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Some pretty
good jokes
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MAKE THEM LAUGH

THE BEST JOKES IN
SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

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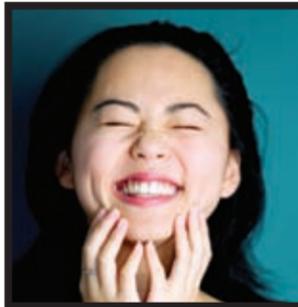
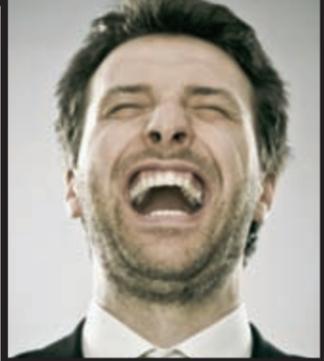
AS HE DEPARTED THIS LIFE, SIR DONALD Wolfit, a zesty British thespian, is said to have pulled a protégé close and uttered these now famous words: “Dying is easy; comedy is hard.”

Whether Sir Donald actually made this marvelous deathbed utterance is a matter of some debate, but for our purposes, it is of little consequence where or from whom it originated, for it is beyond dispute that comedy — the art of making another person laugh — is excruciatingly difficult.

The primary means of eliciting a laugh is through the telling of a joke. As most of us learned long ago, a joke is only as good as the person conveying it. We all know people who can tell a perfectly rotten joke and bring the house down, while others can mangle the funniest of tales, leaving their audience stone-faced and staring at their shoes.

But virtually all of us are irresistibly drawn to jokes. We love to laugh and to make others

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Lucky dogs

Canines and their companions enjoy Yappy Hour at The Dock, and more fun things around town. C23, 24 & 25 ►



‘Pier Pressure’

Sweet Art Gallery showcases local landmarks. C1 ►



He saw the future

Wesley Downing was a Naples pioneer who recognized great thing. A10 ►



Repo man

A once-lucrative business has tailed off recently. B1 ►

Film festival opening set for the Phil

FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF REPORT

The inaugural Naples International Film Festival will open with a Hollywood-style, red carpet gala Thursday, Nov. 5, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The announcement was made last week by festival founders Eric Raddatz, Dan Linehan and Rowan Samuel.

The black-tie evening will include an independent film premiere along with

additional entertainment and the chance to mix and mingle with directors, producers and stars from the indie films that will be featured at the three-day festival.

“We’re so excited to be partnering with Myra (Daniels, president and CEO of the Phil) and the Phil,” Mr. Raddatz, executive director, says. “We have an ongoing somewhat insatiable desire to vitalize the local

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The Naples International Film Festival opening night gala will take place Nov. 5 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

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