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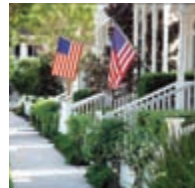
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NEW URBANISM

THE ANTI-SPRAWL MOVEMENT — WHERE SWFL IS HEADED

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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THIRTY YEARS AGO, A MAN FROM FLORIDA and his west coast colleague came to the realization they had a common enemy, explained urban design professor Ellen Dunham-Jones on a scratchy cell phone, while driving through Georgia last week.

The nemesis: suburbia. Cue the creepy soundtrack. Images of residential sprawl and congested highways fill a movie screen. Fade to close-ups of early 1980s teenagers parked next to each other at a drive-through diner. A girl rolls down her window and asks flirtatiously, "What exit are you from?"

The now-gray superheroes in this version of the story are Miami architect and planner Andres Duany and his Berkley, Calif., counterpart, Peter Calthorpe. They and like-minded town planners,

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◀ *A rendering of a New Urbanist town square that could become reality in Lee County.*



DOVER, KOHL & PARTNERS

Plan would open 56 state parks for camping

BY BILL CORNWELL

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For the second time in just months, Gov. Rick Scott has created a furor involving Florida state parks.

The earlier firestorm involved a proposal to build world-class golf courses and luxury resorts in some state parks (with golfing legend Jack Nicklaus awarded exclusive rights to build the courses).

That plan died after it sparked widespread public opposition.

This time, the controversy involves a proposal to place campsites and spaces for recreational vehicles in up to 56 state parks that currently prohibit such usage.

Four state parks in Southwest Florida are on the list for possible camping expansion: Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park in Collier County, Estero Bay Preserve State Park and Lovers Key State

Park in Lee County, and Charlotte Harbor Preserve State Park in Charlotte County.

The state Department of Environmental Protection first will hold hearings on the proposal as it would affect three parks, all of which are outside of Southwest Florida. There are no imminent plans involving the local recreational areas.

And if opponents have their way, the

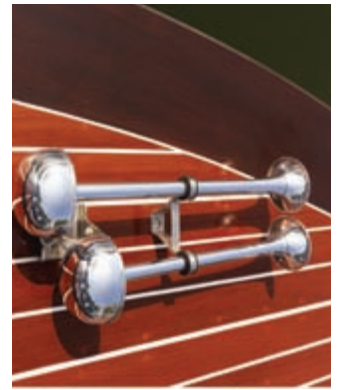
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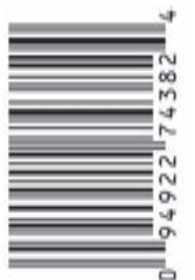


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COMMENTARY

Living in the gutter

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It was a tragedy.

There had been a downpour. From a kitchen window, a mother watched her 4-year-old son at play in the waterlogged front yard. The child moved perilously close to a drainage ditch that, in the clichéd world of journalism, was “rain-swollen.”

The mother called out. The child did not hear. The mother dashed from the house to fetch her son, who stood on the lip of what had become a rushing river of mud and debris.

She was about five seconds late.

The soggy embankment gave way, and the little boy was gone. Just like that. The mother was so close. Their hands brushed as he disappeared beneath the brown waters. His body was found two miles downstream, entangled in a nest of water moccasins.

A cub reporter for a small-town daily, I was dispatched to the scene. The final words from my managing editor as I left the newsroom were: “Get quotes from the mother.”

I spent about an hour interviewing cops, neighbors and family friends who stood vigil in the front yard. When I had exhausted every angle, I knew it was time to do what I dreaded most: walk the 20 yards or so to the front door, knock upon it and request an interview with a woman who had just seen her child pass from her life forever.

My legs literally trembled as I approached

that door. As I drew back my fist to knock, my muscles froze. This I could not do.

I drove back to the newspaper in a cold sweat, plagued by two questions:

Would I be fired for not even trying to speak to the mother?

And was I cut out to be a reporter? Was I too timid, too soft to do this work?

I knew a dozen reporters who not only would have knocked on that door, they would have cajoled and blustered until either the mother talked or someone physically tossed them from the home.

Back at the office, I obliquely informed my editor that the mother wasn't available. I was not dismissed. The larger question of whether I had the right stuff to be a reporter took longer to resolve. Eventually, I decided that I did. Granted, I could not knock on the door of a heartbroken mother, but I knew I could go toe-to-toe with arrogant, corrupt politicians. Likewise, I was absolutely certain that no amount of power, wealth or physical intimidation would deter me from pursuing a story that needed telling.

Thus, I have remained a writer and a reporter and, for the most part, I have been delighted to be identified as such. Sadly, that feeling is eroding.

These are dark times for the craft of journalism. Sensationalism, voyeurism and mean-spiritedness are the coin of the realm. Grieving mothers? Hell, they are small potatoes in today's hyper-heated media world.

Recent events reinforce this notion.

I will not dwell on the coverage of the Casey Anthony case, but it has been shameful. Witless crowds whipped into frenzies generated by incendiary ques-

tions from reporters and screeching commentary laced with cries for blood fill our television screens. Rather than catalogue every sin of the Anthony affair, I'll merely point to a couple of sorry examples.

ABC News has paid Ms. Anthony more than \$200,000 for “licensing” rights involving photos and videos. That is unconscionable.

My second example requires but two words: Nancy Grace. If you don't know the mawkish Ms. Grace, count yourself as fortunate.

Another example of journalism gone awry comes from Britain, where a sordid press scandal is growing. Rupert Murdoch, the media baron whose holdings in the United States include Fox News and *The Wall Street Journal*, has shuttered the 168-year-old tabloid *News of the World* in the wake of a telephone hacking scandal, which has gone on for years.

The Canadian Broadcasting Corp. neatly summarized the mess: “The... tabloid is accused of hacking into the cell phone messages of victims ranging from missing schoolgirls to grieving families, celebrities, royals and politicians in a quest for attention-grabbing headlines.”

Back in the United States again, a recent Newsweek edition caused my flesh to crawl. The centerpiece was a ghoulish package promoted as “Diana at 50: If She Were Here Now.”

The premise was to envision what Princess Diana would be doing, saying and thinking were she living. It included doctored photographs of the late princess to give her the appearance of a 50-year-old woman. There was a mock Diana Facebook page. The “page” included imagined mes-

sages, such as this one attributed to Sarah Ferguson: “Hey, Sloane Ranger! It's been so long!!! When are we getting drinks?????”

How sad that a once-proud publication like Newsweek has descended to this level.

I'm no prig. I love to read about a rip-snorting scandal as much as the next person. Yet I am keenly aware that the line between sensationalism and vivid storytelling is often vague. But there is indeed such a line, and as a Supreme Court justice said of pornography: I can't define it, but I know it when I see it.

My favorite quote involving journalism came from the late Gerald Priestland, a respected British broadcaster.

“Journalists belong in the gutter because that is where the ruling classes throw their guilty secrets,” he said.

Mr. Priestland had it right. Sometimes, in the pursuit of truth or the greater good or just a damn good story, a journalist must dirty his hands. He must deal with unsavory characters, explore distasteful subjects and go places he would otherwise avoid.

There is a difference, however, between visiting Mr. Priestland's gutter and taking up permanent residence there, as many of my brethren have done.

I've made a lot of mistakes, and I've written things I wish I hadn't. I haven't always been true to the sanctimonious admonitions I have laid out in this column. Perfect I am not. Still, for all my foibles and failings, this I can state with assurance and pride.

I did not knock on that grieving mother's door. ■

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OPINION

An open letter to Commissioner Hiller

The following letter to Collier County Commissioner Georgia Hiller was shared by the writer for publication in Florida Weekly.

Dear Commissioner Hiller,

It has been accurately documented by the Economic Development Council and county staff that you have falsely made more than 15 public statements as "fact" regarding Arthrex's submission for Collier County expansion incentive qualification. You have attempted to discredit Arthrex, its employees and business interests and dissuade Arthrex from investing in and expanding our Collier County facilities to build essential working space for an estimated 600 critically needed new high-wage, high-tech, non-seasonal jobs for the citizens of Southwest Florida.

This is in addition to the 25 validated false statements you included in your controversial *Naples Daily News* guest commentary of June 8.

You have ceased all direct communication with me and Arthrex management for the past three months and became disinterested in learning

the facts about Arthrex's expansion after Commissioner (Jim) Coletta and county staff reached out to meet with us to offer their expansion assistance in January 2011. An attempted meeting with you at your North Collier County office to bring you up to speed and answer any questions about the proposed Ave Maria expansion resulted in a hostile attack on the Arthrex personnel, the EDC and the county staff present at the time.

Commissioner Hiller, your obsessive attempts to defeat Commissioner Coletta's re-election in District 5 by undermining Arthrex's expansion application to his district in Ave Maria and thereby sacrificing hundreds of needed jobs for our community's residents is inexcusable. As further evidence, you responded with disrespect and hostility when it was first proposed to you that Arthrex might expand in Collier County in an effort to bring a divided community together for real and positive economic diversification by Arthrex, because this effort would benefit Commissioner Coletta in his re-election campaign and you would suffer for years

on the board as a result. Additionally, you stated in a meeting of community activists held on Jan. 28, 2011, "that Arthrex should expand in Lee County instead of Collier County" over the expressed objections of some of those in attendance who strongly believed in the need for the proposed Collier County expansion.

These witnessed and documented facts have more than disqualified you as a trustworthy representative of your constituents in District 2, which includes Arthrex and its more than 1,000 employees and their families. It is quite clear you are willing to sacrifice the best interests of your constituents in the pursuit of your personal political agenda.

Commissioner Hiller, please begin professionally representing the best interests and employment needs of the citizens of Collier County or resign immediately from the Board of County Commissioners before you cause further irreparable harm to our community. ■

*Reinhold Schmieding
Founder and president, Arthrex*

Despite attacks, WikiLeaks won't wave white flag



It was a sunny Saturday in London, and the crowds were flocking to Wimbledon and to the annual Henley Regatta. Julian Assange, the founder of the whistleblower website Wikileaks.org, was making his way by train from house arrest in Norfolk, three hours away, to join me and Slovenian philosopher Slavoj Zizek for a public conversation about WikiLeaks, the power of information and the importance of transparency in democracies. The event was hosted by the Frontline Club, an organization started by war correspondents in part to memorialize their many colleagues killed covering war. Frontline Club co-founder Vaughan Smith looked at the rare sunny sky fretfully, saying, "Londoners never come out to an indoor event on a day like this." Despite years of accurate reporting from Afghanistan to Kosovo, Smith was, in this case, completely wrong.

Close to 1,800 people showed up, evidence of the profound impact WikiLeaks has had, from exposing torture and corruption to toppling governments.

Assange was in England awaiting an extradition hearing, as he is wanted for questioning in Sweden related to allegations of sexual misconduct. He has not been charged. He has been under house arrest for more than six months, wears an electronic ankle bracelet and is required to check in daily at the Norfolk police station.

WikiLeaks was officially launched in 2007 in order to receive leaked information from whistle-blowers, using the latest technology to protect the anonymity of the sources. The organization has increasingly gained global recognition with the successive publication of mas-

sive troves of classified documents from the U.S. government relating to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, and thousands of cables from the U.S. embassies around the world.

Of the logs from the two wars, Assange said that they "provided a picture of the everyday squalor of war. From children being killed at roadside blocks to over a thousand people being handed over to the Iraqi police for torture, to the reality of close air support and how modern military combat is done ... men surrendering, being attacked."

The State Department cables are being released over time, creating a steady stream of embarrassment for the U.S. government and inspiring outrage and protests globally, as the classified cables reveal the secret, cynical operations behind U.S. diplomacy. "Cablegate," as the largest State Department document release in U.S. history has been dubbed, has been one of the sparks of the Arab Spring. People living under repressive regimes in Tunisia and Yemen, for example, knew their governments were corrupt and brutal. But to read the details, and see the extent of U.S. government support for these dictators, helped ignite a firestorm.

Likewise, thousands of Haiti-related cables analyzed by independent newspaper Haiti Liberte and The Nation magazine revealed extensive U.S. manipulation of the politics and the economy of that country. (This column was mentioned in one of the Haiti cables, referencing our reporting on those critical of the Obama administration's post-earthquake denial of visas to 70,000 Haitians who had already been approved.) One series of cables details U.S. efforts to derail delivery of subsidized petroleum from Venezuela in order to protect the business interests of Chevron and ExxonMobil. Other cables show U.S. pressure to prevent an increase in Haiti's minimum wage at the behest of U.S.

apparel companies. This, in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

For his role as editor in chief of WikiLeaks, Assange has faced numerous threats, including calls for his assassination. U.S. Vice President Joe Biden called him a "high-tech terrorist," while Newt Gingrich said: "Julian Assange is engaged in terrorism. ... He should be treated as an enemy combatant, and WikiLeaks should be closed down permanently and decisively."

Indeed, efforts to shut down WikiLeaks to date have failed. Bank of America has reportedly hired several private intelligence firms to coordinate an attack on the organization, which is said to hold a large cache of documents revealing the bank's potentially fraudulent activities. WikiLeaks has prepared to sue MasterCard and Visa, which have stopped processing credit-card donations to the website.

The extradition proceedings hold a deeper threat to Assange: He fears Sweden could then extradite him to the U.S. Given the treatment of Pfc. Bradley Manning, accused of leaking many of the documents to WikiLeaks, he has good reason to be afraid. Manning has been kept in solitary confinement for close to a year, under conditions many say are tantamount to torture.

At the London event, support for WikiLeaks ran high. Afterward, Julian Assange couldn't linger to talk. He had just enough time to get back to Norfolk to continue his house arrest. No matter what happens to Assange, WikiLeaks has changed the world forever. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 900 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier."



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15 MINUTES

Lely student gets on the bus on her way to FSU

BY CINDI PACKARD
Special to Florida Weekly

High school is a time for studying, having fun with friends, going to parties and proms. But for recent Lely graduate Sarah Kristine Hagedorn, it was also a time to help her community and “Get on the Bus.”

Sarah’s focus on her studies, including dual enrollment at Edison State College and completion of online courses, allowed her to graduate a year early. Regardless of her heavy workload, however, she found time to volunteer regularly at The Education Foundation of Collier County from January to June of 2011. Putting in about 15 hours per week during the school year and working fulltime over the summer, she estimates that she completed more than 300 hours of volunteer time.

Sarah is a Bright Futures scholarship recipient, which currently requires 75 total volunteer hours for the entire four years of high school. Going above and beyond what’s expected of her seems to be a trend with this bright, enthusiastic and personable young woman. Her responsibilities at the foundation included helping to write and lay out newsletter pages, assembling donor information packets, creating Power Point presentations, helping at special events like the Golden Apple Teacher Awards and putting together an extensive media book — as well as filing and answering the phone.

She says she most enjoyed helping



Sarah Hagedorn

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with the newsletters and working at the events.

“It’s been a great experience to volunteer,” she reflects. “It has helped me understand what it will be like to be in the workplace after college. It’s also opened my eyes to the functioning of this organization and to what is hap-

pening here in our community. This experience will definitely help me in my future. Volunteering is a great opportunity for anyone.”

Consistently remaining one step ahead, Sarah begins her college career at Florida State University this summer. Her planned majors are graphic design and communications. She is already enrolled in FSU’s Booster Club and is also planning on joining either their yearbook or newspaper staff. She first became interested in graphic design while serving on Lely’s yearbook staff for all of her high school years.

Her mother, Sandra Hagedorn, and older sister, Leigh Ann Hagedorn, both feel that Sarah is ready for college even though she’s only 17. They are proud of and excited for her — and as lifelong Seminole fans, the whole family cheers her on — although her mom admits she’s sorry to see her leave home so soon.

Susan McManus, president of the Education Foundation, calls Sarah “a great example of what it means to get on the bus.”

Best of luck in your college career and in life, Sarah. What a bright future you have ahead of you. ■

— Cindi Packard is on staff at the Education Foundation of Collier County as communications and marketing coordinator. For information about volunteering and other ways to “get on the bus” for Collier County’s public school students, call 643-4755 or visit www.getonthebus.org.

Mercato merchants ‘get on the bus’ to collect supplies

Summer vacation is in full swing, but the Education Foundation of Collier County and merchants at Mercato are hard at work on an assignment to collect school supplies for the 2011-12 academic year.

These locations at the North Naples center are collecting donations through Aug. 5: AZN, Bravo, Blue Martini, Bobby Chan, Burn, Charming Charlie, Coldwater Creek, Gigi’s Children’s Boutique, McCormick & Schmick’s, Silver-spot Cinema, Spectacles, Sperry Top-Sider, Sportalm, Stage 62 Deli, Stilista, Swim ‘n’ Sport, The Pub Naples and Yogurbella.

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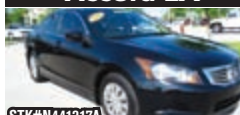
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URBANISM

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architects and industry professionals began a charge to rein in suburbia by encouraging a combination of mixed-use, downtown-like developments that mirror the principles of pre-World War II city planning, and a coherent public transportation system that lessens the need for cars.

South Florida spawned the first full-scale city of the movement in Seaside, and has remained filled with its supporters, from anti-sprawl politicians to city planners, developers and real estate agents. Mr. Duany helped create a thriving nonprofit advocacy group, Congress for The New Urbanism.

But the ultimate goal, to end sprawl, faces serious headwinds. One is the need for new — and expensive — transportation systems. Another is the Southwest Florida real-estate market, which still favors traditional, post-war developments.

“I think (New Urbanism) is going to have some acceptance here, but not to the point where it will be all over the place in 20 years,” says Phil Wood, president of John R. Wood Realtors in Naples. “A lot of people like the single-family home, the yard with the place where the kids can play. Or they gravitate to condos on the beach, bay or on the golf course — those are the three most popular selling condominiums. So I think those will always have an advantage in some people’s minds over (condos) in a more commercial-type setting.”

It also depends on where the buyers are from, Mr. Wood adds. “If they’re moving from downtown Chicago or New York or Boston, it’s like, ‘Wow, this is great,’” he says. “To those people, (New Urbanism) is not a surprise at all. To those who view Florida as a water-view condominium, it’s a little bit different. People from the rural Midwest might look at that and think it’s a bit of a different concept.”

More than three decades after the movement known as New Urbanism began, evidence of its existence is lacking where it’s needed most, says Bill Spikowski, a town planner based in Lee County. Most South Florida cities and coastlines remain defined by sprawl: strip malls and mega stores, perfect for a quick stop on your daily commute.

“We’re in the odd situation where New Urbanism has become the accepted philosophy, but when you look on the ground, there’s very little of it in Southwest Florida today, which is very peculiar,” Mr. Spikowski says. “Southwest Florida is the worst — we’re further behind every other area of Florida. Every other area has more New Urbanist developments than we do.”

The Fifth Avenue example

There is spotty evidence of the movement here, however: a half-block of row house-like townhomes on West First Street near downtown Fort Myers; colorful mixed-use buildings along San Carlos Boulevard on Fort Myers Beach; the village of Ave Maria in Collier County; downtown Punta Gorda’s Sun-loft Center.

Planners, including Mr. Spikowski, praise Fifth Avenue South in Naples as upholding New Urbanism’s signature cluster of residential homes and businesses, although the location lacks a grocery store within easy walking distance.

Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala sees the movement in part as a tool to improve decrepit parts of East Naples.

“In the district I serve, which is East Naples in Collier County, we have a



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Some New Urbanist planners maintain that developments such as Mercato in Naples are more shopping malls than mixed-use communities.

lot of older buildings,” Commissioner Fiala says. “Some of them have just been standing empty for a long time. I believe we can take some of those buildings and cluster them and produce a really nice mixed-use development. I think we should be concentrating on areas like that.”

Besides the need for renovation, a bittersweet pang for the buildings of yesteryear has sometimes helped drive New Urbanism, especially in downtown areas. Original downtowns are natural examples of New Urbanism because they were built before the rise of cars (post-World War II), and officials have poured millions into updating them.

“I really think why there’s so much nostalgia associated with it is we have to look back 100 years to see how folks were doing things,” says Joseph Kohl, a partner in Dover, Kohl & Partners, one of the nation’s pre-eminent New Urbanism design firms, based in Coral Gables. “I also think there’s a comfort level with things that are more traditional.”

Nostalgia for older architectural styles sometimes creates odd juxtapositions, such as Weston Town Center, a development in Brandon, Fla. It looks like an old downtown yet is spanking new, and windows overlook a sprawling single-use residential subdivision.

There are many examples of New Urbanism built in modern styles in the United States.

“We do see modern projects getting built under the same principles,” Mr. Kohl says. “A lot of buildings in cities like New York, Chicago and Miami are very modern buildings if you classify it as a style — yet it’s still meeting the street at the sidewalk. It still has storefront windows and people living above them.”

One of Mr. Kohl’s subcontractors, Mr. Spikowski of Lee County, agrees.

“The truth is they come in every style — all the way from hamlets in the middle of an urban area to dense downtown,” he says. “There’s not really one classic type of New Urbanism development.”

Coconut Point mall in Estero and Mercato in Naples are mixed use, with some second-story condominiums, but they’re also surrounded by giant parking lots, which planners such as Mr. Spikowski and Mr. Kohl advocate against.

Disney’s city, Celebration, is one of the best-known New Urbanism developments. But it’s expensive, which goes against the movement’s ultimate aim to provide housing for all. To that end,

Bradenton Village is a low-income federal housing project that was guided by New Urbanism code, with two- and three-story townhomes.

“It’s really nice,” Mr. Spikowski says. “You go in there and say ‘I want to live here’ and then realize ‘I probably make too much money to live here.’”

Other mixed-use developments, because they’re relatively new, are often too expensive for most young professionals, he adds. So just who is attracted to the urban life?

“It tends to be the fairly young and the older: people who are retiring and they’ve raised their family and they no longer need the big home, and they’d like to see a movie and see other people and go to a coffee shop — especially as they get older and start worrying about losing the ability to drive,” Mr. Spikowski says.

He doesn’t see a problem with those two age groups co-existing, but concedes that it’s “a legitimate issue.” He also points out that’s the way multi-family living has gone on in urban paradises like Manhattan for years.

Sprawl still rules

Former Lee County Commissioner Charlie Bigelow, who held office in the 1980s when New Urbanism was beginning (he remembers first hearing the term in the ’90s), is discouraged by the county’s efforts to contain sprawl. “We failed miserably at it, but it’s been the policy,” he says.

While he held office, one plan aimed to draw a boundary between urban and rural areas, so that developers couldn’t reach the rural lands. But it wasn’t adhered to, Mr. Bigelow says.

Local governments in states including Colorado and Oregon gave established such urban boundaries and stick rigidly to them, he says. “Here we just drew the hell out of the boundaries. We amended it routinely based on who was asking for what where. So it served hardly any purpose whatsoever in terms of containing sprawl. I don’t think we anticipated the lack of political commitment that might exist to contain growth.”

City planners have experienced similar frustration with political leadership, as well as developers. For instance, Mr. Kohl says his firm designed a development in an Orlando suburb in the 1990s for mixed use — but was later disappointed when builders made the second floor of buildings artificial instead of real living spaces.

“Unfortunately, it seems to be the

nature of our work sometimes,” he says. “We work on big scale plans, and then government changes. Depending on how imbedded the plan is in the community, it may or may not survive a change in administration.”

Mr. Duany has been famously tight-lipped about how officials have implanted his plans, including in downtown Fort Myers, where condo heights reached far above his original specifications. He seems to prefer instead to leave his work as a blueprint, not a set of inflexible rules. He didn’t respond to a request for comments for this story.

Whatever the movement’s shortcomings, it is the only lasting, integrated effort to combat sprawl. In a fortuitous twist, its goals have aligned with the times in ways sometimes trendy, others pragmatic. The Complete Streets movement, the Green Movement, the Local Foods movement and Smart Growth all dovetail with New Urbanism, and the concept is advocated as a political salve for backlash from the economic crisis (many foreclosed homes dot suburbia) and as a solution to pain at the gas pump.

What about transportation?

A lack of public transportation might be the greatest failing of New Urbanist developments in Florida, and one of the most difficult and expensive problems to fix.

The upscale CityPlace in West Palm Beach is considered one of the most successful examples, a bright, retail-based city with its own Publix supermarket, an office building — and perhaps just as important, a trolley for its residents to get around.

Private governments funded streetcars in the early 20th century, says Professor Dunham-Jones. But private or public investment in infrastructure of the kind found in the boom following the second world war may be hard to come by, as it was in the wake of the Great Depression.

“The whole financial system, the whole lending system, is designed to build a residential, or commercial or retail development,” Mr. Spikowski says, “and New Urbanists always mix those. So it’s harder. On the other hand, the value that’s created is much higher.”

Ultimately, building mixed developments connected by public transportation might become a matter of survival if the cost of oil and commutes keeps rising. “We learn very slowly,” Mr. Bigelow says. “This devastating recession we had, we like to think it was because



1) Artist renderings from Dover, Kohl & Partners show the existing Corkscrew Country Store in southeastern Lee County (left) and a self-sustaining community built around the store (below).

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Zoning for friends and gardens

Professor Dunham-Jones is still talking on the cell phone, which is as scratchy and spotty as her theories are clearly defined. The resort community of Seaside, Fla., she explained, was designed by Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk and her husband, Mr. Duany, in the early '80s and is New Urbanism's "poster child — the oldest, the original, and still a very good example."

One of Seaside's original zoning requirements called for front porches not more than 8 feet from the sidewalk — judged the ideal distance from which neighbors could offer a friendly wave.

"They were deliberately encouraging people to be sociable," she says.

It's not unlike new zoning codes adopted in a short list of South Florida locales. That includes the one Lee County commissioners approved in June, an all-purpose kit for streets, small apartments over retail shops to larger townhomes with yards, wider sidewalks and bicycle paths, even urban gardens.

"You take an area and cut it up into plats and let the city growers farm on them," explains Paul O' Connor, Lee County's planning director.

That type of gardening was a hot issue at the annual meeting of the Congress for the New Urbanism, says Professor Dunham-Jones, vice chair of the organization's board and author of "Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs."

"One of the big ones is urban agriculture and the integration of literally growing local food in developments of all kinds," she says.

Mr. Spikowski was the chief writer of Lee's Compact Code. The hope is that builders will use it to transform sprawl-tainted areas such as Lehigh Acres, by adding downtown-like nodes. Dover, Kohl & Partners contracted with Mr. Spikowski and used the code to create designs for parts of the Density Reduc-

tion/Groundwater Resource area, on more than 80,000 acres in southeastern Lee County.

"What we ended up proposing was a series of mixed-use communities, five of them, compact walkable communities, that would be on the outer edge of the DR/GR," Mr. Spikowski says. "The rights to build a house on 10 acres would be moved to the edges, out near Lehigh Acres and Estero. That's the county's official adopted plan in the DR/GR. Of course, with this economy, no one's holding their breath for anything to happen."

An incentive for builders to use the code, says Mr. O'Connor, is a streamlined process; they undergo no public hearing if they build within these guidelines in pre-approved areas of the county. "It would hopefully stop some of the sprawling development pattern over the last 20 years and start making more compact urban areas where (there is not) total dependency on the automobile."

Such new zoning rules counter 50 years of car-centric buildout, says Professor Dunham-Jones. "It's really trying to recover some of those older development patterns which are more urban, and more sustainable, economically, environmentally and socially."

Mr. Kohl, also a member of the Congress for New Urbanism stresses that the movement is not "anti-car."

"Often people involved in the CNU are accused of saying we're trying to get rid of their cars, and I think that's kind of misunderstood," he says. "It's not that we're trying to get rid of cars, we're trying to reduce the usage. In some communities, you're stuck. The only way you can get a quart of milk is to get in your car and drive to the store."

New Urbanism wants to be viewed, then, as more of a friendly goodbye wave to the past and a firm embrace of the future. ■

they gave mortgages to people who couldn't pay for them. But really what happened was the price of going to your job became as expensive as paying for the house you were living in."

Mr. Spikowski is trying to solve that problem with transportation-oriented design. A concept aligned with New Urbanism, it includes a combination freight and passenger rail line connecting Southwest Florida.

"Not everybody in the group, but a lot of us are convinced that the existing rail line that runs from Bonita Springs to downtown Fort Myers would be a great rail system that would connect the most important areas," he says. "At each stop along that rail line, there's an opportunity for transit-oriented development to build within a half mile of those stops."

Next year, the Lee County Metro-

politan Planning Organization plans to undertake a \$265,000 feasibility study for rail plans that would integrate freight and passenger rail with compact building codes associated with New Urbanism, says MPO Director Don Scott. It will look at where such a rail line might go, either along the Seminole Gulf Railway line, or by Interstate 75.

"The master plan for Interstate 75 identifies six multi-use and four express or other lanes, and in the center, enough room for either a train or busway," Mr. Scott says.

But a region so rooted in sprawl might take awhile to change.

"How far, how fast?" Mr. Scott asks. "It would be easier to say years ago that it would have been faster than it is now. I think we'll have incremental changes in transportation that respond to that."

PARKS

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DEP's plan will die a quick death, just as the golf course idea did. If the DEP presses ahead and public outcry continues to be strong, the decision could ultimately rest with the governor and his Cabinet.

"This is a very slippery slope," says Frank Jackalone, staff director for the Sierra Club. "The governor acts like a bulldozer and does what he wants to do, regardless of the consequences."

As with the golf course proposal, the campground plan involves privatization. The new campsites would be built and operated by private firms.

Mr. Jackalone worries that scant concern will be given to environmental impact and aesthetic concerns. In fact, many critics say the idea is nothing but a money-making scheme and another sign of Gov. Scott's lack of interest in state parks.

"I really question whether the governor supports the concept of state parks," says Mr. Jackalone. "This seems to be just another example of his indifference."

Currently, 53 of Florida's 160 state parks allow camping. According to the DEP, those campsites are full almost the entire year. Moreover, the DEP says the campgrounds host more than 2 million visitors and generate more than \$15 million in revenue annually.

The DEP further says that although private firms will be involved, the state will exercise strict oversight to ensure

that environmental and aesthetic concerns.

"(The state) will retain full control over all aspects of planning, design, construction and operation of the new facilities to ensure consistency with the mission and quality standards of the state park system," the DEP said in its proposal.

"This... expansion of camping opportunities will increase the level of public benefits state parks provide, enhance the economic benefits of state parks, create jobs and move the state park system closer to economic self-sufficiency," the proposal also stated.

Originally, the DEP identified four parks for immediate consideration. At a public hearing in Dunedin, however, opponents turned out by the hundreds to protest plans to bring camping to Hon-

eymoon Island, the state's most popular park and one of the four parks identified for immediate consideration, according to a report in the St. Petersburg Times.

How serious were the naysayers?

The Times reported that a member of the Florida Native Plant Society vowed, "This group will lay down in front of the bulldozers before we let this happen."

After getting an earful at the Dunedin hearing, the DEP announced days later that it would abandon its plans for Hon-eymoon Island.

No date has been set for a decision on the remaining three parks up for initial consideration — Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park, De Leon Springs State Park and Fanning Springs State Park — or for consideration of the other parks throughout the state on the list. ■

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August events will 'Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive'

BY LOIS BOLIN

Special to Florida Weekly

"Humility must always be the portion of any man who receives acclaim earned in blood of his followers and sacrifices of his friends."

— Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower

Humility is a defining characteristic of America's Greatest Generation. This was evidenced when our military forces and home front supporters heard the news that World War II was over. With no fanfare, they turned on their heels to begin their leadership role in rebuilding America and the lives of her former enemies.

While the formal signing of the ending of WWII took place on Sept. 2, 1945, the relief of the announcement of V-J Day was captured in Times Square by photographer Alfred Eisenstaedt on Aug. 14 that year. The iconic photograph, now known as "The Kiss," has come back into popularity thanks to Edith Shaine, the nurse in the photo, who five years ago announced to a crowd celebrating the 60th anniversary of the ending of WWII, "Why can't we do this all over America?"

Ms. Shaine died on June 20, 1010. This Aug. 14, her wish will come to fruition as the communities of Naples and Fort Myers Beach remember the "spirit" of Aug. 14, 1945.

Naples, like communities across America, contributed to the war effort in many ways, but one of our town's most significant contributions was its municipal airport.

In the 1920s, planes flew in and out of

the area using golf courses (really just patches of fields) and the beach as landing strips. It was not until 1942, when World War II broke out, that aviation was formally established in Naples.

The city of Naples and Collier County leased the land they had collectively purchased to the United States Army Air Forces where they built the Naples Army Airfield base, one of 37 bases in Florida. The base was under the control of the Eastern Flying Training Command, which was assigned the responsibility for training cadets as gunners, bomber crews and combat fighter pilots. In Lee County to the north, there was a sub-base called Buckingham Army Airfield, the Army Air Force's Southeast Training Center, the Flexible Gunnery School at Fort Myers. (Many of the pilots who helped train the gunners came from Page Field.)

On Nov. 1, 1945, the War Assets Administration transferred the Naples Army Airfield base to civilian control when it was no longer needed by the military.

The spirit of America

The "spirit" of Americans has always been to be helpful and forgiving, so when Germany and Japan surrendered, America added to her to-do list an extended hand to her former enemies. Germany's 12-year totalitarian terror rule under Hitler gave way to democracy under American guidance. Japan, a feudal society that was sternly ruled by its emperor and military, gave way to democracy, which led to Japanese women's first rights.

Historian Stephen Ambrose, Ph.D., the official biographer of President Eisen-



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Naples resident Albert Marsh was 19 years old when he fought at the Battle of the Bulge. This hand-colored photograph was submitted by his son as the first entry from Naples for the Spirit of '45 Wall of Honor at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C.

hower, said that America's act of generosity during WWII was unparalleled in the course of human history and was a product of the American spirit.

Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive

As the national spokesperson for Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive, the late Ms. Shaine had a vision to educate and inspire younger Americans toward a renewal of national unity.

Last year the 111th Congress of the United States passed a resolution proclaiming the second Sunday of August as "Spirit of '45 Day." The Naples Spirit of '45 Committee received a proclamation from the city of Naples in June and will receive one from the Collier County on July 26.

United in spirit, a group of volunteers from Fort Myers Beach and Naples is organizing an array of activities in mid-August for Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive. The events begin with breakfast Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Hilton Naples. Sponsored by Arthrex, the morning will include music by Dorie Anderson and a display WWII memorabilia from the Military Memorabilia Museum. At 5 p.m. a USO-style party is planned at Pinchers Crab Shack, complete with a tribute to The Andrew Sisters and a Rosie the Riveter look-alike contest. The evening will mark remembrance of the beginning of an unprecedented era of civic engagement, volunteerism and service to community and country.

WWII veterans are invited to bring military photos to be scanned for the Spirit of '45 Wall of Honor at the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C. ■

— *If you or your organization would like to volunteer for or host a Spirit of '45 event, contact Naples Backyard History, the Florida liaison for Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive, at 594-2978.*

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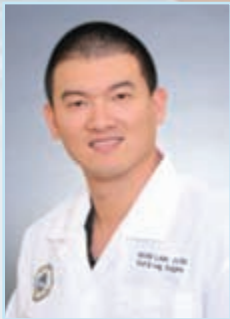
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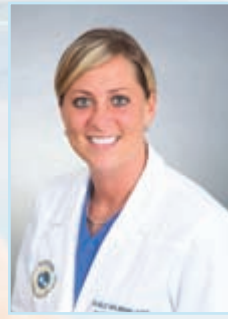
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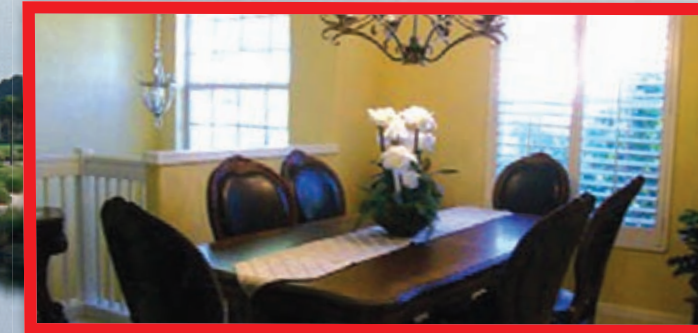
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On May 21, Jesse Robinson either established or tied the unofficial world record for unluckiest underage drinker of all time when he was booked into the

Hamilton County, Ohio, jail for underage consumption. According to booking records, Robinson's date of birth is May 22, 1990. ■

Government in action

► "Common sense lost its voice on this one," concluded a Wethersfield, Conn., city councilman, lamenting the local school board's having spent at least \$630,000 to "resolve" an ethics complaint against the board's chairwoman — all because her son had improperly taken a \$400 high school course for free. The town's ethics board conducted more than 60 hours of hearings over 11 months, incurring \$407,000 in legal expenses, and finally voted, 3-2, to uphold the complaint. (However, the ethics board ordered only that the chairwoman reimburse the \$400; the school board then voted to pay all her legal expenses.)

► "Science does not trump the testimony of individuals," said Detroit prosecutor Marilyn Eisenbraun, explaining her office's decision in April to disregard DNA evidence that the University of Michigan's Innocence Clinic said exonerates Karl Vinson, 56, who has spent 25 years in prison for rape. Despite the science, Ms. Eisenbraun said she had to stick with eyewitness identification by the victim. Although Mr. Vinson has been eligible for release for 15 years, the parole board keeps turning him down — because he refuses to acknowledge guilt. (Update: In July, the Michigan Court of Appeals declined to order either Mr. Vinson's release or a new trial, but did grant him an extraordinary right to appeal, based on the new evidence.)

► In June, as five young men gathered around the Mount Tabor Reservoir near Portland, Ore., one urinated in it, thus "contaminating" the 7.2 million gallons that serve the city, and, said Water Bureau administrator David Shaff, necessitating that the entire supply be dumped. Under questioning by the weekly Portland Mercury whether the water is also dumped when an animal urinates in it (or worse, dies in

it), Mr. Shaff replied, certainly not. "If we did that, we'd be (dumping the water) all the time." Well, asked the reporter, what's the difference? Because, said Mr. Shaff (sounding confident of his logic), "Do you want to be drinking someone's pee?"

► A 53-year-old man committed suicide in May by wading into San Francisco Bay, 150 yards offshore, and standing neck-deep until he died in the 60-degree water, with police and firefighters from the city of Alameda watching from shore the entire time. Said a police lieutenant, "We're not trained to go into the water (and) don't have the type of equipment that you would use" KGO-TV attributed the reluctance to budget cuts that prevented the city's firefighters from being recertified in water rescues.

► Title IX of the federal Civil Rights Act requires universities to offer "equal" intercollegiate athletic access to females, even though finding that many serious female athletes is difficult on some campuses. The easiest subterfuge, according to an April *New York Times* report, is to pad women's teams with whimsically enlisted females — and in some cases, with males. Said former university president (and Health and Human Services Secretary) Donna Shalala, "Those of us in the business know that universities have been end-running Title IX for a long time, and they do it until they get caught." Sample dysfunctional result: When University of South Florida added football (100 male players) a few years ago, it was forced to populate more female teams, and thus "recruited" 71 women for its cross-country team, even though fewer than half ran races and several were surprised to know they were even on the team when a *Times* reporter inquired. ■

Great art

Britain's Ben Wilson is one artist with the entire field to himself — the only painter who creates finely detailed masterpieces on flattened pieces of chewing gum found on London sidewalks. Frequently spotted lying nearly inert on the ground, working, Mr. Wilson estimates he has painted "many thousands" of such "canvases," ranging from portraits and

landscapes to specialized messages (such as listing the names of all employees at a soon-to-be-closed Woolworth's store). According to a June *New York Times* dispatch, Mr. Wilson initially heats each piece with a blowtorch, applies lacquer and acrylic enamel before painting — and sealing with more lacquer. And of course he works only with tiny, tiny brushes. ■

Criminals with chutzpah

► Gregory Snelling, 41, was indicted in June for the robbery of a KeyBank branch in Springfield, Ohio, which was notable more for the foot chase with police afterward. They caught him, but Snelling might deserve "style" points for the run, covered as he was in red dye from the money bag and the fact that he was holding a beer in his hand during the entire chase.

► It was a 2004 gang-related murder that had frustrated Los Angeles police for four years until a homicide investigator, paging through gangbangers' photographs for another case, spotted an elaborate

tattoo on the chest of Anthony Garcia. Evidently, that 2004 killing was such a milestone in Garcia's life that he had commemorated the liquor store crime scene on his chest. The investigation was reopened, eventually leading to a surreptitious confession by Mr. Garcia and, in April 2011, to his conviction for first-degree murder. (Photos from Mr. Garcia's several bookings between 2004 and 2008 show his mural actually evolving as he added details — until the crime scene was complete enough that the investigator recognized it.) ■

Least-competent non-criminals

In May, in Rensselaer, N.Y., and in June, in Bluefield, W. Va., two men, noticing that police were investigating nearby, became alarmed and fled out of fear of being arrested since both were certain that there were active warrants out on them. Nicholas Volmer, 21, eventually "escaped" into the Hudson River and needed to be rescued, but the

police were after someone else, and no warrant was on file against him. Arlis Dempsey Jr., 32, left his three kids on the street in Bluefield to make a run for it before police caught him, but he was not wanted for anything, either. (Both men, however, face new charges — trespassing for Mr. Volmer, and child endangerment for Mr. Dempsey.) ■

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THE CHAMBER CORNER

Visitor Information Center worth a trip for locals, too

BY NANCY KEARNS

Special to Florida Weekly

Summer is a great time for Naples residents to take advantage of the wealth of information, maps and coupons available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Visitor Information Center, known as the VIC for short.

At 900 Fifth Ave. S., the VIC is situated at historic Four Corners in downtown Naples and serves as a gateway to area restaurants, art galleries and shops. With information on businesses and attractions throughout Southwest Florida, the VIC is also the ideal place to begin planning your day trip to Marco Island, the Everglades or eastern Collier County.

But wait, there's more.

The VIC isn't just for visitors. The 600-plus brochures, magazines and maps on hand provide a information that's helpful to both long-time Collier County residents and new arrivals. We have materials about housing, schools, pet care, health care, personal and professional services, government services, leisure activities — virtually any business or service you can think of. Information is provided by members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

A dedicated core of volunteers is always on hand at the VIC to advise and direct locals and tourists to the sights and attractions available in the Collier County



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Naples resident JoAnn Luster, left, gets information from volunteers Harriet Stein and Carol Pawlus at the Visitor Information Center at 900 Fifth Ave. S.

area. Many of our volunteers have lived here full or part time for years and have a wealth of first hand knowledge to share.

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— Nancy Kearns is the Visitor Information Center specialist for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. For more information, call 262-6141 or visit www.napleschamber.org.

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KID STUFF

Mascots meet kids at Rookery Bay

Youngsters can "Meet the Mascots" at Kids Free Friday at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center on July 15. At 12:15 p.m., Polka Dottie Batfish and Giver from Charity for Change will participate in a check presentation between Karen Conley, president and CEO of Charity for Change, and Bruce Robertson, president of the Friends of Rookery Bay board of directors. As participants in the Charity for Change character building and philanthropy program, students at Calusa Park, Golden Terrace, Lake Park and Lely elementary schools raised \$128 for Rookery Bay.

Kids Free Fridays offers free admission for children 12 and younger along with activities such as shark tooth dig, face painting, stories, crafts and nature films. The July 15 "Shark of the Day" is the Megalodon, a now-extinct massive predator that munched on 30-foot whales half its size. ■



Shoot for the stars at Community School

The Mental Health Association of Southwest Florida presents its third annual free basketball clinic, "Shooting for the Stars," on Saturday, Aug. 6, at Community School of Naples.

The clinic for ages 8-17 will be led by former Philadelphia 76ers Wali Jones and will emphasize problem solving, self esteem and teamwork. Lunch will be provided by SweetBay Supermarket. In addition to SweetBay and Community School, sponsors are Arthrex, Irving S. Cooper Family Foundation, Kevin Daley, Margot Escott, Hilton Naples, Mindful Therapeutics, Monarch Therapy, NAACP of Collier County and Jeffrey Ryan.

For registration and more information, call 261-2931 or visit www.mhaswfl.org. ■

Karate camp offered at Marco Y

Sensei Nick Lemke will lead two

weeklong karate camp sessions for ages 6 and older at the Greater Marco Family YMCA. Dates are July 18-22 and Aug. 15-19 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Camp will take place from 9 a.m. 3 p.m., with the emphasis on a morning workout, karate principals and forms, Japanese language and karate movies, games and drills.

Campers should bring lunch and a change of clothes. Cost is \$75 for Y members and \$90 for others. A uniform is available for an additional \$20 but is not required.

For registration or more information, call the Y at 394-3144, ext. 200, or visit www.marcoislandymca.org. ■

Garden cultivates fun and learning

The Naples Botanical Garden has two more sessions of summer camp for ages 5-12. Sessions meet from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ **Solar Explorers:** July 18-22. Explorers will discover how the energy from the sun can be used to power almost anything, from a bicycle to a pump. They'll also plant seeds and learn how the sun's rays convert those seeds into things used in

everything from the food we eat to the clothes we wear.

■ **Green Gardeners:** July 25-29. Campers will grow their own seeds, harvest fruits and vegetables from the Garden and create their own recipes.

Each weeklong program is \$250 for Garden members, \$300 for others. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■

Visually impaired kids can camp, too

Lighthouse of Collier holds camp for blind and visually impaired children every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this month at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Sessions take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In addition to traditional camp activities including art projects, picnics, tennis and horseback riding, campers learn about and play with magnifiers, talking computers and other equipment that can foster independence and enhance their quality of life.

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Health-care foundation receives \$50,000 grant

The Walmart Foundation's State Giving Program has awarded its first cycle of grants in Florida this year to 19 nonprofit organizations, including the CHS Healthcare Foundation in Collier County. The local foundation received \$50,000 to help provide affordable health care to children in Collier County.

The grant monies will be used for a school-based dental sealant program to prevent caries (early childhood tooth decay) in all second graders at five Collier County elementary schools, as well as to purchase equipment for pediatric and dental offices and to create an emergency health care fund to help provide prescriptions and eyeglasses for the most at-risk children in the community.

In 2010, CHS Healthcare cared for more than 33,000 children at six pediatric offices as well as on the CHS Ronald McDonald Care Mobile. For more information, call the CHS Healthcare Foundation at 658-3111 or visit www.collier.org. ■

Physicians Regional has free seminar about skin cancer

Dr. Robert Tomsick will present a program titled "Skin Cancer: What You Should Know" at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Physicians Regional Medical Center-Pine Ridge, 6101 Pine Ridge Road.

Attendance is free, but seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call 348-4180. ■

Juniper Village hosts Alzheimer's support group

Juniper Village invites family members and others caring for persons with Alzheimer's disease to a support group meeting from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday, July 27. Dr. Catherine Cruikshank, director of education for the Florida Gulf Coast chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, will discuss managing challenging behaviors. Caregivers will be onsite.

Juniper Village is at 1155 Encore Way, Naples. Attendance at the support group is free, but RSVPs are requested. Call 598-1368. ■

Daily living skills for visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and Florida Division of Blind Services offer free classes in daily living skills to help the blind and visually impaired live more independently.

Classes meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday through Thursday, Aug. 25, at the center at 424 Bayfront Place. Call 430-3934 to sign up. ■

Oil slick = sick?
Studies explore health effects of Deepwater spill

Researchers will evaluate potential harmful effects of the Deepwater Horizon disaster on reproduction and birth outcomes, the cardiorespiratory system and behavior and mental health. The network of community and university partnerships, under the leadership of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences will conduct research to evaluate the level of potentially harmful contaminants in air, water, and seafood and assess their relationship to health outcomes.

The five-year, \$25.2 million program will support population-based and laboratory research at the University of Florida, Gainesville; Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans; Tulane University, New Orleans; and The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston. In contrast to NIEHS' Gulf Long-term Follow-up Study, known as the GuLF Study, which is focused on the oil spill cleanup workers and volunteers, this new research will concentrate on the range of acute and long-term health effects to the general public.

As an integrated network, these four institutions will collaborate on approaches and share results to better understand the interplay and effects of multiple stressors on human health. To ensure research activities are responsive to the needs of local communities in the Gulf Coast region, the universities will partner with more than a dozen community organizations to incorporate local concerns and more effectively communicate research findings.

"Throughout the gulf region, scientists and community groups will work hand in hand to address the needs of those most impacted," said Gwen Collman, director of the NIEHS Division of Extramural Research and Training, which will closely monitor the progress of the research components. "A focus will be on the physical and psychological health of vulnerable populations, especially pregnant women, children, fishermen, immigrants and minorities."

The grant supports more than a dozen faculty and

extension agents affiliated with UF colleges and institutes to establish a range of environmental, sociological and psychological studies. Environmental initiatives include partnering with fisheries to provide citizens with a source of trustworthy information about the health of seafood in the Gulf of Mexico. Researchers will also use satellite and infrastructure data from before, during and after the oil spill to help determine how fish adapt to their new environments and where people are now catching fish.

"The gulf is a really unique place because it has a lot of natural oil seeps, in addition to drilling operations," said project researcher Jason Blackburn, assistant professor of geography in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UF. "We will tease out where oil seeps exist, as compared to where oil from the Deep Water Horizon spill and smaller, more frequent oil spills occurred. The idea is to have a more holistic view of oil in the gulf so we can understand the environment before the spill."

UF scientists also will collect data on contaminants in seafood, including hydrocarbons, dispersant and metals, and develop needed risk assessment data germane to coastal communities, based on regional seafood contaminant levels and seafood consumption rates.

Although the Floridians participating in the study did not have oil hit their communities, the fear of the potential for oil to enter their waters and beaches led to significantly higher levels of depression and substance abuse to nearly the same rates as Alabama residents who experienced oil reach their shorelines. Researchers found that the ongoing stress, especially the loss of employment after the spill, affected the ability of residents in both counties to regulate their emotions and execute some cognitive tasks. This grant will allow public health experts to expand this study to determine people's long-term ability to cope several years after a disaster.

"This region has seen its share of disasters, and many communities have shown remarkable resilience," said Claudia Thompson, chief of the Susceptibility and Population Health Branch at NIEHS. "One goal of the research projects is to understand what keeps these communities together, so that other communities can benefit."

UF will receive \$6.5 million of the \$25.2 million in total funding for the research. BP provided \$3.2 million to NIH specifically for research on the health of gulf area communities following the oil spill, although BP is not involved in the program or any of its research.

Additional information on specific research topics and community partnerships can be found on the NIEHS website at www.niehs.nih.gov. ■

STRAIGHT TALK

The little things can — and do — make a difference

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outside except her and a coworker. She immediately turned the money over to security. Her feeling was that if someone really needed it, they would be back looking for it. Officer Coniceak placed the money in a plastic bag with her name on it.

At 6:23 a.m., a man approached the security office, upset and tired after being at 2-North all night following his wife's surgery. His said that at some point, anxiously walking around inside and outside, he lost a \$100 bill. When he described exactly the manner in which he had folded the bill, it was returned to him.

With all that he was going through, this man would have been in even more distress, had Ms. Fryson not done what she did. "Minnie did a great service here,"

says Officer Coniceak. "She showed a heart of gold, and she represents NCH at its best."

Eric Macino, night ER charge nurse, shared a letter from a cardiac arrest patient we treated with hypothermia (cooling) and sent to ICU back in April. The patient wrote to thank the nurses and staff for all they did to give him "a second chance at life."

In a postscript to the letter, the man mentioned that his distraught wife had come in wearing her pajamas and said "a very caring woman behind the desk gave my wife her jacket to keep her warm." This comfort came not from a doctor or nurse or social worker, but from unit secretary Susan Grube.

Nurse Macino remembers that night

very well. "The patient's wife said she would try to return the jacket to the secretary when she could get some regular clothes on, and she told me to thank her. Susan never mentioned to anyone that she gave the jacket to her. I told her that I thought that it was a nice gesture and that she may not see the jacket again. And she replied, 'Yeah, I know, but she needed it more than I did.'"

I believe these two stories contain several powerful messages. The most important one is that we all impact, more than we realize, those we touch or come in contact with; it doesn't matter who you are or what your position is.

We know that in health care, sometimes it is "the little things" that really do make the difference. ■

Everywhere you look, you find great people at NCH. Some of them are recognized formally and others very quietly. Here are two recent examples from the quiet side.

Security Officer John Coniceak relayed an uplifting story about Minnie Fryson, a care technician on 6S. Last month, Ms. Fryson found a \$100 bill on the sidewalk just across from the security office and the ambulance driveway. It was the middle of the night, with no one else

Free class will cover frog calls

Nature lovers and curious folks of all ages are welcome to participate in Frog Calls 101, a free class offered at Collier County's Freedom Park at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 16.

Participants will learn about frogs and toads and the various sounds they make, and then will venture out on the park boardwalk as a group to test their new-found knowledge. Everyone will take home a CD of frog calls. Long sleeves, long pants, closed-toe shoes and mosquito repellent are recommended.

The entrance to Freedom Park is at 1515 Golden Gate Parkway, just east of Goodlette-Frank Road. To register, call 213-3020. ■



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Laurie Tichy-Smith snapped this picture of a Cuban tree frog by the front door at The Naples Preserve. ■

Lectures coming up at Rookery Bay

Scientists Jeff Schmid and Marty Main will present "Riddles of the Kemp's Ridley Turtle and Coyotes in Florida: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" from 6-8:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Attendance is free, and walk-ins are welcome. Professional tour providers can receive a Certificate of Participation by submitting a registration form and attending at least three sessions.

The "Summer of Sharks" continues at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center with weekly lectures aimed at adult audiences. Coming up:

■ **5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 20** - "The Perfect Predator," presented by José I. Castro, visiting senior scientist



CASTRO

since 1999 from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at the Mote Marine Laboratory in Sarasota. Dr. Castro writes field guides for government and fishery use and also acts as the U.S. government's expert on a variety of shark resource issues and works as an advisor to Mexican fisheries.

■ **5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, July 27**



WATERMAN

- "In The World Of Sharks," presented by Stan Waterman, a pioneer of scuba diving. The program will include an eight-minute excerpt from "Blue Water, White Death," the 1971 documentary featuring Mr. Waterman with oceanic sharks in open water 100 miles to sea off South Africa.

■ **5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17** - "Shark Nurseries in the Ten Thousand Islands Estuaries," presented by Pat O'Donnell, long-time fisheries biologist with the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

Admission to each "Summer of Sharks" lecture is \$5 for Friends of Rookery Bay members and \$10 for others. Doors open at 5 p.m. and refreshments are served. Seating is limited. Sign up by calling 417-6310, ext. 401, or visiting www.rookerybay.org.

The environmental learning center is at 300 Tower Road. While there, guests are welcome to peruse the "Sharkabet" traveling exhibit of paintings by Alaska-based artist Ray Troll. On display through Sept. 2, the exhibit panels are drawn from Mr. Troll's shark alphabet book of the same name. ■

Museum day trip, summer programs offered at FGCU Renaissance Academy

Travel to St. Petersburg with the FGCU Renaissance Academy for a docent-guided tour of the new Salvador Dali Museum and the Chihuly Collection on Thursday, July 21. The motor coach departs from North Naples at 8 a.m. and from Fort Myers at 8:40 a.m. Cost is \$85 for RA members and \$100 for others (lunch not included).

The day's first stop will be the Salvador Dalí Museum, after which the group will have free time for lunch. The afternoon will include a tour of the 10,000-square-foot Chihuly Collection and a visit to the Morean Arts Center Glass Studio & Hot Shop, where glassblowers create one-of-a-kind pieces and a shop has works for sale.

The Renaissance Academy's summer programs continue at the Naples Center of FGCU, 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Here's what's coming up:

■ **Foreign film screenings and discussions at 1 p.m. Sundays - July 17:** "All About My Mother" (Spain 1999); July 24: "Nowhere in Africa" (Germany 2001); and July 31: "Ridicule" (France 1996). Admis-

sion is \$5.

■ **"Mountains of Art" - 10:30 a.m. to noon Monday, July 18:** Roger Weatherburn Baker presents a pictorial tour of the hilltop villages of Provence where some of the greatest masters of the 20th century lived and worked; \$20 for RA members, \$25 for others.

■ **"Beethoven: Tortured Titan" - 1:30-3 p.m. Tuesday, July 19:** Lee Silvan lectures about the complex relationship between the composer, his music and his time. \$20/\$25.

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■ **"Understanding Weather" - 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, July 21:** In layman's terms, Albert Kruthers explains the dynamics and scientific principles of weather. \$20/\$25.

To sign up for the St. Petersburg day trip or for any of the above classes, call 434-4737 or visit <https://RegisterRA.fgcu.edu>. ■

Marco Island Police Foundation luncheon coming up



The Marco Island Police Foundation hosts lunch and a farewell to Police Chief Thom Carr at noon Wednesday, July 20, at Hideaway

Beach Club. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. Guest speakers will be State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo and U.S. Rep. Connie Mack.

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Artist presents 'Pucci' to Humane Society Naples

Artist Amy Brazil, renowned for her whimsical dog paintings, has donated her first cat painting to Humane Society Naples.

Ms. Brazil's dog portraits have graced the walls of the shelter for the past two years. Prints, as well as some of the originals, are for sale at the shelter, and the artist donates a portion of the proceeds back to the organization.

Her signature style incorporates realistic renderings of canines — and now, cats — along with 3-D elements such as crystals, pearls and spikes against whimsical or abstract backgrounds. True to that style, "Pucci the Pussy Cat," inspired by a Pucci blouse Ms. Brazil owns and loves, is embellished with more than 2,000 Swarovski crystals.

Working at first from her gallery on Fifth

Avenue South, Ms. Brazil moved on to create entire lines of licensed products for Target, Department 56 and Peking Handicraft, among others. Her paintings are displayed at Target Corporate Headquarters in Minneapolis and belong to art galleries and private

collectors worldwide. She hopes to bring her cast of characters to life in a book and an animated feature film.

For more information about Ms. Brazil and her artwork, visit www.amybrasil.com. ■



COURTESY PHOTOS
Amy Brazil with *Pucci the Pussy Cat*, which the artist has donated to Humane Society Naples.



Brutus



Bullseye, commissioned for Target corporate headquarters in Minneapolis



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East Naples fire trucks to be equipped with pet oxygen masks

The East Naples Fire Rescue District is set to receive pet oxygen mask kits for the front line engines at all five stations. The kits are a gift from Jill McKee, co-owner of Invisible Fence of Southwest Florida. The company is a local sponsor of a nationwide initiative called Project Breathe, whose goal is to equip every fire station in the United States and Canada with pet oxygen masks.

The presentation of the pet rescue equipment will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, July 15, at the Humane Society Naples. Ms. McKee and her border collie, Jack, will attend, and Jack will participate in a demonstration of the masks.

The specially designed oxygen masks enable firefighters to administer oxygen to pets that have suffered smoke inhalation as a result of a fire. Each kit contains small, medium and large reusable masks along with a training video and a decal for the truck. The masks are ideal for dogs, cats and companion animals.

"With the tragic loss of several family pets in structure fires this year alone, we are pleased and excited to be offered this pet safety equipment to be placed aboard our front line engines," says Kingman Schultdt, assistant chief of the East Naples Fire Rescue District. "This gives us another item and skill level that will enhance our service to our citizens in our effort to protect and preserve life. Our sincere thanks go to Invisible Fence of Southwest Florida and Project Breathe." ■

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PET TALES

Pill popping

Don't give up on giving your pet medication

BY DR. MARTY BECKER & GINA SPADAFORI
Special to Florida Weekly

Your veterinarian makes it look so easy: Pill. Pet. And like a magic trick, suddenly the pill is inside the pet, and the pet seemingly none the wiser.

If only it were that easy for you.

You go home, and you can't even find your cat when it's time for medication. Under the bed? Maybe. Behind the couch? Maybe not. How does the cat know, and how is he able to disappear as if by another talented magician?

Your dog is only marginally easier, maybe. Not quite as fussy as your cat, he'll eat the pill if it's hidden in something yummy, or so you think. But later you find the pill on the kitchen floor, and you realize he was somehow able to extricate the yummy stuff from the medicine and hide the pill in his jowls for spitting out later. Outsmarted again!

You figure it's a victory if you get half the pills in for half the number of days they're prescribed, and you hope that's good enough.

Problem is, it's not. One of the biggest

problems veterinarians have in helping your pet get better is ... you. If you aren't able to follow through with medications, your pet will likely be back at the vet.

Do you dread walking out of your vet-



If you can't get medication into your pet, you can't help him get better. But pills aren't the only options.

er's office with pills? Here are some strategies to make the pill-popping easier:

■ **Pop and treat.** Have your veterinarian demonstrate. Always start with a positive attitude and end with a treat and praise. You can find "pill guns" through pet retailers that help with getting the pill quickly in the right place — at the back of

the throat for easier swallowing.

■ **Stealth.** Perhaps the most popular method is to hide the pill in something cats love, although most cats figure this out soon enough and start eating around the pill. Try treats that are designed for pill-popping: They're yummy little bits with pockets for hiding the medicine.

■ **Presto-chango.** For pets who just won't tolerate pills (or people who just hate giving them), ask your veterinarian about using a compounding pharmacy. These businesses take all manner of medications and turn them into edible treats in pet-friendly flavors.

■ **New technologies.** Ask your veterinarian for the latest options. The medication you're using may be available in an easier-to-use format, such as trans-dermal.

Once you get the pill down your pet, it's very important to follow with a drink of water to protect your pet from having the pill dissolve in the esophagus. Ask your veterinarian for a syringe with the needle removed to squirt the "chaser" to the pill.

No matter what, always give pet medications exactly as prescribed and to the end of the supply. If you have questions or problems, or if the condition hasn't improved after the medications are gone, you must call your veterinarian for advice for the health of your pet.

If you need help, ask! Your veterinarian wants your pet to get better just as much as you do. ■

Pets of the Week



>> **Chip** is a unique mix of Havanese and Chihuahua. He's 3 years old and has a spunky and loving personality.



>> **CJ** can make a whole room light up with his personality. He's a 4-month-old terrier-pit mix.



>> **Duke** is a 6-month-old Lab/doxie mix who is loaded with love. He can hardly wait to be part of a loving family.



>> **Marmalade** is a big orange load of purrs. He's about 2 years old and would love to make himself at home in your home.

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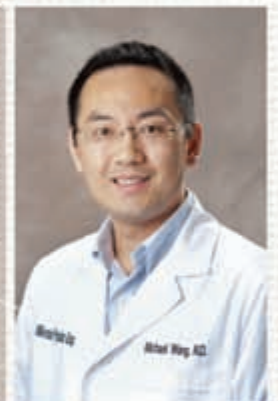
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Osmose



"Listen: Do you want to know a secret? Do you promise not to tell? Closer..."
— Beatles

"Listen to the rhythm of the falling rain, telling me just what a fool I've been."
— Everly Brothers

"Everywhere I turn you kiss my face."
— Krishna Das, "Mother Song"

"...In those days visions were infrequent....Go lie down, and if he calls you say: Speak, your servant is listening."
— 1 Samuel 3: 1,9.

The American sports writer Furman Bisher ("The Bish") came out of retirement to write a column for the *Gwinnett Daily Post* in Gwinnett County, Ga., on Jan. 4, 2010. In 1961, *Time* named him one of the nation's five best columnists. He has written more than 15,000 daily columns as well as magazine stories and books. He co-wrote Hank Aaron's autobiography, and landed the only interview given by Shoeless Joe Jackson about the 1919 Black Sox scandal. But what I find most compelling about Mr. Bisher is his habit of ending his columns with a single word: Selah.

Selah is a Hebrew word that is difficult to translate. It is seen as a directive in the Psalms, indicating the need to silence reading voices in order to allow the increased volume of a musical interlude, perhaps the blare of trumpets or the clash of cymbals. In this context, the word means a pause. But some say that it means forever. Or to hang: Like the hanging on a scale in order to measure.

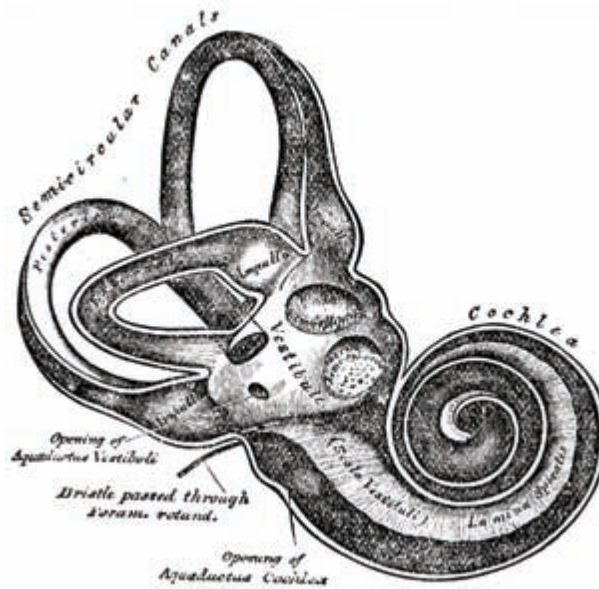
A measured response requires pause, listening, reflection. Selah....

See me listen: There is a squinting of the muscles around the left eye. The head tilts forward and left and down. There is a tension in the body. On a mission, this listening is a measure to identify. What is that? Shhhh...The sound of note is pulled out of a matrix, wings pinned down. Appropriate dissection programs are applied. A pogrom of surround is instituted, driving to non-distraction. Then: identification, conquest, and finally, boredom. To my mind's ear comes the archaic English meaning of "to list." "To list," like this, comes from an Old English root (lystan) meaning lust, desire, craving.

If this list is endless, the end is listless.

The archaic "to list" has another Old English root: hlystan. The meaning here is to hear.

Fig. 381.—The Osseous Labyrinth laid open. (Enlarged.)



Perhaps this would be more like an osmotic process. The word "osmose" comes from a concatenation of the French root meaning inward and the Greek for push and thrust. The word osmosis can refer to the diffusion of fluid through a semi-permeable membrane from a solution with a low solute concentration to a solution with a higher solute concentration until there is an equal concentration of fluid on both sides of the membrane. Or it can mean the gradual, often unconscious process of absorption.

Ah, to list, perchance to osmose? There's the rubbing: what is heard and

hearer. Rubbing away the membrane between, the hearing here is vibrant, entered without exit, inoperable, inexorable.

Like a chest cavity beyond heart, inner air being outer music, tympanic meme brained, swimming in pool without borders or bottom, without surface, unfathomable.

We're not in Kansas anymore. Or Georgia. We have lost the score card and the soap opera stories of idolized players, projected self projects. We are out of the projects into the high life. And not like the

Don would spout, but out of the mother facing into the smack of lips dripping with the life blood of primordial

unpopulated forests in which there are no falling trees and no ears to hear. Listen up.

Text: Resist it. Otherwise, allow the material to liberate. ■

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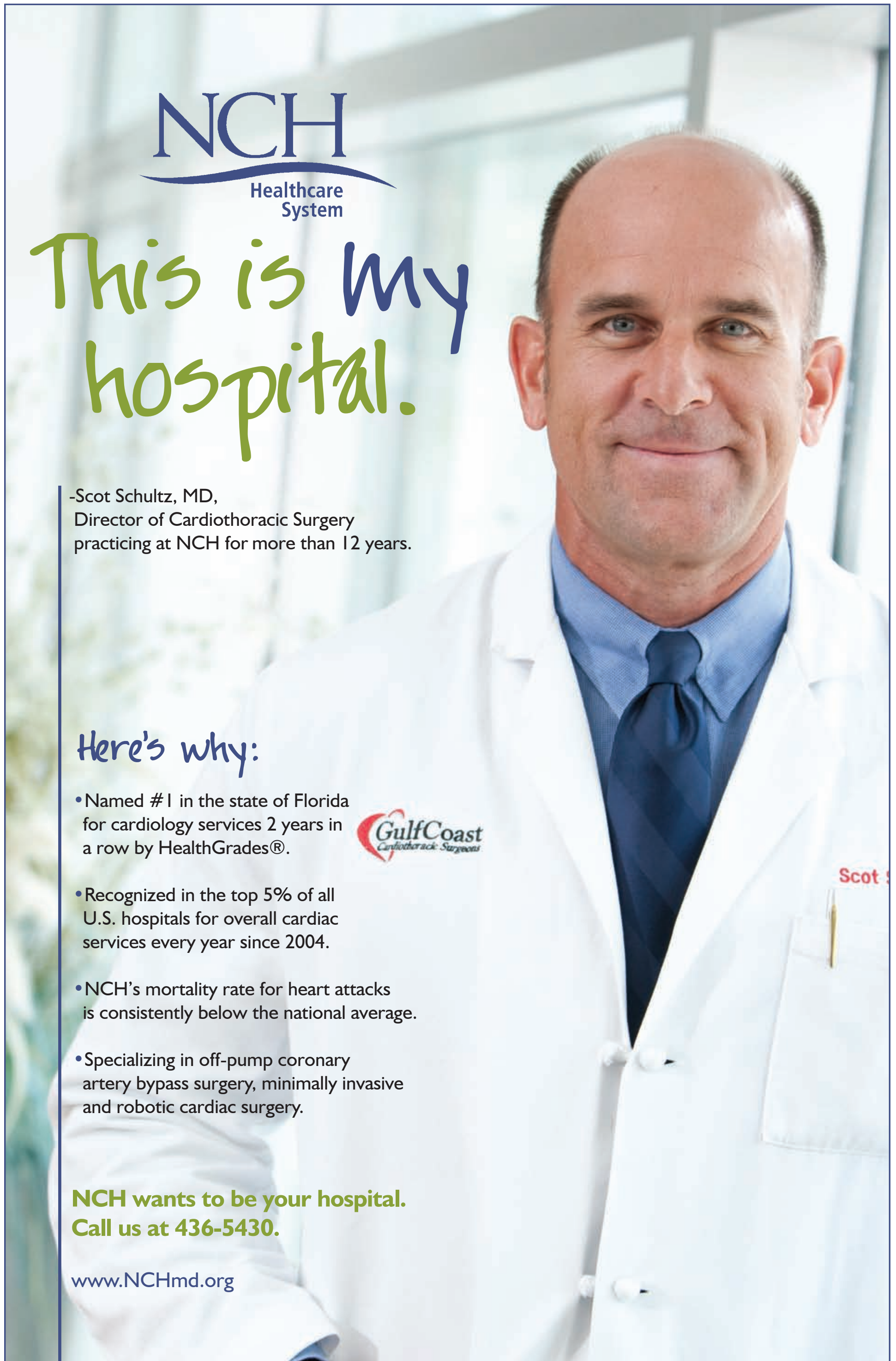
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"From inspiration to installation, we are experienced in all aspects of design, sourcing, manufacture,

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COURTESY PHOTO

Paradise Marine Electronics and other local shops now compete with Best Buy for customer loyalty.

Big box bids for boat biz

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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FOR THE BOATER, SERVICE HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER. AND PERHAPS IT'S never been as good.

Competition is the engine driving that reality.

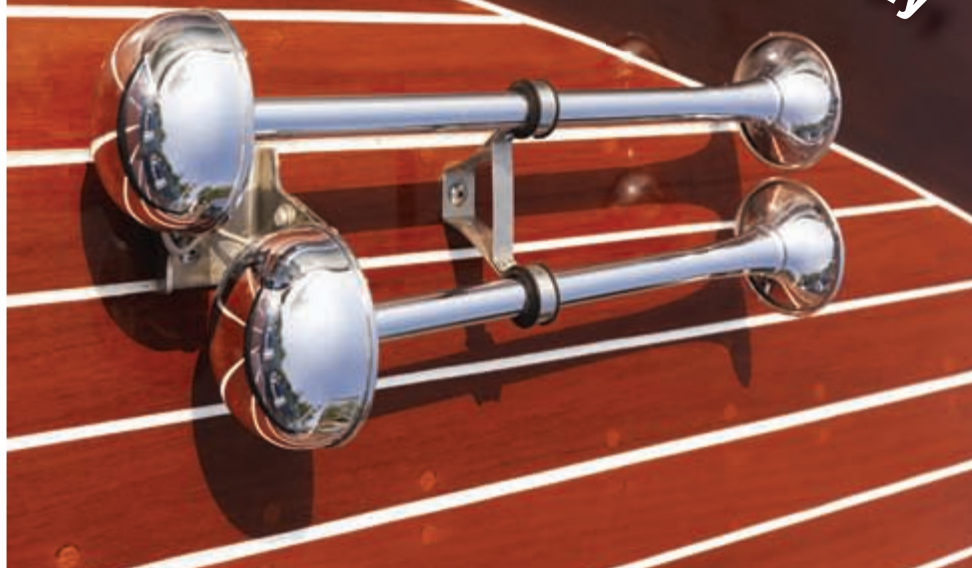
Among the changes facing small businesses offering marine services of all kinds here, from repair and retrofitting to dockage to highly sophisticated electronics, is big business. One of the nation's premier "box stores" is now plying the waters.

What that means for boating consumers appears to be this choice: Do they want to buy equipment at the lowest price, or do they want to spend more for extended warranties and sophisticated personal service?

Best Buy, traditionally seen as a place to pick up a

SEE BEST, B7 ►

Marine services next target for Best Buy



INSIDE



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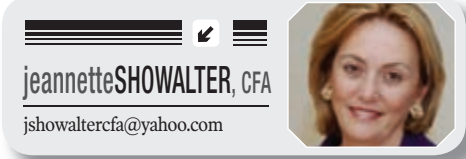


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MONEY & INVESTING

U.S. economy between a rock and a hard place



Greece was at center stage for several weeks recently, but upon passage of the country's famed "austerity plan," all eyes turned back to the U.S. The world was looking for better reports on the questionable American recovery and congressional resolution of the impending debt ceiling crisis.

A nasty surprise was delivered on Friday, July 8, when terrible employment numbers for June were reported and the two prior months' numbers were down. As of this writing, talks for a large (\$4 trillion) U.S. debt reduction package were curtailed, and a smaller debt reduction package is now on the table.

This column has dealt with employment numerous times, not just to emphasize the severity of the problem, but also to elucidate that, without U.S. GDP growth at 2.5 percent or greater, unemployment simply cannot get better. The laws of demographics dictate that with a growing labor force, there has to be meaningful GDP growth to employ new entrants as well as to get the existing unemployed into a job.

The employment numbers reported last week were downright scary, absolutely and especially in the context of forecasted estimates. A well-respected forecaster had estimated jobs to come in at 170,000.

The consensus estimate was closer to a positive 120,000, and the actual number reported was a meager 18,000 jobs created in June.

A closer look shows that the private sector created 57,000 jobs while government jobs contracted by 39,000. The net was 18,000. It's no surprise that local and state governments, which do not have the capacity to deficit spend, are cutting staff. It will be no surprise if this trend continues.

Beyond the hardships for folks who are not working, there are hardships for those who work, pay taxes and feel discouraged that the \$800 billion stimulus package accomplished little. It was largely spent to create jobs and to save industries so that jobs would remain intact. President Barack Obama says 2 million jobs have been created since stimulus; some say 3 million. And that would price the cost of creating a single job (stimulus dollars divided by jobs created) in the \$266,666-\$400,000 range.

But if even only \$400 billion of the total stimulus went toward job creation, then the cost of creating a single job was \$133,333 to \$200,000 — to create a job that probably pays \$30,000 or less.

Where did the money come from to create a low-paying job at such high a cost? Because the U.S. is deficit spending, federal debt was incurred to finance this employment. And since the U.S. is not paying off debt any time soon, the real cost includes the future costs associated with the interest on the debt. Now that is mind

boggling — creating a low-paying job at a cost in the hundreds of thousands of dollars plus future interest.

The old recession-recovery concept was to lower interest rates to stimulate the economy and for the government to spend — all of which creates a multiplier effect, as in one job created creates additional spending and additional investment spending, etc. But this time around, these economic tools were pushing on a string.

Why didn't the government stimulus give us the bang we need to create traction in the labor market? The first reason is that interest rates are so low that lowering from "very low" to "unbelievably low" is no incentive; it does not change perception of wealth or inclination to spend. And secondly, numerous studies suggest the multiplier effect of government spending becomes marginal when the government is already seriously in debt. There is negative impact by deficit spending, and it largely negates the positive of the expenditure.

Was the stimulus package a complete waste? Maybe the package was really spent to save the U.S. banks and, in doing so, save the world from a great depression.



That is more palatable.

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Talk with your adviser and review your portfolio.

These are very uncertain times, and it certainly won't hurt to know how your portfolio might fare under a variety of economic scenarios. ■

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With captivating long water views of Galleon Cove, this beautiful Costa del Sol architectural masterpiece captures the essence of Florida's indoor-outdoor lifestyle. Located on one and one-half Port Royal lots, this five bedroom home is designed for glorious water views. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$6,850,000

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ON THE MOVE

Banking

Brian Keenan has been named regional president for west and central Florida at First National Bank of the Gulf Coast. Mr. Keenan will focus his efforts on the bank's expansion into the Tampa Bay market, with future plans to include the Sarasota/Bradenton and Orlando areas. First National Bank of the Gulf Coast opened in Collier County in 2009. Mr. Keenan previously was the affiliate president for Fifth Third Bank in the Tampa Bay market and before that, he worked for First National Bank of Florida.

Board Appointments

The following new members have joined the board of trustees of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation: **Craig Folk**, CPA and shareholder in the firm Miller, Helms & Folk, P.A.; **Howard Leland**, an Vietnam War pilot for former pilot for Northwest Airlines; **Jacqueline "Jackie" McCurdy**, retired vice president of Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Inc. and a founding member and chair of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's Bonita Springs

Community Fund; and **Gay Thompson**, CEO, president and chairman of Cement Industries Inc. and a founding member of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's Women's Legacy Fund.



STEINHART

HIV/AIDS researcher **Corklin Steinhart**, M.D., Ph.D., has joined the board of directors of the Island Coast AIDS Network. The senior medical director for Merck, Dr. Steinhart holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Bucknell University, a Ph.D. in cardiophysiology from The Johns Hopkins University, and a medical degree from the University of South Florida College of Medicine. He has held numerous academic, professional and administration positions and is well known as a lecturer in the area of HIV/AIDS and hyperthermia treatment. He has a residence in Naples.



WARNKEN

James Warnken, CPA and senior consultant with Markham Norton Mosteller Wright and Company, P.A., has been appointed to the board of directors for the David Lawrence Foundation for a three-year term. He will serve as a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Warnken has served as CFO for NCH Healthcare System, CEO of DSI Laboratories and CFO for Brandywine Hospital and Trauma Center in Pennsylvania. He is vice chairman of research for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, a board member of Physician Lead Access Network and a member of the Operations Subcommittee for the Collier County School Board and the Florida Bar Association 20th Judicial Circuit Grievance Committee. He is a graduate of Leadership Collier and Leadership Lee.

Casino Operations

Jim Baker has been named executive casino host at the Seminole Casino

Immokalee. Originally from Medford, N.J., Mr. Baker moved to Atlantic City in 1981 and worked as dealer, trainer and floor supervisor at Resorts International Hotel and Casino Atlantic City, The Sands Casino Hotel and The Claridge Hotel & Casino before becoming pit boss at Tropicana Casino & Resort. Over the past 18 years, he served as a dealer, supervisor, executive casino host, director of player management and casino manager on casino cruise ships out of Fort Myers Beach. He is responsible for day-to-day personalized account management of Seminole Casino Immokalee's VIP segment.

Chambers of Commerce

Andrea St. Cyr has been named marketing development director of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. A student intern in 2005, Ms. St. Cyr has served as the chamber's marketing specialist since December 2010. A graduate of Florida Gulf Coast University, she previously was the business development manager at Gartner Inc. and the multimedia national account sales manager at E.W. Scripps Company, the *Naples Daily News*. In her new role, she will develop new projects and promote community partnerships with the chamber.

Four members have been appointed to the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Ambassador committee. They are: **Sara Booker**, the Inn of Naples; **Sal Maniscalco**, Sun Trust Bank; **Cheryl McDonnell** SCORE Naples; and **Karl Salathe**, Seacrest Country Day School. Ambassadors meet and greet chamber members at key events and visit new members to welcome them and determine how the chamber can best serve them.

Health Care



NICELEY

Baird Niceley has joined as a respiratory therapist. The medical equipment and supply company has offices in Naples, Fort Myers and Clewiston. Mr. Niceley worked for many years as a respiratory therapist within the Veteran's Administration system in Tampa and Philadelphia. He most recently has worked in home health care in the Tampa area.

Independent Sales

Linda Jones has been promoted to branch manager for Jewels by Park Lane. She joined the company in October 2010 as a fashion director.

Law



MIZELL

Nicholas "Nick" Mizell has joined the litigation department at Cheffy Passidomo P.A. He previously practiced with the international law firm of Shook, Hardy & Bacon LLP, representing some of the world's largest consumer product and pharmaceu-

tical manufacturers in product liability, mass tort, class action, Attorney General, consumer protection and commercial litigation. He graduated from the University of Kansas School of Law.

Marketing



JOHNSON

Scott Johnson has been named creative director at Paradise Advertising and Marketing Inc. He previously served as global executive creative director of interactive at Draft FCB, where he was a major contributor to strategic and creative initiatives. He has also served as executive creative director at Tribal DDB in Dallas, where he played a key role in the agency being named Adweek's Interactive Agency of the Year. Advertising Age also recognized his work for Pepsi as Best Marketing Web Site of the Year.

Nonprofit Organizations



WILSON

Sandra Wilson has been named director of institutional advancement for the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples. She will direct marketing, communications, public relations and fundraising programs.

Paul Brigham has been named executive director of the St. Vincent de Paul Society Naples District Council. In the Naples area, the society and its 500 volunteers provide Meals On Wheels and operate a food pantry and direct assistance programs. A Naples resident for more than 22 years, Mr. Brigham managed the society's thrift stores in Naples and Bonita Springs for eight years and for the past year has served as associate executive director for the past year.



ZIMMERMAN

has been named executive director of Keep Collier Beautiful. He retired as regional vice president in charge of field training at Equifax. He is commodore of the Naples Cruise Club and has participated in numerous KCB bay and coastal cleanups.

Professional Associations



PHILIP

Account manager **Matthew Philip** of Gulfshore Insurance Inc. has been elected president of Insurance Professionals of Collier County. A local association affiliated with the International Association of Insurance Professionals, IPCC membership focuses on education, networking and community involvement. As president, Mr. Philip will oversee all group meetings and committees and will serve as the local delegate at state, regional and national conventions. ■

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\$6,750,000



KINGS TOWN DRIVE

Dramatic views over Treasure Cove from this architectural masterpiece designed by renowned architect Kasimir Korybut. Elegant, yet comfortable, tropical living. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
\$5,950,000



RUM ROW

A classically beautiful residence with intricate detail and marvelous millwork. A very rare example of creative architecture designed to be lived in and enjoyed while taking full advantage of the remarkable wide water views of Galleon Cove. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,950,000



FORT CHARLES DRIVE

Spectacular long water view estate site. Close to the Port Royal Club. Expansive lot and one-half creates a large building envelope along Morgan's Cove. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. \$5,900,000



SANCERRE - UNIT 401

The turquoise Gulf waters, the ebullient palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind's eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services.
\$4,290,000



JUST SOLD

GIN LANE

Well constructed and immaculately maintained home with dramatic Western views over the wide waters of Smugglers' Bay. Convenient Gulf access. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.



SANCERRE - UNIT 702

As soon as one steps from the elevator into the residence's private lobby, the dramatic design and penchant for detail is immediately inspirational. Working with both abundant natural light and specially engineered lighting, the residence comes alive with wide planked bamboo flooring and custom Bartel wooden doors.
\$4,050,000



GALLEON DRIVE

This enchanting Port Royal residence offers a tropical motif, including rich wood finishes, stone flooring, and tongue and groove ceiling treatments. There are direct views of Limpinkin Cove with ample green space for gardening and outdoor entertaining. Port Royal Club membership eligibility.
\$3,950,000



OLD NAPLES

Enter this professionally decorated Villas Escalante residence and you will feel transported to a tropical oasis of quintessential relaxation and warmth. Enjoy al fresco dining on the sun-drenched patio, complete with private pool and grill area.
\$2,495,000



AQUALANE SHORES

A gracious Aqualane Shores waterfront home situated with long views down both Aqua Cove and Ibis Cove. This magnificently finished home is light and cheery with a well appointed kitchen serving formal and informal dining areas inside and out.
\$2,450,000



JUST SOLD

OLD NAPLES

Perhaps, the most pastoral location in Naples, Florida. A secluded building opportunity with a panoramic view over one of Naples' most iconic lakes. The most romantic setting to build a house that will be inspirational, thought provoking, and at the same time calming and pleasurable.



LANCASTER DRIVE

Beautifully appointed 2nd floor condominium with spectacular lake and sunset views. Finishes include an updated kitchen with new appliances and gorgeous marble and wood flooring. Bathrooms newly finished with granite counters, custom mirrors, and hardware. Kensington offers a range of membership opportunities. \$599,000

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Understanding the concept of price multiples can help you assess stock prices more effectively and determine which ones seem most undervalued and therefore likely to rise.

The word "multiple" usually refers to a company's price-to-earnings, or P/E, ratio, which is its current stock price divided by its last 12 months of earnings per share (EPS). A company trading at \$60 per share with an EPS of \$3 has a P/E of 20; it's trading at "20 times earnings" or at "a multiple of 20."

It can be helpful to compare a company's multiple with what seems to be a fair multiple, given its industry and competitive position. Let's say that the peers of Gas Prices Inc. (ticker: ARMLEG) all have multiples in the high 20s and its own multiple is in the mid-teens. A low multiple can be promising, suggesting that the stock is undervalued and that the price will increase as the multiple catches up to its peers. (It can also indicate a firm that's losing in the marketplace, though.)

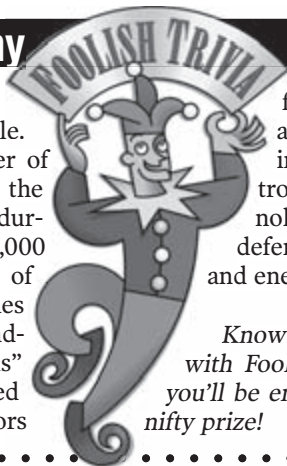
Briskly growing earnings are also promising, since earnings growth drives stock price growth. Rapid growth can sometimes justify a relatively high multiple. How fast earnings grow is a good indicator of how high a company's P/E should be. That's why some industries sport higher average P/E ratios than others.

Expected earnings growth coupled with multiple growth can offer a powerful one-two punch. (Warning: Numbers ahead!) Imagine a stock trading at \$30 per share — 10 times its EPS of \$3. As earnings grow, the stock price will likely increase, maintaining the multiple. For example, when earnings are \$5 per share, the stock price should be near \$50. But if the multiple itself is also growing, the price is likely to increase even more. If a reasonable multiple is more like 15 and the earnings are \$5 per share, the stock should eventually approach \$75 per share.

Companies generating above-average earnings growth and trading at below-average multiples can be good candidates for further research. They may end up turbo-charging your portfolio. ■

Name That Company

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The Motley Fool Take

Google Goes Solar

Google (Nasdaq: GOOG) is looking to get a little better return on its cash — by creating a \$280 million fund with which SolarCity can expand its residential leasing program.

SolarCity is a full-service solar energy company providing design, financing, installation and monitoring for solar systems. Google's money will be used to finance residential projects instead of homeowners paying for entire installations themselves. SolarCity has set up 15 such funds with various partners, totaling \$1.28 billion.

Google, laden with cash, has been looking for ways to expand its "Do no evil" mantra with renewable energy. The company is

invested in building a \$5 billion wind power transmission corridor off the Atlantic coast and wind farms in North Dakota, and it has also made investments in thermal solar company BrightSource Energy.

Solar manufacturers should cheer anything that helps make solar power more accessible in the U.S. market. Established higher-efficiency companies like SunPower, Trina Solar, and Yingli Green Energy in particular should benefit.

Google is slowly turning itself into a major funding source for renewable energy companies. In time, that may become a major source of income for the company. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Google, and Motley Fool newsletter services have recommended buying shares of it.) ■

My Dumbest Investment Riding Trend Waves

I've tried to ride the wave of major investment trends. Back in the 1990s, when "green power" was hot, I invested in a company that aimed to make pesticides unnecessary. I lost most of my money. I then turned to an "Asian tiger" and invested in Malaysia, losing \$5,000. I switched to China and lost \$3,000 there. Thinking real estate would restore my fortune, I bought a real estate investment trust and lost another \$3,000. Could I be doing something wrong? — J.W., via email

The Fool Responds: You have to be very patient for some trends to pay off. Environmentalism and alternative energies, for example, have been growing for many years and still seem to have a lot of room to run. Likewise, China and other developing economies are experiencing strong growth, but their returns for investors may stall or stumble now and then.

It's also important to pick the right horses in each race, which can be especially hard early on. It's sometimes best to wait, or to diversify with a variety of companies in a particular niche, perhaps via a mutual fund. ■



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(Answer: News Corp.)



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Yields Zig, Prices Zag

Why do bond prices go up when bond yields go down?

— N.P., Keene, N.H.

A Bond prices react to changes in interest rates. If you buy a \$1,000, 30-year bond with a 5 percent interest rate, it'll pay you \$50 per year until maturity, when you get your \$1,000 back.

But if interest rates rise, that 5 percent won't be able to compete with newer bonds' higher rates. The value of your bond will have to drop to make it more attractive to buyers.

Someone selling that bond, then, might have to accept \$950 for it instead of its original \$1,000. The buyer will receive the same \$50 annual payments and will receive the same \$1,000 at maturity.

When interest rates drop, bond prices will rise as people will pay a premium for higher-yielding bonds.

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What's a "beneficial owner"? — H.L., South Bend, Ind.

A A beneficial owner is the true owner of a security, such as a stock. If some assets are held for you in a trust through a brokerage, for example, you're the beneficial owner.

It's a common practice for brokerages to hold stocks in "street name" (i.e., their own name) instead of putting the shares in your name. This is routine, and the shares still belong to you. Thus, you remain the beneficial owner.

It often makes sense to leave shares in "street name" instead of having them registered to you and getting the actual certificates sent to you in the mail. That way, when you want to sell, you won't have to find and mail back the certificates.

Learn more about brokerages at www.broker.fool.com and www.sec.gov/answers/openaccount.htm. ■

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

► **A Job Search Support Group** meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

► **AM Blend**, a new networking event sponsored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, takes place at 7:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month. The July 19 location is the chamber's Visitor Information Center at 900 Fifth Ave. S. Cost is \$5 and attendance is limited to the first 25 chamber members who register at tinyurl.com/gncevents.

► A networking workshop for young professionals, sponsored by the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce**, takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, at Hemingway's Island Grill in Coconut Point. Presenter Mary Lynn Ziemer is the author of "Living a Joyful

Life." Sign up by calling 992-2943 or visiting www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

► **KeyBank's Key4Women** breakfast club meets from 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Guest speaker will be Lee Knapp of Knapp Consultants. RSVP by July 18 to Barbara Crowe, 659-8802 or Barbara_a_crowe@keybank.com.

► **Business After 5** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30p.m. Thursday, July 21, at CNL Bank, 1435 Pine Ridge Road. Cost is \$5 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **The Collier Building Industry Association** holds a members mixer at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at ProFloors, 3060 Tamiami Trail N. Sign up by calling

436-6100 or visiting www.cbia.net.

► **SCORE Naples** and the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** present "Start, Buy or Franchise?" a workshop for people who have decided to go into business for themselves, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 23, at the chamber, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Registration is \$35 and can be completed at www.napleschamber.org/events.

► **The Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** meets for lunch and a program from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at the Hilton Naples. Reservations are required by July 22. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members and \$29 for others. Sign up at www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

► A Summer Lunch Series for members and guests of the **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, at

Carrabba's in Bonita Springs, 27220 Bay Landing Drive. Southwest Florida College representatives will conduct a lesson in networking. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or visiting www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

► **The American Marketing Association-Naples chapter** and **Young Professionals of Naples** will meet at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28, at Flemming's. Free for members, \$10 for others. RSVP to 682-0082.

► **CBIA** holds a general membership meeting Thursday, Aug. 11, at Olde Cypress. *Florida Weekly* is the sponsor. Guest speaker Nick Casalanguida will discuss changes in Collier County's Growth Management Division that affect the building industry. Networking begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and 6 p.m. and then the program. Cost is \$25 per person. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net to sign up. ■

BEST

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television, a laptop, a cell phone, a sound system or the many accoutrements of those products at competitive prices, is now in the high-tech boat business, at least in Florida.

"We're the largest electronic retailer in the U.S., so it makes sense," says Mike Bador, outside sales manager for a region extending from Tampa to Palm Beach.

In 25 stores across that region including those in Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties, Best Buy is now selling and installing a full assortment of navigation, radar, video and other marine equipment. In 38 other stores in Florida and out-of-state along the gulf coast, boaters can buy sound systems for their vessels.

The company's foray into the boating world is a precursor to offering marine services in more than 400 stores throughout the country, beginning in the next 24 months or so, Mr. Bador explains.

Neil Kempf, owner of Paradise Marine and Electronics, a niche company working out of Fish Tale Marina on Fort Myers Beach, services boats from Massachusetts to Naples to Key West. He analyzes the changing business climate as a mutation of both the Internet and the big box.

"The Internet put a hard downward pressure on our markets, on the cost of electronics," he explains. "So box stores like a Best Buy sell solely based on price. They're being subsidized by the sale of a television or refrigerator. In the case of West Marine (a parts supplier and wholesaler with 350 stores nationwide, including 13 in the region stretching from Sarasota southward), the number one product they sell is shoes."

To compete with the sophisticated knowledge and high-level service of the smaller businesses, Best Buy uses certified technicians who will go to



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Installing and servicing electronics on boats is big business in Southwest Florida.

the boat and recommend an appropriate package, then do the work within 72 hours of a request, Mr. Bador says. That means that other businesses have to hustle 24/7, literally, while trying to provide something the big stores can't.

Barry Marshall, regional president of Marine Max in Naples and Fort Myers, points out that "customers are very savvy. So we make sure we're providing the best service. We pride ourselves on over-communication.

"It's easy to buy electronics from the box store, but installation is the key. If you don't install it correctly, or know how to use it, you get in trouble."

At Paradise Marine and Electronics, Mr. Kempf's business model requires that he remain on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he says. Clients can reach him any time of the day or night to enlist his aid in fixing just about anything on their boats.

"That's just the demand of the business, now, and I can pretty much remember every client and boat I've ever helped," he says.

Although 24-7 has been his service style through more than two decades, other factors have changed the economic weather, and required that he offer not only the ultimate in service,

but extra perks.

"We offer full manufacturer's warranties as well as additional warranties, in my company. The manufacturer's warranty might cover two years parts and labor, but not work on the boat. We pick that up. A box store can't do that. Personalized customer service is what people are buying from us. If people were buying solely based on price, none of the other companies (besides the big stores such as Best Buy or wholesaler West Marine) would be in business."

The Internet, too, has been a major game changer in marine services, especially for such companies as West Marine.

The company is a parts supplier, which means it stands in direct competition with neither a Best Buy, nor with small specialty service businesses, many who use the big company as a wholesaler.

"There are a lot of local repair people that do installations — electronic installations. They're our wholesale customers," says Ed Rheys, second assistant manager of the West Marine store in Punta Gorda. "I would say there are 50 different people who buy from us to repair your boat."

The competition for West Marine comes instead from online business.

"The Internet bothers us more than anything else," Mr. Rheys says. "We do price matches for the Internet as long as it's not an auction site. If a customer has an online, identical product, they can come in here and look at the West Marine item, and expect us to match the price."

Meanwhile, at Fort Myers Marine, self-billed as "the world's largest flats boat dealer," owner Chuck Caulkins has diversified his business to do just about anything — which is what customers say of him.

Among the other things he does is sponsor charitable events and tournaments.

"I'd talk to you about it," he told a reporter, "but I've got to go get this boat in the water."

His service attitude demonstrates exactly what Best Buy is up against. ■

LUBNER

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import/export and installation," Mr. Lubner says.

The Lubner Group designers have left their imprint on The Breakers Palm Beach, City Centre and the Carriage House in Las Vegas, Disney World and

several Bluegreen timeshare resorts, as well as timeshare and fractional properties in Branson, Jamaica, Anguilla and Costa Rica. The new company has projects under way in Las Vegas, Sanibel Island and Key West, and is in negotiations with developers to install products and interiors over the next three years.

The company is seeking sales representatives in the Caribbean, North-eastern U.S., the Rockies, California

and the Southwest.

With corporate offices in Fort Myers, an additional office in Orlando and all support and logistic teams in place, the Lubner Group is poised to be an affordable, single-source provider of interior design, manufacturing and purchasing-related services for hospitality industries.

"We believe the hospitality and resort industries offer significant growth potential and emerging opportunities as

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SOLD! On Broad Avenue South in Old Naples, \$7 million

Premier Sotheby's tops \$1 billion in sales so far in 2011

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Premier Sotheby's International Realty sold more than \$1 billion of real estate in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Sarasota and Manatee counties in the first half of 2011, according to

Terradatum, a third party research firm, analyzes data in the local multiple listing service. (In Sarasota County, the real estate firm operates as Signature Sotheby's International Realty.)

"Our associates' sales performance year-to-date is incredibly encouraging for our region," says Judy Green, president and CEO of the company. "It signals an increasing confidence among buyers, both domestic and international, that real estate in Southwest Florida continues to



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SOLD! On Marco Island, \$5 million

Realtor groups form partnership

The Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Realtors Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach have formed a partnership to combine NABOR's 4,000 Realtor members with 4,500 Realtors in the Fort Myers area. The two associations will now share MLS listings.

"This is a giant step forward to use proven technology to better promote our members' real estate properties between Lee and Collier counties," says NABOR President Brenda Fioretti. "We expect this to have a positive effect on the current market, which has been experiencing improvement over the past 12 months."

Ms. Fioretti and President Gary Verwilt of the Realtors Association of Greater Fort Myers and the Beach executed the contract to share MLS listings on Friday, July 8. ■

Seven of 10 renters say owning is a top priority

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The 2011 National Housing Pulse Survey released recently by the National Association of Realtors indicates 72 percent of renters surveyed said owning a home is a top priority for their future, up from 63 percent in 2010. Seven in 10 Americans also agreed that purchasing a home is a good financial decision, while almost two-thirds said now is a good time to buy.

The annual survey, which measures how affordable housing issues affect consumers, also found that 77 percent said they would be less likely to buy a home if a 20 percent down payment were required, and 71 believed such a requirement could have a negative impact on the housing market.

More than half (51 percent) of self-

described "working class" homeowners as well as younger non-college graduates (51 percent), African Americans (57 percent) and Hispanic Americans (50 percent) who currently own their homes reported that a 20 percent down payment would have prevented them from becoming homeowners.

Pulse surveys for the past eight years have consistently identified a down payment and closing costs as the top obstacles that make housing unaffordable. This year, 82 percent of respondents cited these, followed by confidence in one's job security.

The survey also found that two-thirds of Americans oppose eliminating the mortgage interest tax deduction, while 73 percent believe eliminating the

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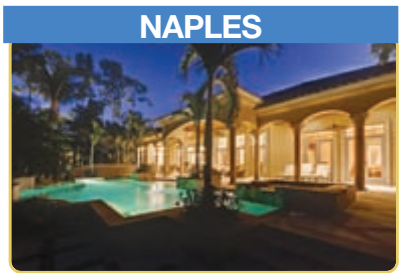
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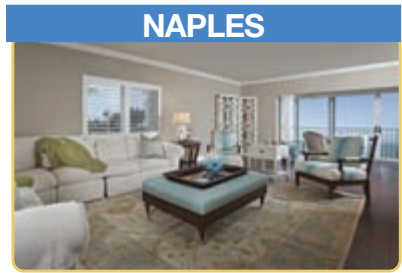
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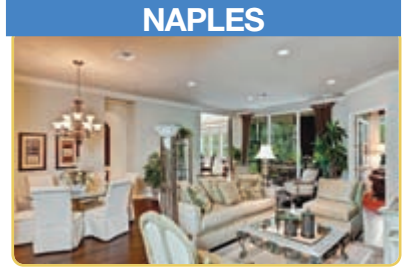
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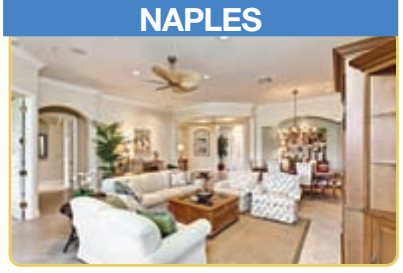
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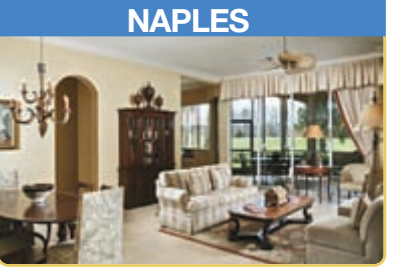
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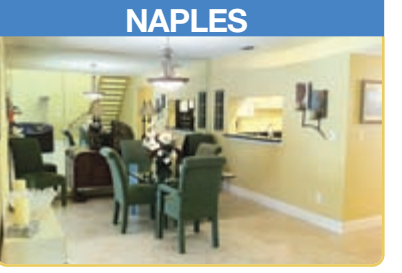
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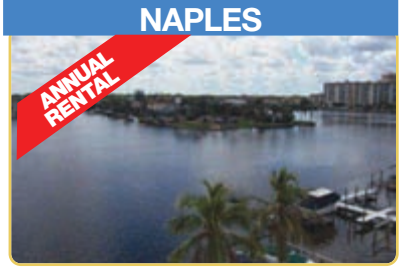
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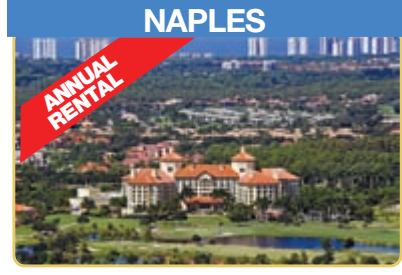
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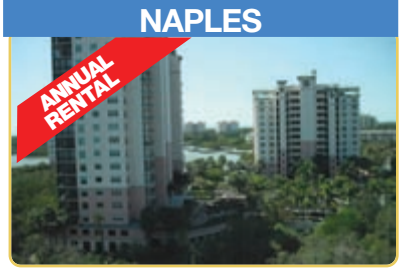
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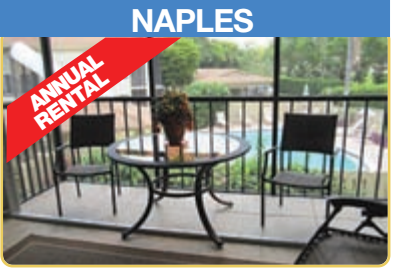
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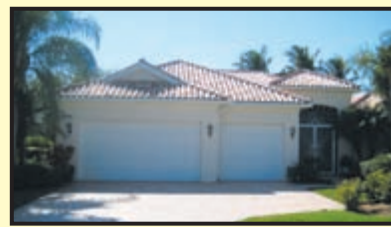
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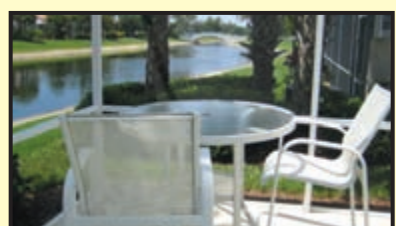
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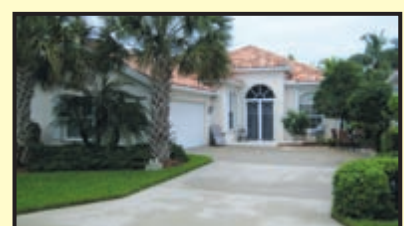
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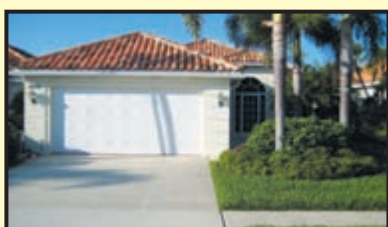
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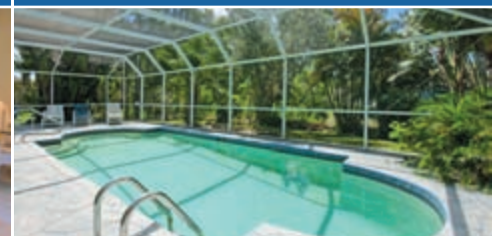
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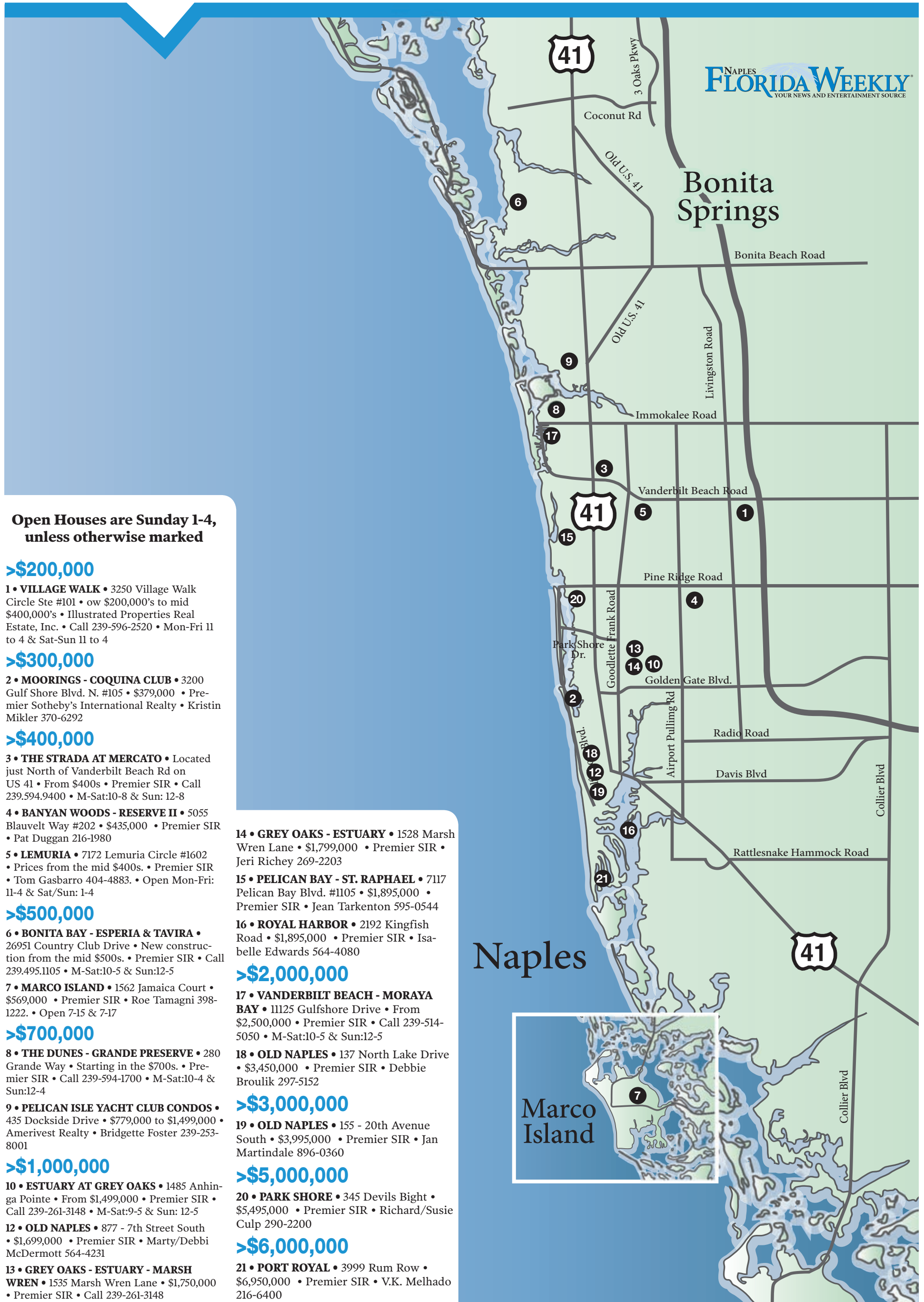
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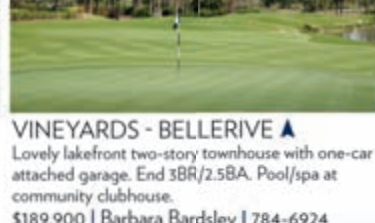
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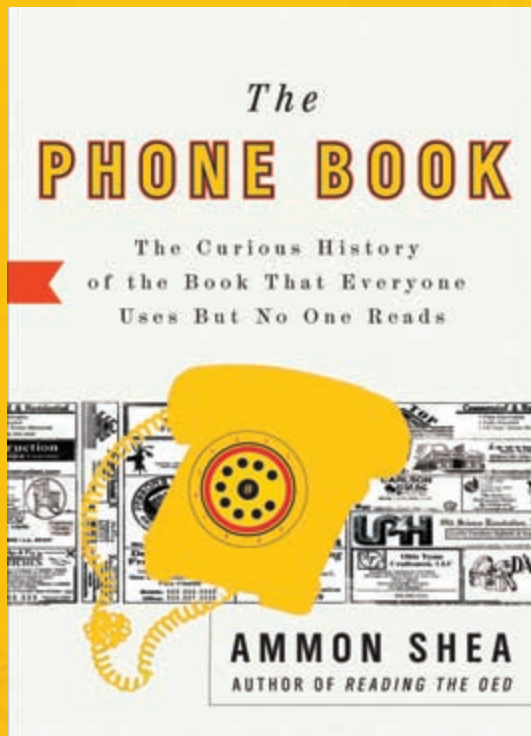


WEEK OF JULY 14-20, 2011

A GUIDE TO THE NAPLES ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

It's in the BOOK

{ Author discovers much more than paper, ink and glue in the telephone directory }



COURTESY PHOTO
Author Ammon Shea has a thing for books without narratives.

BY NANCY STETSON

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WHAT'S THE BOOK EVERYONE USES BUT NO ONE READS? The phone book. Ammon Shea calls it a "non-book book." He has a passion for reading books that lack narratives — atlases, almanacs, catalogs, etc. — books not typically read straight through, cover-to-cover. But then again, Mr. Shea isn't your typical reader. He's read a few dictionaries from front to back and a few years ago tackled the big one; in 2008, he published "Reading the OED: One Man, One Year, 21,730 Pages," about his experience of reading the entire Oxford English Dictionary, all 20 volumes, over the course of a year.

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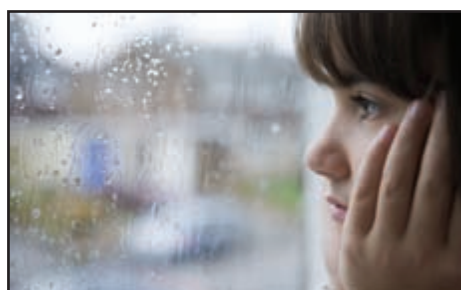
Here at *Florida Weekly* we enjoy telling stories. We love to find people and situations that speak to us. When we write, we strive to capture the essence of life in Southwest Florida as honestly as we know how.

Once again, we're asking you to tell us a story. Last year, we received more than 100 submissions from readers who found

their respective muses awakened by our various challenges.

We've already done some work to help the creative juices flow. *Florida Weekly* kindly asks you, dear reader, to submit an original work of fiction based on the photograph seen here. Using this photo as a starting point for your creative process, we'd like you to come up with a narrative story or poetry of 1,000 words or less.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Couples massage: Here's the rub



Love is patient and kind. It does not envy and is not proud. Love protects, trusts and perseveres. At least that's what the wedding planner favorite — 1 Corinthians — tells us.

But love is also fiercely jealous. That one rarely makes the ceremony.

On a recent weekend afternoon, the Captain surprised me with a romantic treat: couples massages. They're a favorite of relationship advice books whose authors say massages are a great way to grow closer, to relax together and to experience new levels of intimacy. I wasn't thinking about any of those things as we sat in matching terry cloth robes in the spa's pre-massage area. I was worrying if my boyfriend's masseuse would be hot.

I took a sip of green tea and tugged at the sleeve of my robe. "I hope she's a wreck," I said before I could stop the words from falling out of my mouth.

The Captain laughed. "I requested a woman for you," he said.

"Really?"

He nodded. "I don't like the idea of another man's hands on you."

I smiled. At least I wasn't the only one struggling.

Two women came into the room to fetch us. They were non-threatening, dressed all in black with their hair pulled back in tight ponytails. We followed them into a room with dim lighting and two massage tables set side by side.

"Here you go," one of the women said. "We'll step out of the room so you can remove your robes."

We were strangely tentative, suddenly shy in each other's presence. We disrobed and slipped furtively under the sheets covering the tables. The masseuses knocked.

"Come in," the Captain said.

The women moved to our separate tables. I closed my eyes. The masseuse draped an eye pillow across my brow, shutting me in darkness. Often when one sense is limited our other senses heighten, so that as I became sightless my hearing cranked up. I lay on the table and listened to the massage session across the room, where the Captain received a rub down from a woman who was decidedly not me.

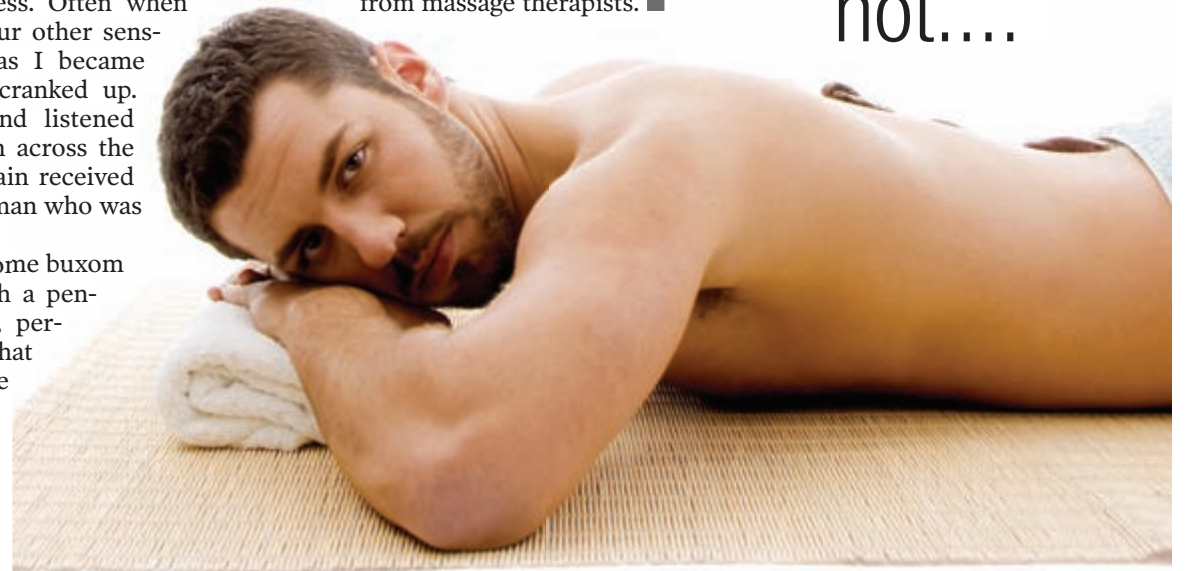
While I had feared some buxom blond — a Swede with a penchant for naughtiness, perhaps — it turns out that any woman would have been a threat. I was not troubled by her specifically, but the idea of another person exploring my boy-

friend's intimate parts. What's worse, I had to listen to the sound of skin on skin, a profoundly private and sensual noise not meant to be overheard.

When the hour-long session drew to a close, I was relieved to rise off the table and slip back into my bathrobe. After changing, the Captain and I made our way to the parking lot, where I slipped my hand in his. I was newly aware of his desirability, suddenly alert to the precariousness of any relationship.

I can't imagine that's what experts expect when they suggest couples go for a massage together. The experience was anything but relaxing. Yet it served as a great reminder: that what we have is precious and worth guarding jealously. Even from massage therapists. ■

"I was worrying if my boyfriend's masseuse would be hot...."



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ARTISTS AMONG US

Karen Koestner Barrow, painter

>>Describe your art form.

I am primarily a painter, working in oil, acrylic and mixed media, although I also create all types of sculpture.

>>How do you describe your style?

My narrative work has a childlike quality about it, so it would be considered primitive or naïve. I recently ordered a 1965 Oldsmobile Cutlass door to paint on. My commission works range from impressionism to pop art and everything in between. They're great fun and challenge me to work outside my comfort zone, which ultimately improves all of my work.

>>Where were did you grow up?

I was born in Detroit, and grew up in Okemos and East Lansing, Mich.

>>When did you discover your creative talents?

As a young child, I loved to finger paint and color. I still remember my mother wondering how I managed to get paint all over my clothes — inside and out — as a child. Not much has changed since then!

>>Where can we see your work?

At Sweet Art Gallery, 2054 Trade Center Way, at www.BarrowART.com and at my studio, by appointment (349-2085 or Karen@BarrowART.com). I also participate in the Shirley Street 16 open studio nights, which will resume in October.

>>What inspires you?

Everything! I have a strong desire to document times and places that no longer exist... My new work will reference the auto industry, primarily the Oldsmobile, which had a huge economic impact on the community where I was raised. I grew up during the boom times for American automobiles. The brand was recently retired, and so another link to the past has disappeared. I have started incorporating Oldsmobile parts and literature from the mid-1960s into my work.

>>How has living in Naples inspired you?

One could not ask for a better place to live and work. There is an amazing arts community with great support from the arts organizations, residents and visitors. In addition, I have had a lot of fun documenting some uniquely Naples moments.

>>Where do you work?

I paint at my studio in Artesan Plaza on Shirley Street. I have a mini-gallery in the front and a large "messy space" in back.

>>What would we be surprised to find in your work area?

I have three sizes of coffee makers in my studio, a copy of the Baltimore Catechism, a 1960s Girl Scout uniform and almost all of my report cards from St. Thomas Aquinas School.

>>Are you a full-time artist?

I work full time in the visual arts, but three in different areas. I work in my studio as a painter, and I am



a student at FGCU working on my art degree. I also work at Sweet Art Gallery where I maintain the website, work with art collectors, schedule shows, review artists portfolios, etc.

>>Outside of your art, what are you passionate about?

Family is always first. I have a wonderful supportive husband, Jim, as well as three grown children who have chosen wonderful spouses and partners. We also both have siblings in town. It doesn't get much better. I am an active member of The League Club, a women's nonprofit organization that raises funds and returns them to the community in the form of grants. I serve on the board as newsletter editor.

>>What are you reading now?

I just finished "I Still Dream About You" by Fannie Flagg and "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter & Sweet" by Jamie Ford.

>>What would you want to be if you weren't an artist?

I would love to work in an art museum, possibly as a curator. It would have to be in the visual arts.

>>What artist would have like to have met and what would you ask him or her?

I love how Mary Cassatt managed to excel in a male-dominated field and still be true to her work. How did she manage to do that?

>>Any guilty pleasures?

Coffee and Norman Love treats. The new store in Naples is probably a little too close!

>>Education:

Ringling College of Art & Design, Florida Gulf Coast University

>>Favorite artist:

Liubov Popova (1889-1924), Russian Constructivist ■

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BOOK

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After “Reading the OED” came out, he discovered other readers who also like “non-book books.”

“One of my favorite examples of non-narrative reading I came across was people who said they like to read old train schedules,” he says. “It’s a lovely way of approaching text, that they would supply their own narrative and plot from just the barest form of writing.”

Meeting other non-book book readers inspired him to write more about the subject.

“My intent was to write about books that aren’t considered readable,” he says.

Upon further research, he discovered that although a certain amount of such attention had already been paid to dictionaries and encyclopedias, no one had written a book about the telephone book.

“I thought it was particularly curious that this book that was so ubiquitous and touched the lives of so many people, would be so unexamined,” he says. “It seems to be in the twilight of its career, potentially, so I thought someone should pay attention to it.”

And so, Mr. Shea wound up writing “The Phone Book: The Curious History of the Book That Everyone Uses But No One Reads” (\$14.95, A Perigee Book).

It opens with a tale about a Central American fruit company whose trains kept being hijacked by bandits. Nothing worked, until the company discovered that lining the rail cars with thick Manhattan phone books made them effectively bulletproof.

“That was the story that got me into it in the first place,” he says. He doesn’t know whether it’s true, but that doesn’t matter.

“What a delightful use of the phone book... an un-literary use,” he says, adding he’s read a number of versions of the same story, with some saying it happened in Central America and others placing it in South America.

“The one thing I would say lends credence to the possibility of it being true, maybe, is that it was reported in the New Yorker,” he says. His wife used to work as a fact-checker for the magazine, he explains, so he knows how stringent they are; he imagines someone must have fact-checked the story about Manhattan phone books stopping bandits’ bullets.

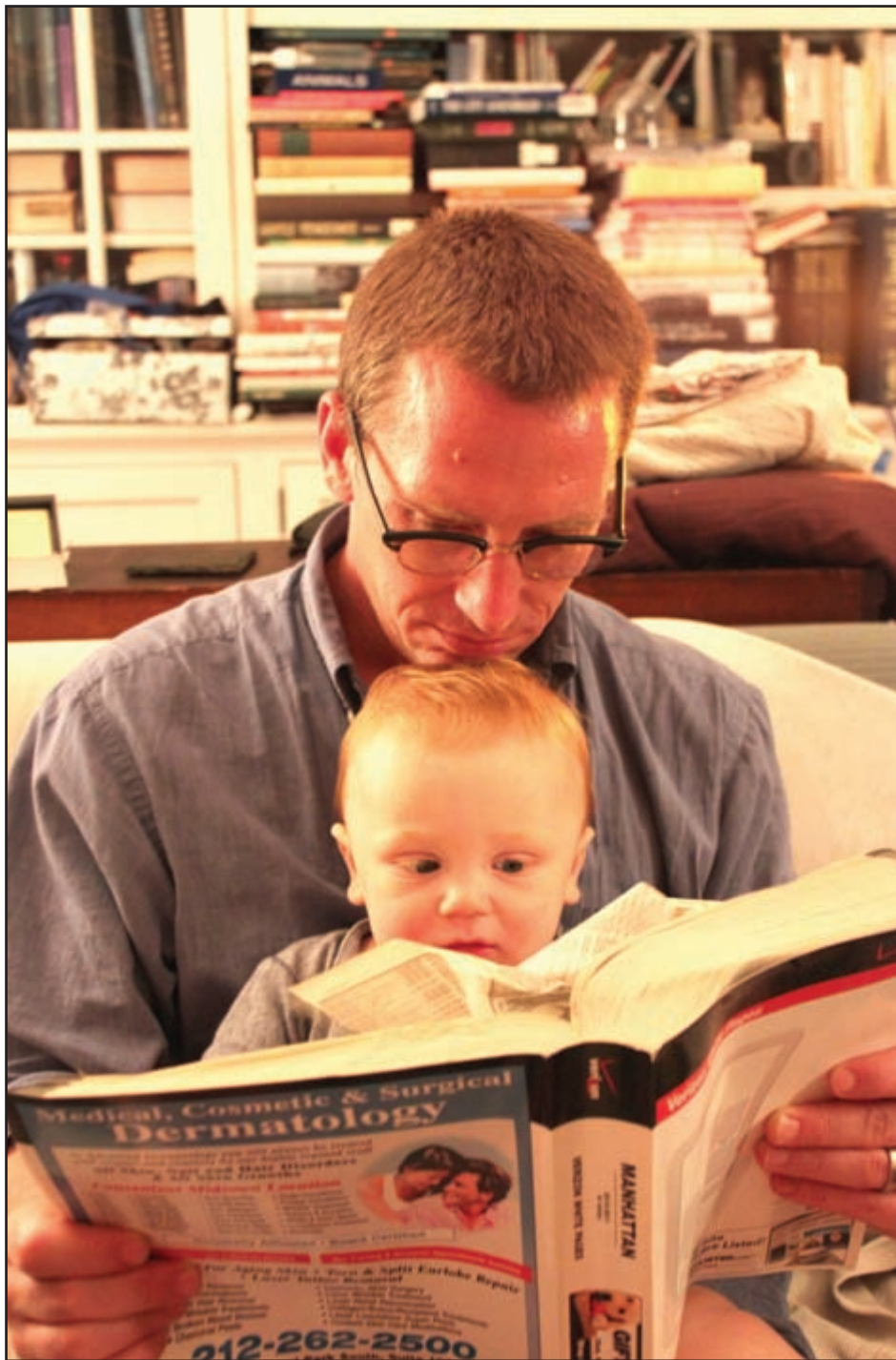
Unlike his approach to the OED, Mr. Shea didn’t sit and read through an entire phone book from A-to-Z.

And in his research, he discovered that politicians really don’t either, when filibustering.

“People who are most commonly said to have done it, such as (the North Carolina senator) Strom Thurmond and (the Louisiana senator) Huey Long, did not in fact do it,” he says. “I’m pretty sure that’s just a myth.”

“The only case I saw of anybody (reading the phone book) was at Yale, and they were protesting the possibility of getting rid of the filibuster. But I haven’t seen anybody that’s ever read it in the Senate or Congress.”

He did discover, however, that in 1991 the Supreme Court declared that — even though the word “book” is used in referring to it — the phone book is not a book, and therefore not subject to copyright laws, which means that anyone can use the information and make their own phone book (and make money selling advertising in it). Which is why multiple versions of phone books appear on our doorsteps



Author Ammon Shea reads the phone book with his son.

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throughout the year.

Who knew?

The first phone book, created in New Haven, Conn., in February 1878, wasn’t even a book: It was a single sheet of paper, titled “List of Subscribers.” And though it gave the names and addresses of those who owned phones, it didn’t list any phone numbers. (Back then, telephone owners had to go through operators in order to reach their party.)

According to Mr. Shea, the District Telephone Company of New Haven, which became the Southern New England Telephone Company, was also responsible for the first telephone booth (1878), the first coin-operated telephone (1879) and the first school for telephone operators in the nation (1907).

Mr. Shea’s book is surprisingly fascinating for what most people might consider a dry, boring topic.

He writes about how the early phone books included instructions in how to use a telephone because they were such a new technology. They even reminded people to hang up the phone when they were done.

He tells about a unique telephone book whose names, addresses and numbers were all handwritten — the phone book for Chinese customers of the Pacific Bell Telephone Company in San Francisco. The company’s office of the Chinatown Exchange, which he describes as a building with black lacquer walls with red and gold trim, was “considerably more hospitable than most telephone company offices were at the time,” he writes. “There was a functionary whose role was not to give tours... but simply to

make visitors feel more comfortable. The offices had a constant fresh supply of good-quality tea and varieties of tobacco available for any and all visitors... It became one of the most popular destinations to visit in the city of San Francisco.”

Mr. Shea devotes pages to strongmen (and women) who tear up telephone books with their bare hands, and to others who use them as an artistic medium, transforming phone books into art.

Collection calls

And then there are those so obsessed with telephone books that they collect them. Brothers Steven and Gwillim Law have amassed more than 1,000 phone books from across the nation. Steven Law was so fascinated by the telephone book that when he was in the sixth grade, he wrote a book report about the letter Q in the Manhattan white pages.

Mr. Shea also interviewed Charles Eric Gordon, a lawyer and private investigator whose phone book collection also numbers more than 1,000.

Whereas the Law brothers were motivated purely by the enjoyment of collecting phone books, Mr. Gordon uses his assortment for work purposes, Mr. Shea says.

“Charles has a wonderful ability to not only find people, but to track their movements (via telephone books.) He has a comprehensive collection of New York phone books, and for purposes of wills, he can find things that no one else in the world can.”

Grand pronouncements that you can find anything on the Internet just aren’t true, he adds.

“My intent was to write about books that aren’t considered readable. I thought it was particularly curious that this book that was so ubiquitous and touched the lives of so many people, would be so unexamined.”

— Ammon Shea, author

Between the lines

In “The Phone Book,” Mr. Shea writes: “I’ve come to realize that the telephone book collection of Charles Eric Gordon is composed of much more than the paper, ink and glue — each book is imbued with the significance that he has chosen to give to it. Each book functions as a marker of sorts; each triggers a cascade of hopes, fears and dreams of times gone by.”

Mr. Shea experiences that firsthand when he decides to read through a telephone book from his childhood.

Discovering that the New York Public Library only possesses the books on microfilm, he borrows a couple from Mr. Gordon. What follows is a telephone-book Proustian experience, with names in the White Pages stirring up memories from his childhood of neighbors, friends, schools, shops. Mr. Shea doesn’t exactly read through the book, page after page, but jumps around, following his own stream of memories.

Through the Yellow Pages, on the other hand, he recalls the New York City of his youth. And by comparing the Yellow Pages of 30 years ago to some from today, he’s able to judge how much has changed. For example, “computers” wasn’t a heading in the 1979 directory, and “fur” had eight pages of listings compared to one page in the current edition.

From ubiquitous to invisible

What surprised Mr. Shea the most in his research of the phone book was “the depth of the fervor that telephones and telephone books can bring about in people,” he says.

He points to the people who protested the change of letter prefixes to number prefixes back in the ’60s, and those today who feel phone books should no longer be printed.

“A fair number of people seemed to be nostalgic for the phone book,” he says. “They feel a certain amount of passion over its continued existence, while some people don’t understand that they still exist. They’re confused that they’re still used by anybody (and see them as) a fading artifact.”

“It was such a ubiquitous item, and now it’s largely disappearing.”

Mr. Shea wraps up his book by examining the potential future of the phone book, talking about various groups that want to do away with it, arguing that the Internet has made them unnecessary. But then again, he points out, the Internet was supposed to have made many other things unnecessary and hasn’t — things such as writing letters, watching television, books, and bookstores themselves.

In a poetic and impassioned conclusion, he writes that telephone books have a way of evoking feelings and memories and urges readers to “see for yourself if this humble compendium of crudely printed telephone numbers and awkwardly worded advertisements cannot elicit the sensations, feelings and even smells of a time in life long since past.”

“This is a book that is as boring and quotidian, or as vibrant and alive, as you choose to make it.” ■

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■ **July 15:** Paper-clip jewelry workshop for teens. Marco Island Branc Library. 394-3272 www.collier-lib.org.

■ **July 15-17:** Rob Storter art exhibit. Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **July 15-17:** Collier County Museum self-guided tours. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **July 16:** J. William Meek III oral history film. Historic Palm Cottage. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **July 16:** "Great Locomotives" matinee. Collier County Museum. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **July 16:** Irish music at the Third Street Farmers Market. 649-6325.



Theater

■ **42nd Street** - By The Naples Players at The Sugden Community Theatre through July 30. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Annie** - At the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre, Fort Myers, through Aug. 13. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

■ **Run For Your Wife** - At the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, July 21-Aug. 28. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com.

Thursday, July 14

■ **Funny Stuff** - Thai Rivera performs tonight through Sunday at the Off The Hook Comedy Club, 599 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-6900.

■ **Fun on Fifth** - Evening on Fifth runs from 7-10 p.m. in the Fifth Avenue South shopping district. 692-8436.

■ **Art Party** - The United Arts Council of Collier County hosts "Hot Nights ... Cool Sights" from 5-7 p.m. at DeBruyne Fine Art, 275 Broad Ave. S. Free with RSVP to 263-8242.



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Recent works by Naples fine art photographer Vincent Valle are on display and for sale through August at The Franklin Shops in historic downtown Fort Myers. Mr. Valle will be at the shops to meet the public during downtown's next ArtWalk from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5. He photographed *Old White and Blue*, above, on Tamiami Trail East in Naples. See more of his work at www.vincentvalle.com.

Friday, July 15

■ **Celebrity Bartender** - Tony Marino works for tips to raise money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 5-7 p.m. at Shula's. Free admission and half-price drinks. lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

■ **Sinatra Songs** - "The Sounds of Sinatra," featuring Tony Avalon performing songs by the Chairman of the Board, begins at 6 p.m. at the Naples Philharmonic Center for the Arts. The benefit for St. Matthew's House includes drinks and hors d'oeuvres. \$50. 774-0500 or www.stmatthewshouse.org.

■ **Bluegrass Sounds** - Front-line Bluegrass performs from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. \$5 cover. 431-7928.

■ **Girl Stuff** - It's Girls' Night from 9-10 p.m. at Seminole Casino Immokalee. (800) 218-0007 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Saturday, July 16

■ **Dixieland Jazz** - The Naples Jazz Masters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$15 per person, \$25 for two. 213-3049.

■ **Bike Night** - Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts Biker Appreciation Night with a free concert by Wildfire at 4 p.m. (800) 218-0007 or www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

■ **Blues Tunes** - Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers perform from 7-10 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Music Walk** - Downtown Fort Myers presents Music Walk from 7-10 p.m. 332-0161.

■ **Little Black Dress** - Pay homage to the Little Black Dress from 8-11 p.m. at Blue Martini in Mercato. Enjoy champagne and sweets from Norman Love Confections. Those wearing a little black dress are eligible to win designer handbags, resort stays, spa treatments and more. RSVP to 591-2583.

■ **A Mob Affair** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents a free concert by The Chicago Mob from 8-10 p.m. under the stars in Market Plaza. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Sunday, July 17

■ **Foreign Film** - FGCU's Renaissance Academy presents a screening and discussion of "All About My Mother"

(Spain, 1999) beginning at 1 p.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. \$5. 425-3272.

■ **In Good Spirit** - Psychic medium Robert Fahey gives spirit readings from 5-10 p.m. at Bambee Café French Home Cooking. Diners can enjoy a \$30 prix fixe menu. 755 12th Ave. S. Reservations: 643-6177 or www.bamboocafe-naples.com.

Monday, July 18

■ **Monday Films** - The Fort Myers Film Festival's independent film series begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Tonight's selection is "For Once In My Life." 810-6323.

Tuesday, July 19

■ **Highway History** - "Building the Tamiami Trail" starts at 2 p.m. at the Marco Island Branch Library, 210 S. Heathwood Drive. Registration at www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Movie Night** - Gulf Coast Town Center presents "Charlie & the Chocolate Factory" beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Market Plaza courtyard. Free. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Wednesday, July 20

■ **Swamp Talk** - David Southall, curator of education for the Collier County Museum, presents "Swamp Buggy History" at 10 a.m. at the Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

■ **Opera in HD** - See The Metropolitan Opera performance of Puccini's "Tosca" at 6:30 p.m. at Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples and Hollywood Coconut Point-16 in Estero. www.metopera.org/hdlive.

■ **Kids Crafts** - Fun activities for kids from toddlers to 12 are offered from 10 a.m.-noon at Playland at Miromar Outlets. www.miromaroutlets.com.

Coming up

■ **Just for Girls** - Signatures at Mercato hosts "Girls Night Out" from 4-7 p.m. July 21. Enjoy champagne, party favors and raffles. 254-5800 or www.signaturesnaples.com.

■ **Tortuga Talk** - Everglades National Park ranger Susan Reece discusses the Dry Tortugas National Park at 2 p.m. July 22 at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or 262-4130.

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■ **SummerJazz** – The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club presents Late Night Brass from 7-10 p.m. July 23 on the lawn overlooking the Gulf of Mexico. Additional concerts on Aug. 27, Monique and NuVibe; and Sept. 24, Blue Dice. Free. 261-2222 or www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

■ **Foreign Film** – The South County Regional Library presents "Mine" at 2 p.m. July 23. 21100 Three Oaks Parkway. 533-4440 or 533-4415.

■ **Hot Cars** – A car cruise-in runs from 5-8 p.m. July 23 on First Street in downtown Fort Myers. 332-4443.

■ **Feline Time** – The Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers annual cat show takes place July 23-24 at the Araba Temple, 2010 Hanson St., Fort Myers. 772-5399 or www.catshows.us/platinumcoast.

■ **Summer Art** – The Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery hosts "Summer Sundays" from 1-4 p.m. July 24 and Aug. 28. Meet the gallery artists, enjoy refresh-

ments and register to win free artwork. 4259 Bonita Beach Road. 776-6844 or www.artistkb.com.

■ **Art Event** – The Center for the Arts Studios at the Promenade at Bonita Bay presents Studio Walk from 4-7 p.m. July 28. 495-8989.

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■ **Guys Night** – Guys Night Out starts at 6 p.m. Aug. 2 at The Hurricane Grill & Wings at Coconut Point. The evening of guy-friendly cocktails, cigars, jazz and blues benefits the Bonita Springs Assistance Office. \$40. 989-2588 or <http://bonitaassistance.org>.

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While watching the NBC singing competition "The Voice" in the past weeks, I found myself thinking about the young son of some friends of mine.

They moved across the country maybe 20 years ago and we've long since lost touch, unfortunately.

DJ was their youngest child — a smiling, happy kid, with the sunniest disposition.

I remember him as a toddler playing Duck, Duck, Goose. For those of you not familiar with this childhood game: You sit in a circle on the floor. The person who's "it" walks around the outside of the circle, lightly tapping everyone on the head, saying, "duck, duck, duck." When they tap someone on the head and say "goose," that person has to jump up and chase them around the circle. The goal, as the person who's "it," is to get back to your spot and sit down before you're caught.

Well, one time DJ was "it."

And damned if he didn't go around the entire circle, tapping everyone on the head, joyfully declaring, "Goose! Goose! Goose!"

And every single one of those kids jumped up and began chasing him in a big, giggling circle. DJ was beaming and laughing, just delirious with joy.

That's how I felt watching "The Voice." I wanted to tap all the major finalists on the head and declare them: "Winner! Winner! Winner! Winner!"

I'd buy albums by all of them. In fact, if a label is smart enough to sign them, I'd buy albums by some of the artists who didn't make it to the final four, including Xenia, who made it to the top eight, and the quirky Tyler Robinson, who was wrongfully eliminated earlier in the show.

But competitions, by their very nature, are set up to be a win-lose situation, where only one person gets the prize — in this case, \$100,000 and a major recording contract.

But as a friend of mine kept reminding us, as we avidly watched the show together: "This person has Cee Lo's number! Do you know what that means, how big that is? He knows who they are. He'll take their calls. Even if they don't win, that's amazing all in itself! That's big!"

It is.

And it's also big to get personalized career attention from four major names representing a wide spectrum in the music industry: performers Cee Lo Green, Adam Levine, Christina Aguilera and Blake Shelton.

Not to mention receiving national exposure and having millions of people who suddenly know your name and music.

These contestants were written about on blogs. They were featured in Entertainment Weekly, for goodness sake. The four finalists performed on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

Whether or not you were the final singer standing, being on "The Voice" must be like having your musical career advanced at warp speed.

Southwest Florida's own Casey Weston, of Naples, made it to the top eight. But she was tripped up by poor song choices. When she decided to sing "I Will Always Love You" in the semi-finals, my friends and I groaned in disbelief. Maybe the song's a crowd-pleaser when she performs locally, but it seemed a little too staid for those circumstances.

But I think being on "The Voice" can only have helped Ms. Weston's career. (As my friend reminds me, she has Adam Levine's phone number.)

"The Voice," it seems, has left "American Idol" in the dust. "American Idol" contestants, with a few exceptions, seem like teenybopper wannabe celebrities who might have a decent voice.

But the contestants on "The Voice" know their music. It's something they eat, drink, live, breathe. They aren't trying to get by just looking cute and hoping 13-year-olds and Midwestern grandmothers vote for them.

These contestants love music and want to make a living performing it.

When "Voice" finalist Beverly McClenan was asked whom she'd most like to perform with, she named Etta James. How many contestants on "American Idol" even know who Etta James is?

And Mr. Shelton and Mr. Green's off-screen homophobic comments notwithstanding, this is a show that welcomed a broad variety of performers. There were at least three openly gay singers, and Ms. McClelland, with her shaved head, boots and multiple tattoos (including a couple on her neck) was definitely someone you'd never see on "American Idol." But you only had to watch her belt out "Piece



COURTESY PHOTO

NBC's "The Voice" judges: Cee Lo Green, Christina Aguilera, Adam Levine and Blake Shelton.

of My Heart" to know that the woman is a born performer who's totally at home onstage. She exhibits sheer joy in performing.

Not only does she not conform to "Idol's" Big Hair, Bigger Cleavage ideal, but she's 41 years old. As far as I can tell, "The Voice," unlike "American Idol," doesn't have an age cut-off date. (I remember a woman in her mid-50s auditioning.)

And it was wonderful to see some more seasoned performers compete.

Though one contestant was 16, and Ms. Weston is 18, just graduated from Naples High School, many of the contestants have been around the block before.

Big, bald and beautiful Frenchie Davis, disqualified from an earlier year of "American Idol," had performed in "Rent" on Broadway.

Another contestant, Cheri Oakley, has sung backup for Carrie Underwood and Gretchen Wilson and wrote Reba McEntire's recent No. 1 hit, the rousing "Turn On the Radio."

Javier Colon, who wound up winning the contest, had had a previous recording contract and released two R&B albums under his first name.

And Dia Frampton, who acted so shy and demure and wore modest clothing,

had been half of a sister act, Meg and Dia, that released albums, toured nationally and overseas and had a song featured on the "TMNT" movie soundtrack. (And in YouTube videos, Dia doesn't seem all that shy, which makes me wonder if her persona on "The Voice" was just a strategy.)

I was encouraged to see artists who hadn't given up on their dream. But I was also disheartened to see how difficult it is for even extremely talented performers to get a break.

But music is their passion, and they won't give up.

Music, to me, isn't a win-lose situation.

My heart, and my tastes, expand to however large they need to be, in order to encompass all the wonderfully myriad forms of music and performers out there.

Javier Colon may have been declared the official winner of "The Voice," but in my opinion, there was more than one winner performing on that stage.

And if a number of them get major recording contracts and go on to have healthy musical careers, well, then, we're all winners, performers *and* audience. ■

— If, somehow, you missed seeing "The Voice" on NBC, you can watch the entire competition by going to www.nbc.com.

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Special to Florida Weekly



COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF COLLIER COUNTY
Collier 211
Connecting People with Community Resources

The Community Foundation is launching a new service, Collier 211 Information and Referral, with the help of many community partners and donors interested in gaining more information about the programs they fund.

Collier 211 is a federally designated phone number and works like 911, but for non-emergency calls. It is available 24/7, 365 days a year. The information for referrals comes from Collier nonprofits, critical for-profits and government providers of service.

In many communities across the United States, 211 Information and Referral is the most important resource for providing "real-time" data on needed services, especially to the most vulnerable citizens.

For the first three years, Collier 211 will operate under a Community Foundation grant contract with Switchboard of Miami.

"Outsourcing is a cost-effective approach to operating this service and will help the community avoid enormous potential costs of building infrastructure," says Colleen Murphy, foundation president and CEO. Oversight of the contract will be provided by an advisory committee appointed by the Community Foundation board of trustees.

Switchboard of Miami is the largest and most technically advanced provider of 211 services in the state of Florida. A staff of 70 crisis counselors operate the helpline and nine additional services. In addition to answering calls, the company collates a monthly report on programs requested and gaps in services.

Switchboard of Miami is a nonprofit, multi-cultural, multi-lingual and multi-service agency with an annual operating budget of more than \$3 million dollars.

Nationally, more than 50 million people call for information and referral services, and last year 180,000 of these calls came through Switchboard of Miami. Callers range from parents struggling with out-of-control kids, adult children attempting to care for aging parents, individuals who have basic needs, and caregivers of latchkey children. Some callers are on the verge of being evicted from their homes, while others have neither food nor access to basic needs. Other calls are from professionals — teachers, social workers, judges, nurses, etc. — attempting to meet the complex needs of their clients.

So often, seeking help means finding dozens of phone numbers and then searching through a confusing maze of agencies and services to find appropriate help. Col-

lier 211 will eliminate this confusion.

With the help of many who already have pledged their support, the Community Foundation of Collier County has committed to raising the needed funding to start up and stabilize Collier 211. Ideally, a \$5 million endowment would be created to support this needed service in perpetuity.

In addition to 211, Switchboard of Miami offers additional programs that could be available in the future to Collier County nonprofits. Examples include the Seniors Never Alone Program and the Teen Link Helpline. SNAP guarantees a phone call from a counselor, at least twice a week, to check on a senior's well-being, as well as emergency assistance for disabled seniors, medical monitoring and 24-hour access to telephone counselors. The Teen Link Helpline allows teens and pre-teens to text questions and access pre-recorded information messages on relevant topics such as drug use, health issues, relationships, emotions and general life issues. Trained counselors are also available to work one-on-one with young callers.

While Collier 211 service will be provided through Switchboard of Miami, a program officer will be hired by the Community Foundation to oversee the grant, raise awareness and coordinate 211 information and related service components in Collier County. Switchboard of Miami has the ability to start immediately and will be able to maintain a Collier County database separately in their systems. This will allow crisis counselors to view only Collier County data when fielding a call from our area. The program officer will coordinate efforts with nonprofits and other service providers, such as government programs and critical for-profit organizations that provide services on a sliding fee scale or for free.

The information that can be collected and housed as a result of Collier 211 will help community leaders and organizations identify priority needs and develop strategies to address them. ■

— Haris Domond is a recent Graduate of Distinction from Naples High School and a summer intern for the Community Foundation of Collier County from the Harvard University Club of Naples. He plans to attend Harvard University in the fall. The foundation manages more than 450 funds established by charitable individuals and organizations. For more information, call 649-5000, visit www.cfcollie.org or friend us on Facebook.

PUZZLE ANSWERS



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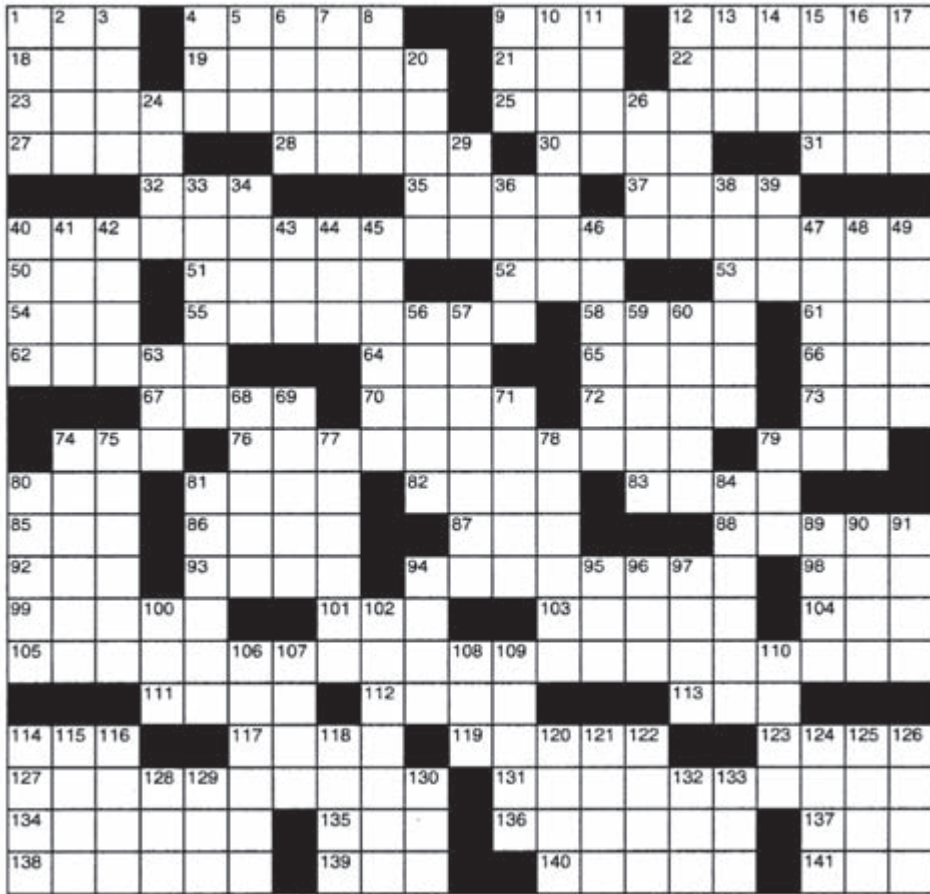
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 - 4 Shed
 - 9 Giant legend
 - 12 European capital
 - 18 Important numero
 - 19 First name in aviation
 - 21 Word with jacket or soup
 - 22 January stoat
 - 23 Start of a remark by 131 Across
 - 25 Jurassic giant
 - 27 Powerful beasts
 - 28 Fancy fabric
 - 30 Goes downhill fast?
 - 31 Summer hrs.
 - 32 Neighbor of Nev.
 - 35 Barnyard butter
 - 37 When pigs fly, to Tennyson
 - 40 Part 2 of remark
 - 50 Flamenco dancer's shout
 - 51 Use a colander
 - 52 Rage
 - 53 Supermarket section
 - 54 Novelist Radcliffe
 - 55 Like some light fixtures
 - 58 Adriatic seaport
 - 61 Capp's "— Abner"
 - 62 Sample the souffle
 - 64 Minnesota twins?
 - 65 Gen. — Robt. —
 - 66 Skater Midori
 - 67 Exchange
 - 70 Camping equipment
 - 72 A bad figure?
 - 73 Fabric suffix
 - 74 Mayberry aunt
 - 76 Part 3 of remark
 - 79 Misjudge
 - 80 Rocky hill
 - 81 Pianist
 - 82 Swing around
 - 83 Periodic table info
 - 85 "My — True Love" ('54 song)
 - 86 Tabula —
 - 87 D-Day craft
 - 88 Herbert Hoover, for one
 - 92 Cookbook phrase
 - 93 "Suspect" star
 - 94 Agitated
 - 98 Cry's partner
 - 99 Actress Berger
 - 101 Palindromic title
 - 103 Lerya or Lehmann
 - 104 — premium
 - 105 End of remark
 - 111 Judge
 - 112 Copley or Hatcher
 - 113 Room for improvement?
 - 114 Drink like a dachshund
 - 117 Imminent
 - 119 "— Gay"
 - 123 Presque —, ME
 - 127 Simple, to Sherlock
 - 131 Speaker of the remark
 - 134 Acid neutralizer
 - 135 Tell it like it isn't
 - 136 Provokes
 - 137 A mean Amin
 - 138 Micawber portrayer
 - 139 Author Wallace
 - 140 Indian state
 - 141 Damone or Dana
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Rotund wrestling?
 - 2 Black
 - 3 Chris of The
 - Pet Shop Boys
 - 4 Brit. fliers
 - 5 Rob Roy's uncle
 - 6 Basilica features
 - 7 Director Kazan
 - 8 Cheerful song
 - 9 — Locka, FL
 - 10 '62 Tornadoes hit
 - 11 It may be small
 - 12 Tenant
 - 13 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 14 Dallas coll.
 - 15 Roc or robin
 - 16 Burden
 - 17 Heron's home
 - 20 Do a mechanic's job
 - 24 Machu Picchu native
 - 26 Sty cry
 - 29 Eggy beverage
 - 33 One of the Jacksons
 - 34 Apollo's instrument
 - 36 In the thick of
 - 38 TV's "The Courtship of — Father"
 - 39 Nutritional abbr.
 - 40 Gravy vessel
 - 41 Forearm
 - bone
 - 42 Itches
 - 43 Middle of a game?
 - 44 Hasten
 - 45 Entomologist's concern
 - 46 Defies a dictator
 - 47 More obsequious
 - 48 Susann or Steinbeck
 - 49 Cordage material
 - 56 Deceives
 - 57 Actress Parsons
 - 59 "Hi, Ho!"
 - 60 Adjust a timer
 - 63 Poetic monogram
 - 68 Islamic deity
 - 69 Bel —
 - 71 Cubbins' creator
 - 74 Alley cat?
 - 75 Verdi hero
 - 77 Amulet motif
 - 78 Fish container?
 - 79 WWII area
 - 80 It may be eaten or drunk
 - 81 Penny —
 - 84 With prudence
 - 89 Cry of surprise
 - 90 Self starter?
 - 91 Around the corner
 - 94 "Martha the Mouth"
 - 95 — Gatos, CA
 - 96 Catchall abbr.
 - 97 Forest father
 - 100 Designer Lapidus
 - 102 "Alice's Restaurant" star
 - 106 Court sport
 - 107 Leave out
 - 108 Is for two
 - 109 Sapporo spy
 - 110 "Time's Arrow" author
 - 114 Table extender
 - 115 "— Need" ('67 song)
 - 116 Pedigreed pooch
 - 118 Vex
 - 120 Geraldine Chaplin's mom
 - 121 Mr. Diamond
 - 122 Affirmative votes
 - 124 Hood's weapon
 - 125 City near Stockton
 - 126 Really big
 - 128 Bad beginning
 - 129 Antiquity, in antiquity
 - 130 Evergreen tree
 - 132 Lingerie item
 - 133 The end?

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** That personal problem in the workplace is compounded by someone's biased interference. Stand your ground, and you'll soon find allies gathering around you.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You don't accept disapproval easily. But instead of hiding out in your den to lick your wounded pride, turn the criticism into a valuable lesson for future use.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** That former friend you thought you'd cut out of your life is still affecting other relationships. Counter his or her lies with the truth. Your friends are ready to listen.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** What appears to be an unfair situation might simply be the result of a misunderstanding. If you feel something is out of balance, by all means, correct it.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A stalled relationship won't budge until you make the first move. Your partner offers a surprising explanation about what got it mired down in the first place.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A co-worker shares some startling news, but before you can use it to your advantage, make sure it's true. The weekend favors family matters.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your usual conservative approach to family situations might

not work at this time. Keep an open mind about developments, and you might be pleasantly surprised.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Plans might have to be put on hold because of a family member's problems. Don't hesitate to get involved. Your help could make all the difference.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Relationships in the home and in the workplace need your careful attention during this period. Be careful not to allow misunderstandings to create problems.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You face the possibility of raising your relationship to another level. However, your partner might demand that you make promises for which you're not sure you're ready.

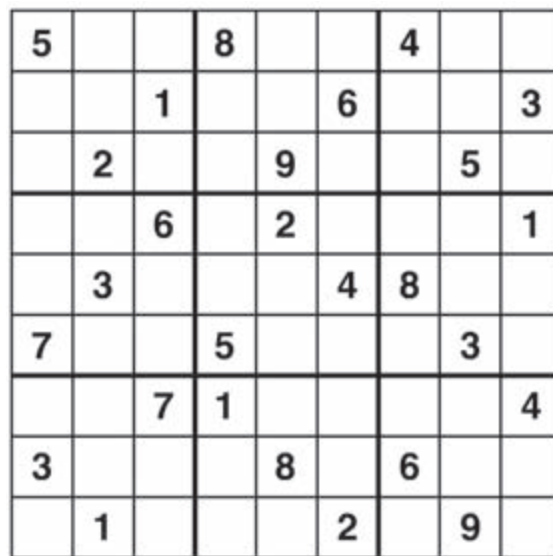
■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** As changes continue, expect things to get a little more hectic at your workplace. An unexpected travel opportunity could open new career prospects.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Confront the person who caused your hurt feelings and demand a full explanation for his or her actions. You'll not only recover your self-esteem, but you'll also gain the respect of others.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a keen, insightful intellect and enjoy debating your views with others who disagree with you. You also love to solve puzzles -- the harder, the better.

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At some point in any working adult's life, the boss is bound to be annoying. Or do something unfair, incompetent, lazy or downright stupid. The point is we've all been there, and the makers of "Horrible Bosses" know this as they tap into our collective resentment for higher ups to make a bawdy, outrageous and downright hilarious comedy.

You decide who has it worse: Kurt (Jason Sudeikis) works at a chemical company for a cokehead lunatic (Colin Farrell) who hates him and doesn't care about poisoning people with toxic waste; Nick (Jason Bateman) works for a passive-aggressive, psychotic manipulator (Kevin Spacey) who makes Nick work 12-hour days and hints at a promotion he never intends to give; and Dale (Charlie Day) is a dental assistant for Julia (Jennifer Aniston), who sexually harasses him every chance she gets.

Quitting is not an option for any of them, as the recession has made finding another job unlikely.

So on the strength of a few-too-many drinks and some dubious advice from an ex-con (Jamie Foxx) whose name is not fit for print, the guys devise a plan to kill their employers. "It would be immoral not to kill them," Kurt says to Nick and Dale about their horrible bosses. Indeed.

Those familiar with this premise going in will no doubt be skeptical about why any guy in his right mind would deny Ms. Aniston's advances, but darn if Mr. Day doesn't pull it off. His Dale is engaged, for starters, but Mr. Day also convincingly shows us how uncomfortable the unwanted advances make him, to the point where we feel sorry for him in the same way that we feel for the other guys.

As for Ms. Aniston, she looks great as usual but also says and does some naughty, foul and disgusting things that allow her to break out of "Rachel" mode and make us laugh. Good for her.

But she's not the only boss having fun. Mr. Farrell plays the most odious and

peculiar person you can imagine, but even his character looks halfway decent when compared to the guy Mr. Spacey plays, a downright mean-spirited, nasty individual who is convinced his wife (Julie Bowen) is cheating on him.

All three villainous bosses are completely over the top, and played perfectly because of it.

The rest of director Seth Gordon's movie is hilarious as well, largely because the chemistry amongst Mr. Bateman, Mr. Sudeikis and Mr. Day is so strong. Their easy banter leaves no doubt these characters have been friends for a long time; note the timing as they easily takes shots at one another's weaknesses and quirks, such as Dale's arrest record — this is genuine, authentic guy talk, only (I dare say) funnier.

"Horrible Bosses" is a rarity in that the story holds together and just about every joke, quip, one-liner and physical gag works. The buzz isn't huge for this, but it's going to be the surprise hit of the summer. ■

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 >> It took an hour and a half to apply the makeup for Jamie Foxx's tattoos.

CAPSULES

REVIEWED BY DAN HUDAK

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Page One: Inside The New York Times ★★★

(David Carr, Brian Stelter, Carl Bernstein) Documentarian Andrew Rossi goes behind the scenes for one year at *The New York Times*, receiving unprecedented access to the company and focusing on how it is handling the emergence of online media. The behind-the-scenes details are fascinating, but less reliance on Mr. Carr and more about the day-to-day functions would've been more interesting. Still, it's compelling for people who care about the news and how it's gathered. Rated R.

Larry Crowne ★★

 (Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, Pam Grier)

Fired from his retail job, Larry (Mr. Hanks) goes back to college and meets a malcontent speech professor (Ms. Roberts) who's unhappily married. The stars are fine, but the film (directed by Mr. Hanks) is boring and bland. Rated PG-13.

Beginners ★★★

(Ewan McGregor, Christopher Plummer, Melanie Laurent) After his father (Mr. Plummer) comes out as a gay man at age 75 and dies of cancer four years later, Oliver (Mr. McGregor) tries to make sense of the lessons his father taught him in his new relationship with an aspiring actress (Ms. Laurent). Mr. Plummer oozes vitality as an elderly man who's finally comfortable with himself, and credit to Mr. McGregor for keeping the picture grounded. That said, Oliver's relationship struggles get tedious after awhile. Rated R. ■



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Catch an indie film and join the discussion

Save your summer Monday nights for indie film viewings. Independent film junkies craving intellectual satisfaction have an outlet for their addictions and a place to congregate this summer.

The Fort Myers Film Festival has started Monday-evening screenings and discussions at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. Films are being chosen from the 2011 FMFF program, including award-winners "A Delicious Peace Grows in a Ugandan Coffee Bean" and "For Once in My Life."

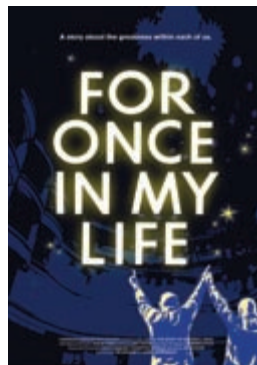
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The 2012 FMFF is set for March 22-25. Monday-night screenings and discussions of films under consideration for the second annual festival will begin in September with celebrity judges, entertainment and intellectual discussions. For updates and more information, visit www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

Here's what's coming up next in the summer Monday-night screenings and discussions:

July 18

■ **"For Once in My Life,"**
Voted Best Diversity by the 2011 Fort Myers Film Festival - A documentary about a unique band of singers and musicians who have wide



range of mental and physical disabilities — as well as musical abilities that extend into ranges of pure genius. Directed by Jim Bigham. Running time 89 minutes.

July 25

■ **"Rainbow Town"** - With war raging around her, Feeta Naimen had to make a choice: to protect the orphaned children forced into her life, or abandon them and go in search of her own family. Running time 76 minutes.



Aug. 1

■ **"Canvas," locally produced** - When all that keeps you grounded is taken away — your love, your passion, your life — what is left? Anger and bitterness? Surrender and withdrawal? Young artist Brodey finds that letting go is the hardest thing to do. Directed by Brent Saitta. Running time 89 minutes. Q&A with cast to follow as part of the discussion. ■



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The Met summer screenings winding down at area theaters

Two more screenings remain in The Metropolitan Opera's "Summer HD Encores" series. The repeats of "Live in HD" presentations are shown at the Hollywood Stadium-20 in Naples, Coconut Point-16 in Estero and the Bell Tower-20 in Fort Myers. Show time is 6:30 p.m.

■ **Wednesday, July 20: "Tosca"**

Soprano Karita Mattila stars in the title role of Puccini's operatic thriller opposite acclaimed tenor Marcelo Álvarez as Cavaradossi. Baritone George Gagnidze sings the role of Scarpia, the sadistic chief of police who wants Tosca for himself. Luc Bondy's production has been called "a perfect night at the opera."



KARITA MATTILA / THE METROPOLITAN OPERA
Karita Mattila in the title role of "Tosca," showing July 20.

This performance was originally transmitted live on Oct. 10, 2009. Running time is 2 hours, 17 minutes.

■ **Wednesday, July 27: "Don Carlo"**

A dream cast tackles what director Nicho-

las Hytner, here in his debut at The Met, calls "the quintessential Verdi opera." An epic drama of romance and politics, this production stars tenor Roberto Alagna in the title role opposite Russian soprano Marina Poplavskaya as Elisabeth. Also featured are Anna Smirnova, Simon Keenlyside, Ferruccio Furlanetto and Eric Halfvarson. Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts.

This five-act performance was originally transmitted live on Dec. 11, 2010. Running time is 3 hours, 36 minutes.

The 2011-12 season of "The Met: Live in HD" opens in theaters across the country on Oct. 15, with a new production of Donizetti's "Anna Bolena." Live screenings continue through April and include new productions of Mozart's "Don Giovanni" (Oct. 29), Wagner's "Siegfried" (Nov. 5), Gounod's "Faust" (Dec. 10) and "The Enchanted Island" (Jan. 21), among several others. For details about the complete season, visit www.metopera.org/hdlive.

Tickets for the summer encore screenings are \$15 and can be ordered at the website or purchased at the participating theaters. ■

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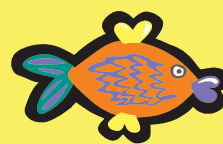
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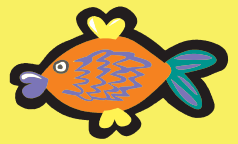
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off — after a while. One case, for which trainee Helen is the primary investigator, involves a jealous wife who thinks her buff husband is fooling around with someone at his fitness club. The other involves a man who owns a classy auto repair business. Believing that his long-dead brother, labeled as a suicide, was actually murdered, the mechanic wants the case reopened and his brother's reputation cleared.

■ **"Pumped for Murder,"** by Elaine Viets. Obsidian. 304 pages. \$23.95.



VIETS

Elaine Viets is well known for her two mystery series — the "Josie Marcus, Mystery Shopper Series" set in St. Louis, and "The Dead-End Job Series" featuring protagonist Helen Hawthorne and set

in South Florida's Broward County. "Pumped for Murder," the latest title in the later of the two, continues the effective blend of suspense, local color and humor that has gained Ms. Viets' books best-seller status.

After working through nine dead-end jobs in the previous novels in the series, Helen now sets up a private investigator business with her new husband, Phil, who is already a licensed PI. Taking an office in the Coronado Tropic Apartments, where they live, the newlyweds set out to find some clients.

Fortunately, friends who live in the same complex give them leads that pay

Coronado Investigations swings into action. Helen goes undercover, taking yet another dead-end job: helping the receptionist at Fantastic Fitness in Fort Lauderdale so that she can spy on Bryan Minars and see if he's cheating on his wife Shelby. Phil takes the lead in the other case, though Helen often joins him. They meet Gus, the grieving brother, to see if there's anything suspicious about the death of his brother, Mark.

The author intertwines her narration of the two cases, building suspense in each, all the while also developing the relationship between the newly married investigative partners.

Helen's case involves portraits of several over-the-top bodybuilders, one of who is found dead soon after Helen begins her new job. Two others, who trained the murdered competitor, are freaky from steroids, starvation and other abuses as they chase after supposedly perfect musculature. When

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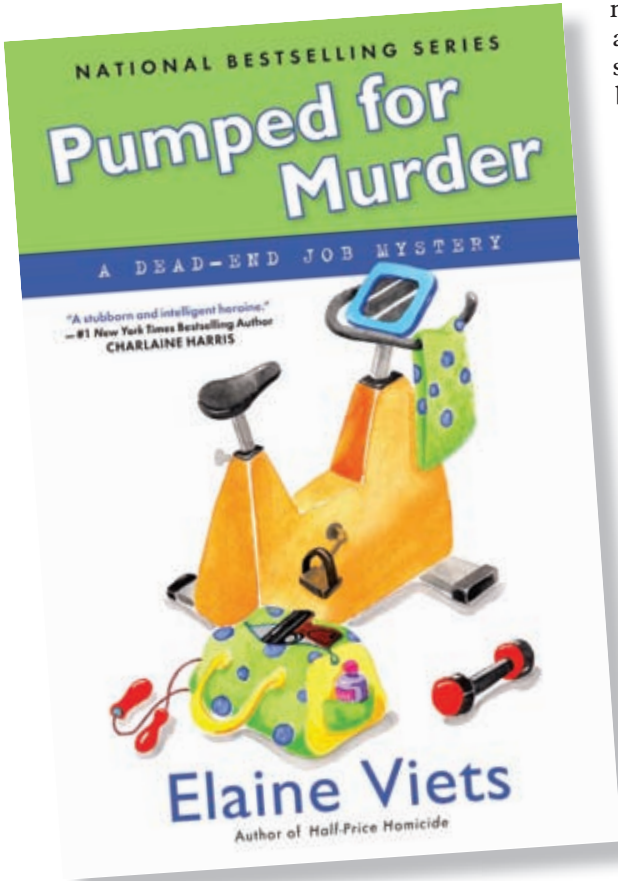
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discover that there are a lot of family secrets regarding the deceased Mark and the sister in the family, Bernie (Bernice), once married to a lowlife named Ahmet. Oddly, Bernie and Ahmet, long divorced, seem to have left sordid pasts behind and become successful pillars of the community. Nonetheless, the mighty Coronado investigators unveil a range of plausible motives for getting rid of Mark. Evidence, however, is hard to come by.

Both investigations continue to twist and turn, with plenty of excitement and surprises. Just as enjoyable as the investigatory process, however, are the insights into the competitive body-building community; the boozy fun and shady doings at Granddaddy's bar; the large cast of believable yet offbeat characters; and the playful, loving, banter between Helen and Phil. The good-natured kidding and teasing of these older newlyweds sparkles with warmth and wit. ■

— For more on this Fort Lauderdale writer, who claims to have worked all the dead-end jobs attributed to the fictional Helen Hawthorne, go to www.elaineviets.com.

— Philip K. 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.

a police detective accuses a meek, miniscule fitness client named Evie of committing the crime, Helen takes on another case — that of clearing Evie and finding the real killer.

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A: There have been a few museum exhibits of 1960s and early-'70s psychedelic posters that show that the style was a new art form that influenced the art that followed. Many of the posters included specially designed type styles that had strangely shaped letters of different sizes made to fill the space around the other designs. Some were done with fluorescent paint so that they glowed under a black-light. The posters are scarce today because most eventually were discarded. Search your mother's attic. You may find some of your posters, and even in poor condition they sell for hundreds of dollars or more.

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(1886-1955) was in charge of the figure-painting department at Royal Doulton's factory in Burslem, Staffordshire, England. Each of your figurines, if in perfect condition, would sell for about \$100 to \$300 today.

Q: I inherited a violin that's labeled as a copy of a Stradivarius made in 1721. Is it worth anything?

A: Antonio Stradivari (1644-1737) made violins, violas, cellos, guitars and harps in his shop in Cremona, Italy. After he died, his sons continued in the business. "Fake" Stradivarius violins have been made in many countries since the mid-1800s. Instruments meant for export to the United States had to be marked with the country of origin after 1891. Beginning in 1957, the words "copy of" were added to labels on some of these violins. Today, some manufacturers make violins using modern techniques that replicate Stradivari's work and sell for high prices. But most "Stradivarius" violins are poor imitations and don't sell for much. Prices depend on quality, and range from \$50 to \$500.

Q: I have an old Schoenhut toy piano with a matching bench. The piano bench is well made, but I'm wondering if it came with the piano or if it was homemade. Can you tell me if a Schoenhut toy piano originally was sold with a matching bench?



COURTESY PHOTO

It looks like bamboo, but it's really bird's-eye maple. This "faux bamboo" dresser is 44 inches wide and 75 inches high to the top of the mirrored back. It was offered for \$1,000 at Neal Auction Co. in New Orleans.

A: Albert Schoenhut (1848-1912) founded his toy company in Philadelphia in 1872. His first product was a toy piano with metal sounding bars and other features found in full-size pianos. Keys were full-size, too, although the keyboard was, of course, much shorter. Eventually Schoenhut toy pianos were made in more than 40 different sizes and styles. The larger ones were sold with piano benches or adjustable stools, but the benches and stools also could be purchased separately. Schoenhut toy pianos were perennial best-sellers for more than 100 years. The company has changed ownership several times, but it's still in business, and it still makes toy pianos.

Tip: If you find an old bottle with an unwanted old cork inside, pour ammonia into the bottle until it covers the cork. The cork will dissolve. ■

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Rookery Bay staff and volunteers, members of the Friends of Rookery Bay and family members of staff are invited to submit artwork for the third annual Family and Friends of the Estuary exhibit, a juried show that will hang Sept. 6-Nov. 11 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

Sculpture, pottery, jewelry and other three-dimensional pieces are welcome, as are paintings and photographs, all appropriate for a family-friendly space.

In keeping with the theme of "Where in the Reserve?," submissions should focus on or be inspired by locations within Rookery Bay Environmental Research Reserve's 110,000 acres.

A limit of four submittals per artist will be considered and must be received no later than Aug. 26. Artists will be notified of acceptance on Aug. 31, and an opening reception will be held Thursday evening, Sept. 8.

Paintings, please

Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County seek artists for the sixth Juried Painting Annual, which will be on view Nov. 15-Jan. 28 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center.

Work with a central theme of landscape is preferred but not required. Fine art consultant Barbara Hill, former executive director of The von Liebig Art Center, will serve as juror for the show.

A limit of three pieces per artist must

be submitted electronically or on a disc by Oct. 7. Artists will be notified by Oct. 19, and an opening reception will take place Tuesday, Nov. 15.

A prospectus for each exhibit can be obtained at www.rookerybay.org or by e-mailing Carly.Points@dep.state.fl.us or calling Rookery Bay at 417-6310, ext. 408. ■

Take part in the Cele-BRA-tion

The Art League of Fort Myers welcomes submissions for its 2011 Cele-BRA-tion juried national exhibition that benefits the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Deadline for electronic submissions is Thursday, July 21. Artists will be notified of acceptance by Aug. 15.

The exhibit will hang at Harborside Event Center in downtown Fort Myers throughout the month of October.

A complete prospectus is available at www.artleagueoffortmyers.org. ■

ArtFest Fort Myers has 16 categories

Sept. 14 is the application deadline for the 12th annual ArtFest Fort Myers juried fine art festival, which takes place Feb. 4-5 along the riverfront in downtown Fort Myers.

Works by 215 fine artists will be accepted.

Categories are: ceramics, digital, drawing, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media 2-D, mixed media 3-D, painting-watercolor, painting-oil/acrylic, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wearable and wood. Cash prizes totaling \$5,000

This sculpture by James LaCasse won Best of Show at ArtFest Fort Myers 2011.

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will be awarded.

Applications are available at www.artfestfortmyers.com or by e-mailing info@ArtFest-FortMyers.com or calling 768-3602. ■

Sanibel art center calls for sculptures

BIG ARTS is accepting candidates for its juried Biennial Sculpture Exhibit, which will run Oct. 17-Nov. 29 in the Phillips Gallery at the center on Sanibel Island. Works for consideration must be delivered in person on Friday, Oct. 14, and artists will be notified of acceptance that afternoon.

Barbara Hill of Hill Fine Art Consulting is the juror. Awards will be given to first place (\$750), second place (\$500) and third place (\$250), with two merit awards (\$75 each). All works must be available for purchase.

A prospectus is available at www.BIG-ARTS.org. For more information, call 395-0900 or e-mail info@BIGARTS.org. ■



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SAVE THE DATE

Donate items for 'In Her Shoes'

Well-heeled fashionistas are invited to bring donations of gently used designer shoes and purses to the Merle Norman Studio from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 10. The studio at 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road is collecting items to benefit Footsteps to the Future, an agency that assists young women who are aging out of the foster care system.

All donations will be available for purchase during the first-ever "In Her Shoes" event set for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14, also at the cosmetics studio.

For more information, call Kori Gowan at 513-1005 or e-mail naplesfl@merlenormanstudio.com. ■

Guys will set sail for Make-A-Wish

A manly afternoon of cigars, beer, Shula's steaks and steel drums aboard the Naples Princess will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17.

Tickets are \$125 per person. RSVP to Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org. ■

Feel the magic of winter wine fest

"Believe in the Magic," the 2012 Naples Winter Wine Festival, is set for Jan. 27-29. Co-chairs Bob and Joan Clifford, trustees of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, have tapped Chicago-based celeb-

rity chef Tony Mantuano of Spiaggia as Chef de Cuisine and His Royal Highness Prince Robert of Luxembourg of Château Haut-Brion, a first-growth producer in Bordeaux, as Honored Vintner.

Festival tickets are \$8,500 per couple and \$20,000 for reserved seating at the same vintner dinner for two couples. For a complete schedule of 2012 festivities and more information about the festival, call (888) 837-4919 or visit www.NaplesWineFestival.com. ■

Wishmaker's Ball is in 'Black and White'

The sixth annual Wishmaker's Ball to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation is set for Friday, Jan. 20, at the Hilton Naples. The evening's theme is "Black and White."

Individual tickets are \$200 and sponsorships start at \$3,000. Premium tables are also available starting at \$5,000. For tickets or sponsorship information, contact Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or lcolantonio@sflawish.org. ■

Have a ball at The Ritz for NCH

The patients, staff, volunteers, donors and friends of NCH Healthcare System inspired the theme for the NCH Hospital Ball 2011: "This Is My Hospital." The black-tie evening begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples.

Tickets are \$475 per person. Proceeds will help create 64 Smart Rooms at the NCH North Naples hospital.

For tickets or more information, call

Cynthia Bennett at the NCH Healthcare Foundation, 436-4511, or e-mail foundation@nchmd.org. ■

Olympian skater will be speaker at Youth Haven lunch

Olympic speed skater and eight-time medalist Apolo Anton Ohno will be the guest speaker at Youth Haven's "Home Hope Healing" luncheon Thursday, March 22, at the Naples Grande. Tickets are \$250 per person, or \$1,000 for two people and a pre-luncheon reception with Mr. Ohno.

Sponsorship opportunities from \$2,500 to \$15,000 for business and individuals are available now.

Youth Haven provides a home for children who have been removed from their families by the authorities because they are in grave danger of further physical or sexual trauma, emotional abuse and/or neglect.

For more information, contact Jamie Gregor, Youth Haven director of marketing and communications, at 687-5153 or jamie.gregor@youthhaven.net. ■

'Love That Dress!' for the girls of PACE

PACE Center for Girls-Immokalee is having its first "Love That Dress!" sale and party from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the Naples Grande. Guests will get to stake their claim on new and gently worn dresses

and accessories to benefit the center that provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

Tickets for "Love That Dress!" will go on sale Aug. 1 for \$25 per person.

In the meantime, the United Arts Council of Collier County is serving as a collection point for donations during office hours from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, through July 28. UAC is at 2335 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 504, in the Moorings Professional Building (next to Red Lobster).

For more information, contact Marianne Kearns, PACE-Collier executive director, at Marianne.kearns@pacecenter.org. ■

Tell us about your big events



It's never too early to send Save the Date details about charity galas and parties to *Florida Weekly*. We keep a running list and print it as space permits during the slower

summer months. As the new social season gets going, we'll dedicate more space to spreading the word about the must-do fundraisers lining up for 2011-2012 season.

Make sure yours is on our list so our readers can plan to attend.

Put it on your calendar to e-mail the who, what, where, when and why about your organization's event to Editor Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com. ■

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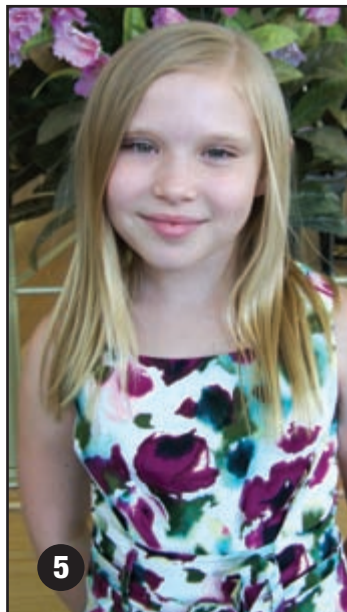
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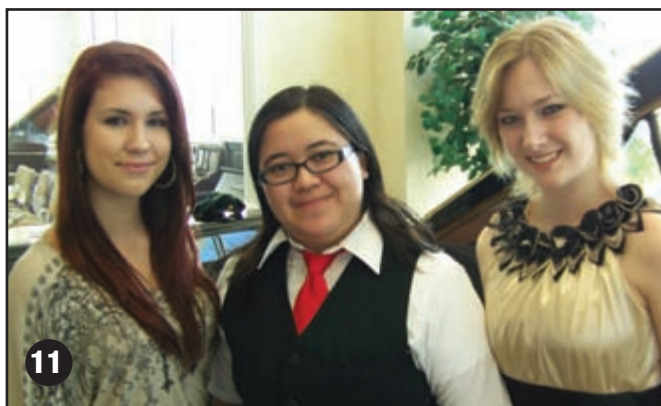
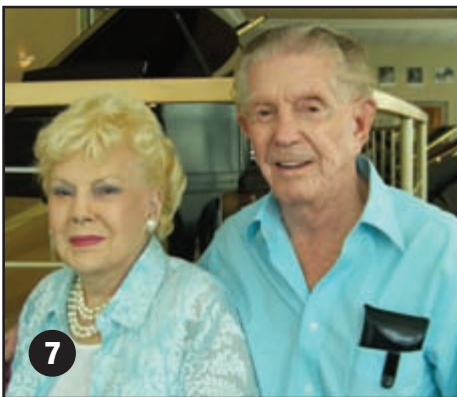
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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous reviews:

► **Bamboo Café**, 755 12th Ave. S., Naples; 643-6177

This casual and inviting French cafe has been a downtown fixture for years. While there are always classic French dishes to be had, the kitchen also offers choices that are lighter and more appropriate to the subtropical climate. A soup-con of Moroccan fare adds to the allure. Tasty steamed mussels in a delicate broth filled with lemon and garlic came in a lovely black pot. An endive salad with crumbled blue cheese, walnuts and a well-balanced balsamic vinaigrette was another light but satisfying starter. Irish salmon was gently baked and served with lemon beurre blanc. A lamb tagine, delivered in the traditional bowl with cone-shaped top, contained sweet dried plums and a mystical mixture of seasonings. A Napoleon was exceptionally good, with puff pastry topping the delicate pastry filled with ethereal Chantilly cream and fresh ripe berries. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed August 2009

► **Blue Agave Tequila Bar and Grill**, 3785 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 262-2582

There are lots of reasons to like Blue Agave, from its voluminous selection of tequilas (more than 50) to its polished and polite serving staff and the fact that the management hasn't resorted to the sort of kitschy décor that so often makes a mockery of a noble cuisine. And then there's the menu, which includes dishes not often seen in these parts, including

molcajete, a mélange of grilled steak, chicken and chorizo with green onion and cactus leaves served in a bowl made of volcanic stone. The presentation was dramatic — the mixture bubbled for a good 20 minutes after arriving at the table — and the contents were delicious. Shrimp and salmon ceviche was lively, if a bit low on salmon, and the sopapillas — thin, crisp pastries topped with cinnamon, powdered sugar and honey — with a mound of ice cream were just right after a spicy Mexican meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed April 2011

► **Hemingway's Island Grill**, Coconut Point, 8001 Plaza del Lago, Estero; 495-7240

With its lively bar and charming Cuban ambience, Hemingway's Island Grill would likely attract the renowned author for whom it was named were he still alive. The dining room is decked out to give the impression of a courtyard, yet has the blessed climate control of an indoor establishment. The aforementioned bar makes a dynamite mojito, and the menu includes a mélange of island dishes. I can recommend Papa's black bean chili (available by the cup or bowl), Jack's hurricane shrimp glazed in a spicy-sweet dark rum sauce, and a first-rate rendition of

ropa vieja — slowly simmered skirt steak that eventually takes on the look of shredded old clothes (which is what the name means in Spanish). A nightly special of jerk-seasoned swordfish on skewers with vegetables was excellent, especially with coconut-mango sauce. The maduros — fried ripe plantains — were terrific. Service was pleasant and generally good throughout the meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2010

► **Shula's Steak House**, Hilton Naples, 5111 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 430-4999

You don't have to love football to enjoy a meal at Shula's, but Miami Dolphins fans score a bonus by dining amidst a host of memorabilia from the legendary undefeated 1972 team. Oh yes, and the cuts of beef are listed on a Don Shula-signed football presented at table. Beyond that, the place has the feel of a well-appointed men's club with service to match.

Although steak is the star here, seafood lovers aren't ignored, with offerings such as crab cakes and lobster bisque. I enjoyed a salad of beefsteak tomatoes and tangy gorgonzola and, as with most items here, it could have been a meal in itself. Both a prime rib and a 24-ounce Porterhouse steak were properly cooked and seasoned just enough to enhance the meat's natural flavor. A la

carte grilled asparagus and lobster mashed potatoes were nicely done, and lava cake with vanilla ice cream was just the right finish to an indulgent meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2010

► **USS Nemo Undersea Cuisine**, 3745 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 261-6366

Chef Nicolas Mercier's artful way with seafood and just about everything else is impressive. Seafood dominates the menu, but there's also a handful of meat dishes and an adventurous kids' menu as well. I loved the 26-item sake menu from which we sampled two great selections — Wakatake and Hakutsuruda — both of which went well with appetizers of goat cheese and tuna tartare and an imaginative seaweed and seafood trilogy featuring three kinds of seaweed with salmon, sea bass and lobster. Miso-broiled sea bass and diver scallops with roasted red pepper and vanilla sauce were expertly prepared and presented. The trinity of profiteroles accompanied by Japanese plum, adzuki and ginger ice creams was delightful. Somewhat less successful was the service, which was good until dessert, when the server had to also attend to outdoor tables. Tables are tightly grouped, adding a taste of reality to the submarine theme.

Food: ★★★★★ Service: ★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★
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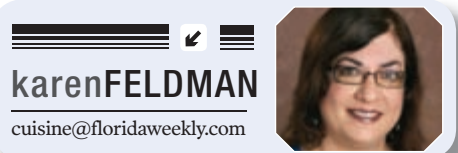
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If one human year equals seven dog years, then restaurant years must run at triple that rate. How else to explain why so many of them wither and die after a matter of months or a few years?

The owners of those that last clearly know some secret to longevity that escapes the ones that come and go in a flash. Judging from what I saw at Ristorante Farfalla, now in its 13th year, I'd say it's an insistence upon top-notch ingredients and attention to detail in all aspects of the operation. From polished service to luxuriant ambience to scrupulously fresh food plated with seasoned artistry, Ristorante Farfalla provides diners with the sort of experience that gives them multiple reasons to return.

That chef/owner Michael Fattah is able to accomplish this even during the traditionally sluggish summer season speaks to the dedication with which he approaches his work.

There were but a handful of tables occupied on a recent rainy Thursday night, but the dining room was spotless and well dressed, outfitted with immaculate white linen, the lone server equally well groomed. And in addition to all the offerings on the menu, there were at least eight nightly specials. Such effort for a smattering of locals is a refreshing change from menus reduced to their bare bones, lackadaisical housekeeping and halfhearted service, a sort of summer rehearsal phase some establishments shift into before the curtain rises on tourist season in the fall.

What's more, Mr. Fattah offers locals some attractive summer specials including, on Tuesdays and Thursdays, either 50 percent off any bottle of wine priced at \$100 or less or 10 percent off the total bill. (You need a coupon for this deal, but it's available on the website and attached to menus at the door to the restaurant.) There's also a two-course summer special for two with a bottle of wine for \$44.99, with the menu changing every two weeks.

From the voluminous wine list — which includes 20 choices by the glass — we settled on a light-bodied red, a 2009 Pio Cesare Dolcetto d'Alba, that paired well with our meal.

We began with *frutti di mare sott'aceto* (a mixed seafood salad, \$14) and *cozze verde posillippo* (New Zealand mussels in a light tomato sauce, \$11). The seafood salad contained a gorgeous array of calamari, clams, mussels and shrimp that had



A mixed seafood salad is marinated in olive oil, garlic, herbs and lemon juice.



A delicate red sauce pairs well with steamed New Zealand mussels.



Fresh clams ring a bowl of linguine with red sauce.

been lightly marinated in herbs, olive oil, lemon and garlic. It was set upon a plate with a pastel pink rim, a hue that enhanced the color of the shrimp. As it turned out, each dish was plated in a like manner, in a dish or bowl that complemented the food contained on it.

The mussels were large but tender, well served by the light tomato sauce in which they basked. After finishing the mussels, we used the rest of the bread to mop up that vibrant sauce.

Choosing an entrée from the 40-plus on the menu, not to mention the specials, was difficult. The menu covers a lot of ground, including risotto, homemade pasta, fish, chicken, veal and beef dishes.

At long last, we settled on linguine alla vongole (pasta with clams and red sauce, \$22) and what our server said was one of the chef's signature dishes: tagliato (\$33), a filet that's grilled then sliced, seared and served over arugula, topped with shaved grana padana (an aged cheese similar to parmigiana but subtler and less salty), lemon juice and olive oil.

The pasta arrived in a pumpkin-colored bowl with fresh clams ringing the perimeter of a mound of linguine lightly dressed in red clam sauce. Both the clams and the sauce were well flavored, but the dish could have used more clams to balance out all the pasta.

Much lighter than its New York cousin, this Italian cheesecake possesses a subtle lemon flavor.

The filet, however, was perfect. The meat was cooked to a perfect medium rare, thinly sliced and seared with a minimum of seasoning, which was all it needed. Combined with the slightly bitter tang of the arugula and the chewy cheese on top, this was an exceptional dish, accompanied by al dente sautéed vegetables — zucchini, squash and onions — and creamy scalloped potatoes.

Our server was happy to tell us which desserts were made on site, and we were happy to try one: a slice of Italian cheesecake (\$8). Made with ricotta, perhaps a bit of mascarpone and a touch of lemon, it was served with a pair of well-chilled forks. A much lighter cake than the New York-style cheesecake, it made for a satisfying finish to the meal.

Mr. Fattah possesses a deft and subtle hand when it comes to sauces and seasoning. It's equally clear that he has a passion for quality ingredients and exemplary service. Such attention to detail has proven a winning formula for him — as well as for all who dine at Ristorante Farfalla. ■



Tagliato, one of the chef's signature dishes, features tender filet, grana padana cheese and arugula.

In the know

Ristorante Farfalla

Corkscrew Village, 21301 Tamiami Trail S., Estero; 495-9912

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
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Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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★★★★★ Superb
★★★★ Noteworthy
★★★ Good
★★ Fair
★ Poor

food & wine CALENDAR

> **Thursday, July 14, 5 p.m. to close, Bamboo Café:** Celebrate the French national holiday, Bastille Day, with French music and food along with drink specials in the bar salon; 755 12 Ave. S.; 643-6177. Reservations recommended.

> **Thursday, July 14, all evening, Bleu Provence:** Celebrate Bastille Day with a three-course meal and glass of rose champagne for \$24.99; 1234 Eighth St. S., 261-8239. Reservations recommended.

> **Thursday, July 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Whole Foods:** Raw foods expert Bethany Tait shows how to create healthy, tasty raw food smoothies; \$5, Mercato; 552-5100. Reservations required. Regis-

ter online at www.acteva.com/go/Lifestylecenter.

> **Wednesday, July 20, 7 p.m., Angelina's Ristorante:** Explore the wines of France's left bank paired with appropriate foods at the fourth in the summer series of wine dinners; \$89, 24041 S. Tamiami Trail; 390-3187. Reservations required.

> **Thursday, July 21, 5:30-8 p.m., Decanted Wines:** The Century Club meets to taste 25 unusual varietals as part of the members' quest to sample 100 types; \$10, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; 434-1814. Reservations required.

> **Friday, July 22, 6:30 p.m., Ruth's**

Chris Steakhouse: The Samuel Adams lobster boil beer dinner features fried oyster with remoulade sauce, Ruth's crab and corn chowder, watermelon and mixed greens summer salad, lobster boil and chocolate sin cake, with Samuel Adams beer paired with each course; \$65, Coconut Point, 23151 Village Shops Way, Estero; 948-8888. Reservations required.

> **Saturday, July 23 and Aug. 27, 9-11 a.m., Ridgway Bar & Grill:** Chef/owner Tony Ridgway will help students move beyond the four tastes (sweet, salty, bitter and sour) to the fifth taste, umami, a savory flavor found in a wealth of food. Students will undergo a blind tasting of

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Farmers markets

■ **Saturday, 7:30-11:30 a.m.,** Third Street South, behind Tommy Bahama's between Third Street and Gordon Drive.

■ **Saturday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.,** The North Naples Green Market has moved to the air-conditioned comfort of the Fright Factory at Olympic Plaza, 2320 Vanderbilt Beach Road behind Liberty Bank. ■

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