose anglers fished mostly from shore on the St. Lucie River, business dropped off to almost nothing when the freshwater discharges began. The algal bloom and continued releases shut down fishing and forced the owner to close his doors." ■

“ Here’s an example of what’s happened north of lake: in the mid-1980s, there were about 65 dairy farms there. Now there are only 19.

In 1988 and '89, the state had a buyout program. Everybody wanted to point the finger at the dairy industry. There was no science behind that and it almost destroyed the economies of the rural communities over here.

Now the 19 dairies are state of the art — the most modern, nutrient efficient farms in the United States. Those folks have spent millions of dollars on their own constructing facilities in the name of restoration. So in my mind the farmers are doing their part. It's now up to the state and federal government to finish projects they have on line.”

— Gary Ritter of Okeechobee, assistant director of Government and Community Affairs, Florida Farm Bureau

in the know

Clewiston Mayor Phillip Roland's 10-year plan for Everglades restoration

"I really think Negrón's plan is the stupidest thing that I've read or looked at in a long time," the outspoken mayor said.

But he added a few minutes later, "At least the senator has a plan..."

Mr. Roland discussed over the phone how he might carry out Everglades restoration:

"You've got to have clean water coming from the north, and that's the reason I think you should build deep, deep water reservoirs, that's the only way to hold the amount of water that we need. And then you bring that water out into a meandering Kissimmee River and it finally flows into Lake Okeechobee as clean water. But you've got to store a year's worth of water to the north.

"Then you have to dredge the lake. The lake has to get cleaned up. It's got so much muck and silt and cow crap in it and it's stored out in the bowl of the lake. The lake has to be dredged to flow water through the lake and into the Everglades."

After that he would be willing to talk about storing and treating more water south of Lake O.

What's the time frame on all this?

"If you spent no money south of (the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers) and you spent everything north — if you did things together, in other words if you started dredging the lake at the same time you started digging the deep water reservoir to the north of the lake, I think you could accomplish it in 10 years. But you've got to cut the permits and the red tape and there's got to be committed money from the state of Florida and the federal government." ■

Bottom line, the experts say: Store it, treat it, move it south

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EVERGLADES RESTORATION INCLUDES a vast, intricate natural system with a footprint the size of New Jersey merging with highly technical science and engineering problems merging with deeply divisive politics and business interests merging with a long, convoluted history. It's like five six-lane highways merging onto the same mega-highway during rush hour, and it's also nothing like that at all. It is breathtaking in scope and complexity.

But the complexity of restoration plans can also obscure its basic hydrologic goals, to move more clean water south into the Everglades instead of sending damaging discharges down our estuaries. A simple overarching solution offered by decades of research is summed up in a 2015 University of Florida Water Institute report in one sentence, before it moves on to 140 pages of detailed analysis:

"The solution is enormous increases in storage and treatment of water both north and south of the lake (Okeechobee)."

The independent study, prepared for the Florida Senate, found that all cur-

rent storage and treatment projects in the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (including the Central Everglades Planning Project) won't come close to meeting restoration goals. Current plans could reduce discharges down the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Rivers by less than 55 percent and provide less than 75 percent of dry-season water demands in the Everglades.

To reach 90 percent of those goals would require enough land capable of storing and treating at least a million acre-feet of water more than current plans (an acre-foot is equal to one acre of water, one foot deep).

The title of the study is, "Options to Reduce High Volume Freshwater Flows to the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries and Move More Water from Lake Okeechobee to the Southern Everglades."

Robert Johnson, director of the South Florida Natural Resources Center at Everglades National Park and a hydrologist who has worked on restoration projects here for more than 30 years, also suggests the land



JOHNSON

could come from all around the lake. Top on his list and the UF report's is land in the 700,000-acre Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA). Florida has the option from a deal made in 2010 to purchase a parcel owned by U.S. Sugar of all or part of 153,000 acres through 2020. That alone or part of it could provide the land needed south of the lake.

"I have to say the largest option is in the EAA because from the standpoint of acreage it has the most land," Mr. Johnson says. "But it's not the only option out there."

The report also called for vastly increasing storage/treatment facilities in the northern watershed and to the east and west, in the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie River watersheds. Some land, the report says, must come from south of the lake. It names possible U.S. Sugar land, other sellers in the EAA, and state-owned land including Holey Land and Rotenberger Wildlife Management Areas.

In restoration plans, an increment of storage requires an increment of treatment. They go hand in hand and come in the form of reservoirs of varying depths (storage) and wetlands (treatment). The reservoirs are often called flow equalization basins (FEB), and the wetlands that harness natural processes

to clean the water, stormwater treatment areas. Other storage and treatment options include wells, and agreements with private landowners or agricultural easements, to store water on their property.

One of the report's authors, acting director of the UF Water Institute Thomas Frazer, said what land and where will include a compromise between issues such as human safety and ecological health, and interests such as agricultural and tourist enterprises, all merging onto this decades-long highway of restoration plans.

"I don't think we're quite there as far as a consensus on what's the right configuration" of storage and treatment lands, he says. "I would say there's consensus on that we need storage and those discussions need to happen. But the decisions are going to be in large part socio-economically based. So there are going to be trade-offs."

Moving past the gridlock and choosing land, the report suggests, is key to stopping the polluted discharges harm-



FRAZER

“What’s the worst thing that can happen? If we don’t do anything? Population growth, sea level rise, changes in climate and weather — we have to plan for that. Any action we implement will have consequences elsewhere. Fifty years from now there could be 30 million people or more in Florida. We’re going to have to manage water in a way that insures people are safe and are secure for drinking water. And we have to continue to feed those 30 million people, and 10 billion on the planet. So we’re going to have to continue to supply water for agriculture. I get that.”

— Dr. Thomas Frazer of Gainesville, acting director, University of Florida Water Institute

“There’s a growing awareness that to fix these estuaries, we need more storage and treatment, and more flow south through the EAA. That’s where that water belongs. Right now the EAA is a bottleneck constricting the flow. So it’s coming out the east and west, which has a devastating impact on both sides of Florida. One in four Floridians drinks water from Everglades supplies and aquifers. Our ability to store water will allow for more recharge. When the original CERP was drafted there was a belief most water in the EAA could be stored underground and recovered. Now we know those recovery wells cannot be used in the same scale as envisioned. As a result we’re going to need to make up for that with a reservoir in the EAA.”

— Jennifer Hecker of Port Charlotte, former director of natural resource policy, Conservancy of Southwest Florida

Restoring the Everglades

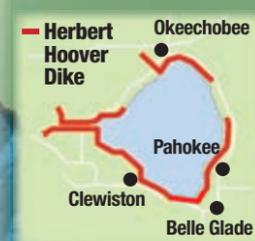
The Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan, or CERP, is designed to repair damage to the natural flow of water from Orlando south to Florida Bay, saving the Everglades. The project is scheduled to be completed after 2030. On Sept. 15 the U.S. Senate passed a \$10 billion water bill that included \$1.9 billion for Everglades restoration. The money, if ratified by the House and signed by the president, would help start one of several CERP plans — the Central Everglades Planning Project, or CEPP.

Water storage: North vs. South

Significantly greater water storage north, south, east and west of Lake Okeechobee is deemed crucial to Everglades restoration, to drinking water supplies for millions who rely on the Biscayne Aquifer or the lake, and to the healthy control of freshwater releases down the estuaries, according to a 2015 study by the University of Florida's Water Institute. But where and when to store the water, and with whose money, has now become a matter of heated debate and parochial interests. Some advocacy groups and political leaders insist water storage begin as soon as possible south of the lake in farm country. Some farm owners, agricultural businesses and other political leaders insist water storage begin immediately north of lake.

Lake Okeechobee

The 730-square-mile lake is the second largest lake in the lower 48 states. In 1926 and 1928 thousands were killed in floods when hurricanes overwhelmed the lake. The Herbert Hoover Dike was built by 1937 and expanded to its current structure by the 1960s. Its steward, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, marks a safe water level at 15.5 feet.



Harmful Algal blooms

HABs occur when nutrient overloads of phosphorous, nitrogen and carbon help grow colonies that can poison sea grasses, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, birds and humans using fresh, brackish or saltwater lakes, estuaries and bays.



Cyanobacteria or blue-green algae

Low oxygen dead zone

The pollutants come from such sources as lawn fertilizer and aging water treatment plants in cities, thousands of leaking septic tanks in suburban and rural communities, and cow and crop farm operations.

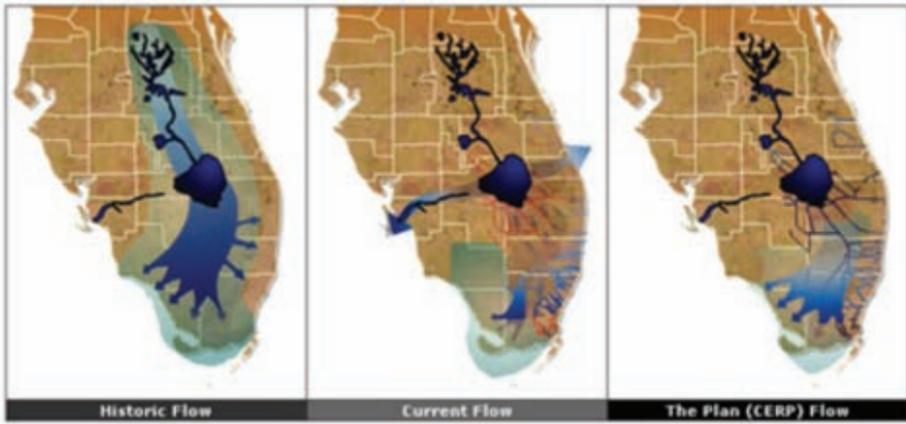
Orlando

Kissimmee River and Basin

Once meandering for 103 miles through central Florida, the Kissimmee has undergone major changes. The C-38 canal was created to channel flow south to Lake Okeechobee. Since the Kissimmee River Restoration Project began in 1999, continuous water flow has been re-established to 24 miles of the river and by 2019 will return flow to 43 miles, restoring about 40 square miles of river/floodplain ecosystem.

Caloosahatchee River and estuary

Since the late 1800s the river channel was straightened, deepened, and connected to Lake Okeechobee, resulting in a loss of 76 river bends and 8.2 miles of length. One element of CERP is the addition of the C-43 West Basin Storage Reservoir which has a capacity of 170,000 acre-feet. Located south of the river and west of the Ortona Locks, it would store water to reduce damaging lake discharges in the wet season and enhance flows in the dry season.



COURTESY PLAN SHOWING CERP PROJECTED FLOW OF WATER

ing our coastal estuaries and the chronic lack of freshwater that is putting the Everglades and the water supply of more than 8 million South Floridians at risk.

The storage and treatment capacity is also needed to hold water back from the Everglades during times when it's too wet, such as this year. Unlike the water discharged to the coasts, the water that does end up going south through agricultural areas and into the Everglades is now relatively clean, because of efforts by sugar farmers, scientists and others stemming from a federal water-quality lawsuit in 1988. In the Everglades, it is the quantity, not so much quality, that is at issue.

The quality issue now comes mostly

from north of the lake. The storage and treatment capacity called for in the UF report is also needed to clean up the massive amount of phosphorus pollution that is flowing into the lake from urban development, agriculture, leaky septic systems and other sources.

Another key principle of restoration is that more water needs to flow south instead of getting discharged down the rivers.

"That was the historic flowpath, so if your goal is to restore the Everglades, reconnecting Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades, that is the most important piece, that is the prerequisite piece to restoring the Everglades," said hydrologist Mr. Johnson.

"I can't argue that sending the water

south isn't the highest priority. It's the thing that has the most benefits."

Here's one way that the idea of sending the water south can get complicated.

Malcolm "Bubba" Wade Jr. of U.S. Sugar pointed out highlights of the UF report showing that water will never be able to naturally flow south through U.S. Sugar-owned land the way it once did because farming that land has created a shallow basin there.



WADE

"There isn't a thing in South Florida that resembles its natural state," said Mr. Wade, the company's senior vice president of corporate strategy and development and a voice for the sugar industry in Everglades restoration projects since the 1988 federal lawsuit.

That's true enough, but creating the storage and treatment lands that the report is recommending does not require reestablishing a natural flow way. It requires re-establishing that historic path south through engineering. Nearly all plans on all sides of the lake require engineering that diverges from purely natural history, as Mr. Wade suggested.

"We need to build storage back into South Florida almost as a prosthesis," ecologist Mr. Davis explained in an

Everglades Foundation video, "to provide the service needed so that we have that water to draw from when it's needed in places like Everglades National Park and Florida Bay. But also that we have a place to put excess water during wet years, like this year, and relieve the discharges going to the east and the west."

Mr. Wade and others also argue that looking at buying land south of the lake is "putting the cart before the horse" and that most of the pollution is coming from north of the lake; cleaning that up first should be the focus.

"It's impossible to flow the water south because the water is too damn dirty coming from the north," said Clewiston Mayor Phillip Roland, arguing that all money should be spent to clean up the pollution there before spending even \$1 on programs south of the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie Rivers.

The UF report finds the fact of that pollution coming from the north, along with the impossibility of restoring a large natural flowway, are two of the reasons why large volumes of water storage and treatment in all directions are needed in the first place.

We have the technology available now to build that more than a million acre-feet that would provide major fixes for our system, the report concludes. But that's tied up in disagreements over the socio-economic tradeoffs. ■

St. Lucie River and estuary

For thousands of years the north and south forks of the St. Lucie River rose or fell with seasonal rains, nourishing the wetlands and bearing no direct connection with either Lake Okeechobee in the west, or the Indian River Lagoon and the Atlantic Ocean in the east. But late in the 19th century settlers began scraping out channels for navigation, flood control and water supply purposes, ultimately connecting the lake and the Atlantic along a 37-mile canal and profoundly altering the hydrology of the region.

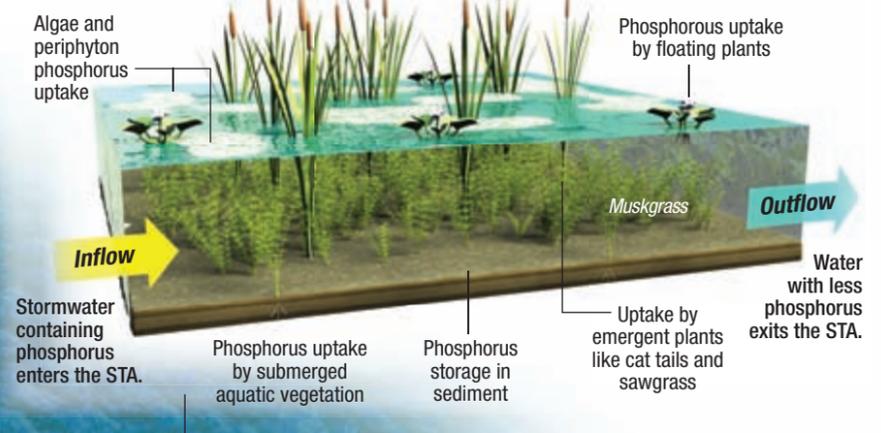
Proposed private land purchases

Senator Joe Negron's \$2.4 billion proposal targets two agricultural parcels amounting to about 60,000 acres south and southwest of Lake Okeechobee for storing 120 billion gallons of water that would lessen discharges into the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee estuaries and help restore water flows south to nourish the Everglades National Park.



Stormwater Treatment Areas: "Green technology" filtration-system

STAs are constructed wetlands that remove and store nutrients and phosphorus through plant growth and the accumulation of dead plant material in a layer of sediment. Water then flows into the traditionally nutrient-poor Everglades system that suits and supports its needs.



Everglades Agricultural Area

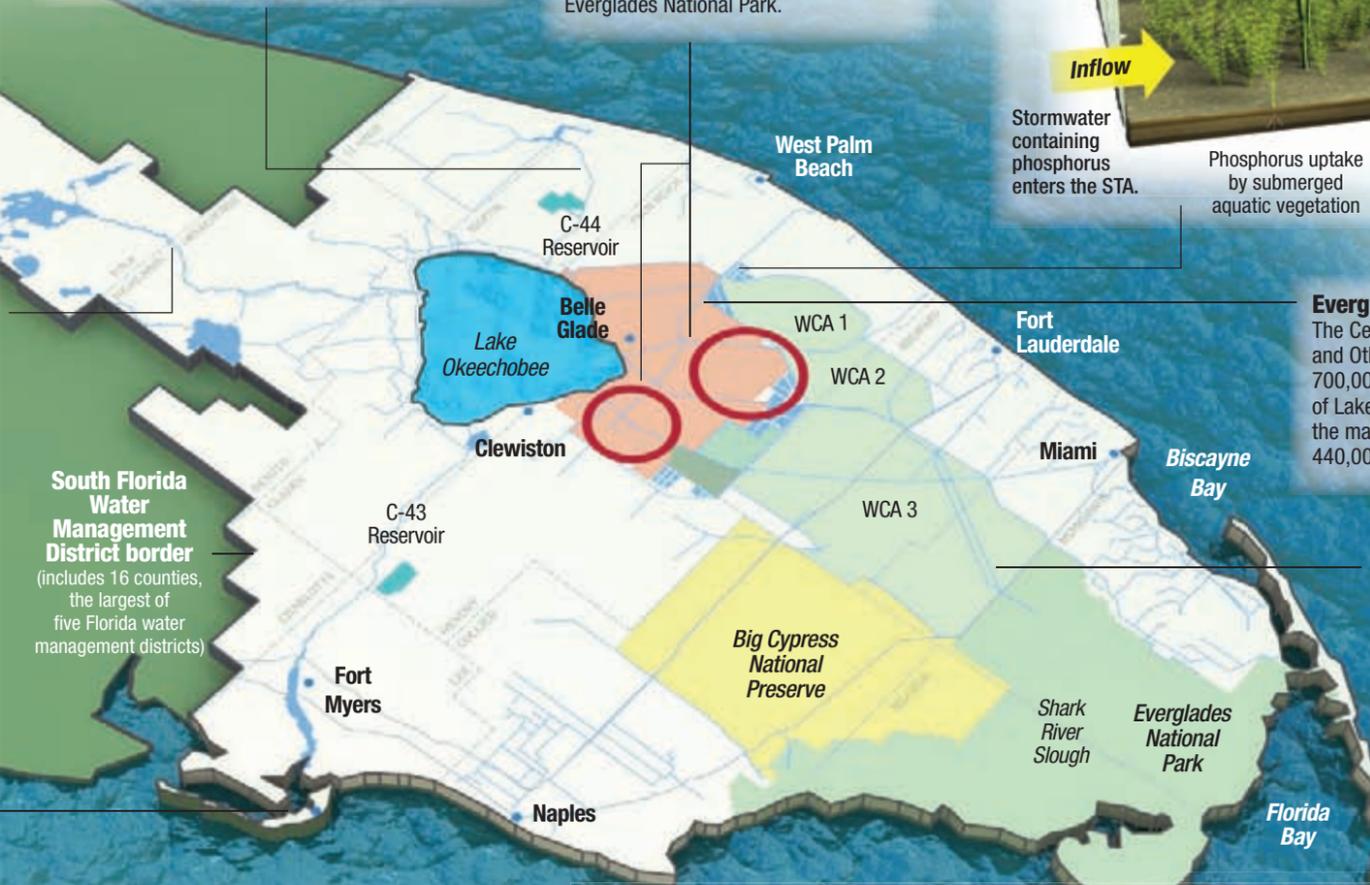
The Central and Southern Florida Project for Flood Control and Other Purposes (C&SF Project) of 1948 designed a 700,000 acre area of the northern Everglades, mostly south of Lake Okeechobee, to be managed for agriculture. Now the major crop of the EAA is sugarcane, grown across some 440,000 acres, but winter vegetables are also grown here.

Water Conservation Areas (WCAs)

South Florida's three WCAs are vast tracts of remnant Everglades sawgrass that together span 846,387 acres. They serve multiple purposes, including flood control, water supply and habitat for plants and animals.

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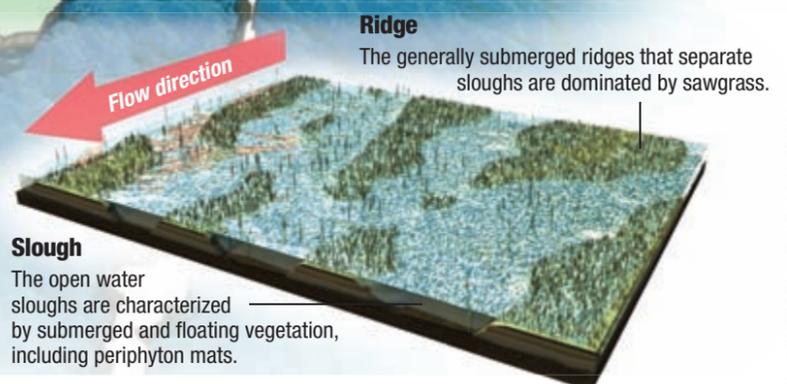


Central Everglades Planning Project

CEPP is the next increment of CERP. It focuses on restoring a more natural flow into and through the central and southern Everglades by increasing storage, removing canals and levees and retaining water within Everglades National Park both to prevent flooding in Broward or Miami-Dade Counties, and to help recharge the Biscayne Aquifer. That shallow aquifer provides the only source of drinking water for several million residents and visitors on the southeast coast.

Restoring the natural flow to the Everglades ridge and slough landscape

The predominant character of the traditional Everglades "river of grass" was a peat-based ridge and slough landscape. Its features stretched south into the Shark River Slough from what are now the public-lands Water Conservation Areas (WCAs) known simply as 1, 2 and 3. The traditional landscape is severely degraded, becoming uniform and less directional. Scientists say it can be saved only by re-establishing appropriate water flow and direction. They note that the engineering and technology exists, waiting only to be joined by the political will.



BEHIND THE WHEEL

A little less BMW makes for a better X1



BMW makes great sports cars. And when it comes time to produce a small crossover, it continues to make great sports cars.

The vehicle seen here is part of one of the fastest growing segments in the marketplace. It seems more and more folks out there want interior room in a compact size and plenty of luxury added in the mix. Since station wagons don't really qualify as part of the urban swanky set, the compact premium crossover is becoming more and more popular.

This is BMW's second attempt at this market. The first-generation X1 felt firmly focused on delivering the company's promise of "The Ultimate Driving Machine," resulting in a low-slung car with a sporting chassis and little room for carrying people or cargo. The new car rectifies this by going for the heart of the market.

The design is actually shorter than the previous X1, but the new one is taller and better organized, and the lines take advantage of this to create an overall impression of a vehicle that won't be confused with a station wagon. The front bumper has a beefy look that's borrowed from its bigger brother X5, and the standard 18-inch wheels give it a brawny appearance even when it's parked at the outlet malls.

Inside, the X1 really takes advantage of the extra inches of headroom. The previous model felt a little confining thanks to the sporty tapering roof line. A less severe one makes the new model much more accommodating for taller drivers

and passengers. Sitting behind the wheel in the new X1 feels similar to the rest of the BMW lineup. The three-spoke steering wheel is sports-car grippy, and a large speedometer and tachometer are the main instruments always in view.

Underneath the skin are a lot of components borrowed from Mini. BMW has been in charge of developing those front-wheel, razor-sharp compact cars for 15 years, and now the engineering lessons learned from Mini are underpinning the X1.

While true BMW fans will feel it's sacrilegious to have a front-wheel drive car with the propeller logo up front, this change to Mini Clubman's more compact platform is another key to the better interior space.

Out on the road, the suspension has the tight characteristics of a 3-series sports sedan, and it handles corners with expert

Teutonic precision. The taller size is felt in added body roll, but it is still the most back-road friendly one in its class.

So the X1 does not betray its sporting BMW roots, and drivers who don't know about this platform difference might not even feel the Mini-sized difference.

The X1 only comes with a 2.0-liter turbocharged motor. Nothing more is needed, though, because the 228 hp is plenty for darting through traffic, and the eight-speed automatic transmission doesn't have to work hard to find the powerband.

Since there is only one motor available, it is best to choose options carefully.

The X1 starts at \$34,095, and it comes well equipped with features including dual-zone climate control, AM/FM/CD/XM seven-speaker stereo with Bluetooth, power tailgate, power front seat and a very convincing leatherette upholstery.

But there are also plenty of optional features — from sporty appearance packages to self-parking technology — that can make this a \$50K vehicle. At that price point, a lot of larger competitors come into play, including BMW's own X3.

One option that might be worthwhile to the Florida crowd is the all-wheel drive system. It adds \$2,000 to the price, but there are some benefits. First, it is actually a little quicker than the front-wheel drive counterpart with no real impact on the fuel economy. Second, the extra traction comes in handy. While it doesn't make it a true off-roading machine, it does make the driver feel more secure going through a sudden rain downpour.

The X1 has the fundamentals a BMW should have, such as tight handling and a fun-to-drive feeling. It also has a lot of what the company has actively opposed for years, including only offering an automatic transmission and a front-wheel drive bias. But the previous X1 only had mixed results with its no-compromises attitude. The new X1 isn't 100 percent BMW, but it's the best BMW for its increasingly popular segment. ■

Sit down with a CCSO deputy over coffee

The Collier County Sheriff's Office and Starbucks at 8867 Immokalee Road in Golden Gate Estates invite the public to Coffee with a Cop from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4. CCSO deputies will be on hand to discuss community issues and answer questions one-on-one.

Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative supported by the U.S. Department

of Justice-Office of Community Oriented Policing Services. The program aims to advance the practice of community policing by building relationships between police officers and community members one cup of coffee at a time. ■

Watch out on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office deputies will be on traffic detail the week of Oct. 3-7:

- Monday, Oct. 3**
Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Red-

- light running
- Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Aggressive driving
- Collier Boulevard and I-75 northbound exit: Speeding
- Tuesday, Oct. 4**
- Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
- Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Speeding
- Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Speeding
- Wednesday, Oct. 5**
- 49th Terrace S.W. at Golden Gate Elementary School: Speeding
- Golden Gate Parkway and Tropicana Boulevard: Red-light running

- Everglades and Randall boulevards: Red-light running
- Thursday, Oct. 6**
- Weber and White boulevards: Speeding
- Radio and Airport-Pulling roads: Aggressive driving
- Livingston Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Speeding
- Friday, Oct. 7**
- Golden Gate Parkway and 44th Street S.W.: Aggressive driving
- Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary School: Aggressive driving
- U.S. 41 East and Collier Boulevard: Speeding ■



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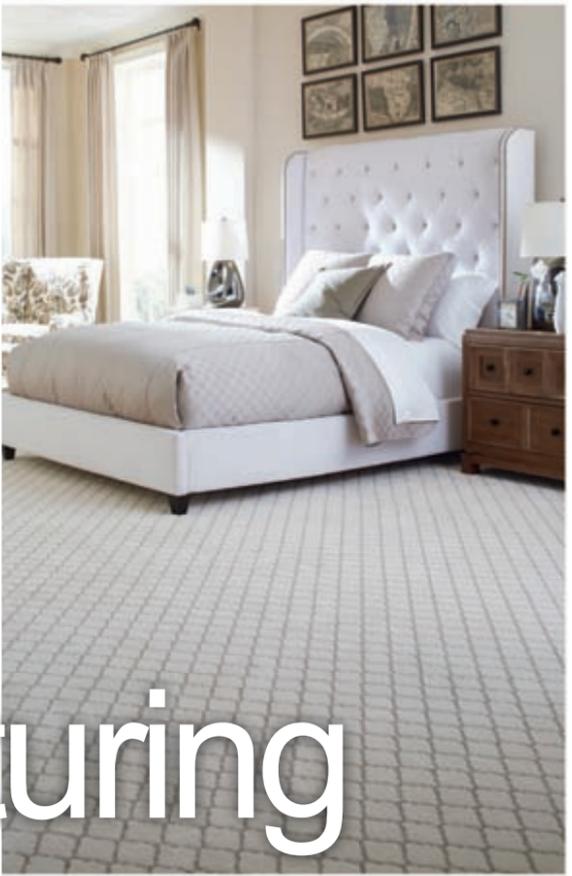


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Insanity defined

Police and prosecutors in Dallas, appropriately sensitive at having been the site of the 1963 killing of President Kennedy, have apparently taken out their shame on assassination buff Robert Groden. As the Dallas Observer reported in September, Groden has been ticketed by police dozens of times for operating

book sales booths near the “grassy knoll” (site of the alleged “second shooter” of the president) — and yet he prevails in court every single time (82 straight, and counting). (Tip for visitors from the Observer: Never publicly utter “grassy knoll” in Dallas, as it seems particularly to offend the police.)

Can't possibly be true

Few U.S. forces in Afghanistan speak the native Pashto or Dari, and the war prospects would be dim were it not for courageous Afghan civilians who aid the U.S. as interpreters under promise of protection and future emigration to the U.S. However, the congressional battle

over immigration policy has delayed entry for about 10,000 interpreters, who (along with their families) face imminent death if they remain in Afghanistan. Some in Congress also regard Afghans as riskier immigrants (despite the interpreters' demonstrated loyalty).

Suspicious confirmed

Master baker Stefan Fischer filed a lawsuit recently against Bakery of New York for wrongful firing — because he refused to use “bug-infested” flour to make batches of bread. According to Fischer, when he informed management

of the bugs in the facility's 3,000-pound flour silo, he was told simply to make “multigrain” bread, which Fischer took to mean that fewer diners would complain if they heard “crunching” while eating multigrain.

Leading economic indicators

■ News Corporation Australia reported the enviable success of a 16-year-old British entrepreneur, Ms. Beau Jessup, who has so far earned about \$84,000 with a simple online app to help rich Chinese parents select prosperous-sounding English names for their babies. Users choose among 12 personality traits they hope their baby to have, then receive three suggestions (including a list of famous people with those names). Jessup got the idea when living in China and noticing that some babies of the rich were given lame names, such as “Gandalf” and “Cinderella.”

(1) About 200 employees at a travel service in Shandong Province were fined the equivalent of \$6.50 each recently for failing to comply with orders to “comment” (favorably, one supposes) on the general manager's daily posts to the Twitter-like Internet site Sina Weibo. (2) In June, a motivational trainer working with employees of the Changzhi Zhangze Rural Commercial Bank reportedly told the poor-performing bank personnel (among the 200 at the session) to “prepare to be beaten.” He then walked among the workers, whacking some with a stick, shaving the heads of the males and cutting the hair of the females.

■ Chinese Management Techniques:

Weird science

Trees talk to each other and recognize their offspring, according to Australian ecology researcher Suzanne Simard (most recently lecturing on the influential video series TED Talks). Trees are not independent organisms but belong to arboreal “families” with characteristics identifying them to other family members. According

to Dr. Simard, “mother” trees that ordinarily expand their roots wildly may hold back to give nearby “kinfolk” tree roots a chance to spread. Using “isotope tracing,” she learned of trees passing healthful carbon, via fungi, to neighboring family seedlings, which she said renders the seedlings more resistant to future stress.

Can't stop myself

(1) The lifelong pickpocket known as “Auntie Sato,” 83, who has spent nearly 30 years of her life behind bars, was sentenced again (two years, six months) in August for a purse-snatching from a traveler in Tokyo's Ueno Station. “Why,” asked the judge, does Auntie Sato keep at it, especially since she also owns property and has rental income? Said she, “I

thought about (stopping),” but “gave up.” “It's hopeless.” (2) Faisal Shaikh, awaiting his cellphone theft case to be called at the Thane sessions court in Mumbai, India, in August (one of several theft charges pending), wandered up to the court stenographer's desk and swiped her cellphone. He was apprehended shortly afterward near the courthouse.

Oops

By August, Raymond Mazzarella was fed up with the tree in his neighbor's yard in Pittston Township, Pa., as it was continuously dripping sap onto his car — and so grabbed a chainsaw, cut through the 36-inch-wide trunk, and (he

thought) fixed the problem. However, the tree fell directly onto Mazzarella's small apartment house, dispossessing five tenants and, ultimately, forcing inspectors to condemn the entire building.

How to tell if you're drunk

Dave Little, 27, vacationing on the Mediterranean island of Ibiza, Spain — and partying hard, apparently — was at press time still haggling with eBay, trying to get out of his “successful” auction bid (blamed on a fingering misadventure on his phone) of 28,500 British

pounds (about \$37,000) for a Scania Irizar Century bus. eBay, of course, warns that bids are legally binding. Little believes that his dad had earlier searched bus information on the phone and that alcohol then affected his own navigation between screens. ■

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Baby fair at NCH covers the basics

The Women's and Children's Services Division of the NCH Healthcare System hosts a Baby Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at the NCH North Naples Hospital, 11190 Healthpark Blvd. off of Immokalee Road. Women who are pre-conception, pregnant, newly delivered, breast feeding, or have children up to 2 years of age are welcome to learn about NCH's various services for women and children. Admission is free, but reservations are required. Call 552-7440. ■

Conference focuses on adults and autism

Adonis Autism presents the fifth annual Creating a Future for Adults with Autism Conference: from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 11th Ave. N., Naples. This year's theme is "Becoming Independent and Socially Engaged."

Keynote speaker Karen Berkman, Ph.D., is executive director of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders. John Miller, a language arts teacher and author, will talk about his daily experiences living with ASD. Nolan Katz, Ph.D., from Katz Counseling will discuss the most common difficulties adults with disabilities have getting and keeping a job.

Registration is \$10 before Oct. 1, \$12 Oct. 1-14 and \$15 on the day of the event. Sign up at adonisautism.org or at eventbrite.com. ■

Feeling depressed? Support is here

Have you been feeling really sad, tired and worried for more than a few days? If yes, you could have depression. This is not a character flaw or a sign of personal weakness. You can't yourself well by trying to "snap out of it" or "lighten up."

Common symptoms of depression include: loss of enjoyment, restlessness and poor nighttime sleep, overeating or loss of appetite, forgetful-

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Managing high cholesterol

Steps you can take to reduce risk of heart attack and stroke

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Less than 200 and above 240. Less than 100 and above 190. Less than 40 and above 60. These may sound like random numbers, but each one can tell you something important about cholesterol. Cholesterol is a waxy, fat-like substance that is carried in the blood in particles called lipoproteins.

Your body makes all the cholesterol it needs to produce hormones, vitamin D and substances to help digest food. But if you eat foods that are high in cholesterol, it can build up inside blood vessels and slow down or block blood flow, which could cause a heart attack or stroke. In honor of September being National Cholesterol Education Month, Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center offers tips on how to monitor and manage high cholesterol.

It is important to know the difference between the two kinds of cholesterol. Low-density lipoproteins (LDL) carry cholesterol in the bloodstream and can build up in the arteries causing heart disease, and high-density lipoproteins (HDL) carry cholesterol back to the liver to remove it from the body. Ideally, you want to have high HDL levels and

low LDL levels.

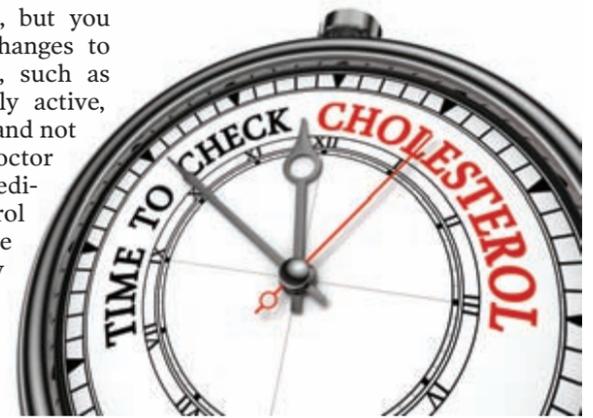
A simple blood test can tell you if your total cholesterol is less than 200 mg/dL (milligrams of cholesterol per deciliter of blood), which is desirable. If that number is over 240 mg/dL, you have high cholesterol. An optimal LDL level is less than 100 mg/dL, while anything over 190 mg/dL is considered very high. An HDL level less than 40 mg/dL is a major risk factor for heart disease, and any number above 60 mg/dL is considered protective against heart disease.

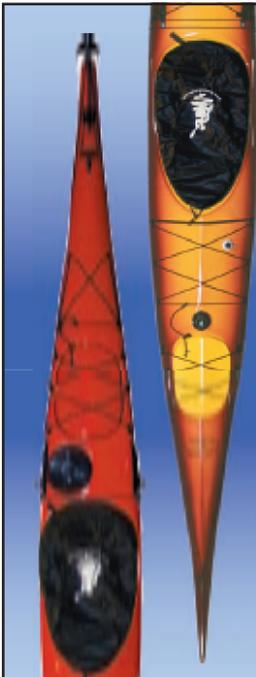
Cholesterol levels in the blood can be affected by your diet, weight, exercise, heredity, age and gender. You cannot control all these factors, but you can make certain lifestyle changes to help lower your cholesterol, such as not smoking, being physically active, maintaining a healthy weight and not drinking excessively. Your doctor may also prescribe certain medications to bring your cholesterol under control, which should be taken while following healthy lifestyle choices.

A healthy diet will play an important role in helping to lower cholesterol. You should limit high-fat foods such as:

- Whole milk, cream and ice cream
- Butter, egg yolks and cheese
- Solid fats and saturated oils including coconut oil and palm oil
- Fried food
- Instead, eat foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol, including:
- Fruits and vegetables
- Fat-free and low-fat dairy products
- Lean meat and poultry without skin
- Unsaturated vegetable oils, like canola, corn, olive or safflower oil

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Crohn's-colitis group meets Oct. 6

The next support group meeting for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America is from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Naples Regional Library on Central Avenue. Gastroenterologist Raymond Phillips will welcome questions from all in attendance. For more information, call 649-1336. ■

Bank hosts lectures in Naples, Marco Island

Iberiabank and the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute invite the public to learn about age-related macular degeneration from Dr. Stephen Schwartz on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the bank branch at 3838 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. Dr. Schwartz, medical director at the BPEI in Naples, will discuss risk factors for macular degeneration, treatment options, ways to reduce the disease's progression and resources for patients and their caregivers.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Admission is free, but reservations are requested. Call 403-5123.

Iberiabank and Radiology Regional present Dr. Margaret Taha in a program designed to help clear up conflicting recommendations for when and how often a woman should be screened for breast cancer on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at the Marco Island bank branch at 605 Bald Eagle Drive. Dr. Taha will also discuss the latest advancements in screening technology and diagnostic tools.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m. Admission is \$3. Seating is limited. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 393-2400. ■

An overnight camp for grieving kids

Camp MendingHeart, an overnight adventure for children ages 12-18 who have experienced the death of a significant person in their life, is offered by Avow on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 29-30, at Riverside Camp & Retreat Center in Fort Denaud. Activities will help campers express feelings, build coping skills and reinforce positive memories of their loved ones.

Attendance is free and includes transportation to and from the camp. To sign up or for more information, call Avow bereavement counselor Raquel Gonzalez at 261-4404. The registration deadline is Oct. 21.

Avow also conducts monthly children's grief support groups on the first Thursday of each month and bereavement day camps for children 12 and younger. For more information, visit avowcares.org. ■

DEPRESSION

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ness, wanting to stay in bed all the time, unexplained feelings of anger or fear, general aches and pains that don't go away, no sexual energy, lack of focus and no interest in socializing.

The depression support group offered by the Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida welcomes anyone who is suffering from this very real mental illness. The group meets from 10:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday at 2335 Tamiami Trail. For more information, call 261-5405 or email info@mhaswfl.org. ■



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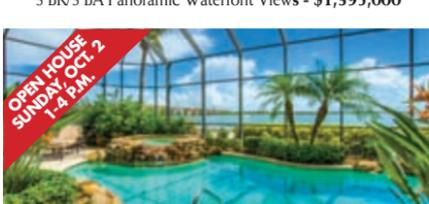


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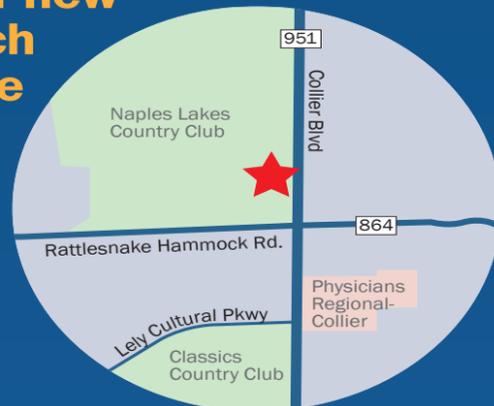
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PET TALES

Paws on the trail: Seven hikes to enjoy with your dog

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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For most places in the country, tourist season is over. The crowds are gone, and the weather is cooler. Beach season has cooled off, and ski season hasn't heated up yet. That means only one thing: It's time to hit the hiking trails — with your dog, natch. We've rounded up seven dog-friendly hiking trails across the country, from California to Maine. Let us know your favorites.

■ California. Pacific Crest Trail to Eagle Rock. Get a taste of the Pacific Crest Trail on this scenic and easy to moderate hike featuring wildflowers, the occasional coyote and, of course, the Eagle Rock formation. While there are trees and a stream at the beginning, the remainder of the trail is less sheltered, so it's best done late fall through spring. "It is awesome," says Dawn Celapino of Leash Your Fitness, who does all things outdoors with her dog, Jack. The trailhead is at Agua Caliente Creek bridge near the town of Warner Springs.

■ Washington. Spruce Railroad Trail at Olympic National Park is one of the few national park trails open to leashed dogs. The 8-mile round-trip hike, near Port Angeles, is on gently rolling terrain with views of Lake Crescent. Suitable for year-round hiking.

■ Colorado. Travois Trail in Jefferson County's Centennial Cone Open Space Park is a little more than 13 miles, but it's not necessary to do the full loop. A 90-minute out and back hike is what



Keep dogs leashed on hikes to protect them from wildlife — and vice versa.

Roxanne Hawn likes to do with her border collies Clover and Tori. "It's a single-track trail most of the way with some good climbs, but they aren't too steep or too long," Hawn says. "You definitely want to keep your dog on leash because there is wildlife in the area." She's seen deer, elk, rattlesnakes, mountain lions, coyotes and bobcats. Parts of the trail are closed in fall for hunting season and from January through May for elk calving season.

■ Arkansas. Dorothy Guertin and her 10-year-old goldendoodle, Elvis, live in quirky Eureka Springs, Arkansas, in the ruggedly beautiful Ozark Mountains. When they go hiking, their favorite spot is 1,600-acre Lake Leatherwood City Park, an area that's on the National Register of Historic Places. "There are scenic limestone bluffs, a rock quarry, lake

views and an abundance of wildlife," Guertin says. "There is nothing better on a beautiful day than a hike around the lake."

■ Georgia. Have you ever thought it would be cool to hike the Appalachian Trail, but know you'd never have the time? You don't have to do all of it, and you can bring your dog on most sections of the trail. In Georgia, check out 5.7-mile Appalachian Trail, Jarrard Trail and Slaughter Creek loop, which begins and ends at Lake Winfield Scott.

■ Maryland. For nearly 100 years, the C&O Canal through the Potomac River Valley was an important transportation route for coal and other goods. Now it's the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historic Park, with a nearly 185-mile towpath from Washington, D.C., to Cumberland, Maryland. The gentle and mostly level trail is dog-friendly and offers stunning scenery and abundant wildlife. Try the 3.2-mile Gold Mine Loop that begins at the Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center. Dogs are not allowed on section A of Billy Goat Trail or on the overlook trail to Great Falls.

■ Maine. Acadia National Park encompasses 74 square miles of Mount Desert Island, and it's very likely the most dog-friendly national park. Dogs and their people have access to 100 miles of hiking trails and 45 miles of crushed-rock carriage roads. Schooner Head Path offers ocean, forest and mountain views at Schooner Head Overlook. The easy one-way trail runs 5.4 miles to Bar Harbor. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Charlie** is a handsome boxer mix who is about 2½ years old and weighs 61 pounds. He's friendly and affectionate, knows the basics and is medium energy.



>> **Emma** is a sweet 3-year-old domestic medium hair with beautiful golden eyes and lovely markings.



>> **Kipper** is a happy 2½-year-old terrier bully mix who weighs 63 pounds. He's calm, good on his leash and eager to please.



>> **Opie** is a 5½-year-old tuxedo domestic shorthair with bright yellow eyes and a beautiful rich coat. He loves to play and purrs to the touch.

To adopt or foster a pet

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

Mourning the Brangelina split

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I was always Team Jolie. I realize that's a largely unpopular position, being that she's an alleged husband stealer and all, but I can't help it — I really liked her and Brad together.

Yes, I'm referring to this couple I've never even come close to meeting as if they live next door. They don't, obviously. BUT, I once sat next to Kirsten Dunst at a fundraiser, and she was in "Interview with the Vampire" with Brad Pitt, so since that's only one degree of separation, I feel invested in Brad's life. OK, that's not exactly true, but what is it about failed celebrity marriages that makes us, well, sad inside?

When I lamented the Brangelina split last week on social media, most of the responses, especially from women, ranged from mild disappointment to extended words in all caps, like, "NOOOOOOOOO!!!" My Facebook friends were not learning that their grandmas had passed away; they were receiving the news that two movie stars had split up. One friend said simply, "Love is dead" (insert sad face emoji).

Of course there were some who commented, "Who cares?" and even, "Don't we all have better things to care about?" While I suppose we do, I still think my friend Tracy had a point when she chimed in: "What we're talking about talking about



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Happier days when Brangelina graced the red carpet for the screening of "Moneyball."

when we're talking about celebrity break-ups is our own fear that romantic love isn't lasting. Like, if people with 17 nannies and a gazillion dollars and serious plastic surgery and more houses than they can count can't do it, what's the hope for us mere mortals?"

Isn't that pretty much the long and the short of it?

The day after the split was announced, a girlfriend and I were talking on the phone. "You know me. I was solidly Team Aniston all the way. She's America's sweetheart," she declared. "Brad was a cheater and Angie was a skanky man-stealer. But as they adopted more and more little

children and did all that humanitarian work, I thought, 'Maybe they really ARE going to save the world and raise a good, solid family.' And besides, poor Jen finally found someone to marry her, so I thought she'd be OK. And I decided that Brangelina were what true love was supposed to be. Then they up and get divorced on us. It's just sad," she concluded with a sniffle.

Back in 1998 when Dennis Rodman and Carmen Electra got married, we expected them to get divorced after nine days, and they did; Pamela Anderson and Kid Rock lasted 122 days, and that they made it THAT long was surprising; same with

Renee Zellweger and Kenny Chesney, who were only married for four months. I mean, they didn't even make sense.

But Brad and Angelina seemed like they were in it for the long haul. And when they finally made it legal just two years ago, she in a wedding gown covered in drawings by their half a dozen kids, well, I thought surely there would eventually be a "Mr. and Mrs. Smith" sequel. There just aren't that many glamorous Hollywood couples anymore. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner, Meg Ryan and Dennis Quaid — all uncoupled and kaput. Perhaps the era of the Hollywood power couple has come to an end.

This past weekend, Todd and I celebrated our 10th wedding anniversary. If we were movie stars, that might set a record. Alas, we only have one dwelling, no staff and (so far) no plastic surgery. And while the Jolie-Pitts spent their honeymoon on the Maltese island of Gozo, Todd and I spent ours in the exotic land of Sarasota.

Maybe marriages are less complicated when life is simpler.

But if that's the case, then you might want to brace yourself for the inevitable end of Kim and Kanye someday, when love will, indeed, be dead — because I fear those two whack-a-doodles were absolutely made for each other.

Stay strong, Mr. and Mrs. West. ■

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



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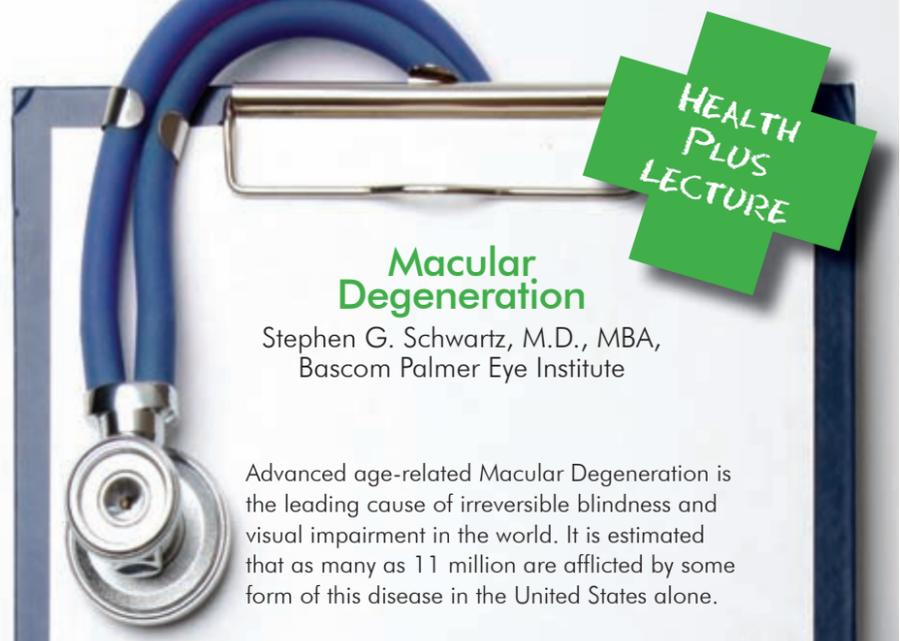
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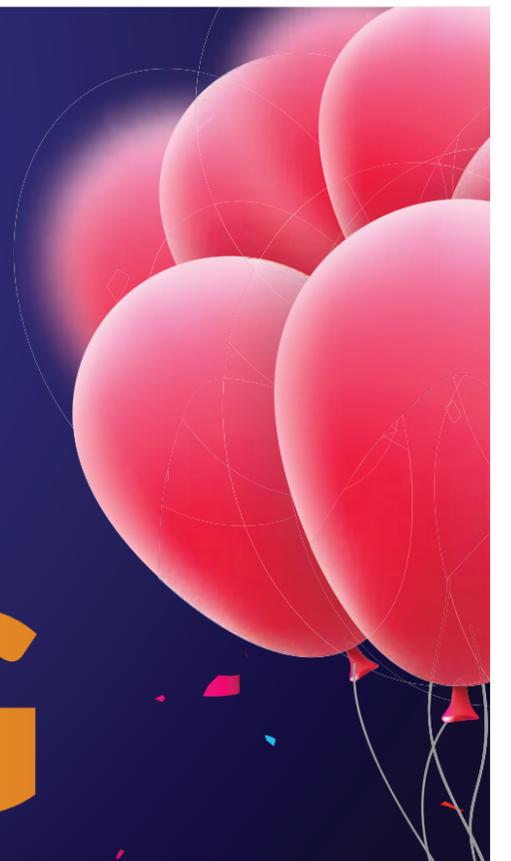
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Long-lasting business relationships depend on putting others first

BY MATT STEWART
Special to Florida Weekly

Some argue that entrepreneurs suck at relationships. On the contrary, I think most of us are pretty good at them.

Many of us begin to realize success because of the nurtured relationships we've built.

But as stress builds and businesses evolve, we often allow our relationship skills to diminish. The more we engage in stressful business decisions and debate, the more our relationships suffer.

We speed walk through the hallway to our office to avoid a lengthy conversation with the staff because we have back-to-back conference calls starting two minutes ago. We check emails at the dinner table because no one's really talking right now anyway.

We begin to treat all the people in our lives the same. Generic. Passionless. Cold. Soon our spouses, children and employees feel inferior to everything else on our mind.

I know because I let myself get like this — once. As my business grew and I became busier, my time became even scarcer. Enter relationship problems.

My insensitivity and newly found failure in relationships became evident. Suddenly my operations team dreaded meeting with me, my wife and I were disconnected and our kids liked her better than me (ouch).

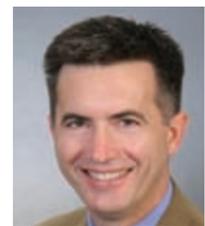
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Four early-stage entrepreneurs will compete for the title of Most Investible in this "Shark Tank"-style event by pitching their business plans to a panel



of judges. The audience will also participate by voting one company as the Audience Award recipient.

Early-bird tickets purchased before Oct. 10 start at \$50 and include light refreshments. For reservations or more information, visit napleschamber.org/events. ■

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My Dumbest Investment

'Very, Very Stupid'

I invested in a company that was developing lipid-based therapies to treat diseases. Many in the market didn't think its technologies would work, some institutional investors didn't think they worked and one of the company's first studies failed. The company executed a reverse split of its shares, and the founder and CEO resigned. Despite all that, I not only bought shares, but sold shares in a stronger company so that I could buy more shares of the biotech outfit.

I was very, very stupid. I learned not to "average down," adding more shares as a stock's price sinks, and instead to add to my positions in winners.

— Steve Woodward, Tallahassee

The Fool Responds: This is a classic kind of penny stock to avoid. The company is still around, but it has been burning through cash while its formulas go through required clinical testing before seeking FDA approval. It just announced that it's merging with another, more deep-pocketed company.

You're right that it's often regrettable to throw good money after bad, averaging down on a stock. (The term refers to the fact that your average price paid per share falls as you buy more shares at lower prices.) Beware of reverse splits, too, as they're typically executed by companies in trouble — and you were smart to look for significant insider ownership of shares, as that means that management's interests are aligned with yours. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to the 1847 opening of a workshop in Berlin. My founder developed the improved pointer telegraph machine and also a gutta-percha press with which to insulate copper wires. He also introduced profit sharing to his employees in 1866. I electrified Ireland in the 1920s and was an early maker of memory chips. Today I'm a global force in electrification, automation and digitalization, churning out energy-efficient technologies for energy, health care and other industries. I employ more than 300,000 workers in more than 200 nations and rake in around \$84 billion annually. My name evokes sailors. Who am I? (Answer: Siemens AG) ■



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Ask the Fool

Cheaper Isn't Always Better

Q Since I don't have much money, I'm interested in investing in stocks that cost only a few dollars each, at most. Which do you recommend?

— K.R., Syracuse, New York

A You're asking about "penny stocks," which trade for less than about \$5 per share. They're generally best avoided, as they can be extremely volatile, risky and easily manipulated. They've caused many naive investors to lose most of their investments.

Fortunately, you don't need to focus on low-priced stocks if you don't have much money. You can buy 5,000 shares of stock for 50 cents each, only to see them fall in value, when the same \$2,500 spent to buy 25 shares of a \$100 stock might see it double over a few years.

A stock's price doesn't tell you much by itself. A \$200 stock might look pricey, but if the company's shares are really worth \$300 each, it's a bargain. Priceline's shares recently traded near \$1,400 apiece, but five years ago they were near \$500.

Penny stocks entice people with the thought of owning thousands of shares. It's not the number of shares that matter, though — it's their health and performance.

Q I see that Ford Motor Company's "volume" is 34,900,000. What does that mean?

— M.T., Riverside, California

A It means that about 35 million shares of stock traded hands in the last trading day — or perhaps that's a three-month average. Volume can vary widely — AT&T recently averaged about 21 million shares per day, versus close to 9 million for Visa and a little more than 2 million for United Parcel Service. If a stock's volume is much higher than its average, then something is probably going on, such as good or bad news. ■

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Name That Company

I was formed in 1930 by three fruit enthusiasts. Today I'm a cooperative of more than 700 grower families in the U.S., Canada and Chile. I'm the world's main producer of juices made from my fruit of focus — which is featured in more than 1,000 products in more than 100 countries. My first product was a jellied sauce. I introduced grapefruit juice in the 1970s and Craisins in 1993. I employ more than 2,000 people and sport close to 20



receiving and processing facilities. My headquarters, in Massachusetts, is surrounded by 16 acres of bogs and ponds. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Microsoft's Plans Are Paying Off

Microsoft (Nasdaq: MSFT) is undergoing big changes that include becoming a major player in cloud computing. In its recently reported fourth quarter, Microsoft's intelligent cloud segment sales increased 10 percent in constant currency to \$6.7 billion and helped offset headwinds from a slowing PC business, resulting in overall year-over-year companywide revenue growth of 5 percent.

Microsoft thinks it can generate \$20 billion in commercial cloud revenue in 2018, and if so, that would mean some pretty nice upside for that business. Commercial cloud sales were running at an annualized \$12.1 billion clip last quarter. Fueling that growth will be its Office 365 software subscription service and Azure, its app-building and management solu-

tion. Last quarter, commercial Office 365 sales surged 54 percent and Azure sales more than doubled from year-ago levels.

The company should also enjoy sales and profit tailwinds from growth in its Surface laptops, Xbox Live and internet search businesses. Surface sales increased 9 percent, Xbox Live monthly users grew 33 percent and search revenue rose 16 percent year over year last quarter.

Overall, Microsoft is generating \$5.5 billion in quarterly free cash flow. With a recent dividend yield of 2.5 percent and with \$100 billion in cash, it's able to make big acquisitions and is likely to remain one of the most dividend-friendly companies in technology. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Microsoft.) ■

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ON THE MOVE

New in Business

Elegant Style Nail Salon has opened in The Village on Venetian Bay.

Board Appointments

Friends of Foster Children Forever welcomes **Rosemary Hammar, Craig Harrington** and **Mary Pisarczyk** as new board members. A real estate professional with John R. Wood Properties, Ms. Hammar has supported of FFCF's programs for several years and in 2016 launched the Fostering Change Luncheon to honor the caregivers of foster children. Mr. Harrington is a CPA and financial controller for Designers' Rug Center. Ms. Pisarczyk is a retired English teacher and a community patron to several charities in Naples and Michigan.

Health Care

Dr. Brent Lovett

has returned to the David Lawrence Center as senior children's psychiatrist. In addition to providing outpatient psychiatric services to children and adolescents, he will play an integral role in launching the new children's partial hospitalization program later this fiscal year. Dr. Lovett's position is funded in part by the Naples Children and Education Foundation, founder of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Dr. Lovett most recently had a private practice in Naples for several years, before which he served as the DLC's chief medical officer, medical director, children's medical director and child staff psychiatrist for a total of nine years. He earned both his bachelor's degree and medical degree from the University of Kansas and completed his post-graduate work in general psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry at Kansas University. He was a major in the United States Army Reserves and served in the war in Iraq.



LOVETT

The Neighborhood Health Clinic welcomes the following new staff members:

Damon Burkhart as director of the clinic's medication room. Mr. Burkhart earned a doctorate of pharmacy from the University of Florida in 2003 and moved to Naples in 2010.

Tracy Ramsay as care coordinator. Ms Ramsay has worked in health care since 1979 and holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in nursing. In addition to clinical work, she will serve as the clinic's director of program Development. She is an assistant professor at Hodges University and an adjunct faculty member at Herzing University in Menomonee Falls, Wis.

Elvis Barrera, part-time medical administrative support. Mr. Barrera has been a volunteer interpreter at the clinic since 2015. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in biology at Florida Gulf Coast University, where he is vice president of the Student National Minority Association for Pre-medical Students. He graduated from Lely High School and Florida SouthWestern State College.

Carina Cardillo, part-time support with events, social media and development. Ms. Cardillo holds bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of South Alabama, is certified in Gerontology and has training in therapeutic recreation specializing in spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury. She also earned juris doctor and MBA degrees from Willamette University.

Marissa Petralia

Ph.D., has moved Premier Psychology from the Tampa Bay area to 804 Anchor Rode Drive in Naples. Ms. Petralia earned her doctorate from Florida State University and also received specialized training at The Johns Hopkins University and The Center for Eating Disorders at Sheppard Pratt in Baltimore. Her practice provides individual therapy to adolescents and adults and also offers group therapy for individuals with eating disorder concerns.



PETRALIA

Hospitality

Veronica Devine

has been named executive chef for the outdoor bar and grille opening in November at Winding Cypress, a DiVosta community off Collier Boulevard in Naples. Ms. Devine was previously the head chef at Café Verona at DiVosta's



DEVINE

Verona Walk. She has more than 20 years of experience as a chef, including posts at The Ritz-Carlton, Grey Oaks Country Club, Pelican Isle Yacht Club and Audubon Country Club. She received her culinary training in The Ritz-Carlton Five Star Program and is a Florida certified professional food manager.

Kevin Hayes has joined Stage Deli Fine Foods in Mercato as chef de cuisine. Mr. Hayes has more than 30 years of experience working for private country clubs and restaurants in Florida and New York.



HAYES

Gaston Sanchez has joined Tarpon Bay at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point as chef de cuisine. He relocated from South Beach and trained with Ferran Adrià.

Liana Melle

has been named general manager of D'Amico & Partners' Naples-based Lurcat Catering. Ms. Melle will oversee operations at Fogg Café at Naples Botanical Garden as well as client events at the garden and other venues and private gatherings. She brings to the role nearly 15 years of banquet and event operations management experience at upscale venues in Naples and Marco Island, including her most recent role at the Naples Lakes Country Club.



MELLE

Law

Travis Hayes

a wills, trusts and estates attorney and a partner of Lile & Hayes in Naples, has been appointed co-chair of The Florida Bar's Probate Rules Committee by the president of The Florida Bar. He is a member of the Executive Council for the Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section of The Florida Bar and serves as vice chair of both the Legislation Committee and Probate Law and Procedure Committee. A past



HAYES

chair of the Trusts & Estates Section of the Collier County Bar Association, he serves on the board of directors of the CCBA. A graduate of the University of Florida Levin College of Law, Mr. Hayes previously served as a principal in the Naples office of Cummings & Lockwood, LLC.

Matt Goodwin of Goodwin Law, P.A., has been named chair of the Collier County Bar Association's Real Estate Section. Additionally, Mr. Goodwin recently became of counsel to The Boatman Law Firm.

Rachael Loukonen

a director in the Naples office of Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., has been elected to serve a three-year term on the Executive Council of the Trial Lawyers Section of The Florida Bar.



LOUKONEN

Nonprofit Organizations

Amanda Kelley

has joined the Naples Art Association as accounting manager to oversee all aspects of daily, monthly and fiscal accounting for the association. Ms. Kelley previously served as the director of corporate accounting for Naples Hotel Group and as a staff accountant and office administrator for FactRight, LLC. She earned a bachelor's degree in managerial accounting from Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minn.



KELLY

Collier Child Care Resources

welcomes nine new businesses to the CCCR Business 100, bringing the total to 77. The goal is to attain 100 members for this group comprised of local businesses, foundations and civic associations that make an annual contribution to CCCR's early learning programs. The newest members are: **Charlie McDonald Photography, Healthcare Network of SWFL, Lucky's Market, Naples Luxury Imports, Purpose Journey, Seasons 52, Sherwin-Williams, Shula's Naples** and **Soukup Strategic Solutions.** ■

WORTH

From page 1

This all dawned on me when I sent my wife a picture of my filet mignon from a business trip in Singapore.

She responded with a picture of the mac 'n' cheese and hot dogs she was eating with our kids. Clearly something was off.

This reminded me of the value of working on relationships. I began rebuilding the relationship with my wife, my kids, my business partners and my team. What's more, I actually started looking at these relationships as something to be developed and analyzed. I finally realized that relationships don't take care of themselves.

I now have meaningful, individualized and long-lasting relationships with the people in my life — because I live for others. And that, my friends, is the one thing we all need to do every day.

Here's how I live for others now.

1. Reach out to people. The expression "let's get together sometime" has become cliché for one reason: little to no follow through. Our Google Calendars get so packed with appointments and conference calls that we forget to include a wildly important component to our day: maintaining existing relationships and creating new ones.

Keep a list of your 20 closest friends and 10 people you want to get to know better, and reach out to one of those people a day. Show your friends you care by asking how they're doing and what's new in their life. Ask the people you want to build relationships with what you can do for them. Genuine focus on the other person shows how committed you are to the relationship. You'll also maintain awareness of what's going on.

2. Be there for others. Do you have a person in your life that you lean on? This is the person you call immediately without even thinking about it because they're consistently there for you. Be that person for others. You can do this by just making time for them.

As entrepreneurs, time is the best gift



we can give. If someone calls, if a staff member comes into your office, make time for them. Be engaged. Don't cut one meeting short for the upcoming meeting. Just plan better, provide support and counsel.

3. Focus on the value delivered, not taken. Relationships are a two-way street. Imagine how strong a relationship would be if you both approached it selflessly. Stop thinking about what you can gain from the relationship; instead, focus on what you're bringing to the table.

It's not about you. It's about them. If you find yourself drifting off when someone's talking to you, remind your-

self of this and regain focus. Building a relationship is about having a real conversation and making a connection.

We talk about the importance of relationships all the time. Network, build your collection of business cards, connect with colleagues on LinkedIn and follow people within your niche on Twitter. If we're not going to nurture and value these relationships, what's the point? ■

— Matt Stewart is co-founder of College Works Painting, a house-painting company that provides business experience for thousands of college students each year.

NETWORKING

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Existing-home sales soften again in August

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS



Existing-home sales eased up in August for the second consecutive month despite mortgage rates near record lows as higher home prices and not enough inventory for sale kept some would-be buyers at bay, according to the National Association of Realtors. Only the Northeast region, where inventory is more adequate, saw a monthly increase in closings in August.

Total existing-home sales — completed transactions that include single-family homes, townhomes, condominiums and co-ops — declined 0.9 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.33 million in August from a downwardly revised 5.38 million in July. Sales are at their second-lowest pace of 2016, but are still slightly higher (0.8 percent) than a year ago (5.29 million).

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says recent job growth is not yielding higher home sales.

“Healthy labor markets in most the country should be creating a sustained demand for home purchases,” Mr. Yun says. “However, there’s no question that after peaking in June, sales in a majority of the country have inched backward because inventory isn’t picking up to tame price growth and replace what’s being quickly sold.”

Hopes of a meaningful sales breakthrough as a result of this summer’s historically low mortgage rates “failed to materialize,” he adds, “because supply and affordability restrictions continue to keep too many would-be buyers on the sidelines.”

The median existing-home price for all housing types in August was \$240,200, up 5.1 percent from August 2015 (\$228,500). August’s price increase marks the 54th consecutive month of year-over-year gains.

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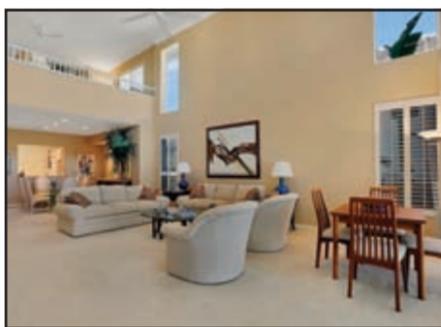


House Hunting

487 Palo Verde Drive The Vineyards

With three bedrooms plus a den and 2½ baths, this Rutenberg Homes’ Aberdeen floor plan has more than 3,000 square feet. It’s in the gated, 43-home enclave of Palo Verde in the heart of The Vineyards, overlooking a lake and the third fairway of the community’s north golf course. The spacious living room has a dry bar and two-story windows that allow the natural light to filter in. The kitchen/breakfast room has plenty of workspace and storage, and the adjacent laundry room has a second refrigerator. The first-floor master suite overlooks the lanai and pool. The second floor has a large loft area as well as the second and third bedrooms and full bath.

Scott Leiti of McQuaid & Company has the listing for \$695,000. For more information, call 628-6181 or email scott@mcquaidco.com. ■



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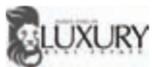
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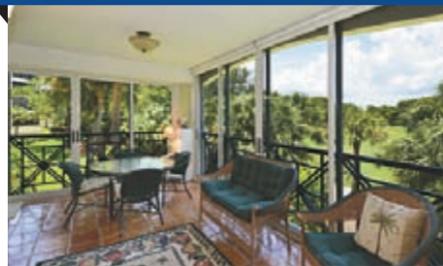
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Two new home plans offered in D.R. Horton's Barrington Cove

As the North Naples community of Barrington Cove enters its final phase of new homes for sale, D.R. Horton's Southwest Florida division is introducing two new designs. The Clifton and Delray plans offer smart design and livability that is easy to maintain for those with an active lifestyle. Surrounding wooded areas and preserves also make Barrington Cove unique.

With the addition of the Clifton and Delray, Barrington Cove now offers a portfolio of 10 home plans, ranging from 1,816 to 3,609 square feet.

The Clifton features two bedrooms, two baths and a two-car garage. His-and-her walk-in closets provide plenty of storage in the master suite, and an optional den or flex room could also be configured as a third bedroom. Both the Clifton and the Delray feature a welcoming front porch and a foyer that

leads to the great room, open kitchen and dining area. The outdoor living spaces are well suited for entertaining or taking in the views. The Delray offers an additional bedroom.

The public is invited to tour the professionally decorated 2,587-square-foot Bedford model at Barrington Cove. The two-story home has a spacious kitchen and café that are open to a large great room and lanai, as well as a formal dining room. With three bedrooms and 2½ baths, this plan offers the flexibility of open loft space, a two-car garage and an optional den.

The entrance to Barrington Cove is two miles north of Immokalee Road on Livingston Road. To schedule a tour of the model Bedford model, call sales agent Angela Garzone at 287-9499. For more information, visit drhorton.com/swfla. ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Bedford fully furnished model is open for tours in Barrington Cove.

NAR

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Total housing inventory at the end of August fell 3.3 percent to 2.04 million existing homes available for sale. Now 10.1 percent lower than a year ago (2.27 million), this number has declined year-over-year for 15 straight months. Unsold inventory is at a 4.6-month supply at the current sales pace, which is down from 4.7 months in July.

The share of first-time buyers was 31 percent in August, which is down from 32 percent both in July and a year ago. First-time buyers represented 30 per-

cent of sales in all of 2015.

"It's very concerning to see that inventory conditions not only show no signs of improving but have actually worsened in recent months from their already suppressed levels a year ago," Mr. Yun says.

While recent data from the U.S. Census Bureau shows that household incomes rose strongly last year, home prices are still outpacing incomes in many metro areas because of the persistent shortage of new and existing homes for sale. Without more supply, the U.S. homeownership rate will remain near 50-year lows, Mr. Yun says.

According to Freddie Mac, the average commitment rate for a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage was 3.44 percent in August for the second con-

secutive month, remaining at its lowest rate since January 2013 (3.41 percent). The average commitment rate for all of 2015 was 3.85 percent.

Properties typically stayed on the market for 36 days in August, unchanged from July and down considerably from a year ago (47 days). Short sales were on the market the longest at a median of 144 days in August, while foreclosures sold in 42 days and non-distressed homes took 35 days. Forty-six percent of homes sold in August were on the market for less than a month.

Inventory data from realtor.com reveals that the metropolitan statistical areas where listings stayed on the market the shortest amount of time in August were San Francisco-Oakland-Hayward, Calif., San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif. and Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash., all at a median of 33 days; Denver-Aurora-Lakewood, Colo., 36 days; and Vallejo-Fairfield, Calif., at a median of 37 days.

All-cash sales were 22 percent of transactions in August, up from 21 percent in July and unchanged from a year ago. Individual investors, who account for many cash sales, purchased 13 percent of homes in August, up from 11 percent in July and 12 percent a year ago. Sixty-two percent of investors paid in cash in August.

Distressed sales (foreclosures and short sales) were 5 percent of sales in August, the lowest since NAR began tracking in October 2008 and unchanged from last month and down from 7 percent a year ago. Four percent of August sales were foreclosures and 1 percent were short sales. Foreclosures sold for an average discount of 12 percent below market value in August (18 percent in

July), while short sales were discounted 14 percent (16 percent in July).

Single-family home sales declined 2.3 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.70 million in August from 4.81 million in July, but are still 0.6 percent above the 4.67 million pace a year ago. The median existing single-family home price was \$242,200 in August, up 5.3 percent from August 2015.

Existing condominium and co-op sales leaped 10.5 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 630,000 units in August from 570,000 in July, and are now 1.6 percent above August 2015 (620,000 units). The median existing condo price was \$225,100 in August, which is 3.7 percent above a year ago.

Regional breakdown

August existing-home sales in the Northeast jumped 6.1 percent to an annual rate of 700,000, which is unchanged from a year ago. The median price in the Northeast was \$274,100, which is 0.8 percent above August 2015.

In the Midwest, existing-home sales decreased 0.8 percent to an annual rate of 1.27 million in August, but are still 0.8 percent above a year ago. The median price in the Midwest was \$190,700, up 5.5 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the South in August fell 2.7 percent to an annual rate of 2.16 million, but are still 0.9 percent above August 2015. The median price in the South was \$209,700, up 6.7 percent from a year ago.

Existing-home sales in the West lessened 1.6 percent to an annual rate of 1.20 million in August, but are still 0.8 percent higher than a year ago. The median price in the West was \$347,400, which is 9.2 percent above August 2015. ■

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Ms. Fowlds has more than 17 years of experience in the real estate industry and will server buyers and sellers in Estero, Fort Myers, Pine Island, Cape Coral, Naples and Bonita Springs.

A Florida resident for more than 30 years, Ms. Germann holds a degree in marketing and business management from Florida Atlantic University.

Ms. Shelly has been in the local real estate industry since 1995, specializing in North Naples from Pine Ridge Road to the Collier County line along U.S. 41.

Mike Colquette, Jason Crockett and **Louise Pace** have joined Weichert, Realtors-On the Gulf at the agency's office at 2464 Vanderbilt Beach Road.

Liz Biswurm, Mary Luz-Johnsen, Joe Mulino, Milda Pytlik, Debbie Rex, Rob Ricca, Shane Spring and **Brittany Turner** have joined the sales team at Royal Shell Real Estate.

Royal Shell Real Estate recognizes the following top producers for the month of August:

Naples Park Shore office - The Boeglin Team, top listing producers team; **Gary Ryan**, top listings producer individual; The Roboci Team, top sales producers team; and **Pamela Olsen**, top sales producer individual.

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WCI Communities announces the following top producers for the month of August: **Lisa Potts**, Arborwood Preserve; **Shawn Ruhlman**, Artesia Naples; **Shoshana Yeager**, Carrara and Viansa at Talis Park; **Elise McMahon**, Hampton Park; **David Sanvidge**, LaMorada Naples; **Mendy Gordon**, Livingston Lakes; **Jacklyn Rogers**, Pelican Preserve; **Jamie Meisterheim**, Raffia Preserve; **Patrick Ruff**, The Colony Golf & Bay Club; and **Kim Feltis**, Timberwood Preserve. ■

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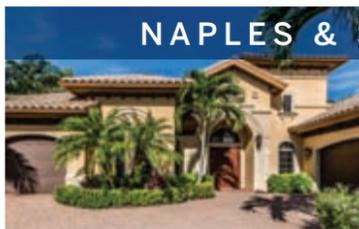
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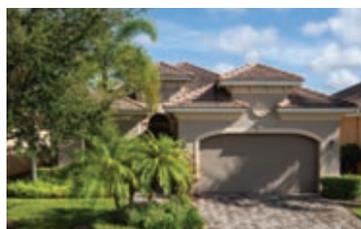
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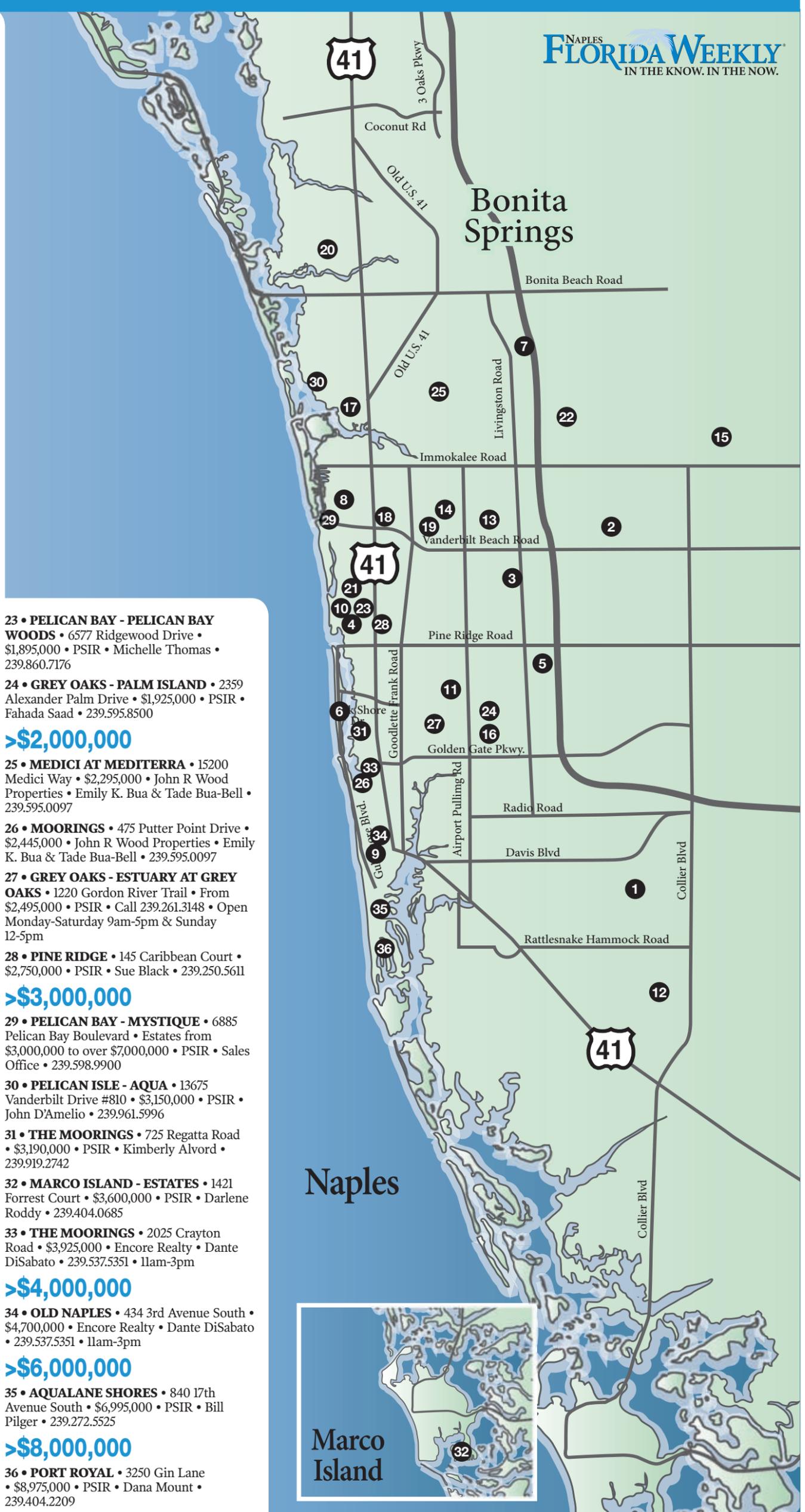
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Open Houses are Sunday, October 2, 2016



MOORINGS \$3,495,000

210 Bay Pt - Beautiful home with SW exposure, 86' dock, with the sought after Bay Pt. address. Close proximity to the Moorings Private Beach, and quick access to the Gulf. 3/2 (H10062) Stuart W. Miller, 776.8770



TROPIC SHORES ESTATES \$2,250,000

1543 Whiteshell Way - This welcoming, intricate, detailed, waterside estate with dock has sweeping views of the Caloosahatchee River and Fort Myers skyline. 5+Den/5.5 (H10882) Julie Blanton, 777.1425, Terrilyn VanGorder, 462.1653



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

PARK SHORE \$1,780,000

4400 Gulf Shore Blvd N #404 - Distinctive and luxurious, gated, island property with expansive balconies and 3 separate exposures providing access to picturesque bay views and serene Gulf breezes. 2+Den/2 (C12361) Dustin J. Beard, 289.2650



PARK SHORE \$1,390,000

4031 Gulf Shore Blvd N #50 - Condo with breathtaking direct Gulf views and stunning sunsets from floor-to-ceiling windows. Open floor plan. 2,500 sq. ft. Steps to beach and short drive to 5th Avenue. 3/3 (C11972) Connie Spitzmiller, 248.7616



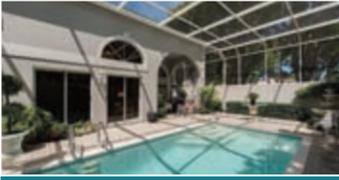
NAPLES SQUARE \$1,350,000

1030 3rd Ave S #320 - 3rd floor 2469 sq. ft. Essex, sold out in Phases I and II, rarely available. Quiet unit in back of building, only floor plan offering long views of courtyard and outdoor area. 3+Den/3.5 (C12612) Mary Yon, 572.3274



MOORINGS \$1,192,000

3003 Gulf Shore Blvd N #802 - Gulf view! Direct western view of Gulf from every room! 2 spacious master suites with walk-in closets, granite kitchen, glass-enclosed lanai. Common areas updated. 2/2 (C12137) Barbara Salinas, 449.2733



PELICAN BAY \$939,000

7090 Villa Lantana Way - Beautifully maintained villa with volume ceilings and charming landscaped entry courtyard leading to sparkling pool and patio on screened lot with 2-car garage. 2/2 (V2333) Lyn Reddy, 216.6506



THE STRAND \$899,900

5831 Whisperwood Ct - Lovely, spacious home, lake and golf view! Perfect floor plan for family and guests with 2 master suites (1 up/1 down) plus 2 guest rooms and den. Great location! 4+Den/4 (H9803) Deborah Hylemon, 659.6372



BONITA LAKES \$869,900

23040 Sanabria Loop - Luxury by the lake! 6284 Total Sq. Ft! Every upgrade available! Large pool and balcony overlook beautiful lake views! Only minutes away to Coconut Point! 4+Den/4.5 (H10826) Patrick Gendron, 777.0596



NAPLES LAKES CC \$849,900

4980 Cerromar Dr - Stunning estate home in gated, bundled golf comm. Arnold Palmer Signature Golf Course. Loaded with upgrades extras. Shows like model. For discriminating buyers. 3+Den/3.5 (H10278) Anne Henning, 272.7642



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES \$669,000

2120 Imperial Cir - Meticulously maintained pool home located in the highly sought after Imperial Golf Estates with over 3,000 sq. ft. under air and an over-sized three-car garage. 4+Den/3 (H10303) Dustin J. Beard, 289.2650



RIVERSTONE \$649,000

3880 Gibraltar Dr - This home checks all the boxes! Like new. Spacious open floor plan. Fabulous kitchen. Beautiful pool and spa. Serene, expansive preserve view. Shows like a model! 3+Den/2.5 (H11056) Deborah Hylemon, 659.6372



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

VINEYARDS \$632,000

501 Avellino Isles Cir #102 - Enjoy the warm tropical decor of this turnkey, sophisticated, all upgraded, 1st floor coach home. Large pool and private luxury resort complex just steps away. 3+Den/3.5 (C12465) The Dusek/Taylor Group, 564.6137



ISLAND WALK \$624,900

4796 Martinique Way - Lake view gem updated and upgraded throughout. Custom pool deck, new BAs, granite kitchen with stainless appliances. Tile/wood floors, crown molding, plantation shutters. 4+Den/3.5 (H10967) Barry Rosenfeld, 631.9352,



VINEYARDS \$595,000

567 Avellino Isles Cir #28102 - Rare 1st floor Coach Home with lake view, long driveway, quality upgrades, gated entry and great clubhouse and pool. Memberships available for the fabulous Vineyards CC. 3/3.5 (C11758) The Dusek/Taylor Group, 564.6137



LELY RESORT \$575,000

9041 Bronco Ct - Popular Tilbury floor plan home on over-sized corner lot on cul-de-sac! Fresh neutral paint inside and out, new neutral designer carpet, heated pool and spa. 3+Den/3.5 (H10496) Robin Hill, 776.0733



PELICAN BAY \$540,000

6820 Pelican Bay Blvd #124 - Second floor condo with expansive golf views. Quiet location, short walk to beach tram and beaches. One small pet allowed under 20 lbs. A must see! 3/2 (C12428) Wendy R. Nelson PA, 248.2365



AVE MARIA \$529,000

5028 Milano St - Like new Duvall by CC Homes with over 5,000sq. ft. of living area. Sits on an oversized lot with lovely lake views. 5/4.5 (H11070) Karen Sweatlock, 860.5137, Robert Campbell, 281.6571



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

VINEYARDS \$525,000

455 Palo Verde Dr - Don't miss out. This is your best opportunity to live in the lovely Palo Verde hamlet at an unbeatable price. Immaculate, bright pool home with lake view. 2+Den/2 (H10680) The Dusek/Taylor Group, 564.6137



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

AVE MARIA \$459,000

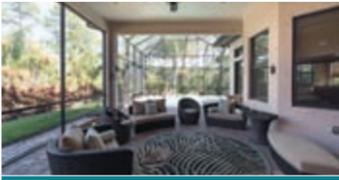
6137 Victory Dr - Lovely Dunwoody Trail in Del Webb, upgrades abound! Breathtaking pool and golf course views. Panther Run Golf Membership included. 3+Den/3 (H11052) Karen Sweatlock, 860.5137, Robert Campbell, 281.6571



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

CORDOVA/SPANISH WELLS \$455,000

28552 San Amaro Dr - Enjoy resort pool, dining and beach access! Newer home with tree and golf views. Home sits on one of the best private lots with a depth of 160 feet. See today! 3+Den/2.5 (H10025) Billie Jans, 980.0522



BLACK BEAR RIDGE \$445,000

7445 Acorn Way - Boutique gated community in desirable North Naples. Newer construction with volume ceilings and tile throughout. Over-sized lanai with pool. Perfect for entertaining. 2+Den/2 (H10646) Barry Rosenfeld, 631.9352, Roxane Menna, 398.8635



WORTHINGTON \$445,000

13230 Bridgeford Ave - Stunning SW lake and course views. Vibrant sunsets on its extra-large lanai with heated pool and spa. Updated open kitchen-family room with granite and SS appliances. 3/2 (H11026) Sharon Hammond-Turnblad, 851.6918



VINEYARDS \$399,000

821 Vistana Cir - Exceptionally well-maintained home with southern exposure, near pool. Double garage. Interior features stone-look tile, private lanai, ample closet space. 3+Den/2.5 (V2247) Barbara Salinas, 449.2733



LELY RESORT \$387,000

8405 Mystic Greens Way #2004 - Tropical paradise view of pond, palm trees, orchids and sunsets! Elegant, highly upgraded condo offered designer furnished! Move-in ready! 3+Den/3 (C12237) Robin Hill, 776.0733



IMPERIAL GOLF ESTATES \$374,000

2233 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Wonderful and charming 2 plus den or 3-bedroom pool home in sought-after Imperial Golf Estates. Open and spacious floor plan with new tile. Great buy. 3/2.5 (H10748) Debbie Frost, 250.8701



LELY RESORT \$360,000

6561 Castlelawn Pl #45 - Spacious and furnished villa overlooking the Mustang Golf Course in this coveted Lely Resort gated Calumet Reserve. 3+Den/3 (V2216) Tom Walsh, 250.9386



BEAUMER \$350,000

805 River Point Dr #C-306 - Beautiful water views looking down Naples Bay. Turnkey furnished, top floor with Murphy bed on enclosed lanai, granite counters and extra storage. Weekly rentals ok. 1+Den/1 (C12517) John Turner, P.A., 272.0013



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES \$349,900

2271 23rd St SW - Priced for quick sale! Beautiful pool home with spa. Located close to shopping. Open floor plan with huge kitchen and impeccably updated throughout. A must see! 3/2 (H10818) Patrick Gendron, 777.0596



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

BONITA BAY \$339,900

4440 Riverwatch Dr #102 - Florida living at its best! As you walk in the door, you feel like you are home. Serenity awaits with tranquil views of lake. Own your piece of paradise today. 2+Den/2 (C12602) Billie Jans, 980.0522



VILLAGE WALK OF BONITA \$339,000

15401 Orlanda Dr - Impeccably maintained pool home. Bright and open, high ceilings, 2-car garage, SW exposure with lake view. Low fees including yard. Desirable location. 2+Den/2 (V2300) Teresa Flack, 822.7979



TIBURON \$330,000

2748 Tiburon Blvd E #C-101 - Rare corner unit with private expansive terrace off screened lanai allows for entertainment and outdoor living. Comfortable and well decorated turnkey condo. 1/2 (C11737) Stuart W. Miller, 776.8770



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

AVE MARIA \$329,900

5910 Plymouth Pl - Hardly lived in. Open floor plan. Beautiful golf course view! Too many upgrades to list. Start enjoying the amazing Del Webb lifestyle! 3+Den/2 (H10716) Jerry DiGiacomo, Jr., 961.7000



TREVISO BAY \$314,900

9517 Avellino Way #2226 - Brand new construction. Beautiful top floor veranda end unit. Ready to move in. Panoramic lake view from lanai. Nicely upgraded. 2+Den/2 (C12161) Anne Henning, 272.7642, Angel Pyle, 659.6347



OPEN HOUSE 1-4

LELY RESORT \$309,000

8945 Malibu St #202 - Elegant turnkey-furnished Santa Ana floor plan with new stainless appliances, new carpet, new washer and dryer, fresh paint. Granite counters, wood cabinets. 3/2.5 (C12531) Robin Hill, 776.0733



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“No one could’ve anticipated how much this election season would veer towards self-satire as it is. (It’s like what ‘Veep’ star Julia Louis-Dreyfus said) at the Emmys: She had no idea their comedy series would seem like sober realism compared to the reality of this campaign.”

— Gerritt VanderMeer, FGCU assistant professor of theater



TheaterZone, FGCU join to bring prize-winning satire to the local stage

BY NANCY STETSON
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THIS YEAR’S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IS SO mind-boggling and full of absurdities it’s difficult to conceive of any theatrical show topping it.

“Of Thee I Sing,” a classic musical satire, possesses its own craziness, providing voters a way to blow off steam and laugh at political foibles. Written by George and Ira Gershwin (with book by George S. Kaufman and Morrie Ryskind), it’s considered the first musical to satirize politics.

A concert performance collaboration



VANDERMEER

between TheatreZone and acting and music students at Florida Gulf Coast University runs for five performances Oct. 6-9 at the university’s U. Tobe Recital Hall.

“It’s very satirical,” says Gerritt VanderMeer, FGCU assistant professor of theater, also plays the role of John P. Wintergreen, described in TheatreZone’s press release as “the brain-dead but love-struck National Party’s can-

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That’s great advice from the novelist and short story writer. Keep it in mind as you draw inspiration from the accompanying photograph and pen your own story for our annual Writing Challenge.

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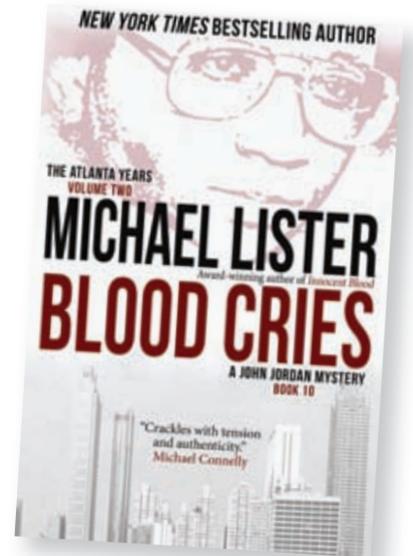
Email to writing@floridaweekly.com by 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

The winner will be notified on Monday, Oct. 24, in plenty of time to plan for the conference weekend on Sanibel Island in the company of like-minded writers and dozens of published authors, including keynote speaker Sue Monk Kidd (“The Invention of Wings,” “The Mermaid Chair,” “The Secret Life of Bees”).

For more information about the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, visit fgcu.edu/siwc. ■



INSIDE



Literary luster

Book critic Phil Jason enjoys the 10th John Jordan mystery. **C2 ►**



Not so much

Film reviewer Dan Hudak says he wishes he’d done something else with his two hours. **C15 ►**



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Restaurant writer Drew Sterwald says fine fusion food still sets A Table Apart apart. **C27 ►**

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Tying up loose ends of the Atlanta Child Murders

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■ **"Blood Cries" by Michael Lister.** Pulpwood Press. 266 pages. Hardcover, \$26.99; trade paperback, \$16.99.

The 10th John Jordan Mystery has the added distinction of being volume two of the series' "The Atlanta Years" subset. Thus it is the second installment treating John Jordan's coming of age before he worked as a policeman, prison chaplain and reluctant private detective in panhandle Florida.

Like its predecessor "Innocent Blood," "Blood Cries" explores in fictional mode the historical Atlanta Child Murders, for which the FBI's records are available online. The arrest and conviction of Wayne Williams for two murders left a lot of loose ends regarding the fate of several boys murdered or missing during his reign of terror.

These loose ends connect to similar murders and/or abductions that Williams could not have done. They leave

Jordan, an 18-year-old depressed, alcoholic divinity school student, with an obsessive sense of duty to bring those children and their families justice and healing.

Following Jordan around allows readers to share in the life of a grieving community, with caring people striving to support one another emotionally and spiritually. Jordan has developed an uneasy relationship with the local police, most of who find him likely to get in their way or show them up. Michael Lister keeps his readers aware of the fact that police resources are always strained, and setting priorities is not something that always takes a community's needs into account.

Jordan realizes that finding out what the missing boys in the recent streak of disappearances have in common is at the heart of the case. He discovers that almost all of the six that he is searching for live in the same corner of the city and share sadly similar family situations. He also tries to profile the abductor (possibly also a murderer) from what he has learned from his independent reading and by thinking things through carefully.

But Jordan's pursuit of justice is compromised by several things. One of these

is his problem with alcohol. Another is his unsettled sense of himself and his direction in life. Yet another is his lack of experience in the world. Developmentally, he feels in over his head, even though he is quite intelligent and has sharp instincts.

He is driven by his worst fears about the fate of these boys, based on his knowledge of what had happened to others during the Atlanta Child Murders nightmare. He even visits Williams in prison to stare him down and pick his warped brain for clues.

Mr. Lister adds spice to the story by introducing a brief, passionate affair between Jordan and an attractive woman in her 40s, a woman with gifts of psychic and sexual power. She tries to bring him back from despair — and she partially succeeds, though other issues overwhelm their relationship.

The author's challenge is to make his hero's moral compass, determination, compassion and analytical skill believable given Jordan's youth and relative inexperience. He manages to accomplish this by having Jordan's seniors treat him like a peer and depend on him.

During his unofficial investigation, Jordan develops strong suspicions of

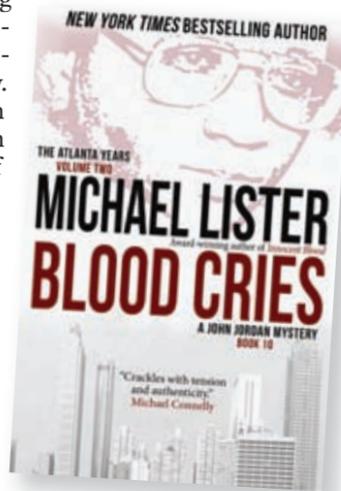
one person or another who had the means and opportunity to abduct these young victims. Readers can understand his reasoning, but Jordan has gone down false trails. If any of these missing kids is alive, time is running out to find and save them, and thus the suspense builds.

Mr. Lister has a talent for nailing down locations, representing them physically, culturally and atmospherically. Readers will feel themselves rooted in distinctive, credible environments that inform the meaning of the story.

Clearly, the author also has a strong interest in spirituality and spiritual growth. Jordan is drawn to religion, but he is more of an earnest questioner than a person of assured faith. His complex engagement with moral and theological issues adds a unique dimension to this highly attractive and extremely vulnerable character.

Though the opening pages stumble a bit, "Blood Cries" is another piece of the mounting evidence that Mr. Lister is a highly original voice. He keeps building, nonstop it seems, a highly original body of work that explores the limits of popular genres while giving each work a striking literary luster. ■

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



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Three area artists focus on water for new exhibit at Rookery Bay

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Southwest Floridians' daily lives revolve around an element so basic that we take its abundance for granted: water. To illustrate its place as a touchstone of Floridian culture, United Arts Council of Collier County and Friends of Rookery Bay present "Water," an exhibit of works local artists John Brady, Lynda Day Braun and Muffy Clark Gill.

The invitational exhibit aims to explore the watery imagery Floridians see throughout the state. From beaches to swamps to fresh water springs, "all three (artists) envision different aspects of the life aquatic," says Andy Browne, UAC education coordinator.

Ms. Braun fuses photography with painting techniques to convey the surreal nature of water in its natural spaces. "I think the images themselves reflect the fragility of the water and its beauty," she says. "A reminder of the simple pleasure of light dancing on water helps bring people back to how important it is."

Many of Ms. Braun's featured pieces are printed on a discontinued type of Swiss lithography paper, known as tumba graphik paper, that she inherited. "I have the last of this paper and have been using it to do the photographs. It takes ink beautifully but very differently from photograph paper," she says.

Ms. Gill brings fiber arts to the fore with her batik and Japanese rozome silks. The patterns, she hopes, reflect her affinity for Central Florida karst springs like Homosassa Springs or Three Sisters Springs and her environmental concerns for places from the Dry Tortugas to the Panhandle.

"Florida is such a diverse state and there are so many different layers to peel back and look at the habitats," she says. "I'll swim in the springs and I'll feel these masses of algae from the destruction of the landscape and the runoff. It really concerns me. I'm trying to get people to realize how important water is to us."

No exhibit featuring Florida water-scapes would be complete without scenes from the Everglades, which photographer John Brady covers thoroughly. Using a tripod and an ultra-long exposure, he aims to capture the serenity of Florida swamps.

Before moving to Florida 15 years ago, Mr. Brady was more accustomed to shooting landscapes in New York and his native Ohio. It took some time for him to acclimate to Florida's natural surroundings.



John Brady's "Turkey Key"



Muffy Clark Gill's "Agua XXII"

"I quickly began to appreciate the history and beauty of The Everglades, but it took a while to unlock it — before I understand that you can expose these hidden places people don't know exist," he says, adding he found his Florida footing with famed photographer Clyde Butcher as his mentor.

"Clyde and his network of people would take me around and show me the ropes," he says. "Once you understand what's involved in wandering in the swamp, it unlocks that opportunity. New York has beautiful mountains and I missed them when I first got here. But in their place I discovered the wet jungles of Florida, which are extraordinarily beautiful." ■

in the know

'Water'

- >> **What:** An exhibit of water-themed works by local artists John Brady, Lynda Day Braun and Muffy Clark Gill
- >> **Where:** The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, 300 Tower Road
- >> **Reception:** 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9
- >> **Cost:** Free for members of the United Arts Council or Friends of Rookery Bay; \$3 for others
- >> **Info:** 254-8284 or collierarts.org

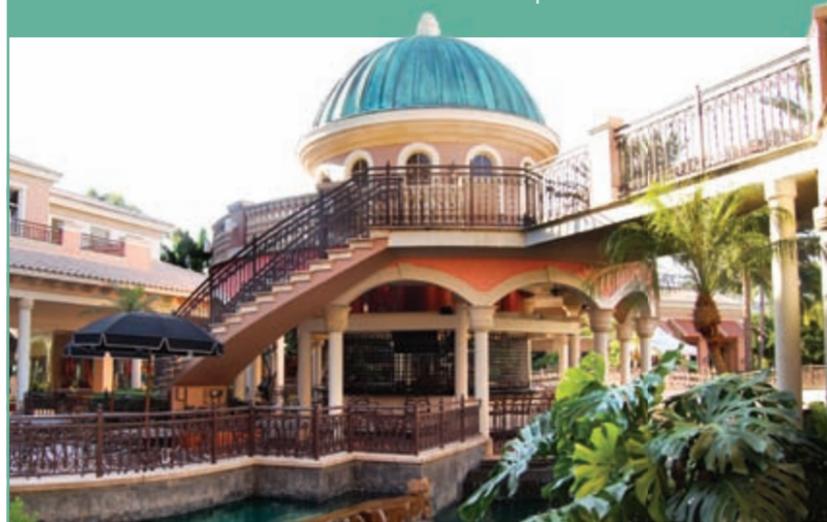
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More politics on the local stage

In a presidential election year, politically themed shows are like catnip for theaters. They're helpless to resist.

In addition to TheatreZone and Florida Gulf Coast University putting on "Of Thee I Sing," here are some more politically relevant shows coming to area stages this season:

■ **"The Best Man,"** Oct. 7-29 at The Laboratory Theater of Florida, Fort Myers - Gore Vidal's play examines a 1960 presidential race between an ethical candidate and an unscrupulous one. Both are not only vying for votes, but for the endorsement of the outgoing president. It was adapted into a movie in 1964.



— 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.org

■ **"The Taming,"** Oct. 14-30 at Theatre Conspiracy, The Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers - Lauren Gunderson's play is an all-female retelling of Shakespeare's "The Taming of the Shrew." It's the story of Miss Georgia, a beauty pageant contestant who has political aspirations; a conservative senatorial aide who has political aspirations of her own; and a liberal blogger.

— 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org

■ **"The Great Society,"** Jan. 11-April 2 at Asolo Repertory Theatre, Sarasota - Jack Willis, who originated the role of President Lyndon Baines Johnson in the world premiere of "All the Way," portrays LBJ again in Robert Schenkkan's sequel about the next chapter of his presidency,



Jack Willis as LBJ in "The Great Society."



when he fights his war on poverty and grapples with the war in Vietnam.

— (941) 351-8000 or asolorep.org

■ **"Born Yesterday,"** Feb. 8-April 15 at Asolo Repertory Theatre, Sarasota - When it opened on Broadway in the mid-1940s, this show ran for almost four years straight, then enjoyed two Broadway revivals and two film adaptations. Garson Kanin's play follows a corrupt junk dealer who brings his showgirl mistress to Washington, D.C., with him. When he grows embarrassed by her ignorance, he hires a journalist to tutor her. As she grows smarter, she realizes her boyfriend's planning to bribe a congressman

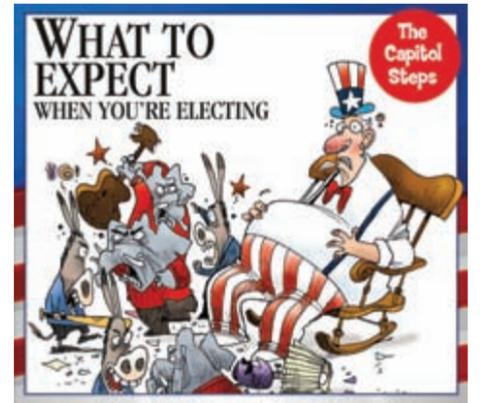
to pass legislation that would benefit him and make him even richer.

— (941) 351-8000 or asolorep.org

■ **"George M!"** Jan. 12-22 by TheatreZone at the G&L Theatre, Naples - George M. Cohan wasn't a politician, but he's definitely a patriotic figure, having written "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Over There" and "You're a Grand Old Flag." (He's also known for his famous tribute to theater, "Give My Regards to Broadway.")

— (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com

■ **"The Originalist,"** Jan. 18-March 7 at Asolo Repertory Theatre, Sarasota - This highly fictionalized look at U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and a gay, liberal law school graduate who clerks for him stars Edward Gero, who possesses an uncanny resemblance to Justice Scalia. The New York Times called it "essentially



a series of debates dressed up in the robes of drama, with a radically changed view of Justice Scalia's ideas about the American jurisprudence ..." Another reviewer called it "Scalia fan fiction," noting his real-life abhorrence of gay people.

— (941) 351-8000 or asolorep.org

■ For more pointed, topical political satire, you can catch **The Capitol Steps**, the group that puts the "mock" in democracy, at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Van Wezel Performing Arts Hall in Sarasota and/or at 8 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 5 at Artis—Naples.

— (941) 953-3368 or vanwezel.org
— 597-1900 or artisnaples.org ■

— Nancy Stetson

SING

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didate for President of the United States."

"Although when we chose this material, we thought: What a great piece to do in an election year," Mr. VanderMeer says. "No one could've anticipated how much this election season would veer towards self-satire as it is. (It's like what 'Veep' star Julia Louis-Dreyfus said) at the Emmys: She had no idea their comedy series would seem like sober realism compared to the reality of this campaign.

"It certainly is a good choice for this time," he adds. "It shows also, how far we've come."

Well, maybe.

"Of Thee I Sing" takes place in the 1930s, and today's audiences will note how much gender roles have changed since then, Mr. VanderMeer says. In other ways, "It's interesting to see how gently the political process was lampooned in the 1930s and, by contrast, how cynical we've become about the process in the years since."

As part of the election campaign in the play, there's a beauty pageant — "which couldn't be more perfect, considering one of (our current) candidate's backgrounds in pageantry," he says. "No one would've believed that in the '30s, I'm sure."

"Of Thee I Sing" was the first musical to win the Pulitzer Prize for drama. It is also considered the first musical that was satirical throughout.

The title song, inspired by "My Country 'tis of Thee," was somewhat controversial, especially with its line, "Of thee I sing, baby." According to theater lore, the composers relaxed when, at intermission,

they heard theatergoers singing the line.

Mr. VanderMeer performs with veteran comic actor Wayne Morton who, as Vice President Alexander Throttlebottom, has created a character who's a mixture of Andy Rooney and Jack Benny.

"We're just going to have some fun with it," he says.

"Basically, the vice president, once he's elected, kinda disappears. I don't think he's recognized by his own people who elected him. He's really kind of out of it. He's in his own little world."

Mr. Morton's character narrates the story and breaks the fourth wall to talk directly to the audience.

"Since we are in an election year, there are things that parallel a little bit, and innuendoes that still work today," he says. "The audience should get a kick out of that."

But obviously, he adds, the play is dated. "1930s attempts at humor are quite different than they are today. It was much simpler to find laughs than today. It was a simpler time."

He and Mr. VanderMeer have worked together in previous TheatreZone productions. "We have great rapport," Mr. Morton says. TheatreZone patrons will remember Mr. Morton as Peter Allen's father in "The Boy From Oz" and absent-minded Uncle Willie in "High Society - the Musical." He also performed with the company in "No, No, Nannette" and "110 in the Shade," among others.

And he's known for numerous TV roles, including Eddie Edwards (Raytown's Mr. TV) on "Mama's Family" and in guest star roles in "M.A.S.H.," "Happy Days," "Mork & Mindy," "WKRP in Cincinnati" and "Newhart."

Comedic timing

In addition to performing in "Of Thee I



COURTESY PHOTO

Wayne Morton and Gerritt VanderMeer performing in TheatreZone's 10th Anniversary Concert.

Sing," Mr. Morton is going to speak to Mr. VanderMeer's acting students.

"I can't wait to get my hands on those college students," he says. "They can pick my brain, ask me anything they want. I always say: Don't be afraid to ask me questions. You might be surprised at the answers, but I'll have answers for you."

He wants to tell the students about auditioning and how to make decisions about their future in the entertainment industry.

He also wants to talk to them about comedic acting.

"It's visual, it's timing; so much is involved with it," he says. "It's not just telling jokes. (One of) the greatest things about theater is that the audiences are live, you don't have to listen to a dumb sound track of canned laughter. The laughter is

real, and it's coming from something the audience really likes.

"The thing young people need to understand, especially about theater, is that it's not just an audio medium, it's a visual medium, and much of the humor comes out of silence and what physically happens on the stage."

When he was working in California, he says, a lot of stand-up comics were getting their own TV shows.

"All they did was stand and tell jokes," he complains. "There's so much more to the performance than talking. It's a visual medium. ... It's not just telling jokes, but making them fit with the characters we've created."

Open arms

Mr. Morton and his wife moved from Minnesota and are now full-time Florida residents, living in Fort Myers.

"Florida is opening its arms to me, making me feel so welcome," he says. "I'm thrilled with joy to be part of the Florida scene. People in Fort Myers and Naples have made me feel so welcome."

In addition to his role in "Of Thee I Sing," he'll be a gangster in TheatreZone's production of "Legs Diamond Lives Again" in the late spring. And this fall, he's performing in the Asolo Repertory Theatre's production of "Guys and Dolls."

"Naples and TheatreZone are like my home," he says. "They were the first place in Florida that I performed. (TheatreZone founder and producing artistic director) Mark Danni and (his wife) Karen Molnar are wonderful young people who have brought me into the family. I couldn't be happier. They do such great work. I'm thrilled to be a part of it."

"I have a little following here. Florida has taken me into its arms." ■

A new season for Gulfshore Playhouse opens with an intimate love story

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

“Constellations,” an intimate love story of cosmic proportions, opens the new season for Gulfshore Playhouse at The Norris Center. Opening night is Saturday, Oct. 8.

Nick Payne’s play follows quantum physicist Marianne and beekeeper Roland through a series of vignettes where each encounter plays out in any number of ways. Variety newspaper wrote: “Short and sweet and strangely haunting. ... The devilishly clever scribe is not playing games with either his characters or his audience, because with each iteration Roland and Marianne grow closer to one another — and become more important to us. And by the end of the play (has it really been only an hour?), we’re fully invested in their lives. All of them.”

Kristen Coury, Gulfshore Playhouse founder and producing artistic director, says she has wanted to bring “Constellations” to the Naples stage ever since she saw it on Broadway. “It is both intelligent and accessible,” she says, adding the play “combines heightened theories of the multiverse and quantum physics with something we can all understand: the love between two people.”

The show is directed by Philadelphia-based Matt Pfeiffer, who also directed “Moon Over Buffalo” and “The Whipping Man” for Gulfshore Playhouse. It stars two



NORRIS



NICKELL

familiar Gulfshore Playhouse faces: Cody Nickell and Kate Eastwood Norris.

Mr. Nickell, former artistic associate with the company, is thrilled to return to the local stage, where he most recently starred in the third annual holiday production of “Jacob Marley’s Christmas Carol.” A graduate of Carnegie Mellon University’s School of Drama, he has performed at theaters around the county as well as in films and on television.

Ms. Norris most recently played Phyllis in Gulfshore Playhouse’s production of “Body Awareness.” A company member at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company in Washington, D.C., she has received two Helen Hayes Awards and Philadelphia’s Barrymore Award for her acting. She is also a teacher of Shakespeare, performance, and clown for students of all ages. She holds a master’s degree in humanities and the creative life from Pacifica Graduate Institute in California.

The technical crew for “Constellations” includes Genevieve Beller, costume designer; Steve TenEyck, lighting designer; David Arsenault, scenic designer; and Evan Midlesworth, sound designer. ■

in the know

‘Constellations’

- >> **Who:** Gulfshore Playhouse
- >> **When:** Oct. 8-30 (previews Oct. 6-7)
- >> **Where:** The Norris Center
- >> **Up next:** “My Fair Lady,” Nov. 12-Dec. 11; “Do This,” world premiere Jan. 7-29; “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” Feb. 11-March 12; “The Merchant of Venice,” March 25-April 15; “The Christians,” April 29-May 21.
- >> **Tickets:** 261-7529 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org

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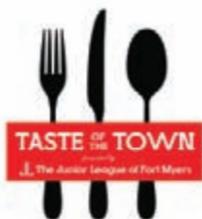
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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

Yesterday's - A musical comedy revue at Broadway Palm Theatre through Oct. 8. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or BroadwayPalm.com. See review on page C10.

Of Thee I Sing - By TheatreZone and students of the FGCU Bower School of Music and The Arts Oct. 6-9 at FGCU. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com. See story on page C1.

Constellations - By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 8-30 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth St. S. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

The Rocky Horror Show - By The Naples Players Oct. 12-Nov. 6 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

The Lion King, Jr. - By Island Theater Company Oct. 14-16 at Marco Lutheran Church. 394-0800 or theateronmarco.com.

The Cemetery Club - By The Marco Players Oct. 26-Nov. 13 at Marco Town Center Mall. 404-5198 or themarcoplayers.com.

Erma Bombeck: At Wit's End - By Florida Repertory Theatre Oct. 7-Nov. 6. 2268 Bay St., Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

The Nerd - By the Off Broadway Palm Theatre Oct. 6-Nov. 12. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. BroadwayPalm.com or 278-4422.

The Taming - By Theatre Conspiracy Oct. 14-30 at the Alliance for the Arts. 10091 McGregor Blvd. theatreconspiracy.org or 936-3239.

THURSDAY 9.29

Outdoor Yoga - A gentle yoga class celebrating goddess mythology starts at 8:30 a.m. at Koreshan State Park. Basic physical agility is required. Some mats are provided. Bring a water bottle. \$10. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Photo Show - Ave Maria University presents "The Humanity of Service: Portraits by Michael Collopy" on exhibit in the library through Dec. 16. 280-2500 or avemaria.edu.

Rock Around the Clock - Friends of Lovers Key hosts a sock hop on the beach from 4-7 p.m. at Lovers Key State Park. \$40 for members, \$45 for others. (708) 359-0466 or fjgreenwood@gmail.com.

Opening Reception - Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County host a reception for "Water," an exhibition of works by local artists Muffy Clark Gill, Linda Day Braun and John Brady, from 5:30-7 p.m. The show runs through Nov. 9. \$3. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Child's Play - Comedian Frank Del Pizzo performs at 6:30 p.m. at Off the Hook Comedy Club to benefit Golisano Children's Museum of Naples. Adults only. \$30-\$50. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 260-1604 or cmon.org.

Commemorative Event - The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida recognizes the 75th anniversary of the Babi Yar massacre with a talk by Marina Berkovich, who will discuss the event and her family's remembrance of it, at 6:30 p.m. Free, but reservations required. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumswfl.org.



Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County host a reception for "Water," an exhibition of works by local artists Muffy Clark Gill, Linda Day Braun ("Good Morning" shown here) and John Brady, from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29. \$3. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Book Talk - Golden Gate Branch Library hosts a discussion of Tracy Chevalier's "The Last Runaway" from 2-3 p.m. Free. 2432 Lucerne Road. 252-4542 or collierlibrary.org.

Tater Salad - Ron White, best known as the whiskey-swilling, cigar-smoking comedian from the Blue Collar Comedy Tour, takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. (800) 440-7469 or bbman-npah.com.

FRIDAY 9.30

All That Jazz - Jebry and friends invite everyone to join the jazz jam session from 5-8 p.m. at Royal Wood Country Club. 4300 Royal Wood Blvd. 775-4451.

Tribute Night - "Piano Man" Mark Anthony performs the music of Billy Joel at 7:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$55. 11505 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or artcenterbonita.org.

SATURDAY 10.1

Bless the Animals - Emmanuel Lutheran Church welcomes pets (leashed or caged) and their owners for a blessing of the animals at 9 a.m. Free, but donations to Humane Society Naples welcome. 777 Mooring Line Drive. 261-0894 or naplesemmanuel.com.

Bless the Fleet - Everglades City blesses its stone crab fleet and hosts some family fun starting at 10 a.m. at the Rod & Gun Club on Barron River. Free. 695-2905 or evergladeshistorical.org.

Sensorily Speaking - Paragon Theaters at Pavilion Shopping Center host a sensory-friendly screening of "Storks" at 10 a.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Sunflower Festival - Head to Pepper Ranch Preserve for its third annual Sunflower Festival from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to see a blooming display of the area's southern sunflowers and enjoy hayrides, vendors, archery demonstrations, guided hikes and more. Free. 252-2495 or colliergov.net.

May the Bricks Be With You - Kids 8 and up are invited to Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops for the LEGO Star Wars Rogue One event at 4 p.m. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

To Market, To Market - The Third Street South Farmers Market takes place from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Paint It Black - Rolling Stones tribute band U.S. Stones performs at 6 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$35. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Funny Girl - Kate Quigley takes the stage tonight and Sunday, Oct. 2, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehook-comedy.com.

SUNDAY 10.2

All Green Thumbs - Koreshan State Historic Site hosts a native plant sale and farmers market from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. 273-8945 or fnpscocoloba.org.

Cruisin' - Miromar Outlets hosts a car show featuring vintage, custom and exotic models from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

With the Flow - Shangri-La Springs hosts a kundalini workshop with meditation guide Nitin Adsul where participants will work to release mental and emotional blockages from 1-3 p.m. \$35, registration required. 27750 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com



International artist and lecturer Ann McLean, Ph.D., hosts a multimedia presentation about female composers from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' Moe Auditorium & Film Center. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Meet the Composers - International artist and lecturer Ann McLean leads a multimedia presentation about female composers from 3-5 p.m. at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' Moe Auditorium & Film Center. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

MONDAY 10.3

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "3-Iron" (2004, South Korea) at 7 p.m. A transient young man breaks into empty homes to partake of the vacationing residents' lives for a few days. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 10.4

Terrific Tuesdays - See any show at Mercato's Silverspot Cinema for just \$8 every Tuesday. 592-0300 or silverspot.net.

Fresh Air Yoga - Koreshan State Historic Site hosts an outdoor yoga class at 8:30 a.m. \$10. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Trad Seisiuns - Enjoy traditional Irish music starting at 5 p.m. at Shea's at Lansdowne Street. 702 Fifth Ave. S. 398-1159 or irmusic@embarqmail.com.

Who Made the Everglades? - The Marco Island Historical Society presents Rachael Kangas with a program about what we can learn about the past to help us understand the current crisis in the Everglades at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Free for MIHS members, \$10 for others. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 642-1440 or themihs.org.

WEDNESDAY 10.5

Namaste - Instructors from Green Monkey Yoga lead a beach session from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. \$5 plus park admission. Reservations required. 598-1938 or greenmonkey.com.

Lunch & Learn - Everglades Wonder Gardens invites guests to bring a sack lunch and listen to a lecture about pirates from noon to 1 p.m. Free with admission. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Cocktail Conversations - Girl-TalkTV hosts a cocktail party from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at La Moraga to benefit Bosom Buddies. Guests will enjoy happy hour pricing, free appetizers, raffles and a pop-up accessories shop. info@girltalktv.com.

Jazz It Up - Chill out to music by The Richmonds from 6-9 p.m. at The Bay House. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837 or bayhousenaples.com.

More Jazz - Jebry and friends jam from 6-9 p.m. at New York Pizza & Pasta. 11140 Tamiami Trail N. 594-3500.

COMING UP

Artist Talk - Local artist Phyllis Pransky discusses her pieces in "Fiber as Art" on exhibit at Marco Island Center for the Arts at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. Free for members, \$5 for others. The exhibit is on display Oct. 3-25. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandarts.com.

Pet Show - Miromar Outlets hosts pet-themed entertainment and store specials from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Funny Guy – Piff the Magic Dragon performs Friday through Sunday, Oct. 7-9, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Magic Carpet Ride – Artis—Naples invites youngsters to get up-close with the orchestra's brass players and their horns at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 8. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Show Me The Way – Peter Frampton performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Comedy Relief – Square One Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at The Marco Players Theater. \$10-\$20. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Paint Party – Vino's Picasso raises money for The Shelter for Abused Women & Children with a guided painting session from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9. \$36. Registration required. 431-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Loose Cannons" (Italy, 2010) at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 10. The youngest son of an Italian pasta magnate plans to announce he's gay so he won't have to take over the family business, but his brother makes a startling announcement of his own. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Art Reception – Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts a reception for its "Fiber as Art" exhibition from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 11. Free for members, \$5 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandarts.com.

History Talk – Collier County Museums hosts a talk about the history and culture of the Seminole people at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the main museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 642-1440 or colliermuseums.com.

Artist Talk – Local artist Jeannie Thomma discusses her pieces in "Fiber as Art" on exhibit at Marco Island Center for the Arts at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. Free for members, \$5 for others. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or marcoislandarts.com.

Pink Party – Physicians Regional Healthcare System hosts its fifth annual Pink Party with wellness information, live entertainment and more from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at its Pine Ridge location. Free, reservations required. 6101 Pine Ridge Road. 348-4180 or physiciansregional.com.

Funny Guy – Rondell Sheridan ("Keenan & Kel," "The Jamie Foxx Show") performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday, Oct. 13-16. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Moon River – Friends of Lovers Key hosts moonlight kayaking through the park setting out at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. \$15 for members. \$20 for others (kayak rental separate). (708) 359-0466 or fggreenwood@gmail.com.

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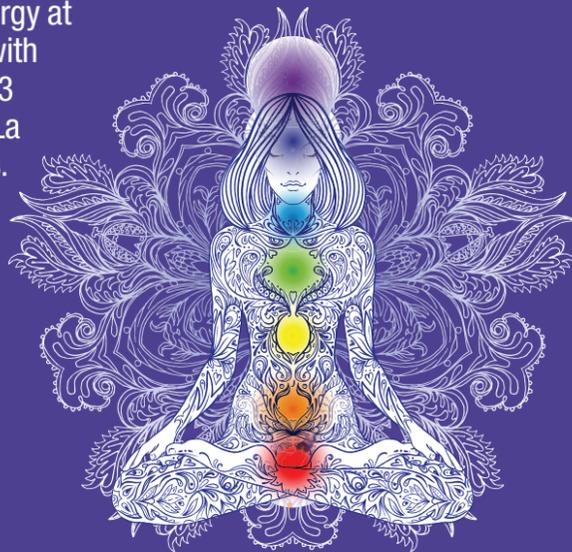
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Jazz Concert – The Delfeayo Marsalis Quartet, featuring trombonist and composer Delfeayo Marsalis, performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$40-\$50. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Paws Off The Table – The Humane Society Naples' Pawfessionals hosts its second annual Bow Wow Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at The Continental. This dog-friendly, young professionals event will include craft cocktail samples, brunch, live entertainment and more. \$35, registration required. 643-1555 or hsnaples.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Four Minutes" (France, 2008) at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17. An elderly piano teacher trains a young convict at a women's penitentiary. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Light 'em Up – Shangri-La Springs hosts a chakra balancing sessions from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18. \$65. 27750 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

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Masterworks – The Naples Philharmonic features cellist Sol Gabetta performing works by Elgar, Liadov and Berlioz at 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Oct. 20-21. 597-1900 or artsnaples.org.

Author Signing – Bestselling author Randy Wayne Wright discusses and signs copies of his new novel, "Seduced," from 3-5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Sunshine Booksellers on Marco Island. Free. 677 S. Collier Blvd. 393-0353 or sunshinebooksellers.com.

Comedy Legend – Jerry Lewis performs at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21, at Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center. \$89-\$130. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 389-6901 or swflpac.com.

Frankly Funny – Comedic actor and playwright Frank Blocker performs character and observation comedy at 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 21. \$15. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Funny Lady – Loni Love ("Chelsea Lately," "The Real") takes the stage Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 21-23, at Off the Hook Comedy Club. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

Yard & Garden – Collier County Extension Services hosts the annual SWFL Yard & Garden Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23. \$4. 14700 Immokalee Road. 352-4800 or collier.ifas.ufl.edu.

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Ramblers – The Tin Can Tourists host the 10th annual Vintage RV Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Koreshan State Historic Site. Free with regular park admission. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Country Show – Footloose Country performs line dances and invites the audience to participate at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' Moe Auditorium & Film Center. \$37-\$47. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Concert in the Park – The Music Makers Show Band performs from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Cambier Park. Free. 348-3675 or musicmakersshowband.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Incendies" (France, 2010) at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 24. Twins journey to the Middle East to discover their family history and fulfill their mother's last wishes. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Gulfshore Tenors – By Gulfshore Opera on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at the Southwest Florida Performing Arts Center, Bonita Springs. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 529-3925 or gulfshoreopera.org.

Chamber Concert – Members of the Naples Philharmonic perform baroque selections from Jean-Philippe Rameau's "Zais" at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 25, in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Museum Talk – Collier County Museums hosts a talk about the history of the Holocaust Museum of Southwest Florida at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 26, at the main museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 642-1440 or colliermuseums.com. ■

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I have this recurring nightmare that decades from now, I'll be stuffed in a nursing home with my freedom curtailed, subjected to local people coming in and singing for "the old folks." I imagine that I'll have to endure people singing poor covers of songs I loved in my youth (or worse, a medley of Justin Bieber tunes).

"Yesterday's," the "rockin' '50s and groovin' '60s" revue at Broadway Palm is a bit of what I imagine that experience would be like.

And yes, there is an apostrophe in that title, though I'm not sure why. Yesterday's *what*, I kept wondering.

A sextet of singers performs music from the '50s in the first act and hits from the '60s in the second.

How many out there remember the music from the '50s and '60s, they ask from the stage.

The audience, of course, cheers.

"Great, because none of us do," they quip.

These performers are so young that I'd guess most of their parents weren't around then either. Not that you have to be from that era to appreciate the songs or perform them well, but it might have helped them understand the magic of the original music and deliver it differently.

Unfortunately, with a few exceptions, "Yesterday's" is more schlock than rock.

Created and written by Victor Legaretta (with original music direction and arrangements by Brian Pia), this show originally played at the Broadway Palm in 1999. Mr. Legaretta goes for the easy jokes, the clichés. There's the nerd with the taped glasses, the Elvis-crazy girl, the boy shot down by a girl he's trying to woo.

In the middle of Act Two, each singer is given the opportunity to do a number without the others backing him or her up, and the difference is remarkable. The songs come alive, and the singers are able to show off their talent.

But for the majority of the show, we're subjected to Pat Boone versions of songs that shook the world and changed our lives. They way they're performed in "Yesterday's," you wonder: What was so dangerous about rock 'n' roll? Why did some parents forbid their children



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From left to right: Scott James Smith, Rachael Haber, Ilana Gabrielle, Houso Semon and Keith McCoy

to listen to it? Why did preachers hold album-burning bonfires?

There's a six-piece band onstage (led by musical director Loren Strickland) that includes a saxophone, trumpet and trombone, but it doesn't provide the electricity that bands of the '50s and '60s possessed, that reckless abandon, that certain ineffable something. The music doesn't make you want to tear down the walls of the Broadway Palm, or even just get up and dance. And Mr. Legaretta ends the show on the slow-paced song "He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother," instead of building to a climax. (After applause, the cast reprises "At the Hop," the song with which they closed Act One.)

The women are the stronger performers. Houso Semon, who played the role of Deloris in the venue's production of "Sister Act" last season, is a standout; her covers of "Respect" and "(You Make Me Feel Like) A Natural Woman" are the best of the show. She has a strong, commanding voice and knows what to do with a lyric. No, she's not Aretha — no one's Aretha but Aretha — but she does an impressive job with the songs.

Ilana Gabrielle has two of the best solos of the evening: "Smile" (in Act One) and Patsy Cline's "Crazy" in Act Two. And Rachel Haber struts her stuff with the Leslie Gore anthem "You Don't Own Me." But earlier in the evening, when she sings "I Only Have Eyes for You," Mr. Legaretta has her go down into the audience, sing to a man and hand him large letter "Ts" that actually have eyes pasted on them. If you think that's the height of humor, then this is the show for you.

The revue contains some biographical material, which struck me as kind of strange. Who doesn't know who The Beatles were? Who doesn't know about Woodstock? Isn't that the target audience for this show: people who lived through the '50s and '60s and remember the British Invasion and that iconic festival on Yasgur's farm?

Mr. Legaretta also includes a bit of advertising for a local car dealership, which just sticks out of the material. A couple other things seemed out of place too: I don't think anyone made air quotes back in the '50s, and tattoos then were generally found only on sailors or

carnival people.

I think part of the reason this show didn't work for me is because there's a vast difference between theatrical music and rock 'n' roll. And this revue, for the most part, seems to present the latter as the former.

But, the audience ate it up and loved it.

As for me, I went home and watched a video clip of Little Richard singing "Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On" on a 1964 episode of "Shindig." At one point, he winds up standing on the piano, then he's back on stage on his knees, then he's waving his jacket above his head while dancers both onstage and in the audience go berserk. It's glorious mayhem.

Now *that's* rock 'n' roll, baby. ■

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'Yesterday's'

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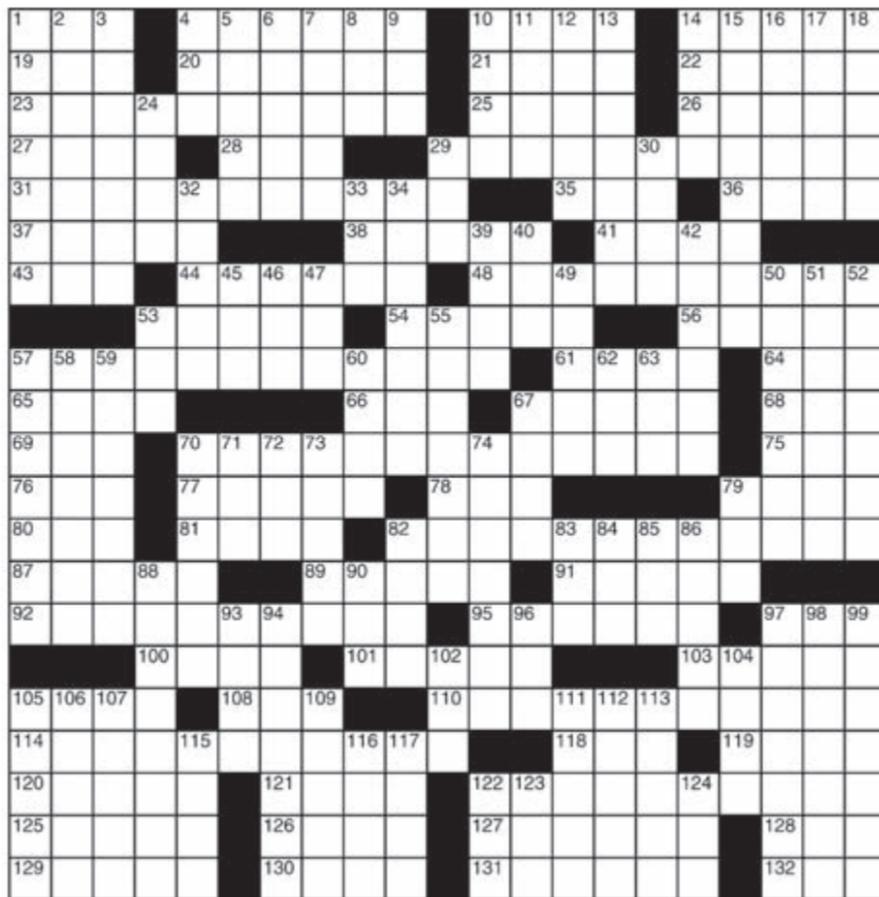
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 - 4 Peak in the Cascades
 - 10 1975 shark thriller
 - 14 Lost intensity
 - 19 "You — here"
 - 20 — Davidson
 - 21 Saab of fashion
 - 22 Stare angrily
 - 23 What planes are in when they're taking off and landing?
 - 25 "Heck!"
 - 26 MetLife rival
 - 27 Nepal locale
 - 28 — Pérignon
 - 29 Climb a rope right after waking up?
 - 31 "Which of you is good at copying signatures?"
 - 35 Poker pro Ungar
 - 36 Beholds
 - 37 Houston hockey team until 2013
 - 38 Ancient Aegean land
 - 41 So-so
 - 43 Furlong divs.
 - 44 Spectral hue
 - 48 Big tree branch used to decorate a shop?
 - 53 Big computer of the 1940s
 - 54 Frustrates
 - 56 Delhi coin
 - 57 Tame some mean dogs?
 - 61 "— girl!"
 - 64 Uno + uno
 - 65 Anniversary unit
 - 66 AQI monitor
 - 67 Four of —
 - 68 Skill, to Cato
 - 69 Law deqs. held by the Obamas
 - 70 Comment when a surface only allows for a glossy finish?
 - 75 — Friday's restaurant
 - 76 Dot in la Seine
 - 77 Off-limits acts
 - 78 Wad of gum, e.g.
 - 79 Carrie's "Star Wars" role
 - 80 Prefix with soul
 - 81 Beer head
 - 82 Fashionably stylish grain husk?
 - 87 Big boo-boo
 - 89 Tactics
 - 91 Writer Nin
 - 92 Spiced tea brewed in a business workplace?
 - 95 Multi-vehicle crash
 - 97 Church bench
 - 100 Fed. crash-probing agcy.
 - 101 Tear-eliciting vegetable
 - 103 "Nowhere Road" singer Steve
 - 105 Nailed
 - 108 Happy — lark
 - 110 Ensnared by a tree branch?
 - 114 Bit of gear used by a videography student?
 - 118 Simple tune
 - 119 Ames' state
 - 120 John Belushi catchphrase
 - 121 Flubs it up
 - 122 Apt phrase spelled by the deleted ends of this puzzle's theme answers
 - 125 "It's — of the times"
 - 126 Seven days
 - 127 Parthenon goddess
 - 128 Trump
 - 129 Antsy
 - 130 Uses needle and thread
 - 131 Gym class, briefly
 - 132 Some hosp. cases
- DOWN**
- 1 Bread seed
 - 2 With 47-Down, snow cone's base
 - 3 Promgoers
 - 4 "— La La" (1964 hit)
 - 5 Writer of 104 symphonies
 - 6 The long — the law
 - 7 Replay view, briefly
 - 8 Actor Lange
 - 9 Mate's "yes"
 - 10 Sci-fi knight
 - 11 "Sadly ..."
 - 12 Telegrams
 - 13 Hill bigwig
 - 14 "Holy moly!"
 - 15 Sneeze response
 - 16 Take a soak
 - 17 Bert's pal
 - 18 University bigwigs
 - 24 1993 Texas standoff site
 - 29 Toon pal of Stimp
 - 30 Zap, in a way
 - 32 Black — (very dark)
 - 33 Oil field sight
 - 34 Boo-boos
 - 39 Nile goddess
 - 40 P.R.'s ocean
 - 42 Wear down
 - 45 Small peeve
 - 46 Lah-di- —
 - 47 See 2-Down
 - 49 Honshu port
 - 50 Software reviser, e.g.
 - 51 Peach State
 - 52 Wiesbaden native, e.g.
 - 53 Vase handle
 - 55 Like some citrus tastes
 - 57 "Goodness me!"
 - 58 Kind of lettuce
 - 59 De-intensify
 - 60 "Eh" marks
 - 62 Little birdie
 - 63 Big bang producer
 - 67 Prefix with valent
 - 70 Contaminate
 - 71 Furthermore
 - 72 Cell stuff
 - 73 Energy
 - 74 Boozer
 - 79 Many oz.
 - 82 Slay
 - 83 Rodeo miss
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 - 85 Lac liquid
 - 86 Grow mature
 - 88 Investigation discoveries
 - 90 Philosopher — -tzu
 - 93 Morales of film
 - 94 Scott Pelley's milieu
 - 96 Shiba — (dog breed)
 - 97 Preceding
 - 98 Bow-making material
 - 99 Software running in browsers
 - 102 Tenet
 - 104 Keep — on (don't reveal)
 - 105 Turn to try for a homer
 - 106 Small oil container
 - 107 Have home cooking
 - 109 Side (with)
 - 111 Actress Rigby
 - 112 Eagles' kin
 - 113 Actress Rich
 - 115 Zilch
 - 116 Work group
 - 117 Pleads, e.g.
 - 122 Track unit
 - 123 Verb suffix in the Bible
 - 124 "Gnarly!"



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HOROSCOPES

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might welcome the emphasis on openness in relationships that mark this period. But it's a good idea to avoid sharing personal secrets with people you hardly know.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) There are still some questions that need to be asked and answered before you can feel confident enough to make a potentially life-changing decision.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some lingering effects from a now largely resolved workplace confrontation could make things difficult for you. Act on this before it becomes serious.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You feel you're finally in control of your own life after months of making compromises and concessions you never felt comfortable with. Congratulations.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) No sooner do you decide

to pass on one job offer than another suddenly turns up. This one might not have everything you're looking for, but it's worth checking out.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Congratulations. With Jupiter's strong influence dominating this week, don't be surprised to get some good news about a troubling financial matter.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Someone from your past could arrive with welcome news concerning your future. Meanwhile, avoid taking sides in a workplace confrontation until you have more facts to go on.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A decision about a relationship could have longer-lasting consequences than you might imagine, so be sure of your facts before you act. A trusted friend can help.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A strained relationship could be restored with more personal contact between the two of you. Letting oth-

ers act as your go-between only adds to the ongoing estrangement.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) New facts could mean taking a new path toward a goal you've been hoping to reach. However, be sure all your questions are answered before you undertake to shift directions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good week for all you fine Felines to turn your attention to some important considerations, such as your health, your job situation and the status of important relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Avoid making a quick decision about a matter that needs more study. Keep your mind open for possibilities, even if they don't seem plausible — at least not yet.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are usually kind and loving. But you can be highly critical of those who don't measure up to your high standards. ■

By Linda Thistle



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BY STEVE BECKER

A defender should always think in terms of how many tricks his side needs to set the contract. This becomes his goal for that hand, and if he absent-mindedly loses sight of it, disaster might soon follow.

Consider this deal where West led a spade against four hearts. Dummy's king took the trick, and declarer led a low trump to his hand, to which East followed low.

South won with the queen and cashed the ace of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. He then conceded a trump to East's ace, but the defenders could no longer collect more than a diamond and a club, so declarer made the contract.

It is easy to see that if East had gone up with his ace on the first heart lead from dummy and returned a diamond, South would have gone down one. The question, therefore, is whether East should have made this play without having seen all four hands.

The answer lies in the principle set forth above. As soon as dummy appears, East should ask himself how and where his side might get the four tricks needed to defeat the contract. He can reasonably count on a club trick and a trump trick, but his only real chance of stopping the contract lies in the hope that his partner can score two diamond tricks.

The trouble with playing low on the first heart lead is that it allows declarer to get to his hand and discard a diamond from dummy on the ace of spades

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
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 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass
 2NT Pass 4♥
 Opening lead — six of spades.

(South is marked with the spade ace, since West would not under-lead an ace at trick one.)

East should therefore rise with the heart ace at trick two and shift to a diamond as the one and only chance to set the contract. In doing so, he abandons the usual practice of "second hand low" because the circumstances indicate that in this case it is the wrong thing to do. ■

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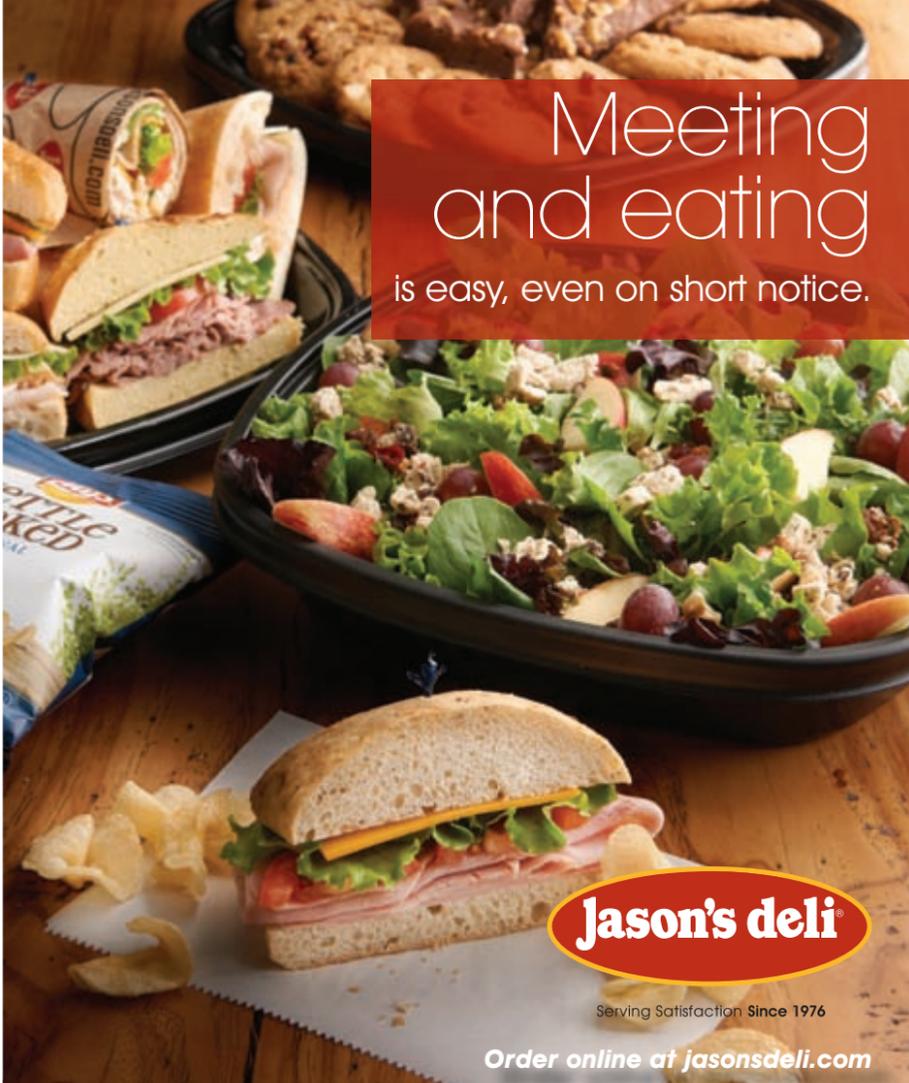
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FILM CAPSULES

Storks ★★★

(Voices of Andy Samberg, Jennifer Aniston, Ty Burrell) A stork (Samberg) and a girl (Katie Crown) encounter a wolf pack and other obstacles as they struggle to deliver a baby. The 3D animation is crisp, it's funny, and kids will get a kick out of it. But best of all, there's plenty to relate to for parents. Rated PG.

Sully ★★★1/2

(Tom Hanks, Aaron Eckhart, Laura Linney) Pilot Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Mr. Hanks) and co-pilot Jeff Skiles' (Mr. Eckhart) heroic landing of a US Air flight on the Hudson River in New York City in January 2009 is recounted and investigated in director Clint Eastwood's ("Gran Torino") latest. The story is thin and too much time is spent on the investigation early on, but the landing, rescue and resolution will put a lump in your throat. Rated PG-13.

The Light Between Oceans ★★★

(Michael Fassbender, Alicia Vikander, Rachel Weisz) Nice performances from Mr. Fassbender, Ms. Vikander and Ms. Weisz highlight this epic story that sees a couple (Mr. Fassbender and Ms. Vikander) adopt a baby presuming the girl's parents were dead, only to be faced with the decision of returning the child upon learning the mother (Ms. Weisz) is still alive. The beautiful Australian coastline punctuates the isolation and desperation of the story, and best of all, the premise offers a great "what would you do?" post-screening conversation starter. Rated PG-13.

Bridget Jones's Baby ★★★

(Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth, Patrick Dempsey) The conclusion to the "Bridget Jones" trilogy follows single Bridget (Ms. Zellweger) as she tries to figure out which guy (Mr. Firth or Mr. Dempsey) is the father of her unborn baby. It's funny, and a fitting end to the only romantic comedy trilogy in recent memory. Rated R.

Morgan ★1/2

(Kate Mara, Anya Taylor-Joy, Toby Jones) A risk management consultant (Ms. Mara) goes to a remote location to assess the damage caused by a synthetic, human-like organism (Ms. Taylor-Joy). Director Luke Scott (Ridley Scott's son) takes an intriguing sci-fi premise and allows it to devolve into a schlocky monster movie. It's insulting. Rated R.

Southside with You ★★★

(Tika Sumpter, Parker Sawyers, Vanessa Bell Calloway) Here's the story of Barack and Michelle Obama's first date during a hot summer day in 1989. But only the locations are accurate; the dialog is fictionalized, which is a downer given the film's inherent appeal. Combine that with low-budget production values and standard editing and the whole thing plays like a made-for-TV movie. Rated PG-13.

Hands of Stone ★★★

(Robert De Niro, Edgar Ramirez, Ana de Armas) Based on a true story, boxer Roberto Duran (Mr. Ramirez) emerges from poverty in Panama to become a world champion. Solid performances and editing allow this part biopic/part boxing movie to be a thoroughly engaging drama. Rated R. ■

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Is it worth \$10? No

It's debatable whether Tim Burton is a "great" filmmaker, but he's certainly a distinct auteur whose films ("Beetlejuice," "Edward Scissorhands") have endured. Because of this we always hope his next movie will be similarly memorable and serve as a reminder of the magic that he, a champion of outcasts if ever there was one, is capable of providing.

Unfortunately, "Miss Peregrine's Home For Peculiar Children" is not memorable in the slightest.

For a story about a teenager who time travels to 1943 to live with people who have extraordinary abilities, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" is awfully dull. We know Mr. Burton's films regularly include lavish production values, gaudy costumes and fantastical visual effects. It's always the story that matters most, however, and this time the director does a sluggish job of telling it.

Based on the book of the same name by Ransom Riggs, it's the story of Jake (Asa Butterfield) in modern-day Florida and his bond with his Grandpa Abe (Terence Stamp). As a boy, Jake loved hearing wild stories about Abe's time with children with strange abilities and seeing pictures of an invisible boy (wearing clothing), a young woman who'll fly away if not for her lead shoes, a super strong little girl, etc.

Years go by, Abe dies, and Jake finds a postcard sent to Abe by Miss Peregrine (Eva Green), who runs the home where the children allegedly live. Intrigued, Jake and his father (Chris O'Dowd) set out to find Miss Peregrine on a remote island off the coast of Wales. To Jake's surprise, he finds the home and learns its peculiar inhabitants relive Sept. 3, 1943, every day and never age.

We as an audience, however, feel like we age months waiting for something interesting to happen.

Finally, a half hour later, the conflict triggers into motion: Jake realizes a madman named Barron (Samuel L.



Jackson) wants to harness the power of peculiars, especially their eyeballs, so he can live forever.

The lulls in Jane Goldman's script are possibly the result of trying to stay loyal to the book, but Mr. Jackson's villain is not in the book, which suggests deviating from the source material wasn't a big deal to the filmmakers. So why not trim the excess and give us only the essential parts, the way movies are supposed to? Because Mr. Burton is enamored with each child's abilities and is determined to set up the relationship dynamics amongst the never-aging youngsters. This is good in theory, but should have been rendered in a more compelling way.

Visually there are no complaints, as the film looks period specific and has expected flair. It's not worth the 3D upcharge, though, so if you're curious enough to see it, at least spare yourself a few dollars there. If you do go, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children" is not necessarily something you'll regret seeing, but you're also likely to leave the theater wishing you'd done something else with your two hours. ■

in the know
»» Much is made of Tim Burton's connection to Johnny Depp, but "Peregrine" also marks the 11th time the director has worked with Oscar-winning costume designer Colleen Atwood ("Alice in Wonderland").



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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Frugal pioneers recycled rare, broken items of glass, metal, ceramic

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Recycling and reusing is nothing new. Our ancestors had glass, metal and ceramic pieces that were imported, expensive and scarce. So when something broke, it was repaired or saved to be reused. A primitive hand mirror with recycled glass was sold this year at a Skinner auction. It was one of many wooden items in a large collection, and prices were high for the one-of-a-kind “make-dos.” The mirror had a 12-inch piece of wood for a frame and handle. An irregular piece of a broken mirror less than 3 inches wide was set into the wood. It probably was used by the owner to see his or her face at a time when mirrors were not found in most houses. The end of the handle has a notch, which probably was used to wedge the mirror on a chair back or counter in an upright position. The 18th-century mirror, made in Massachusetts, sold for \$1,700.

Q: I have a set of Krueger 404 folding chairs that I believe were manufactured in the early 1960s. They have the Krueger label on the bottom. They are metal with vinyl cushions on the seat and back. The seat folds down so they can be stacked. Can you give me any

history on these chairs?

A: The company, originally called Krueger Metal Products, was founded by Al Krueger in Aurora, Ill., in 1941. The company made folding chairs using scrap metal purchased from steel mills. Its headquarters was moved to Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1945. The company now makes contract furniture and lighting and other specialty furniture for offices, schools, universities, health-care facilities and the government. The name of the company was changed to Krueger Inc. in 1983. It still is in business.

Q: What can you tell me about Briglin Pottery? I bought a pin dish marked “Briglin” at a house sale and would like to know when it was made. What can you tell me about the company?

A: Briglin Pottery was a studio pottery founded in London in 1948 by Brigitte Goldschmidt and Eileen Lewenstein. Earthenware mugs, jugs, plates and other items were made. Lewenstein left the pottery in 1959. It closed in 1990. Pieces are very low-priced. A pin dish would cost under \$10.

Q: This sculpture, a bronze bust of Rembrandt, was my mother’s, given to her by her aunt. It’s mounted on a red marble base. On the bottom is a

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signature that looks to be "H. Muller." I've tried to research it and found two Mullers, one that lived from 1571 to 1628, and another Hans Muller who worked in the late 1400s, so this sculpture could be more than 400 years old. Can you help me with its value?

A: You have the wrong Muller. Your sculpture of Rembrandt was not made by either of the Mullers you researched, both of whom, by the way, lived many years before Rembrandt (1606-1669). It was made by Hans Müller (1873-1937) of Austria. During the First World War, he was in charge of the facilities of soldier cemeteries. After the war, he became well known for monuments and grave sculptures, as well as portraits and busts of famous figures. Bronze sculptures of Wagner, Shakespeare, Longfellow and George Washington designed like yours with similar name plates and bases have sold between \$110 and \$400, which is where your sculpture would be valued. Larger and more detailed work by Hans Müller sells into the thousands.

Q: I bought a Belleek creamer and sugar bowl decorated with a yellow ribbon and bow back in the 1960s. The marks has a circle "R" over a harp and the words "Belleek, Ireland" and "Deanta in Eirinn, Reg. No. 0857." The sugar bowl has a green mark and the creamer a black mark. Why are the marks different colors?

A: The black mark with the words Deanta in Eirinn was used from 1926 to 1946. The green mark that is the same, except for the color, was used from 1946 to 1955. A sugar and creamer pair usually has the same marks since they were bought at the same time. Belleek made some patterns for many years



The pioneers of the 18th century reused broken items. This mirror was made from a piece of broken mirror and a piece of wood. It sold for \$1,700.

and you may have a replacement for a broken piece.

Q: I have 18 ivory-colored molded plastic Van Brode figures. They are each about 2 inches tall and are marked "Van Brode" on one side of the base and with the name of a country or nationality on the other side. Some of the ones I have are marked "Cuba," "Hawaiian," "Hungarian," "Mexico" and "West Indies." What can you tell me about them?

A: David and Goldie Brody bought American Cereals in Clinton, Mass., in 1941 and changed the name of the company to Van Brode Milling. Dancing Dolls were included in boxes of Luckies Puffed Wheat and Puffed Rice cereals in 1955 and '56. The dolls were made in pairs, male and female, and posed to look like dancers in traditional costumes. The company was bought by Weetabix in 1981. The figures sell

online for as low as \$5 for a group of 28 figures.

Tip: American carousel figures are more heavily carved on the right side, because they went around counterclockwise. The left side is more ornate for European carousel figures, because the carousel turned the other way. American figures sell for more money. ■

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COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Wedgwood plates deliver a helping of memories



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My passion for antiques started when I was young. I remember strolling past Turschwell Antiques in downtown Fort Myers and being fascinated by its elegant treasures from the United States and Europe.

Each summer, Mr. and Mrs. Turschwell would go on buying trips to Europe — a map in the window charted their travels — returning with glittering crystal, sparkling silver, fine porcelain and extravagant pieces of furniture.

The Turschwells were formal but pleasant.

Then there was Mary Nooe, who exuded kindness. Her shop called Things Unlimited, also in Fort Myers, had a little of this and a lot of that.

The wicker chairs on the front porch? “I’m aging them,” she would say, as the sun baked and cracked the paint on the woven furniture.

Some pieces — a large Empire-style chest, for example — became like old friends because they sat in her shop so long.

Other items, such as a large service of Wedgwood’s Florentine pattern china, moved quickly.

It was in Mary’s shop that I fell in love with this pattern. Her set of the china included virtually everything one needed to hold a formal dinner party for 16 people: coffee and teapots, demitasses, bouillon cups, a tureen. I think she had it priced at \$650 — far more than I ever could afford mowing lawns at \$3 to \$5 a pop.

And what was a 12-year-old going to do with a set of Wedgwood, anyway? So I waited more than 40 years.

At a Goodwill store in Palm Beach Gardens I paid \$250 for a service for

12, sans cups. I found two more dinner plates in Fort Myers priced at \$3 apiece, underscoring how much the market for fine china has dropped.

That doesn’t matter. The dishes are still just as elegant as I thought they were in 1975 or so.

I think of Mary, who died in 1990 at age 79, whenever I see my china. I ate pizza from it just last week and know she would have appreciated that. ■



who had a set of Wedgwood’s Florentine pattern.

The pattern, introduced in 1931, was made in an array of colors, but turquoise seems to be the most popular.

There’s a lot of hand-applied decoration on these dishes, which have heraldic griffins prancing around the rims and an enameled bouquet in their centers.

But the enameling aside, I love the extravagance of the 10¼-inch dinner plates, which are nearly an inch larger than standard dinner plates.

That only whets my appetite for more. ■

— Scott Simmons

THE FIND:

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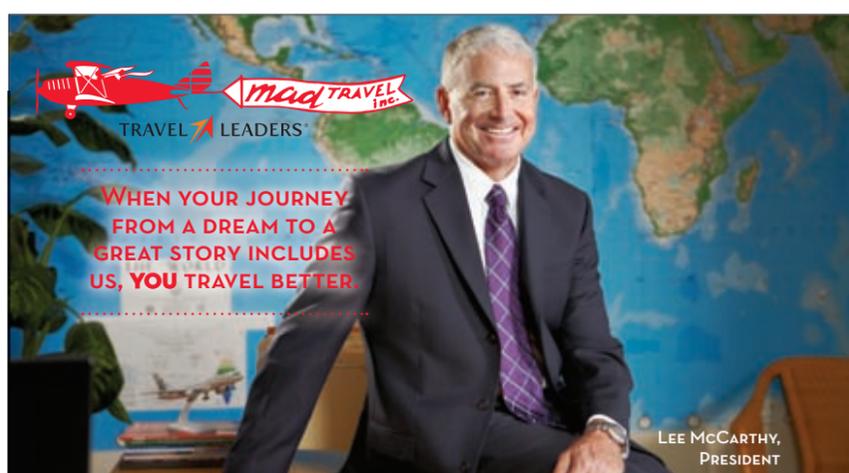
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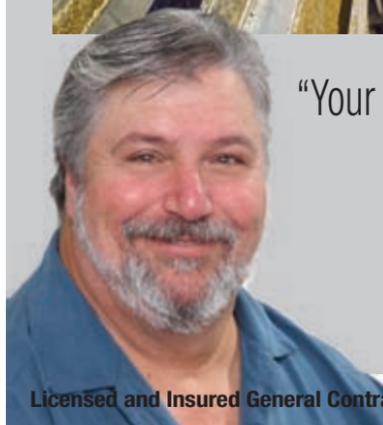
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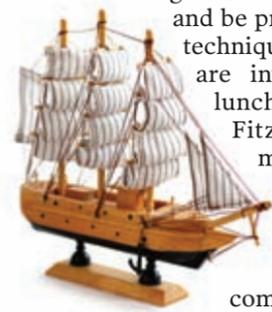
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■ **The Naples Buckeyes**, friends and fans of Ohio University, celebrate Oktoberfest from 5 p.m. to sunset Thursday, Oct. 20, at a private beach in Naples. Traditional German food and beverages will be provided. Cost is \$35, with all proceeds will go to scholarships for students from the Take Stock in Children program. For reservations and more information, go to naplesbuckeyes.com and click on "events."

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Oct. 1 and 15. Members are asked to bring their works in progress and be prepared to share techniques and tips. All are invited to enjoy lunch afterward at Fitzgerald's. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dritchier@comcast.net.



■ **The Naples IOWA Club** invites friends and fans of the University of Iowa to watch the Hawkeyes take on the Northwestern University Wildcats at noon Saturday, Oct. 1, at Weekend Willie's, 5310 Shirley St. For more information, call Tyler Mosher at (641) 430-0216 or email naplesiowaclub@gmail.com.

■ **The Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at the Golden Gate Community Center. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** welcomes staff and volunteers of nonprofit organizations who want to learn more about using technology to advance their mission and their community engagement and fundraising efforts. Meetings are from 6-8 p.m. on the first Tuesday each month at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6340 Napa Woods Way. On Oct. 4, a branding expert will talk about ways to preserve brands in social media graphics. Admission is free, and a light dinner is served. RSVP by emailing birgit.pauli@gmail.com. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.

■ **The San Marco Knights of Columbus Council #6344** meets on the first Tuesday of every month at the Parish Center at 851 San Marco Road, Marco Island. Membership is open to all Catholic men. The next meeting is Oct. 4. For more information, call John Caltabiano at 642-9840 or visit marconights.com.

■ **The Southwest Florida Ski & Travel Club** holds a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month in the Parrot Room at Gulf Coast Inn, 2555 Tamiami Trail N., Naples. Social gatherings are the third

Tuesday of every month at varying locations. The next business meeting is Oct. 4. For more information, call 839-3711 or visit naplesskiclub.com.

■ Members of the **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067-Naples** meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Naples Municipal Airport. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. The local chapter also serves a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at the airport. Admission for \$5 includes coffee, pancakes, 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 Oct. 9. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

■ Members and guests of **The Naples Press Club** meet from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest speaker Jennifer Edwards, Collier County supervisor of elections, will share an inside view of the general election process and particular challenges of this election season. Cost is \$30 for members, \$40 for others, \$10 for students. RSVP required. For more information, email rsvp@naplespressclub.org or go to naplespressclub.org.



EDWARDS

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae in of Naples, Marco Island & Bonita Springs meet for lunch at noon Monday, Oct. 10, at Bayside in The Village on Venetian Bay. RSVP by Oct. 6 by calling Betsy Penzo at 404-3075 or emailing penzob@aol.com.

■ **The Naples Orchid Society** welcomes members and guests to meetings on the first Thursday of the month at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The next meeting is Oct. 6. Guest speaker Roy Tokunaga of H&R Nurseries in Hawaii will discuss the genus dendrobium and will have plants for sale before and after the meeting. The church is at 791 Harbour Drive. 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. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Eastern Airlines Silverliners of Southwest Florida**, a philanthropic organization of former flight attendants, welcomes all former and present flight attendants from Eastern Airlines as well as other airlines to join the chapter. The next luncheon meeting takes place at noon Saturday, Oct. 8, at DeRomo's Gourmet Restaurant at the Promenade in Bonita Springs. Reservations are required by Oct. 5. Call Darlene Hall Follese at 495-9741 or email jdfollese@comcast.net.

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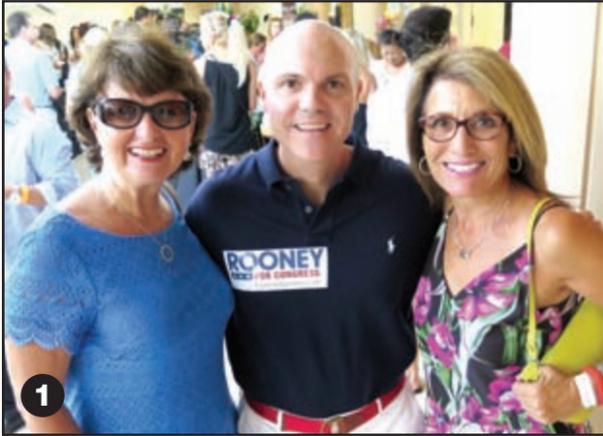
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CUISINE NEWS



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■ **Delicious Raw Juice Bar** is rolling out a food menu with dishes remaining true to the store's focus on fresh and health-conscious. Customers can fill up on open-faced sandwiches, wraps, soups and salads that are largely gluten-free. The offerings will rotate regularly and include a mixture of made-to-order and grab-and-go specialties. For more information, visit delraw.com.

■ **Whole Foods** hosts a sushi-making class courtesy of Genji Sushi from 5-6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30. \$25, includes ingredients, saki tasting, sushi mat and booklet. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

■ **Paradise Wine** has introduced a four-tier membership club where customers can receive between two and six bottles a month and also enjoy private tastings with a sommelier, preferential reservations to wine dinners, priority reservations in the lounge and store discounts. \$50-\$700 per month. 860-7637 or paradisewinellc.com.

■ **Naples Art Association** kicks off its monthly **Dinner with the Artists** series pairing local artists and chefs to create magical culinary experiences at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, with Zendooodles artist Mario Vitale and Chef Amber Phillips of Sage Catering. \$100. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

■ **La Moraga** hosts its second annual **Pink Celebrity Bartender Night** to benefit the Susan G. Komen Foundation from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13. Sports columnist and ESPN Radio host David Moulton will preside over the festivities while guest bartenders sling cocktails. Participating barkeeps include Crave Culinaire's Brian Rolan, Pyure Brands CEO Benjamin Fleischer, Social Connect CEO Batya Haman, SuperBowl winner with the St. Louis Rams Tom Nutten, hairstylists Sashy and Stephi, Clive Daniel Home interior designer Wilfredo Emmanuel and former NFL player Winston Justice. \$25, includes welcome drink and a selection of tapas. Tickets can be purchased at pickcelebrity.eventbrite.com. Call 331-3669 for more information.

■ **Paws off the table!** Pups and their people are invited to bring their best manners to **Humane Society Naples'** second annual Bow Wow Brunch hosted by the organization's young professional's group, the Pawfessionals, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 16, at The Continental.

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cocktail samples, brunch, live entertainment and raffles. The Cuban-themed menu has items such as shrimp, mango and avocado salad; achiote- and citrus-marinated pork shoulder; frittatas with potatoes, queso fresco and sofrito; guava and cream cheese turnovers; and Cuban milkshakes. Cocktail offerings include mojitos, papa dobles and Cuban rum ponche. \$35. Reservations required. 643-1555 or hsnaples.org.

■ **Naples Originals** hosts its second annual **Foodie Camp**, a series of 90-minute cooking classes led by area chefs in local restaurants, Monday through Thursday, Oct. 17-27. Classes from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. are \$50, and sessions from 5:30-7 p.m. are \$60. Admission includes instruction, small plates, wine and takeaways. 435-3938 or foodiecampnaples.com.

■ **Mercato and Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southwest Florida**

present the fifth annual **Brew-Ha-Ha** craft beer festival from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22. With an emphasis on Florida beers, organizers are supplying more than 60 craft brews. A stein-holding contest, silent raffles and live entertainment by Rocking Horse will add to the fun. \$35-\$60. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

■ If moderation isn't your thing when it comes to chocolate, you won't want to miss **Project HELP's 20th annual Chocolate Extravaganza** from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at Hodges University. The menu promises to assuage every sweet tooth with chocolate tortes and petit fours to eclairs and chocolate martinis. Savory hors d'oeuvres such as crab-stuffed mushrooms, cilantro lime shrimp and seared pork dumplings will also be plentiful. \$95, to support Project HELP's services to sexual-assault and trauma victims in Collier County. 262-7227 or projecthelpnaples.org.

■ **Bleu Provence** presents "The Naples Grand Prix," a seven-course dinner, from 6-10 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7. Guests will step back in time to 1957 and the heyday of France's signature racing event. Dishes prepared by Executive Chef Lysielle Cariot will be paired with wines selected by sommelier Jacque Cariot. \$350, with proceeds to benefit The James Beard Foundation. 1234 Eighth St. S. 261-8239 or bleuprovenancenaples.com. ■

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A few samples arrived the other day from the Judge Palmer Wine Company. The bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon reading "Beckstoffer Georges III vineyard" got my attention big time. Andy Beckstoffer is probably the most famous grape grower in America, selling fruit only to the highest-quality winemakers at a price per ton that would make your eyes pop.

I had to find out how the owners of this winery, which I'd never heard of, could convince Mr. Beckstoffer to sell them any of his precious grapes, so I called them up and spoke to Palmer Emmitt, one of the principals. Turns out Mr. Emmitt and Beckstoffer go way back, and that helps.

"My journey into wine was a long and winding road," Mr. Emmitt recalls. His father was a collector of Bordeaux and Napa Cabernets, but the first wine he was drawn to was a Pinot Noir from Oregon.

Later on, while living in San Francisco, he met winemaker Michael Scorsone, who is now his business partner.

"Michael was working as an assistant winemaker at Failla, making absolutely stunning Sonoma Coast Pinot Noirs, and amazing Syrah and Chardonnay," he told me. "He let me taste them from the barrel."

That was all it took.

Mr. Emmitt quit his job and moved to Sonoma.

Wine was in the Scorsone family's blood. "My father was born in Sicily," Mr. Scorsone told me. "He would make wine in the garage when I was growing up and serve it to me mixed with 7-Up."

The younger Mr. Scorsone went to the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y., where he really caught the wine bug. Working a few harvests in Valpolicella, Italy, and New Zealand rounded out his education.

He and Mr. Emmitt teamed up in 2011.

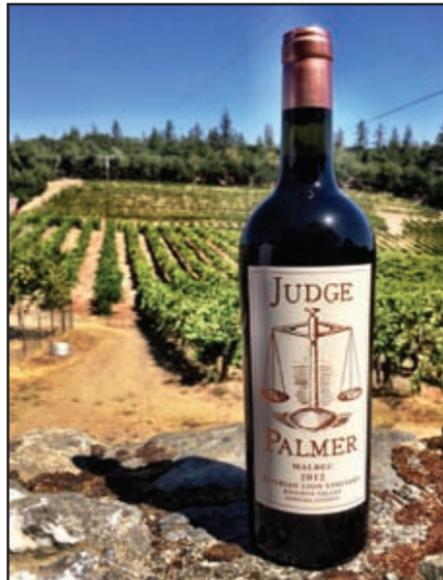
"We wanted to make wines that we want to drink," Mr. Emmitt said. "They should be authentic and reflect the place where they are grown."

Mr. Scorsone believes the winemaker's job is to get the grapes from the vine to the bottle with as little manipulation as possible. "Our mantra in the winery is, 'Do less,'" he said. "It's not any sort of winemaking doctrine like organic or biodynamic. It's just what we think is the best wine possible from each lot."

The partners named the winery in honor of Mr. Emmitt's grandfather, who was a judge in the California Gold Rush town of Placerville.

"We thought there was something very fitting about the parallel between what a judge does in a courtroom and what we think the winemaker's role should be in the winery," he mused. "You need the knowledge and expertise to understand everything that happens, but the restraint to ensure that you don't interfere unnecessarily or impart too much bias." He calls it "wine justice."

In my sampling, I discovered that the



Vintage Select 2012 (\$40) - A blend of lots from several vineyards, this wine shows the results of spending 24 months in mostly new French oak barrels. The fruit aromas are big and bold, with chocolate and smoke flavors on the palate. I'd give this one a little more time. WW 92.

■ Judge Palmer Cabernet Sauvignon 2012 Beckstoffer Georges III Vineyard (\$115) - This is the big wine I mentioned at the start of this column. Dark garnet in the glass, huge perfume on the nose and silky smooth on the palate. With brown leather, cinnamon, brioche and big black fruit throughout, it shows what a good winemaker can do with great fruit. WW 95.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

Q: I recently heard of a bug that attacks vineyards and kills the vines. Can you tell me what it is?

— Julian K., Estero

A: Unfortunately, grapevines have many enemies, including ones with four, six and eight legs. One of the worst is Pierce's Disease, which is spread by an insect intriguingly named the "glassy-winged sharpshooter." The disease interferes with the flow of water throughout the vines, scorches the leaves and kills the plant. ■

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partners do justice to the prized Beckstoffer fruit, as well as to the grapes they source from other growers.

As a small winery, they don't have extensive distribution, but joining the wine club at judgepalmer.com offers significant discounts on all their offerings. Try them, and judge them with a jury of your peers.

■ Judge Palmer 2012 Malbec Bavarian Lion Vineyard (\$45) - Deep chocolate, cassis and mineral aromas on the nose with black plum flavors accented with tobacco, smoke, chocolate and a nice long finish. WW 91.

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Fusion food still distinguishes A Table Apart



Dining on restaurant-rich Bonita Beach Road during season can be a fool's errand unless you plan ahead and are able to secure reservations. With that time of year approaching quickly, and with many restaurants reopening after a summer break, this is a good time to revisit some of the thoroughfare's better establishments.

This might be the only month of the year you can risk walking into A Table Apart, for instance, without booking a table ahead. (Nevertheless, I didn't take that risk.) Chef-owner Jeff Acol reopened his cozy little place Sept. 1, and we haven't reviewed it since 2011 so I jumped at the chance to revisit.

The Hawaiian chef and his French wife, Jessica, opened A Table Apart in 2008 after working at a number of resort restaurants here and elsewhere. They are committed to serving only sustainable seafood and naturally raised meats, but that's only one of the characteristics that set them apart. Like their marriage, their menu reflects a union of diverse influences, blending cuisines, flavors and techniques in uncommon ways.

An appetizer of escargot (\$12) serves as a perfect microcosm of their philosophy. Any other restaurant, you'd expect to have it swimming in garlic butter or baked in puff pastry with cream. Inspired by Philippine adobo, Chef Acol tenderly sautés his snails in coconut milk seasoned with vinegar and soy sauce, with hints of kaffir lime. The resulting broth is a little sweet, a little tangy, a little salty — 100 percent delicious.

The culinary commingling continues with Hawaiian tea-braised pork tucked into Mexican quesadillas, fried whole snapper over soba noodles, and mac and cheese amped up with blue crab and truffle essence. For the time being, you can take advantage of a three-course prix-fixe sampling of the menu for \$32-\$39.

From the ample wine list, we sipped glasses of Woop Woop Shiraz (\$10) and Farmlands Pinot Noir (\$13), an excellent Willamette Valley product for the price. At \$39, the bottle price shows that A Table Apart does not triple or quadruple the prices of its wines like most restaurants do; Farmlands retails for about \$20.

It wasn't too difficult to narrow down the first-course selections because the pommes frites (\$9) are a must, whether



Escargot is served in a coconut milk broth with grilled eggplant salad. DREW STERWALD / FLORIDA WEEKLY



Pan-seared triple tail is perched on top of grilled asparagus and steamed rice.



Pommes frites are tossed with Parmesan, fresh herbs and truffle oil.



Lilikoi cheesecake (that's passion fruit) is a nod to Chef Jeff Acol's Hawaiian heritage.



House-smoked blue cheese tops a flatiron steak.

or not you order them laced with truffle oil for a buck extra. I have munched on French fries high and low and have never had any better than A Table Apart's. The crisp batons are tossed with grated Parmesan and fresh herbs such as rosemary and parsley. The truffle oil does not overwhelm the fries with its funky flavor either.

The aforementioned escargot was our other starter this time, but from previous visits I can also recommend the mussels with chorizo and the kalua pig quesadilla. The snails were paired with a delicious salad of grilled eggplant, red peppers and scallions and served with thin slices of toasted bread. Mr. Acol's rendition just might change the way you think about escargot.

As we savored our quickly served and quickly consumed appetizers, mourning the last of those pommes frites, we enjoyed the charming Hawaiian guitar music playing in the background. With faux banana trees and fish-themed artwork on the golden faux-finished walls, A Table Apart creates an Asian-Pacific island ambience without overdoing it. (We were willing to linger long into the evening in this setting, but the super-efficient staff kept the food arriving so quickly that we were done and on our way in less than 90 minutes.)

For the main course, the menu is subdivided into Earth, Water and "Jeff Turned Giuseppe" — a few token Italian dishes such as rigatoni alla Bolognese.

From Earth-bound entrees, we selected a flatiron steak crusted with house-smoked blue cheese (\$29). As it tends to be, the shoulder-cut flatiron is a bit tougher than more premium cuts, but it's no slouch when it comes to flavor. The steak was perfectly cooked medium-rare, and the cheese added a pleasing smoky, salty note. We also liked the balsamic tomato sauce on the side, a sort of gourmet twist on ketchup. Even the mashed potatoes were perfection: smooth and buttery, without competing with the main attraction on the plate.

From the Water section of the menu, the triple tail (\$35) was equally satisfying. The thick fillet was remarkably moist, with huge flakes of pearly flesh topped with an Asian aioli. Citrus beurre blanc sprinkled with black sesame seeds added a tangy and colorful counterpoint to the sweet, juicy fish. Perfectly grilled asparagus and steamed white rice completed the plate.

If you are tempted to forego dessert, don't. The Okinawan sweet potato pie (\$8) is not to be missed. The pretty purple potato filling is topped with a firm coconut milk pudding and based on a shortbread macadamia nut crust. The lilikoi cheesecake (\$8) has passion fruit in the filling and drizzled with a syrup on top; the tart golden fruit is a perfect foil for the richness of cheesecake, it turns out.

From appetizers to entrees to dessert, there's something in every course that sets A Table Apart apart. ■

in the know

A Table Apart

4295 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 221-8540

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★

- >> **Hours:** 5-9 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday
- >> **Reservations:** Recommended
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
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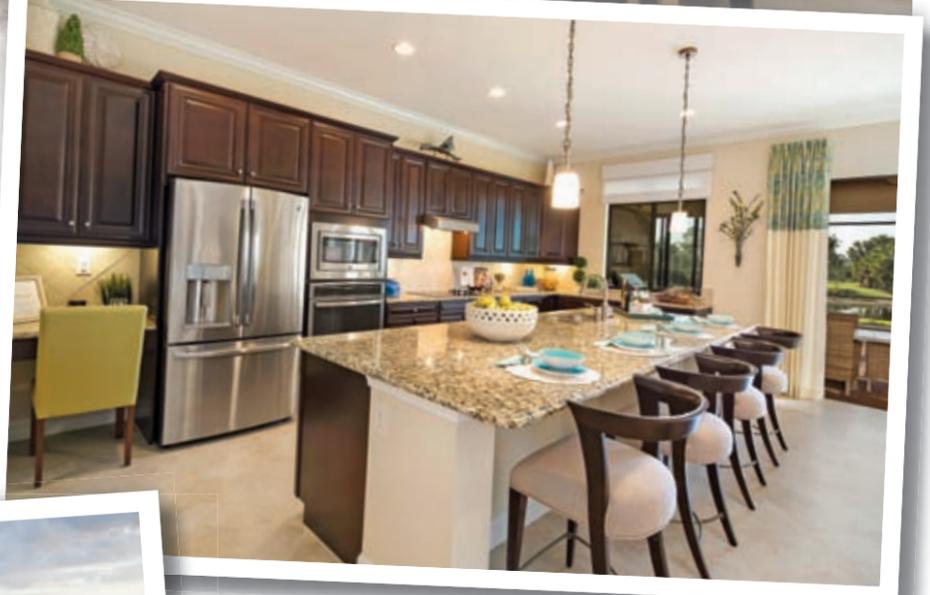
Golf course, preserve, and water views, home sites measuring 52-feet wide and 145-feet deep or deeper, and six floor plans ranging from 1,850 to 2,828 square feet priced from the high \$400's to the low-\$600's continue to drive sales in Lennar Corporation's Kinross neighborhood at TwinEagles. Kinross presents a final opportunity to purchase a single-family home in TwinEagles at the high \$400's to the low-\$600's price point. Two furnished models are open for viewing and 32 buildable home sites remain available. Seven unfurnished, move-in ready homes are available, three of which are completed and the remainder of which will be completed and available for occupancy by late January or early February.

Base pricing for the Kinross floor plans includes a caged heated pool and spa, a summer kitchen with a refrigerator, a paved pool deck, lanai and driveway, wood ceilings on the lanai, crown moldings in the living areas and owner's bedroom, and additional features.

Lennar's Angelina floor plan offers 2,061 square feet with a great room, island kitchen, formal dining room, two bedrooms, a den or third bedroom, two full baths, and a two-car garage. The great room and owner's bedroom open to a covered lanai. Coffered ceiling details are featured in the great room, dining room, and owner's bedroom. The Angelina plan is base-priced at \$543,094. An Angelina model is open for viewing and unfurnished Angelina residences are available for purchase.

The Angelina model showcases an interior design by Robb & Stucky's Tricia Lynch and Cynthia Bradford, ASID. Their neutral color palette includes whites, creams, and beige with splashes of blue. Flooring throughout the living areas is beige 20 x 20-inch porcelain tile while the den features hardwood and the bedrooms are carpeted. A custom built-in in the great room functions as the entertainment center while providing storage and display space. The dining room's custom built-in provides an attractive shelving unit. Hand-scraped espresso hardwood flooring in the den is offset by beige walls. The kitchen's island provides a

Above: Lennar Corporation's Maria model is one of two furnished model residences open for viewing in TwinEagles' new Kinross neighborhood. Completed unfurnished residences are available for immediate move-in. Right: The Angelina floor plan in Kinross at TwinEagles is base-priced at \$543,094. An Angelina model is open for viewing and unfurnished Angelina residences are available for purchase. Below: A golf membership is included with the purchase of every newly constructed home in TwinEagles.



gathering spot with four stools in dark wood and creamy upholstered seats. The cabinetry is dark cherry with clean-lined hardware. Granite counters feature mellow gold tones. The covered lanai's summer kitchen features cabinetry and countertops matching the kitchen. A dining area includes a table in a driftwood tone paired with six chairs in a wicker finish.

The 2,247 square foot Maria plan includes a great room and island kitchen, a spacious dining area, three bedrooms, a den or fourth bedroom, three full baths, a covered lanai off the great room and owner's bedroom, and a two-car garage. Coffered ceiling details are featured in the great room, dining area, and owner's bedroom. The Maria floor plan is base-priced at \$558,094. A furnished Maria model is open for viewing and unfurnished Maria residences are available for purchase. The Maria showcases an interior by Baer's Furniture's Janet Graham, ASID. Her design blends contemporary flair with traditional straight lines. The

color palette includes muted grays with fabrics that blend creams and aquas. Flooring throughout the living areas is 20 x 20-inch neutral porcelain tile. Ceiling details and custom built-ins add to the look. Espresso

wood flooring in the den blends perfectly with an espresso-toned custom built-in topped with a gray granite counter. A hallway sweeps past the den to a space that combines the dining area, great room and kitchen. In the dining area, a glass-topped table seats eight. In the kitchen, extensive perimeter cabinetry features a creamy linen finish with raised panel doors. The countertop is executed in a granite with swirling splashes of grays and creams. The same material is used for a 4-inch backsplash. On the lanai, an oversized wicker coffee table in a deep espresso finish is accompanied by eight chairs with aqua upholstered cushions. The outdoor kitchen features cabinetry with a built-in grill. The countertop is executed in granite with a decorative backsplash. A soft color palette of silver, gold, cream, and blue bathes the owner's bedroom in a serene and tranquil atmosphere. In the owner's bathroom, the vanity cabinetry and granite match the kitchen while porcelain tile extends along the tub deck and into the shower.

Lennar's Catalina plan is base-priced at \$643,094 and offers 2,828 square feet under air with a large great room, bonus room, owner's suite and three guest bedrooms, four baths, an island kitchen, covered lanai, and a two-car garage. The plan is suited to entertaining as well as hosting out of town guests. Base-priced at \$532,094, the 2,246 square feet under air Isabella great room plan includes three bedrooms and a den or fourth bedroom, two full baths, a formal dining area, an island kitchen with a raised bar and bar seating and a lanai with an outdoor kitchen, as well as dining and conversation areas. Unfurnished Isabella residences are available for purchase.

The Sophia floor plan takes full advantage of TwinEagles' captivating natural setting. The 2,032 square feet under air Sophia plan is base-priced at \$522,094 and includes a large great room, an owner's suite and three guest bedrooms, three baths, an island kitchen, a covered lanai, and a two-car garage. Lennar has included a two-car courtyard garage with its Victoria floor plan base-priced at \$510,094. The 1,850 square feet under air plan offers a great room and island kitchen, two bedrooms, a den, two baths, and a covered lanai. Unfurnished Victoria residences are available for purchase.

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Kalea Bay's first tower reaches penthouse floor Clubhouse also under construction

Kalea Bay, a gated, resort-life-style community located on Vanderbilt Drive in North Naples, has set a new standard for luxury residential high-rise living.

The incredibly-designed residences at Kalea Bay, combined with spectacular views of the Gulf of Mexico, the Coghatchee River and a pristine nature preserve, have propelled the community to become one of the hottest-selling properties this year.

"As of mid-September, the construction on our first tower reached the penthouse floor," stated Inga Wilson, Kalea Bay's Vice President of Sales & Marketing.

The 22-story tower, with 120 residences, will have 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

"From my office in the sales center I can observe the construction progress on a daily basis," said Wilson. "It's not only exciting for me, but also for those who've already purchased and even the visitors who have come to the sales center for the first time."

Six floor plans are available at Kalea Bay with prices currently starting at \$1.3 million.

Residences 1 and 6 are 4-bedroom/4-bath plans with 3,755 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5, with three-bedrooms plus den and three-and-a-half baths, have 3,835 total square feet while residences 3 and 4 are four-bedroom/four-bath plans with 3,921 total square feet.

All residents of Kalea Bay will revel in gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence, 9-foot, 2-inch ceilings in living areas, and wood floors throughout.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, Downsview cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island.

"Our kitchens feature an open design we call lifestyle designs that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for today's hosts and hostesses," said Wilson. "The layout of the kitchen can be experienced firsthand through a replica of one in our sales center."

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"All master suites, kitchens and main living areas have direct views to the water and preserve," stated Wilson. "That means all of our residents have front row seats for our spectacular sunsets."

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features.

Wilson says dramatic views are available to every single resident, not matter which floor they live on.

"That's because the tower's amenities are located on the rooftop," explained Wilson. "That includes our sky lounge, a dramatic pool and the open-air fitness center."

From the rooftop, residents can enjoy daily views of the Gulf of Mexico, the nature preserves and two beaches ranked among the best in the United States.

"Those beaches include Barefoot Beach Preserve Park, which was ranked #2 nationally in 2015, and Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park, which was ranked



Above: The 22-story tower at Kalea Bay has 120 residences. **Left:** The 88,000-square-foot clubhouse features three separate pools, a deck bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant and an Internet cafe.



Kalea Bay residences have open floor plans with 9-foot high ceilings. Kalea Bay's first tower was designed with rooftop amenities, including a sky lounge, spectacular pool and open-air fitness center. All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico.

#9," said Wilson.

The first residential high-rise tower at Kalea Bay will be completed in the summer of next year. However, it won't be the only building on-site to reach that milestone.

"Currently, Kalea Bay's community clubhouse area is also under construction and slated to be completed around the same timeframe," said Wilson. "Our clubhouse area will be the social and recreational centerpiece of the community."

Kalea Bay's 88,000-square-foot clubhouse is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance. It 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 vis-



its here," said Wilson. "Expansive sun decks with lounge chairs and native, tropical plants will 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. "There will also be a shuttle service, originating from the clubhouse, to the beach."

For more information regarding Kalea Bay visit the on-site sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, just north of Wiggins Pass Road at 13910 Old Coast Road in North Naples. Additional information is available by calling (239) 793-0110 or online at KaleaBay.com. ■

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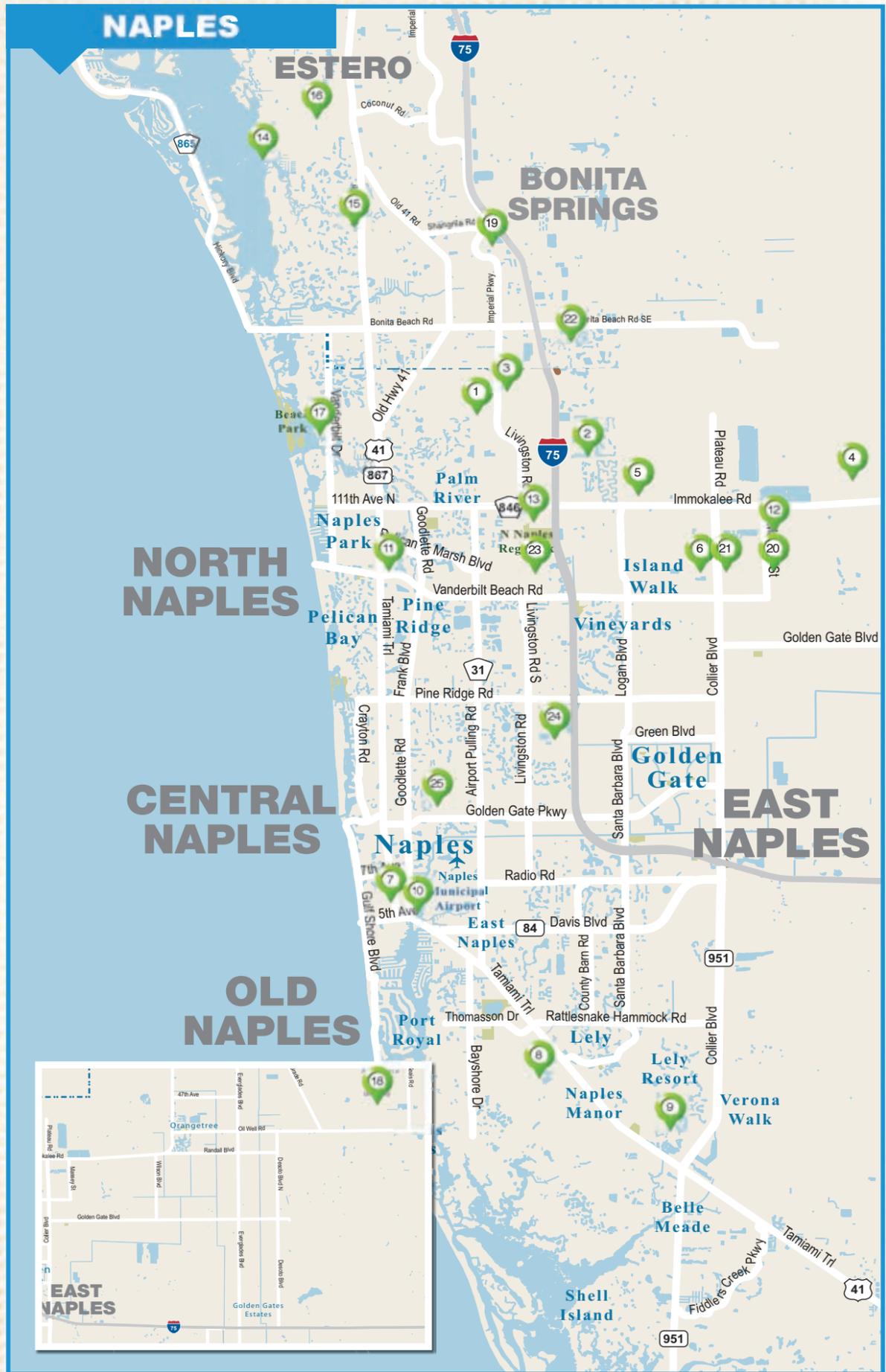


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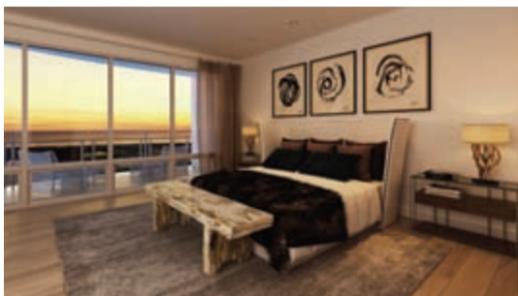
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After 15 years, Stock continues to transform SWFL luxury market

Since its humble beginning 15 years ago, Stock Development has completed over 4,000 homes in Southwest Florida. In the process, it has transformed gated golf course communities and neighborhoods throughout the region into cherished destinations for homebuyers from all over the world. Repeatedly acknowledged for the quality of its residences, Stock has been nationally ranked in Builder Magazine's BUILDER 100 for four consecutive years and was recently recognized as the Best Residential Builder in Gulfshore Business Magazine's 2016 Best of Business Awards.

Stock Development and its luxury homebuilding division, Stock Signature Homes, continue to expand their reach in the luxury home market from Marco Island north to Bradenton. The expansion includes homes in The Concession, Lakewood Ranch, Bay Woods at Bonita Bay, Babcock Ranch, Naples Reserve, communities in Collier and Lee counties by Stock Development, Estuary at Grey Oaks, TwinEagles, The Isles of Collier Preserve, the Park Shore and Pine Ridge neighborhoods, on Marco Island, and in Palm Beach.

Stock's success is predicated on maintaining a readily available supply of homes designed to meet the preferences of luxury homebuyers. Thoughtfully crafted homes include open concept living areas, expansive gourmet kitchens, finishes that convey a refined yet casual elegance, and large outdoor living areas with fire and water features, custom pools and spas, summer kitchens and multiple gathering spaces.

A completed Caribbean style home at 3750 Fountainhead Lane in Park Shore includes richly finished exterior details. Priced at \$3,795,000 with furnishings, the 4,189 square feet two-story model features an interior by Clive Daniel Home's Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen. Their design presents coastal flair with a clean, elegant edge that conveys timeless classical styling. The coastal influence is evident in their color palette of aquas and seaglass balanced against neutral backgrounds. Wide plank wire-brushed white oak flooring presents a relaxed seaside ambiance.

Scheduled for completion in January, the 4,189 square feet Astoria III residence at 675 Anchor Road is priced at \$3,895,000 with furnishings and is ideally suited to the Naples lifestyle. The living areas include a great room with a fireplace, a gourmet island kitchen, walk-in wine room, formal dining room, study, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths, an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa, a one-car garage, and a two-car garage. Soco Interiors' Charlotte Horvath is creating a transitional design that will provide a comfortable ambiance. Her palette will include whites, warm neutrals, soft greys, and rich browns. Sophisticated, edgy accents will convey contemporary influences. Flooring in the living areas will be a light, Serpenggianto polished porcelain tile.

Slated for completion in late second quarter, 2017, and priced at \$3,895,000, the 4,189 square feet Astoria IV furnished model at 3050 Crayton Road is suited to a luxurious indoor/outdoor lifestyle. The living areas include a great room with a fireplace, a gourmet island kitchen, walk-in wine room, formal din-



Above: Priced at \$3,795,000 with furnishings, Stock Signature Homes' completed 4,189 square feet two-story furnished model at 3750 Fountainhead Lane in Park Shore features an interior by Clive Daniel Home's Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen.

Left: After selling its 7,713 square feet Neapolitan estate model in Estuary at Grey Oaks for \$7 million less than 90 days after completion, Stock is building its 7,019 square feet Aqualane estate model in Estuary that is priced at \$7,295,000 fully-furnished and scheduled for completion in January. **Below:** Stock Signature Homes has started construction of its 3,903 square feet, two-story furnished Polynesia model on Marco Island. The Polynesia will feature an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore. Pricing will be determined as construction progresses.

ing room, study, four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths, a pool bath, a one-car garage, and a two-car garage. The outdoor living area includes a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa. The Astoria IV will showcase an interior by Meredith Summersgill, Senior Designer at Soco Interiors.

After selling its 7,713 square feet Neapolitan estate model in Estuary at Grey Oaks for \$7 million less than 90 days after completion, Stock is building its 7,019 square feet two-story Aqualane estate model in Estuary. The plan includes inviting spaces ideal for entertaining. Scheduled for completion in January, and priced at \$7,295,000 fully-furnished, the Aqualane will feature an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore and Natalie Kibler. The coastal contemporary resort-style home's grand parlour will include a fireplace. The living areas will feature a grand room and kitchen that open to an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, dining area, and a conversation area with a see-through fireplace. Also included will be a formal dining room, wet bar, butler's pantry, club room, study, five bedrooms, five full baths, two half-baths, an owner's garage, and a three-car garage.

Stock is nearing completion of furnished models in Pine Ridge Estates

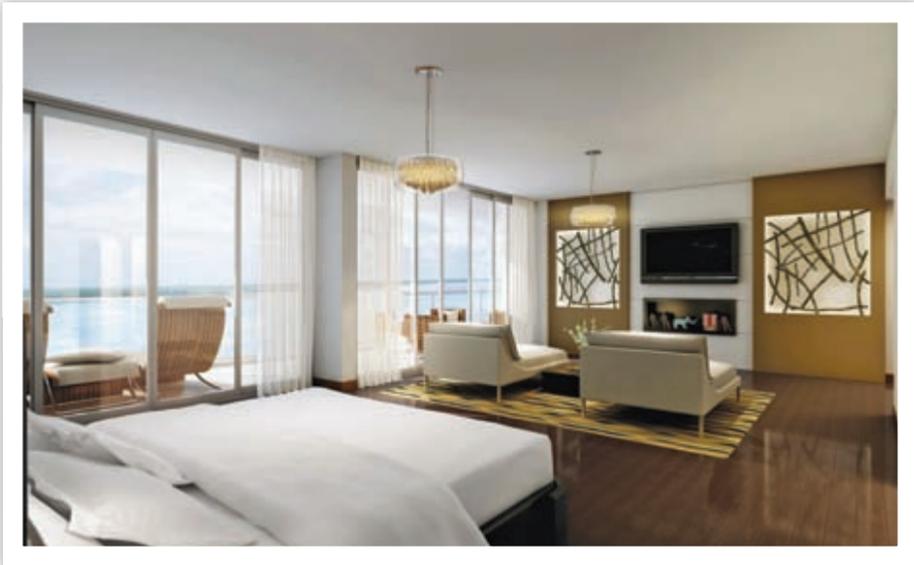


in North Naples that feature its 4,369 square feet Clairborne II floor plan. The great room plan offers an additional 1,084 square feet of covered lanai space and features a formal dining room, gourmet island kitchen, study, exercise room, three bedrooms plus a VIP suite, three-and-a-half baths plus a pool bath, and two two-car garages. The model will include a fireplace and outdoor kitchen on the lanai and a pool and spa. Priced at \$3,795,000 furnished, the Clairborne II at 392 West Street is scheduled for completion in January and will showcase a coastal contemporary interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore. The second Clairborne II is located at 186 North Street and scheduled for completion in February. Priced at \$3,895,000, the model will feature a coastal interior by Vogue Interiors' Sheila Corasaniti, IDS.

Stock Signature Homes has started construction of its 3,903 square feet, two-story furnished Polynesia model on Marco Island. The Polynesia will feature an interior by Soco Interiors' Daniel Kilgore. The open concept plan includes a great room, dining area, and island kitchen, a study, four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths, an upstairs loft, a three-car garage, and an outdoor living area with a summer kitchen, fireplace, pool and spa. Kilgore is creating a relaxed transitional design with subtle references to Old Florida style. Pricing will be determined as construction progresses.

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Buyers at ALLURE are drawn to the new condominium for its prime waterfront location, its design and finishes, and its competitive prices



Buyers at ALLURE, the new, luxury, 32-story condominium to be built on the Caloosahatchee River in Historic Downtown Fort Myers, are touting the development's prime location and the tremendous value it offers residents looking for desirable waterfront living in a brand, new condominium.

Andy Heygate is a buyer at ALLURE who says that he was attracted to the development for several reasons. "This is the first tower to be built in the historic downtown since 2008 and the location on the river is ideal," says Heygate. "When complete, Allure will be the new benchmark of luxury condo living in downtown," he says, adding that he was also pleased with the high-quality, contemporary finishes in beautifully-appointed residences.

"Downtown is a very exciting place with a great selection of restaurants and businesses, and eventually a new hotel," says Heygate who was also impressed with the project because it is being developed by a well-known, experienced builder from Miami.

Finally, Heygate, who is a Realtor and specializes in new developments in Southwest Florida, chose to purchase at ALLURE because of the excellent value it offers buyers. "The price per square foot is well below other towers being

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1-866-657-2300

LEHIGH ACRES



Lehigh 2/1 w/Den & Fenced Yard
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Premium Waterfront - Palaco Grande Area of Cape
Opportunities like this for direct (900 ft to the River), Gulf Access property do not come along very often.
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800FM015780.
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Ski, Lake, Gulf Access, Gated! Wow!
Gorgeous 4/3/3 in beautiful gated community. Enjoy tennis, jet skiing, sailing, and more! Upgraded kitchen and more.
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800CC016561.
1-866-657-2300

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Great South Spreader Canal Location
Sunny southern exposure. 2,744 sqft living space. Home is just a stones throw from Cape Harbor. Tile roof.
\$759,900
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Tropical Paradise on Edgewater Lake
2 bed 2 bath, 200' of lake front, w access to Charlotte Harbor. Located on a cul-de-sac.
\$650,000
800CH216378.
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Finest Condo Community on River
WOW. Completely remodeled, extensive granite, stunning sunrise and sunset Built in 2006 with over 2100 sqft.
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1-866-657-2300

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10 Acres of Country Charm
This beautiful property and old Florida style home is perfect for horse lovers and gentleman farmers.
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Gulf Access, 3 Lot Site
2500+ sqft home has 2 master bedrooms! Custom built w/110ft of waterfront & southern exposure. Room for all!
\$595,000
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CAPE CORAL



Exquisite Gulf Access Pool Home
This gorgeous 2 story home offers 2251 sqft of paradise living with 3 bed 3 bath 3 car garage + bonus room!
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