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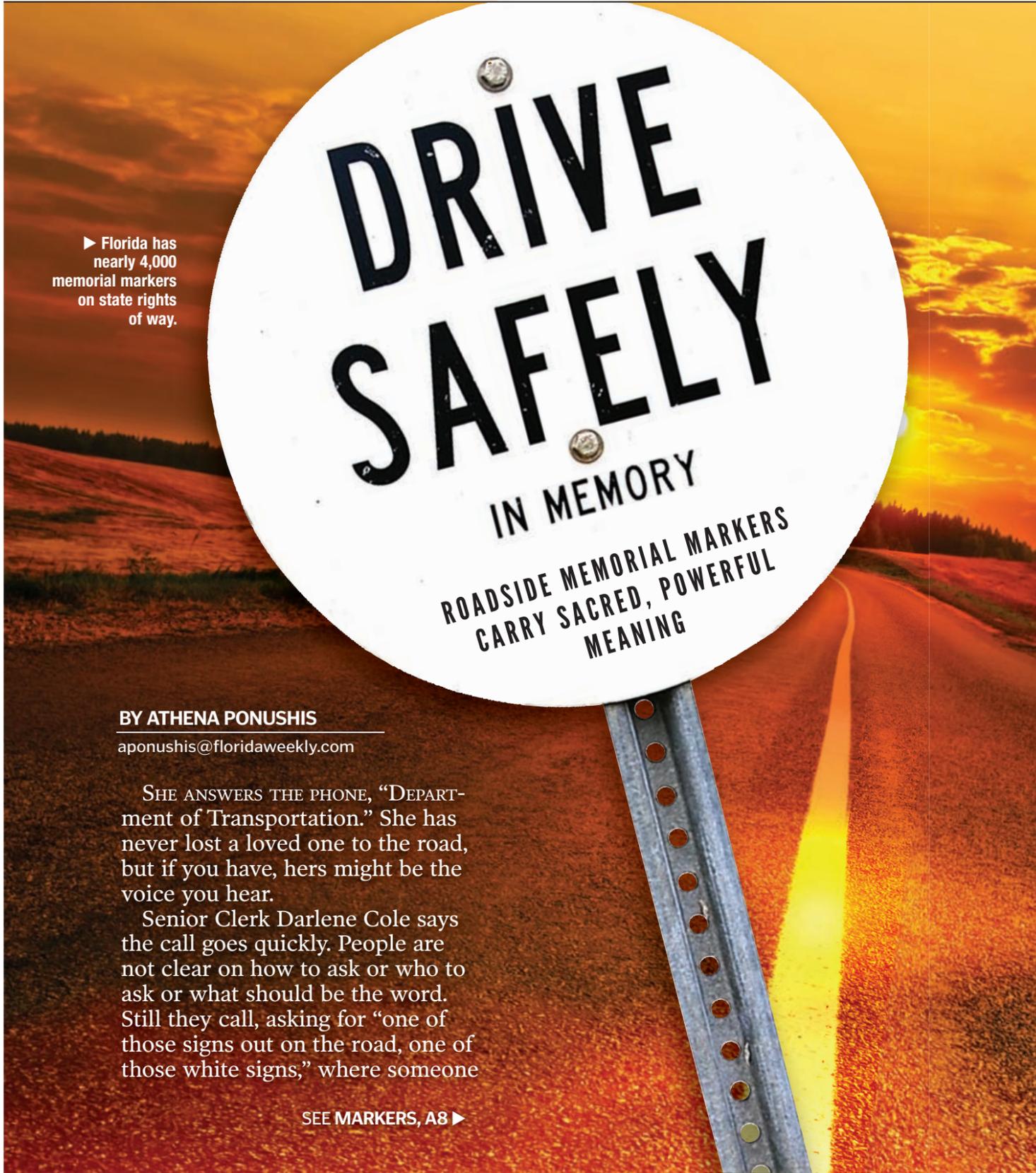
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BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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SHE ANSWERS THE PHONE, "Department of Transportation." She has never lost a loved one to the road, but if you have, hers might be the voice you hear.

Senior Clerk Darlene Cole says the call goes quickly. People are not clear on how to ask or who to ask or what should be the word. Still they call, asking for "one of those signs out on the road, one of those white signs," where someone

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Marco Island's 'Big Flag' marks Memorial Day

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Marco Island's annual Memorial Day ceremony honoring all who have died while serving in the United States Armed Forces unfolded for the most part as usual on Monday, May 28. The service took place, as always, at 11 a.m. in Veteran's Community Park.

Later in the afternoon, however, a second ceremony was cause for more reflection and patriotic celebration, when the Marco Island "Big Flag" was hoisted up a 50-foot flagpole for the first time. As the crowd

cheered, the 12-by-18-foot banner caught the breeze in a majestic wave of flutters. Honored guests who gathered in front of the Marco Island Yacht Club at the foot of the new Judge S.S. Jolley Bridge included State Sen. Garrett Richter, State Rep. Kathleen Passidomo and Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala, along with members of the Marco Island City Council and city staff.

So how did the Big Flag project come about? Here's how Marco Islander Keith

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The Big Flag, unfurled over Marco Island for the first time.

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Missing the mark

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Last week, I went back to school.

The lesson came after I'd written a column intended to lampoon our sometimes-skewed notions of race and ethnicity.

It was satire. I created a voice to echo those I hear too often on air, in print or on the street around me.

When I suggested that Rednecks and Whitenecks alike who fear the browning of America should just go make more (white) babies with themselves, a number of readers misunderstood, and were outraged ("The new America," May 23).

Proverbially and perhaps literally, they pinned up my picture and poked it with buckshot.

Clearly, I had missed my own aim: To reject with the clarity of a ringing bell not just racism, sexism and religious intolerance, but the blindness of fear and the hobbling effect of prejudice.

U.S. Census figures show that for the first time in history, more than 50 percent of the babies born last year came from parents who are not defined as "white." What do we make of that?

I make nothing of it because I don't think it means anything. Racially and ethnically, we come from almost everywhere.

"White" as defined by a government agency called the U.S. Census Bureau is about as clear a racial or cultural category as a mud creek in May. Historically,

for example, the Census Bureau has not defined Irish, Welsh, German, Spanish, Portuguese, Eastern European or Greek immigrants as "white."

An American, on the other hand — white, black, brown or any other color — is someone who acts like an American, no matter what hue or DNA, and no matter what language his or her forebears spoke or still speak.

But many do not agree. For the worst reasons, they're horrified by the idea that the nation is growing less "white." Using language and ideas I hear every day, I satirized their thinking for what I hope are the best reasons.

The column landed in print like a brick tossed through the front window. The next day, indignant wails sounded from one side of Florida to the other. People wrote me bruising letters. They complained venomously to my editors and publishers. No doubt they denounced me to their spouses and children, their churches, their golf and country clubs, or their therapists.

To a columnist — a paid hot-air bag, as I frequently characterize myself — the outrage of readers will be a given, on occasion. And sometimes it's even cause for celebration.

But at a certain point, the columnist has to quit listening to himself and listen his readers.

What I had done, I realized — and done either too well or not well enough — was write a piece of satire so blazingly offensive that otherwise intelligent readers lost their ability to see clearly, and fell into deep rages.

That's not what I intended. Some words

and ideas remain scarred into the American hide like old wounds. Bump them and they hurt for a week. That's what I did.

Unfortunately, the character I satirized remains too much a part of who we are — and not the pretty part. That's why I pay attention to him.

I believe that closing our eyes and ears or getting angry will leave us vulnerable and blind.

So I listen to people who fear a changing country — including those who offer statements that are factually untrue.

"White America is a dying tribe," insists commentator and former presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan. "The majority of Hispanics are among that half of the population that pays no income tax and benefit disproportionately from government programs."

That's one. Here's another: "Immigrants do not share American values" and "will vote Democrat when Democrats promise them more food stamps," trumpets Roger Schlafly, the son of Phyllis Schlafly who famously opposed the failed Equal Rights Amendment for women.

American "white" values, he concludes, were best reflected in a 1950s-era TV show, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet."

Those rather mild expressions of ignorant thinking — along with much more acerbic expressions — are easy marks for satire.

The history of satire extends at least to the Romans, but the most famous example is Jonathan Swift's scalding 18th-century essay, "A Modest Proposal." He wrote the piece when English treatment of the Irish was so horrific that it became genocide a

century later.

The full title is "A Modest Proposal for Preventing the Children of Poor People from Being a Burden on their Parents or Country, and for Making Them Beneficial to the Publick."

Swift's delivery, like mine, was utterly deadpan. He proposed that milk-fed Irish children be sold to wealthy English connoisseurs of fine cuisine, thereby taking them off the hands of Irish parents too poor to support them, and providing a robust boost to the Irish economy.

"A young healthy child well-nursed is, at a year old, a most delicious nourishing and wholesome food, whether stewed, roasted, baked or boiled; and I make no doubt that it will equally serve in a fricassee or a ragout," he announced.

Swift was not promoting cannibalism. Instead, he aimed to engender both strong sympathy for the Irish, and strong antipathy for the writer or narrator, whose callous indifference reflected that of many English leaders. He revealed their ugly side.

That was roughly my idea, too.

So is this: All voices should be heard. And the predominant American voice should always be heard championing equal rights and respect without regard to race, creed or color.

Those are my values, and they're beside the point.

The point now is this: I apologize to those who took offense at my heavy-handed satire.

I beg my readers to continue exercising those two most American of virtues: listening, and speaking. ■

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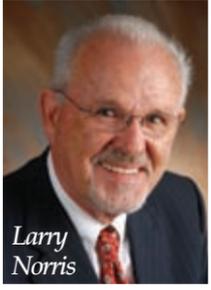
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OPINION

The time-wasting network



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Special to Florida Weekly

"If time be of all things the most precious," Benjamin Franklin said, "wasting time must be the greatest prodigality." But he had never heard of a status update.

Facebook is the world's foremost purveyor of information you shouldn't care about. Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg is to uselessness what Henry Ford was to the automobile. He has mastered it on an industrial scale and is riding it to a vast fortune. At more than \$100 billion, the valuation of Facebook equals the annual GDP of Morocco or Vietnam, countries that don't top anyone's list of economic powerhouses, but do actually produce some things of value.

Can 900 million people, the roughly one-eighth of the planet that uses Facebook, be wrong? If they are passing around photos of pets in party costumes, telling us whether they are having a good or bad hair day and playing the farming simulation game "FarmVille," the answer is, "Why, yes they can!"

Facebook has transformed oversharing from an annoying habit of the poorly socialized into the very stuff of daily interactions. No thought is too banal, no event too minor, no mood too passing, no photo too embarrassing to be posted on Facebook.

Facebook has been a boon to employers vetting prospective employees and to divorce lawyers looking for incriminating evidence. Once, taking vodka shots out of the bellybutton of your friend at the bar at 2 a.m. might have been an ill-considered caper to laugh about the next day. Now the photo may well end up on your "timeline."

It's not that Facebook has no redeeming value. It brings together people with similar interests who wouldn't meet otherwise, and is a powerful organizing tool, in causes ranging from high-school reunions to Middle Eastern revolutions. And, oh yeah, it reminds you of friends' birthdays. This is all to the good.

Yet Facebook is overwhelmingly the ephemeral chasing the trivial. The "like" and "poke" functions have an appropriately grade-school feel. (It's hard to believe that Facebook once grew its business on the basis of its supposed cool.) The designation "friend" is often a poor simulacrum of the real thing. In

a notable Atlantic magazine cover story, Nicholas Carr asked, "Is Google making us stupid?" Compared with Facebook, Google is the King James Bible. Google is the entry point to a world of news and information beyond what leftovers your old college roommate is eating for dinner tonight before taking her papillon, Princess, for a walk.

The T.S. Eliot line "distracted from distraction by distraction" could have described the temptations of 21st-century social media. Other technologies — the telephone, television, email — have had the same double-edged capacity to enable work and bring people together, or fritter away time on nonsense.

Facebook tilts toward pure distraction, which is one reason a pall of doubt hangs over its post-IPO future. About half of people in one poll say Facebook is a fad. Mark Zuckerberg is mentioned in the same breath as Steve Jobs and Bill Gates, but his product is considerably more vaporous. The threat to Facebook will always be the advent of some new and even more alluring way to waste time. ■

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

Honor the dead, heal the wounded, stop the wars



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Gen. John Allen, Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan, spoke Wednesday at the Pentagon, four stars on each shoulder, his chest bedecked with medals. Allen said the NATO summit in Chicago, which left him feeling "heartened," "was a powerful signal of international support for the Afghan-led process of reconciliation." Unlike Allen, many decorated U.S. military veterans left the streets of Chicago after the NATO summit without their medals. They marched on the paramilitarized convention center where the generals and heads of state had gathered and threw their medals at the high fence surrounding the summit. They were joined by women from Afghans for Peace, and an American mother whose son killed himself after his second deployment to Iraq.

Leading thousands of protesters in a peaceful march against NATO's wars, each veteran climbed to the makeshift stage outside the fenced summit, made a brief statement and threw his or her medals at the gate.

As taps was played, veterans folded an American flag that had flown over NATO military operations in Bosnia, Kosovo, Serbia, Afghanistan and Libya and handed it to Mary Kirkland. Her son, Derrick, joined the Army in January 2007, since he was not earning enough to support his wife and child as a cook at an IHOP restaurant. During his second deployment, Mary told me, "he ended up putting a shotgun in his mouth over there in Iraq, and one of his bud-

dies stopped him." He was transferred to Germany then back to his home base of Fort Lewis, Washington.

"He came back on a Monday after two failed suicide attempts in a three-week period. They kept him overnight at Madigan Army Medical Center at Fort Lewis. He met with a psychiatrist the next day who deemed him to be

protesting.

On stage with the veterans were three Afghan women, holding the flag of Afghanistan. Just before they marched, I asked one of them, Suraia Sahar, why she was there: "I'm representing Afghans for Peace. And we're here to protest NATO and call on all NATO representatives to end this inhumane, illegal, barbaric war against our home country and our people ... it's the first time an Afghan-led peace movement is now working side by side with a veteran-led peace movement. And so, this is the beginning of something new, something better: reconciliation and peace."

The night before the protest and the summit, Gen. Allen threw out the first pitch at the "Crosstown Classic" baseball game between the Chicago White Sox and the Chicago Cubs. Members of the teams joked that Allen could join them in the dugout, if he would only quit his day job. I dare say, the members of the Iraq Veterans Against the War wish he would.

After the march and the return of the medals, I caught up with Derrick Kirkland's mourning mother as she embraced her new family: those who were protesting the wars that had taken the life of her son. I asked if she had any message for President Barack Obama and the NATO generals. This quiet, soft-spoken woman from Indiana didn't hesitate: "Honor the dead, heal the wounded, stop the wars." ■

— 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 1,000 stations in North America. She is the author of "Breaking the Sound Barrier," recently released in paperback and now a New York Times best-seller.



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David Tetzlaff has served as zookeeper, curator, animal trainer and executive director of The Naples Zoo. His parents, Lawrence and Nancy Jane Tetzlaff — “Jungle Larry and Safari Jane” — were well-known expedition leaders and zoo operators in the Midwest who championed the cause of conservation.

On a vacation from Medina, Ohio, in 1967, when David was 5 years old, the Tetzlaff family came to Naples seeking out winter quarters for their collection of rare animals. They moved here two years later.

David graduated from Naples High School in 1981 and began working in the family business. He holds a state of Florida venomous snakes license and recently completed a venomous snake-handling course in Johannesburg, South Africa. He also has also completed courses offered by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in exhibit design and collection management.

A portion of the current Zoo site began as a private garden in 1919 by botanist Dr. Henry Nehrling, who established one the earliest collections of rare tropical plants in Florida. In the early 1950s, Julius Fleischmann took an interest in what remained of Dr. Nehrling's garden, restoring, renewing and

renaming it Caribbean Gardens.

When the Tetzlaffs arrived in Naples, Caribbean Gardens was not available for their use. After Julius Fleischmann died in 1968, however, they were contacted to see if they would be willing to display their animals in the garden.

Before the Tetzlaffs could move any animals from their zoological park in Ohio, they had to survey the Naples property and determine how to place the animal exhibits without damaging the exotic plants and trees. The first guests to the new Caribbean Gardens arrived on Sept. 1, 1969. It was the Tetzlaffs' attention to detail and conservation back then that allows us to enjoy the magnificent combination of animals and plants that is The Naples Zoo today.

Today the nationally accredited Naples Zoo, a not-for-profit organization, is among the Paradise Coast treasures for which I am so grateful. You should be, too. Learn more about the Zoo at www.napleszoo.org. ■

Talking points with David Tetzlaff

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

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? I'd be a full-time venomous snake handler. I relish the intense focus required to work with any kind of dangerous animals, but especially venomous reptiles. There is no forgiveness factor.

Something that's been on your mind: The fierce independence that made this country great is a fire being slowly extinguished.

Something your mother was always right about: When you know what you're doing is the right thing, see it through and don't let others' negativity or ignorance alter your course.

Guilty pleasure: “Miami Vice” reruns.

Next vacation destination: Tanzania, for a “working” vacation representing the Zoo.

Skill or talent you wish you had: Carpentry and fixing cars.

What makes you laugh? My wife and sons.

Last book read: “The Swamp” by Michael Grunwald.

Something you'll never understand: Calculus.

Pet peeve: People who form opinions with no effort to research the facts, and those who spend more time following than leading.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: I like to write and have been published nationally.

What are you most proud of? My sons and their desire to work hard at everything they do.

First job: Cleaning the elephant yard after school.

Mentors: In life lessons, my parents. In animal training, James Clubb and Josip Marcan. In conservation work, my brother Tim, Larry Richardson of the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge and Steve Burns of Zoo Boise. In writing, Don Thomas and Jay Campbell.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: Better promotion of all the attractions in the area. We are more than golf and beaches!

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The vastness of the Big Cypress Preserve and the sense of solitude when I step out of my truck into a flooded prairie.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away: The cleansing smell of the air after it rains.

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of “The Bob Harden Show,” airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com. The show is archived for listeners' convenience.

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MARKERS

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has had an accident, where someone has lost a life.

Her callers are slow to share the details, Ms. Cole says. They might say, "My son," or "My daughter," but they do not say too much. They are grieving. And they want a marker for their loved one.



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Ms. Cole expresses her condolences, but must verify that the accident took place on a state road. Roadside memorial markers are free to families. The state absorbs the cost — the Florida Department of Transportation, specifically — but

the accident must have occurred on a state road. And the families must fill out a form.

She says some callers welcome the paperwork, as they welcome the marker, "one more step" they can take for their loved one, "one more thing" they can have in place, one more act of closure. To callers who sound shaken, Ms. Cole says call me back, we can fill out the form together, over the phone.

She explains the purpose of the form is to ensure the state spells the name correctly — the name that will rest beneath the words, "Drive Safely," below the line, "In Memory" — each letter of the name capitalized, followed by the date of the accident.

Some families call immediately after their loss, ready to see their marker right away. Others wait to call, maybe two or three years, maybe more. Once the form is complete, Ms. Cole sends a request to the state sign shop. Once the sign is made and shipped, she lets the family know the marker should be in place along on the side of the road within seven to 10 business days.

In her first week answering calls for the FDOT Palm Beach Operation Center, someone requested a marker be placed on a road Ms. Cole drives every day. "A road on my way home," she says. And a marker close to home made her realize, "how close to family that marker might be."

Families who choose a memorial marker say they do so in remembrance of their loved one. They see the spot of that person's last breath as hallowed ground, so they bring flowers and mark the site to pay respects, to feel as close as they can be to the one they miss.

Psychologists say that because highway deaths are seen as unnatural or unnecessary, families mark the site in an attempt to spare future tragedies, hoping their loss will not have been in vain.

Since Florida's memorial marker program started in 1997, nearly 4,000 markers have been placed on state rights-of-ways, according to the FDOT. The markers cost \$50 each to make and place. There are 10 in Collier County, 12 in Charlotte, 52 in Lee, 60 in Broward and 251 in Palm Beach County. In addition, Collier County government has adapted the state policy and pays for memorial markers to be installed on county roads. One such marker has been placed in Collier County thus far, on the corner of Pine Ridge Road and Shirley Street. The Collier County Division of Traffic Operations oversees the placement of memorial markers on county roads; these markers look identical to state markers but cost \$100 apiece.

A worldwide trend

Anthropologists cannot pin down the origins of memorializing the site of tragedy, but they cannot deny its rise

worldwide. And this proliferation of memorials pushed the state to create the generic marker, one to serve a dual purpose of remembrance — to remember loved ones lost and to remember the perils of the road.

Evelyn Rivera says she never really paid the markers any mind; she saw them, she knew someone had died there, she drove past them — until the day she saw a name. When she realized the markers could be personalized, she thought, "I want one." She wanted one for her fiancé.

Eduardo Monge died on Dec. 13, 2008. He was 25. His marker stands a quarter mile north of the Lee County/Charlotte County line.

Mr. Monge was riding home from a poker tournament with his friend. He had been winning; his friend had been drinking. The last text he sent Ms. Rivera said: "We should be home in half an hour. I'll see you when I get there. I love you."

His body was buried in Costa Rica, where his mother lives and where he was born. To Ms. Rivera, his roadside memorial is "something else that represents him, because I don't have a cemetery I can go to and bring him flowers. I don't have that, but I have this little spot right here, to feel like this is as close as I can get to you right now." She does not say him, she says "you."

Before the marker was in place, she would go to a nearby cemetery on her lunch break, look at the names and dates on the tombstones of others and say inside, to her fiancé, "I wish I had a place where I could go and cry you out."

Reflecting on the meaning of the marker, she says, "You want to have a place where you can go and pay respects, bring him flowers, just stay there and talk and know that that was the last place where he laid. I know he's not there, but it's there, this little marker. And that's fulfilling to me."

On Valentine's Day she brought him a heart. On Easter Sunday she brought him a bunny.

"Some people might say it's crazy, but it helps."

Part of the process

Palm Beach Gardens psychotherapist Linda Lipshutz describes grieving as "a deeply personal human experience," one individuals must work through at their own pace, in their own way. Roadside memorials can play a part in the healing process, she adds.

"To many, memorializing the actual site where the loved one was last alive is imbued with a deeply powerful, sacred meaning," Dr. Lipshutz says. "Visiting this location can be a source of comfort and connection with the loved one, and a human tribute to the deep feelings one has shared with the deceased."

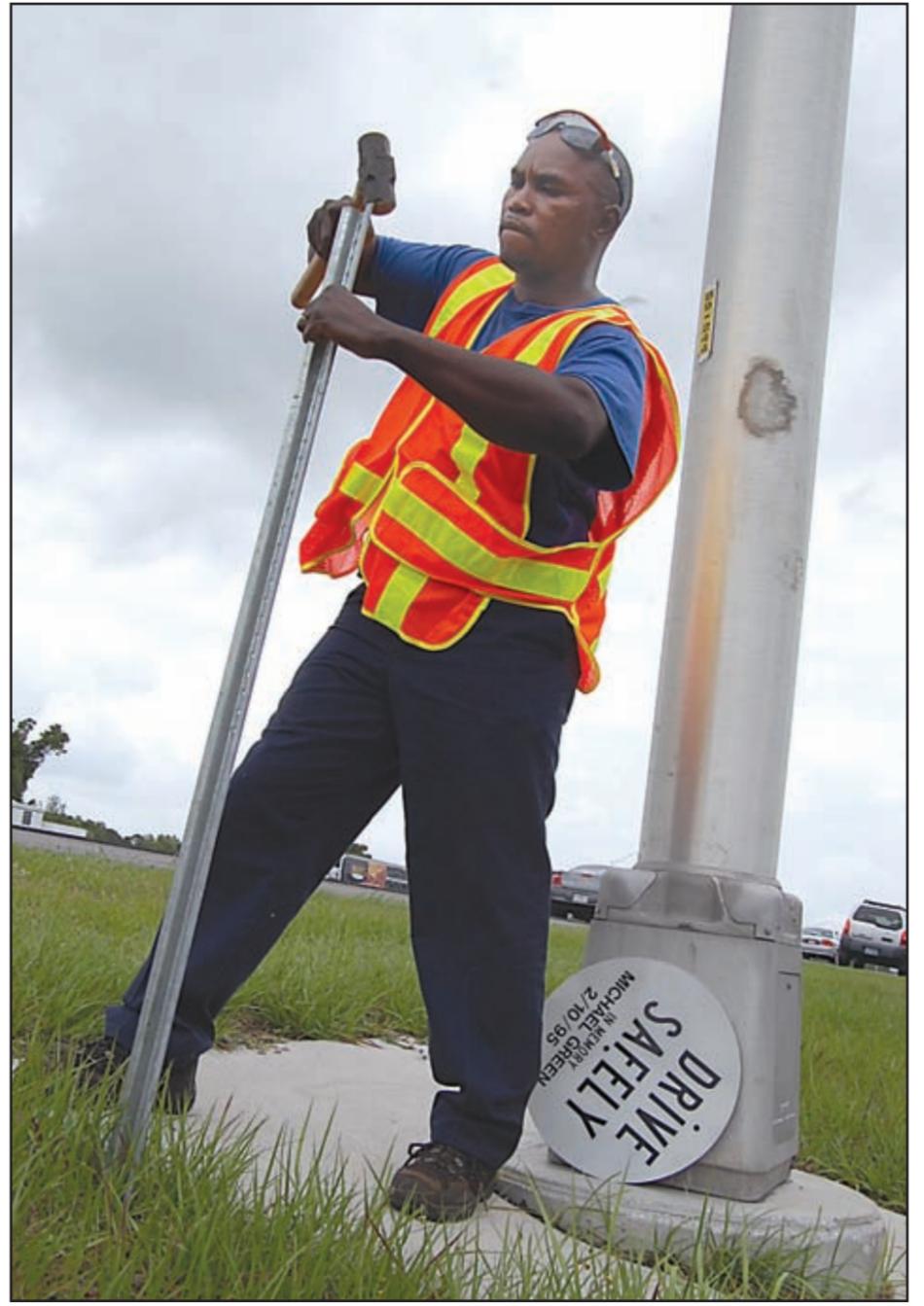
A sense of peace might also lie in the warning that such memorials lend. "There can be some comfort to know that another family has been spared a tragedy because of the efforts of those who have suffered a huge loss," she says.

Ms. Rivera, however, does not believe her fiancé's memorial marker matters to anyone else. "People keep on driving drunk," she says, adding that unless someone has lost a loved one to the road, "People don't really care." She sees Mr. Monge's marker as a sentimental value, and that's why before she had a marker, she had a cross — a white cross honoring her loved one as a great husband, father and son. "I wrote husband," she says of her fiancé.

Program's genesis

The appearance, and the abundance, of such homemade crosses gave impetus to the state markers, FDOT Communications Director Dick Kane says by e-mail from Tallahassee.

Debbie Tower remembers the emergence of the homemade crosses and



Jerome Darling hammers in the stake for the marker.

calls them the genesis of the statewide memorial marker program. As the FDOT public information officer for the Southwest Florida region, she says she was pleased to see the program begin, "a program to remember loved ones lost and provide an important safety reminder," without endangering the safety of someone else. "We were very much concerned about folks being out there (erecting crosses) on the side of road on their own," Ms. Tower says, stressing how state workers wear orange vests and are trained to work next to traffic, behind signs advising, "Workers Ahead," when they install the markers.

Alongside safety issues were issues of utilities, maintenance and construction. Some homemade markers made it cumbersome to mow the grass, and most were placed not knowing what cables or water lines loomed below. Ms. Tower recalls one in particular that was anchored underground in a 10-gallon concrete tub.

"We strongly discourage folks from going out there on their own," making their own marker, placing their own marker or decorating their marker, she says. "But it's so sensitive. Think about it. Every single one of us has lost someone we love. A lot of us have lost someone in car accidents." She will not say if she has personally lost a loved one to the road, but speaking on behalf of her department, she says, "We understand and we are sensitive."

Sensitive as the FDOT may be, state workers do remove homemade markers. "But we also make an effort to determine who might have placed them," Ms. Tower says. "If we can find that out, we contact the folks and invite them to participate in our state program."

Sylvia Grider, Ph.D., a retired professor in folklore and cultural anthropology at Texas A&M University, sees any memorial marker as a private observance. "I think they are very profound

statements of grief and loss, and they need to be left in place." Of efforts to remove homemade markers, she says, "How complicated."

Attempts to control what people do, she believes, will not do any good, especially when it comes to tragic loss. She describes roadside memorials as a complex phenomenon, one whose spread to the U.S. cannot be pinpointed, but one whose spread can now be seen worldwide.

Dr. Grider says in Greece, families erect roadside shrines when their loved one has not been killed in a car accident, as a symbol of gratitude. These families keep the votive candles lit and the olive oil a plenty, she adds.

As far as marking the site of tragedy, Dr. Grider says roadside markers are related to spontaneous shrines, meaning shrines dedicated to the loss of many, such as Columbine, Virginia Tech, Oklahoma City or the World Trade Center. But when it comes to marking the site of an individual loss, an act seen at large with the losses of Princess Diana and John Lennon, for example, she says such acts might stem from the traditions of the Hispanic Southwest.

When the Spanish carried caskets from the home to cemetery by foot, wherever they laid the casket down to rest, they would leave a little cross or pile of stones, Dr. Grider explains.

Such sentiments have evolved to Florida's standard marker: a 15-inch diameter aluminum sign, with black lettering on a white background, mounted to a 5-foot steel post. All state memorial markers are manufactured in Lake City.

Randall Wainwright, manager of the state sign shop in Lake City, says he has performed every duty in the shop, from prepping the metal to silk screening and printing the "Drive Safely, In Memory" message, to cutting the individual letters of a name out on a flatbed plotter. The names are applied to the signs by

transfer tape, somewhat like a sticker. (The FDOT has seven districts, Florida's Turnpike being a separate entity, and some of these districts apply the lettering of names and dates themselves, Mr. Wainwright says, explaining why some markers have a birth and death date, while others show only the date of the accident.)

Mr. Wainwright says the markers mean the same to him as they mean to most: "It represents somebody. It was somebody."

He feels the markers always draw attention — "You know something happened in that spot" — but says frankly, the markers mean more to the families than they do to the 10 others who work beside him in the sign shop.

"We do it constantly, name after name after name," he says. "You start recognizing (that) at any time, you could be the next person" — but not as much when he sees the markers in the shop, he says, as when he sees them on the road.

Trying to save others

And it's this "straighten up, stop texting, pay attention" undertone of the memorial markers that Dan Goldman, Ph.D., of Peace River Psychology in Port Charlotte sees as their psychological root.

"Psychologically speaking, when grieving people cannot bring back their loved one(s) who died in car crashes, they not only feel grief over the loss, but they also commonly experience anxiety because they realize they have no control over the situation," Dr. Goldman says. "As a result, they may project their energy onto saving others from the same fate as a way to experience some sense of perceived control."

And when it comes to controlling the choice of a memorial marker, James Davidson, Ph.D., suspects age comes into play. Dr. Davidson, professor and an anthropologist specializing in mortuary archaeology at the University of Florida, says the death of those in their teens and 20s tends to be a tragic death, "like an automobile accident where they die in an abrupt, traumatic way."

"This is much different than dying in your death bed at 90 years old," he says, adding the youth and suddenness may compel the need to memorialize the tragedy.

In the most recent statistics available, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles reports that 2,444 people died in a total of 2,261 crashes involving fatalities in 2010. The age group with the highest percentage of drivers killed or injured was 25-34-year-olds.

The FDOT cannot comment on the ages of those memorialized through



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A 14-year-old girl's life is remembered near the Punta Gorda railroad tracks at Taylor Street.

state markers. "We do not keep track of that data," Ms. Tower says, explaining the state places the markers as a service, taking the request and producing the sign to forward the message, "Drive Safely."

But one man who places the markers in the ground says he has placed many for teenagers on their way home from school or work.

Jerome Darling, a building maintenance mechanic in Palm Beach County, calls the families of those being memorialized to see if they would like to be present as he places the marker.

He tapes the name on the sign, screws the sign on the pole and uses a 2-pound hammer to put the pole in the ground.

Whether he's standing in front of relatives or not, he says, "The only thing I can do is shake my head" — because he knows what that marker means. "That



Matt Zillmer is memorialized at Airport Road and Taylor Street in Punta Gorda.

person's not here now."

Mr. Darling has been placing markers on the shoulders of state roads for more than 10 years. As part of his job, he also removes elaborate displays, or as he calls it, "People who overdid it." Wreaths, flowers, candles, photographs, stuffed animals, holiday décor — department personnel say they store these items for up to six months or so, to give families a chance to reclaim them.

Of the adorned memorials, Mr. Darling says, "They look so good, people don't pay attention to their driving. They're looking like 'Oh, what a beautiful' — bam — they run into the back of somebody." So he does not feel bad removing such ornamentation. "I'm trying to make it safe for me and everybody else."

Susan Sullivan does not agree with flowers and teddy bears on roadside memorials. "It's a memory," she says of



An unmarked memorial at Taylor Street and Jones Loop Road in Punta Gorda.

the memorial marker. "A teddy bear's not going to be there too long. Neither are fake flowers. They're just not."

Mrs. Sullivan sees the markers as a service the state does for families to remember their loved ones, tastefully. And on I-95 between the Donald Ross and Jupiter exits, she has a marker for her son.

Michael Green died on Feb. 10, 1995. He was 23. He was driving home from work. He was three miles away from home.

Mrs. Sullivan worried about her son falling asleep as he drove home from the JFK Medical Center in Lantana in the early morning hours. She asked him to crack his window open and to wear his seatbelt, please. On the morning he "evidently fell asleep," responders to the scene found him with his window cracked and his seatbelt on.

Mrs. Sullivan says she placed a marker for her son because, "He walked this Earth and he made a difference in people's lives, and I think he should be honored in some way of remembrance."

She loves when friends or family call and say, "I saw Michael's marker," just as she loves seeing someone has left seashells or a golf tee on his grave.

"It means they remember him," she says. "And that's important to me."

Mrs. Sullivan had her son's marker placed immediately following his accident, but construction kept his marker off the roadside for four years. On May 14, Mr. Darling placed his marker, again.

Mrs. Sullivan says she's ready for the phone calls. No longer, "Where is Michael's marker?" but "I saw Michael's marker."

"Just that fleeting thought, oh my God it means so much," she says. "It means they miss him, it means they remember him."

For Mrs. Sullivan, it brings her son here, by "just that fleeting thought." ■



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Totch Brown: A true character and Chokoloskee native



Tough, tenacious, colorful, resourceful, law-breaking and entertaining. All these words perfectly describe the late Loren G. "Totch" Brown.

It's hard to believe, but 16 years ago this month, the Chokoloskee native was laid to rest following yet another heart attack. He was buried in the Smallwood Cemetery on Chokoloskee Island on May 11, 1996, next to his dearly beloved wife and partner Estelle (nee Demere), his "Queen of the Everglades."

Totch was born in 1920, the fourth of five children born to John and Alice (nee McKinney). He spent most of his youth on Chokoloskee, hunting, fishing and trapping along the Chatham Bend area with his father and brother, "Peg," long before the formation of the Everglades National Park (in 1947).

The family lived off the land in tarpaper shacks that were inundated with mosquitoes — "swamp angels," as his grandfather McKinney called them, "so thick you could rake 'em off your brow by the handful!"

Totch was 13 when he bought his first boat, and during Prohibition he helped his father run 'shine to help make ends meet.

He was 18 and Estelle just 14 when they married. Eleven months later, the

first of their five children (three of whom are still living) was born.

Totch only left the island twice: once to serve his country during World War II, returning with both a Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his service during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944 with the 87th Infantry; and again to serve, this time 15 months in federal prison, for tax evasion stemming from his former marijuana smuggling days (he refused to rat out his friends).

Totch decided to write his book, "Totch: A Life in the Everglades," in order to "set the record straight." At age 73, with a seventh-grade education and a No. 3 lead pencil, he began telling his story, beginning with the settling in the Ten Thousand Islands back in the 1880s.

No subject is off-limits in the book, which was published in 1993. Totch's tales run the gamut from hunting raccoons and alligators, to eating the tasty "Chokoloskee Chicken" (white ibis, which is protected today) and living on the old homestead of "Bloody" Edgar Watson of "Killing Mister Watson" fame. He tells of



Maureen Sullivan-Hartung took this photo of Totch Brown and his dog in the mid-1990s.

his infamous pot-hauling days and his trips back and forth to Colombia, where he actually picked his own crop, and of Operation Everglades on July 7, 1983, which caught the unsuspecting Totch off-guard and led to his arrest in 1984.

Totch indeed led a most interesting life. Over the years, he made a living as a crabber, a fisherman and a gator poacher. He loved to sing and could write songs. He even snagged a bit part as an extra named "One Note" in Budd Schulberg's "Wind Across the Everglades," filmed on location in 1958 and starring Burl Ives, Gypsy Rose Lee, Peter Falk and Christopher Plummer.

He had his share of heartache, too, beginning with the loss of his daughter, Judy, aged 2, when their boat exploded in 1943. Two years later, Totch and Estelle's third child, Marie Faye, died from an enlarged heart 10 days after she was born.

Totch's book — which can still be found in local bookstores and libraries, as well as on Amazon — is a must-read for anyone wanting to learn more about this area and how previous generations exist-

ed without things like air-conditioning, bug spray, refrigeration, etc. The island itself was pretty well isolated until the causeway was completed in 1956.

My personal involvement with Totch began in 1993, when I wrote for the former *Everglades Echo* weekly newspaper. My very first interview with him took place on his boat, just prior to the publication of his book. He graciously took me out in the famed Ten Thousand Islands and shared his life story with me. I was hooked — on Totch and the local people and the area, too. Not only did he pique my interest in this remote region called the Last Frontier, he changed my life's direction.

There is no doubt in my mind that had I not met Totch and been given that grand tour (and many others during the next three years before his passing), I would never have been so interested in learning about our county's early history and the many pioneers who came before us — nor would I have ever written my own book about the area. ■

— Maureen Sullivan-Hartung arrived in Naples in 1981. Following a year's stint as a reporter for the former weekly *Everglades Echo* newspaper, she began freelancing. Her first book, "The Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby," was published in 2010 by The History Press in South Carolina. Look for her *Undercover Historian* column every other week in *Florida Weekly*. Learn more about Ms. Sullivan-Hartung at www.maureenwrites.com.

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She was also a member of the Naples Airport Authority's Technical Advisory Committee in the late 1980s and contributed to the authority's original noise study. She sat on the board from 1991-93 and served a term as vice chair.

Past recipients since the award's inception in 2000 include Louis Amato, the Civil Air Patrol Naples Senior Squadron, Scott Cameron, Bob Larson, Sherry Belcher, Peter Manion and Eric West.

The airport's Noise Compatibility Committee helps monitor the impact of aircraft noise and makes recommendations about noise-mitigation procedures to the board of commissioners of the NAA.

The Friends of the Naples Municipal Airport, founded in 1999, increases awareness and interest in the beneficial use of aviation through educational and charitable means relating to safe and efficient operations of Naples Municipal Airport. A certificated air carrier airport, the NMA features flight schools, air charter operators and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses, fire/rescue services, mosquito control, car rental agencies and the Collier County Sheriff's Aviation Unit. All funds for operations, maintenance and improvements are generated from activities at the airport or from federal and state grants; it receives no property tax dollars.

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Scottie Yeager accepts her award from Scott Cameron, president of Friends of the Naples Municipal Airport.

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Make-A-Wish celebrates its supporters

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- Wishmaker of the Year, Bob DesJardin
- Rising Star of the Year, Carrie Santinelli
- Ambassador of the Year, Coby Palmer
- Volunteer of the Year, Sue Lottridge
- Referral Agent of the Year, the Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida
- Media Partner of the Year, Naples Illustrated
- Community Partner of the Year, Shula's Steak House
- External Event of the Year, Aston Gardens
- In-Kind Angel Award of the Year, The Naples Princess
- Advocate of the Year, Chi Omega, FGCU
- Donor of the Year, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Magnant, Vein Specialists
- Wish Granter of the Year, Amy Sedlacek

In other news, the Make-A-Wish Foundation received nearly \$7,000 as beneficiary of the Italian Open Golf Tournament held recently at Shadow Wood Country Club. More than 120 golfers took part in the competition and also enjoyed an awards dinner and live auction.

"With the average cost of a wish being \$5,000, this event donated enough to grant one deserving child's wish," Lesley Colantonio, special events coordinator, said when she accepted a check for \$6,900 from tournament coordinators Angelo Daberio and Ron Repice.

Over the past 28 years, the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida has granted more than 8,000 wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. For information about making a donation, volunteering or becoming a wish sponsor, call 992-9474 or visit www.sflawish.org.



Emcee Amy Sedlacek interviews wish recipient Gavin Lawrey.

A Flag Day sunset cruise for David Lawrence Center

The David Lawrence Center Young Executives will host a "Sunset Cruise for Mental Health" from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, June 14, aboard the Naples Princess.

The Flag Day event is open to anyone with a passion for mental health and helping others. Tickets are \$35 and include hors d'oeuvres, drinks and live entertainment. Patriotic attire is encouraged.

Proceeds will benefit the David Lawrence Center scholarship program that provides mental health and substance abuse services to children, adults and families who cannot afford to pay for those services.

For reservations or more information, call the David Lawrence Foundation at 304-3505 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, David Lawrence Center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. Through its eight locations in Collier County the center touches the lives of more than 30,000 people a year. For more information, visit the website above. ■



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Members and guests of the Guild for the Neighborhood Health Clinic attended the first "Save-A-Live" luncheon to benefit the clinic last month at Naples Yacht Club. The guild presented a check for \$7,000 to help purchase equipment and supplies for the clinic's outpatient surgical room. Shown here are guild member Jane Scholtz, clinic CEO Nina Gray and guild members Joy Dillon and Lydia Smith. For more information about the guild, call Chris Brick at 250-8416 or e-mail ctbrick@embarzmail.com. The Neighborhood Health Clinic provides health care to low income, working but uninsured Collier County adults using a volunteer professional staff. For more information, visit www.neighborhoodhealthclinic.org or call Ms. Gray at 260-2090.

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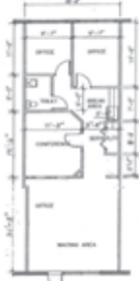
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Least-competent criminals

■ Eric King, 21, was leaving a store in Eagan, Minn., in February when a police officer in the parking lot noticed his pronounced waddle. Mr. King was arrested when the officer found a shop-lifted 19-inch television set down his pants.

■ In March, a 34-year-old Lithuanian-born man led police in Wiltshire, England, in a nighttime foot chase after he had aroused their suspicion. Thermal imaging equipment was used from a helicopter to spot the man in the dark-

ness. He was arrested "hiding" face-down in a manure pit.

■ Kyle Voss, 24, was charged with four burglaries in Great Falls, Mont., in April after coming upon a private residence containing buckets of coins. According to police, Mr. Voss first took the quarters and half-dollars (\$3,000), then days later he returned for \$700 in dimes and nickels. By the third break-in, the resident had installed surveillance video, and Mr. Voss was caught as he came back for a bucket of pennies. ■

Real life 'Weekend at Bernie's'

Thomas Parkin inherited real estate from his elderly mother before she died, but quickly lost it in a risky business venture. To get the deed back, according to New York City prosecutors, he concocted a scheme to pretend that Mom was still alive (it would actually be Thomas in a dress) and still owned the land (and thus that the current deed holder was a fraud). Lawyers arranged a meeting with "Mother" (con-

ducted in a darkened room because of Mom's "recent cataract surgery"), at which she mostly remained silent. Mr. Parkin improbably stayed in character, according to a trial dispatch on the Daily Beast, and jurors apparently kept straight faces as Mr. Parkin testified that recent "communications" between him and his mother were "mostly one-sided." In May, Mr. Parkin was convicted on 11 counts. ■

In sickness and in health

All U.S. states have forms of no-fault divorce, but not England, which requires that couples prove adultery or abandonment or "unreasonable behavior," which leads to sometimes-epic weirdness, according to an April *New York Times* dispatch from London. For instance, one woman's petition blamed her husband's insistence that she speak and dress only in Klingon. Other examples of "unreasonable behavior" (gathered

by the *Times of London*): a husband objecting to the "malicious" preparation of his most hated dish (tuna casserole), a spouse's non-communication for the last 15 years (except by leaving Post-it Notes), a spouse's too-rapid TV channel-changing, a husband's distorting the fit of his wife's best outfits by frequently wearing them, and one's insistence that a pet tarantula reside in a glass case beside the marital bed. ■

Compelling explanations

■ Madison County, Ind., council member David McCartney admitted to the *Herald Bulletin* newspaper in March that he had exchanged "sexually explicit" e-mails with a female official in another county but would not resign. In fact, he said, he had engaged in the exchanges not for hanky-panky but in order to "expose corruption." He has not elaborated.

■ Chris Windham, 27, was charged with improperly photographing a 57-year-old man in a men's room in Trinity, Texas, in March after Mr. Windham, using a stall, allegedly snapped a cellphone photo of the man standing at the

adjacent urinal. Mr. Windham explained that typically he braces himself with one hand on the floor while he wipes himself, and this time the hand on the floor was holding his cellphone.

■ Maureen Raymond, 49, said her roadside DUI test administered in January was unfair. According to records cited by Scripps Media, she told a deputy in Port St. Lucie, Fla., that she couldn't walk a straight line "with her big boobies," which she said makes "balancing" difficult. The deputy reported that Ms. Raymond helpfully offered to show him the evidence but that he stopped her. ■

Things people believe

She is not the typical gullible victim. Ms. Priti Mahalanobis is a college-educated mother of two who ran a franchised restaurant in Avalon Park, Fla., near Orlando, but when her health, her brother's marriage and her business experienced problems, she bought a \$20 psychic reading from "Mrs. Starr" (also known as Peaches Stevens). The *Orlando Sentinel* reported in January that, over the next seven months, Ms. Mahalanobis lost about \$135,000 in cash,

jewelry and gift cards to Mrs. Starr. Astonishingly, neither Ms. Mahalanobis' health nor her restaurant business noticeably improved. Among the remedies that Ms. Mahalanobis accepted: buying seven tabernacles (\$19,000 each) to "vanquish (her family's) negativity" and putting \$100 bills and a piece of paper with her relatives' names written on it under her mattress along with a grapefruit (which, as everyone knows, attracts and then isolates the evil). ■

Recurring themes

In April, a woman in Switzerland identified as "Anna Gut," in her early 50s, starved to death after trying to prove that she could survive by "consuming" only sunlight, just as had happened to several others before her. An

earlier practitioner, Australian Ellen Greve, died in 1999 at age 54 following a short career promoting "breatharianism," subtitled in her books and public lectures, "Liberation from the drudgery of food and drink." ■

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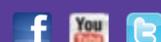
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Sweetbay Supermarkets throughout Collier and Lee counties, with help from the education foundations in each county, are collecting peanut butter and jelly and matching the donations for the Harry Chapin Food Bank from June 1-10. The food bank serves summer children's programs, social service organizations and homeless shelters.

In Collier County, 62 percent of public school students receive free and reduced lunch during the school year; however, there is no way of knowing whether all of those students get the assistance they need from June through August.

In Lee County, more than 50,000 students receive either free or reduced lunch during the school year. Far too often, the only food those kids eat is what they get at school.

"Peanut butter and jelly is a staple for kids," Joyce Jacobs, associate director of the food bank, says. "We're thrilled to partner with Sweetbay on this important campaign to make sure no child goes hungry this summer."

To contribute, stop by one of the Sweetbay Supermarket locations in Naples, Bonita Springs, Estero, Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Lehigh Acres or North Fort Myers, and add a jar or two of peanut butter and jelly to the collection boxes in the front of the stores.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank solicits, collects and stores food for distribution to families in need through a network of nonprofit agencies in Collier, Lee, Hendry, Charlotte and Glades counties. The agency provides more than 1 million pounds of food to 30,000 people monthly. For every dollar donated, about \$6 in food value goes back to the community.

In the past calendar year, The Harry Chapin Food Bank distributed more than 13.7 million pounds of food and other grocery items valued at more than \$22.5 million the equivalent of approximately 11 million meals to people in need.

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from 10:00am to 11:30am.

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SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Older adults who drank coffee — caffeinated or decaffeinated — had a lower risk of death overall than others who did not drink coffee, according to a study by researchers from the National Cancer Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health, and AARP.

Coffee drinkers were less likely to die from heart disease, respiratory disease, stroke, injuries and accidents, diabetes, and infections, although the association was not seen for cancer. These results from a large study of older adults were observed after adjustment for the effects of other risk factors on mortality, such as smoking and alcohol consumption. Researchers caution, however, that they can't be sure whether these associations mean that drinking coffee actually makes people live longer. The results of the study were published in the May 17, 2012 edition of the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Neal Freedman, Ph.D., Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics, NCI, and his colleagues examined the association between coffee drinking and risk of death in 400,000 U.S. men and women ages 50 to 71 who participated in the NIH-AARP Diet and Health Study. Information about coffee intake was collected once by questionnaire at study entry in 1995-1996. The participants were followed until the date they died or Dec. 31, 2008, whichever came first.

The researchers found that the association between coffee and reduction in risk of death increased with the amount of coffee consumed. Relative to men and women who did not drink coffee, those who consumed three or more cups of coffee per day had approximately a 10 percent lower risk of death. Coffee

drinking was not associated with cancer mortality among women, but there was a slight and only marginally statistically significant association of heavier coffee intake with increased risk of cancer death among men.

"Coffee is one of the most widely consumed beverages in America, but the association between coffee consumption and risk of death has been unclear. We found coffee consumption to be associated with lower risk of death overall, and of death from a number of different causes," said Dr. Freedman. "Although we cannot infer a causal relationship between coffee drinking and lower risk of death, we believe these results do provide some reassurance that coffee drinking does not adversely affect health."

The investigators caution that coffee intake was assessed by self-report at a single time point and therefore might not

reflect long-term patterns of intake. Also, information was not available on how the coffee was prepared (espresso, boiled, filtered, etc.); the researchers consider it possible that preparation methods may affect the levels of any protective components in coffee.

"The mechanism by which coffee protects against risk of death — if indeed the finding reflects a causal relationship — is not clear, because coffee contains more than 1,000 compounds that might potentially affect health,"

said Dr.

Freedman. "The most studied compound is caffeine, although our findings were similar in those who reported the majority of their coffee intake to be caffeinated or decaffeinated."

The National Cancer Institute leads the National Cancer Program and the NIH effort to dramatically reduce the burden of cancer and improve the lives of cancer patients and their families, through research into prevention and cancer biology, the development of new interventions, and the training and mentoring of new researchers. For more information about cancer, visit the NCI Web site at www.cancer.gov or call NCI's Cancer Information Service at 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237). ■



Board members lead the way to recognition



Thanks to our team of caregivers, we have earned significant recognition from independent rating organizations in recent years.

Latest to arrive is from Becker's Hospital Review, which selected NCH as one of its 100 Great Hospitals for having "demonstrated greatness through clinical accolades, innovation in care delivery, recent capital developments."

One reason we have been able to attain the recognition and respect we

have is the leadership and inspiration we receive from our 22-member board of trustees. Each spring, the board selects new members and officers and bids adieu to retiring contributors. This year's new board members are, in alphabetical order:

■ Michelle Barrett, the board's non-nurse employee colleague - Ms. Barrett has been a respiratory therapist for more than 20 years at NCH and was one of the early clinical colleagues at North Naples in the NICU and pediatrics area.

■ Elizabeth Foster, R.N., the board's nurse colleague - A five-year NCH employee, Ms. Foster is the night charge of 3 South and has been the clinical ladder champion since its inception.

■ Dr. Ken Plunkitt - An electrophysi-

ologist on staff since 2001, Dr. Plunkitt is past chairman of credentials and a member of the graduate medical education committee and the professional capabilities committee, among others.

■ Greg Russo - The retired vice chairman of KPMG, Mr. Russo has served clients including General Electric, Emerson Electric, Aetna and Pepsi. He also serves on the boards of John Hancock Mutual Funds and Moorings Park.

New officers on our board of trustees are: Mariann MacDonald, board chair; Tom Gazdic, first vice chair and treasurer; Kay Gow, second vice chair; and Dr. John Lewis, secretary.

Joe Perkovich, chairman for the past two years, retired after 13 years of service to NCH. A resolution was passed

citing Mr. Perkovich for sharing his wisdom, guidance and dedication as a valued leader. Francis Rooney was also recognized for his service as past second vice chair, as were Joann Jenner and Greg Wilkerson, R.N., the past board non-nurse and nurse colleagues.

Earning national recognition, such as that cited by Becker's Hospital Review, depends largely on a committed board with one vision, working collaboratively with a team dedicated caregivers to make a true difference in the health of the communities we serve. ■

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The Naples Area Triathletes sixth annual Junior Fitness Challenge takes place Saturday morning, June 9, at North Collier Regional Park. Youth Haven is this year's beneficiary.

Participants grouped by ages 7-10 and 11-13 will set out at 8 and 8:30 a.m., respectively, to run, bike and swim the triathlon course. The younger group will run 0.4 of a mile, bike



1.5 miles and swim 100 yards in the Lazy River at Sun 'n' Fun Lagoon; their older friends will cover in the same sports, running 0.8 of a mile, pedaling 3 miles and swimming 200 yards.

All participants must be accompanied by an adult.

Participants and spectators will be able to pick up discounts to the Sun 'n' Fun Lagoon, free treats from Planet Smoothie and information from various health and fitness organization. Representatives from Bikes For Tykes will conduct bicycle maintenance check,

and all race finishers will receive event bracelets and T-shirts.

Entry fee is \$15 per child. (Special arrangements can be made to cover the registration fee, and loaner bicycles are available.)

Registration must be completed by noon on Friday, June 8. Stop by Naples On The Run at 2116 Tamiami Trail N., call 252-4000 or visit www.juniorfitnesschallenge.com.

About Youth Haven

Youth Haven is a residential emergency shelter for boys and girls ages 6-14 who have been removed from their homes due to abuse, neglect or abandonment. The agency also provides many home and community-based parenting education, child and substance abuse prevention programs, financial crisis support and emotional and psychological counseling. For more information, call 774-2904 or visit www.youthhaven.net. ■

5K heart walk/run steps out July 7

The annual Roger "RC" Campagnolo 5K Heart Walk/Run sets out at 8 a.m. Saturday, July 7, at North Collier Regional Park as a benefit for the American Heart Association and the Roger Campagnolo Memorial Fund.

Registration by July 6 is \$25 for adults,

\$15 for ages under 18. Race day registration is \$30.

Sign up at www.rcheartwalkandrun.com.

For information about sponsorships, call Symantha Campagnolo at 823-6574 or e-mail sym@rcheartwalkandrun.com. ■

Physicians Regional to showcase brain diagnostic system equipment

Physicians Regional Healthcare System hosts an open house to showcase its new Artis zee biplane system for diagnosis and treatments of brain attacks and neurovascular brain conditions from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, at Physicians Regional Pine Ridge. Visitors will be able to see the hospital's entire surgical suite.

During neurovascular procedures, the Artis zee imaging system provides Dr. Eric Eskioğlu, neurosurgeon and medical director of the Neurovascular and Stroke Institute at PRHS, and Dr. Brian Mason, neuroendovascular surgeon and medical director of NeuroEn-

dovascular Surgery and Interventional NeuroRadiology at PRHS, with detailed three-dimensional views of the brain. The system can help lead to more accurate, speedy and efficient diagnosis and treatment for aneurysms and other life-threatening brain vascular diseases.

The hospital is at 6101 Pine Ridge Road. To RSVP for the open house, call 348-4810.

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CLUB NOTES

■ A new **Women's Traveling Club** is taking off for those who want to learn about world destinations and tips for traveling and make new friends with similar interests. The first monthly meeting will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Brio restaurant in Waterside Shops. Sign up by calling Tracy Ball at MAD Travel, 961-3248, or by e-mailing womenstravelclub@madtravel.com.

■ **The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** holds its monthly happy hour social for alumni, family, friends and fans from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, June 14, at Randy's Fish Market, 10395 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP by calling 248-7408 or e-mailing at jimdebs@comcast.net.

■ **The Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women** invites registered Republicans interested in making a difference to join like-minded women for a lunch meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. The next meeting begins with social hours at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 6, in the clubhouse at Arbor Trace. Cost is \$18.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling Anne Brown at 254-9979.

■ **The Inbetweeners**, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings every Wednesday. On June 6 and 13, the group will meet from 5-7 p.m. at Roy's restaurant at Bayfront. On June 20 and 27, Tavern on the Bay, also at Bayfront, will host the group from 5-7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.meetup.com/inbetweeners or e-mail naplesinbetweeners@gmail.com.

■ Membership in the **Social Butterflies**, a new group for women, is open to all who want to cultivate friendships, support one another's career and personal efforts and also help local charities.

For more information, call Nicole Forbis at 784-7987 or look for Social Butterflies Naples on Facebook.

■ **The Naples chapter of Zonta International** meets on the first Tuesday of every month for a lunch and a program. The next meeting will begin at noon Tuesday, June 5, at Brio in Waterside Shops. Cost is \$17 and reservations are required.

For more information or to reserve, call 777-2301, e-mail info@zonta-naples.org or visit www.zonta-naples.org.

■ **The Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

The club meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as mah-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs

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The Southwest Florida chapter of the Kiwi Club, an organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines, held its last meeting before summer break on May 26. The local chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. New members are always welcome. For information, call Jeanne Preston-Horvath at 596-0260 or e-mail Jeanne.preston@yahoo.com. Shown here are members Donna Montgomery, Judi Franz and Eileen Martino. See more photos on page C23.

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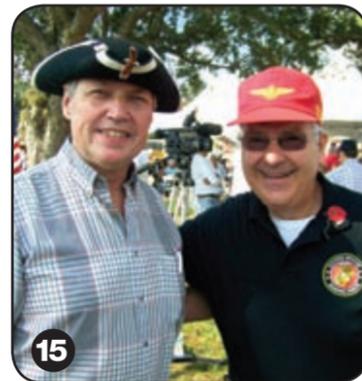
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MEMORIAL DAY

A community salute to America's veterans



Hundreds of military veterans, along with family, friends and members of the community from all walks of life, gathered for a Memorial Day service and celebration organized by the Collier County Veterans Council and hosted at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. Among the guests of honor was Scott Winkler, a paralympic athlete and subject of the documentary film "Wounded Warrior."

1. Chaplain Bob Hoffman leads the Collier County Color Guard
2. Brothers Danny, Michael and Greg Cook donated their catering services in memory of their father, a veteran who recently died.
3. Earl and Thelma Hodges
4. Elizabeth Parker and her grandmother, Mimi Reid Hardman
5. Jayme and Bob Gibbs
6. Libby Zimm and Ray Humphrey
7. Paralympian and "Wounded Warrior" veteran Scott Winkler and Sgt. Robert McDonald (Ret.)
8. Cpl. Bobby Joseph, USMC, with Harold Weeks and Chaplain Bob Hoffman
9. Chaplain J. Hamby Barton, U.S. Navy (Ret.)
10. Jack Fulmar with Lilli and Ted Burtis
11. Jeffery Wait and Matthew Brabyn
12. Joni and Capt. Jim Albert
13. JROTC Cadets Jorge Arocha and Brianna Benitez
14. Rachel and Dan Wilbur
15. Rob Withey and Ted Soliday

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1. Carole Musgrave, Richard Shanahan and Susie Walsh
2. Deborah and Greg Spain
3. Anthony La Paglia with Nora and George Terian
4. Barbara Dameron with Carole and Steve Roberts. Mrs. Roberts initiated the Big Flag project.
5. Jeanne and Dave Rice, chair of the Big Flag Committee
6. Dottie Weiner and Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala
7. Debra and Dick Shanahan
8. Chris Curle and Don Farmer
9. Beverly Nicholas, Byron Donalds and Keith Flaugh



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BIG FLAG

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Dameron, a member of the Big Flag Committee, tells the story:

Carole Roberts was driving across the old Jolley Bridge one day last October and noticed the construction company crane being used to build the new Jolley Bridge had its company flag flying at the top of the boom. She called the company and asked if they would consider replacing that flag with an American flag. A couple of days later, the Red, White and Blue was waving high for all to see.

From this incident, the idea of having the Stars and Stripes greet everyone, every day and every night, crossing the new bridge to Marco was born.

Having worked tirelessly on fundraising for both the Veteran's Memorial and the visit of the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Marco, Ms. Roberts advanced the Big Flag idea to several island residents. With Dave Rice as chairman, they quickly acted to form the Big Flag Committee. Before long, Mr. Rice presented the idea — including the unalterable commit-

ment that the Big Flag would be privately funded, today, tomorrow and forever — to the Marco Island City Council.

The first major hurdle was addressed by seasonal resident Mike Havey, who generously donated the flagpole that now stands at attention, bearing the Big Flag, in the second median on the Marco side of the Jolley Bridge. At press time, more than 160 donations had been received from individuals and businesses to cover the cost of installing the flagpole and the high-intensity lighting that will illuminate Old Glory for all to see, night and day. Sunrise Rotary Club on the island was the first to donate money for the flag; donations to cover flag replacement and maintenance continue to be needed. For more information, contact Big Flag Committee member Leo Sutera at (781) 820-8899 or lsbsmarco@aol.com. ■

in the know

Marco Island videographer Bill Hughes of Hughes Productions recorded the Big Flag being raised for the first time on Memorial Day afternoon. Watch it on his Internet television website at <http://vimeo.com/channels/marcoislandtelevision>.

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PET TALES

Heartworm risks high this season, and other pet tidbits

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■ Less than 1 percent of the total feline population are pedigreed cats. The rest are usually cat-egorized by coat length in the United States, with veterinarians marking them in the records as domestic longhairs or domestic shorthairs. Cats of no particular breed are sometimes also referred to as “alley cats” in the United States. In the United Kingdom, they’re called “moggies.”

■ Having a hard time finding a rental that will permit your pet? You’re not alone.

The Siamese is perhaps the most recognizable of cat breeds — but most cat lovers prefer mixes.



Apartments.com reports that 35 percent of renters with pets say it’s very difficult to find an apartment that allows pets. Of renters who don’t have pets but wish they did, 33 percent blame their lack of a pet on their building’s no-animal policy.

■ Dogs can become afraid just as we do, but they express fear in different ways. A fearful dog may cower, hide, drool or tremble. Wide pupils are another sign of a dog in fear. The cause of such behavior may be genetic, it may be because of improper socialization as a puppy, or it may be in response to a frightening episode in an animal’s life. Since fearful dogs are not happy and may in fact bite, it’s important to get a referral to a veterinarian skilled in working with behavior problems. The combination of proper medication and behavior modification can make a scared dog’s life a happy one.

■ The Companion Animal Parasite Council warns that the mild winter in many parts of the country

means high populations of mosquitoes, which in turn means a greater risk of heartworms in dogs and cats. The concern this year is that in areas such as the Midwest, the bitter cold has traditionally allowed many pet owners to skip heartworm prevention for much of the year as a cost savings. The lack of mosquitoes for much of the year makes that a calculated risk, at best, in normal-weather years, but not this one. Parasite experts warn of early emergence of mosquitoes, many of which transmit heartworms when they bite.

Those who took their pets off heartworm preventive medication should talk to their veterinarians about testing for the presence of the parasite this spring, and some may be shocked to find their pets testing positive for heartworms. However, the CPAC says most cats and half of all dogs are not protected against the potentially deadly parasite.



When parrots change the size of their irises rapidly, they may be ready to bite.

For regional risk assessment, visit www.petsandparasites.org.

■ Parrots are able to control their irises, shrinking and enlarging their pupils rapidly in a display that’s called “flashing” or “pinning.” You have to read the whole bird to put the message in its proper context. Birds may flash their eyes when they’re excited or when they’re angry. Flashing accompanied by aggressive posturing, such as tail-fanning, signifies a bird who’s bound to escalate his warnings — and maybe even bite — if not left alone. ■

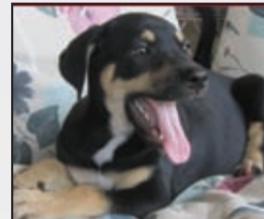
Pets of the Week



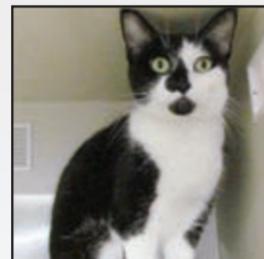
■ **Boozer** is a neutered, 2-year-old Chihuahua mix. We don’t know how he got his name, but he would certainly add to happy hour at your house.



■ **Diego** is a neutered, 18-month-old pointer/spaniel mix who has a wonderful temperament. He weighs about 40 pounds and is micro-chipped.



■ **Dream Catcher** is a neutered, 4-month-old bobtail black mouth cur/Labrador retriever mix. He and his siblings are ready to start learning their puppy manners.



■ **Fancy May** is a spayed, 3-year-old domestic shorthair tuxedo. Meet her in the cat condos at Petco on Naples Boulevard.

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“Sont des mots qui vont tres bien ensemble.”
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“I sat next to her, and she said to me , ‘What is the answer?’ I was silent. ‘In that case,’ she said, ‘what is the question?’ ”
— re: Gertrude Stein, in Alice B. Toklas’ autobiography

“Stories are a bridge between numbers and knowing.”
— Kristian Hammond

“A lion holds you in his arms. Fingers rake the fretbridge for music. Dance when you’re broken open. Dance if you’ve torn the bandage off. Dance in the middle of the fighting. Dance in your blood. Dance when you’re perfectly free.”
— Rumi

“There was a little sound, a sort of quivering in the air that went “shhhh” very very quietly: a tiny rosebud on a little broken stem that dropped onto the counter.”
— Muriel Barbery, “The Elegance of the Hedgehog”

Thus have I heard: There are four ways of answering questions. Which four?

I. yes or no
response ration
utter simple all
just the leaves in hand
small handy no hedge
hogging edges
logging
no round-a-bout or ruffles
no journey journaling
yes this or that
yes round or flat
no hear and sat
no just sayin’
conflate conflatin’
aye there and dat-ummmm

II. analysis
impression precious imp equation
equator equaking : yahoo
who me? you who!
which terms are which and what
define it refine it sublime it con-find it
messing the message massaged
in two in tow into-it
say what: not just come and justify go
but shinin’ refinin’
saying re-sane re-zone



come home to where on the range on the chart/off the art

III. counter question
what is the event horizon? and how do we beg the question: showing you mine and you showing yours:
will it be like that?
could it be letting? or sub-letting? or forgetting?
perhaps the haps of bloodletting?
mingling co-mingling?
commentary tingling?

wrangling of a ringling?
or maybe just a sense of far away roaming enhance?
ask and you shall what?
does receiving be merely refinding?

IV. putting the question aside
say the sayin’
whate’er the say in
be given thee to me
or I and thou
neither either you ornerydinary me
there be no grasping, clasping co-lapsing
no construe in in the brew in
only one bowing flying between fingers
like aether used to do
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FAIR WINDS

... for the boating business. 'It's nothing like it used to be, but it's better.'

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS
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FOR TWO YEARS, CHUCK CALKINS SAT WITH a yard full of boats. Nobody was calling up Fort Myers Marine and nobody was walking in the door, not even just to look. Now the owner says customers are starting to bite. And he's running out back washing boats himself, trying to get away from the phone.

Numbers from the National Marine Manufacturers Association confirm this swell in boating business — 2011 reports show retail sales for recreational boats, accessories and marine services jumped

SEE BOATS, B4 ▶

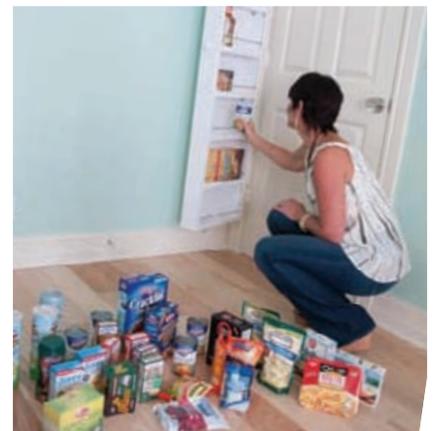
Chuck Calkins, owner of Fort Myers Marine, smiles because boat sales are up.

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Chamber dinner

Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce holds its annual dinner, and more business events. **B6 ▶**



Local invention

"Cabidor" storage solution gains national attention. **B2 ▶**



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Facebook loses face



In a matter of just a few days as a publicly traded company, Facebook has become an example of several ways Wall Street can royally mess up. There is not just one major problem with the recent Facebook fiasco. There are many major issues and they are ugly.

Some relate specifically to Facebook's recent Initial Public Offering. Some relate to avoidance of capital gains taxes by a large Facebook shareholder who wants to conveniently... but legally... give up his U.S. citizenship to avoid paying taxes. Each one of Facebook's missteps is worthy of its own column and, together, they could form a text book for a college course on IPO not-to-do's.

Facebook went public on Friday, May 18, and it was a dud that turned disaster. The offering was the largest IPO ever and, within days, the price had dropped some 10 percent. Morgan Stanley was lead underwriter, meaning that it played a critical role in the size of the issue offered, price offered, as well as dissemination of information to the public about the value of the offering. The press widely reported: the offering was too large and at too high a price (\$38 a share). Analyst's price targets cover a broad range and there is one industry

analyst suggesting that, at an earnings growth rate of 11 percent and if priced at the industry's average P/E, the stock is worth only \$9.59. (Ouch!)

The financial press also aired the widely held belief that Facebook really should have been named a "secondary offering" and not an IPO. Secondary offerings are typically handled differently. Per Barry Ritholtz, a well known market commentator speaking on "Bloomberg Surveillance" with Tom Keene, "There was a group of retail brokers about a year ago that have been using secondary markets to buy up what little Facebook, and even Twitter, shares they could from employees, repacking them and offering them to retail investors... The IPO is now the secondary; they are now allowing the IPO purchasers and early investors to cash out."

These pre IPO sales of stock (e.g. resales by Facebook employees through private market exchanges) often benefit an elite class of investors and not the general public. By the time it was being offered to the rest of the investing world, there was nothing initial about this IPO and the thousands of pre IPO owners were looking at the IPO as opportunity to unload their stock. IPOs are supposed to be opportunities for those thousands to buy the stock.

Beyond the hype, beyond the mispricing (as it did plummet soon after opening), there is talk of misconduct; accusations that retail investors did not get the same information about analysts' earnings downgrades as institutional

investors received. In fact, both the lead underwriter's consumer Internet analyst and several other analysts at participating underwriting firms revised their earnings estimates downward in the days before the company went public. Those who got the information and processed it might have walked from taking any allocation of stock and some might have figured the stock to be a "short" at its IPO price. Bottom line, the accusation is that Morgan Stanley did not provide a fair playing field for the retail investor, the little guy. The matter is under investigation by the SEC and FINRA and suits have been filed as of this writing.

NASDAQ was chosen as the exchange for Facebook's listing, meaning that, as an electronic exchange, it would not offer the benefit of a "floor specialist" to help maintain order and flow when things got messy. In this case, there was no floor specialist to deal with thousands of spoof quotes (quotes that, milliseconds after entry, are cancelled) being generated by high frequency computers. High frequency trading pervades all of the financial markets, is needed, and it does not have to be bad; but in this case it was toxic trading to the detriment of Facebook's new shareholders.

Was the underwriting a mess, disgusting, and then some? Yes, according to former SEC Chairman Arthur Levitt: "It's dreadful for the markets... It's an event with long-lasting negative implications for an industry that can ill-

afford this kind of blemish, and the last chapter hasn't been written. Nobody looks good here." ("SEC and FINRA to review Facebook issues; NASDAQ sues," Fox News, May 22, 2012.)

Somehow Facebook reminds me of a party where everything went wrong. So large that it is akin to a convention, but still some folks were excluded, there was bad food, the start time changed but not all the invitees were informed, the doors were locked upon guest arrival, key guests didn't show, some wanted to leave and take the presents meant for others, a (Zuckerman) marriage ceremony was held in the corner and the cops arrived the next day to investigate a reported skirmish.

It was a disaster, and it was supposed to be a party. ■

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Behind the 'Cabidor'

Invention in home storage is a Naples family affair

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Tim Tassin has long been a successful builder whose company, Triumph Development Corp., has constructed multi-million dollar homes throughout the Naples area. He also owns Design Build of Naples, which he founded in 1988.

But designing and patenting the "Cabidor," a storage unit he invented with his brother, Mike, and son, Chris, has been an entirely new experience.

"It's been an emotional rollercoaster," he says about the Cabidor process that began in 2007.

Perfecting the design and patenting the sleek cabinet that attaches to the hinges of any door has required near constant attention. They received an official patent in February and then started marketing — and winning acco-

lades for — the Cabidor at trade shows around the country.

"We realize how far we've come and how far we have to go," Tim Tassin says, adding he built a prototype of the Cabidor that he still uses at home in Naples, but it took years to fine-tune the hardware.

The family formed a new company, Naples-headquartered Hingenuity, to sell the Cabidor. Tim Tassin is the CEO, his brother Mike is president, and Tim's son Chris is vice president. They anticipate \$500,000 in revenue this year.

Priced at \$189, the Cabidor can be attached to almost any door in just about any room, from kitchen to garage or bedroom. Tim Tassin promises it's easier to assemble than a basic office desk from a big box store, and that the process takes about 15 minutes with no special tools required. Installation doesn't require any drilling of holes, "So it's great for renters," he adds.

The initial design, the Classic Cabidor,

is 70 inches high, 16 inches wide and 3¾ inches deep. It covers about half the backside of a standard door, weighs 22 pounds and can store the contents of six average-sized medicine cabinets.

The Cabidor was first exhibited in 2011 at the Southwest Florida Women's Expo. It has since won Best Overall Product at the 2012 International Home and Housewares Show in Chicago and Best of Show at the HomeWorld National Hardware Show in Las Vegas. Lifetime Network's "Designing Spaces" plans to introduce the Cabidor on television May 31.

Tim Tassin studied construction technology at Louisiana State University before founding a construction company in 1976 to provide residential work in Louisiana and Mississippi. In 1988 he moved to Southwest Florida and founded Design Build of Naples, a residential construction and remodeling company. In 1999, he founded Triumph Devel-



Father and son Tim and Chris Tassin at a trade show with the Cabidor.

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opment Corp., which builds homes in the \$4 million to \$5 million range.

Mr. Tassin says he's working on new models of the Cabidor in different shapes and with special inserts

for various custom uses (one with velvet-lined cubbies, for instance, and another for wine storage). He currently has three prototypes in his bedroom.

"It's a constant thought process," he says. ■





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Regional sales for Marine Max have risen by up to 25 percent at some Southwest Florida locations.

BOATS

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6 percent to \$32.3 billion, while boating participation increased 10 percent to 83 million.

“Yes, that’s true to us,” says Mr. Calkins, attesting that local boat sales reflect these nationally configured numbers. Dealers spreading from Punta Gorda through Fort Myers and down to Naples agree, they see the rise in boat sales at their boat yards.

The general consensus among these salesmen, owners and regional directors seems to be, “It’s nothing like it used to be, but it’s better,” leaving these dealers hopeful, because as they say, buyers are not holding on to their money anymore waiting to see what’s going to happen with the economy. They’re spending their money and going out on the water because they don’t know what’s going to happen tomorrow.

“Holy smokes yes, we feel it,” Mr. Calkins says of the rise in business. NMMA reports say the recreational boating industry has not seen an increase in retail sales since 2006.

The U.S. Recreational Boating Industry ranked Florida the No. 1 boating state in the nation for the second year in a row, as the state pulled in \$1.5 billion in total boat sales; Texas came in second with \$982 million and Michigan third with \$454 million.

As far as Fort Myers Marine’s personal figures, Mr. Calkins says, “First quarter of last year we sold six boats. We’ve sold 12 this quarter.”

But he remembers the lean years from 2008 to 2010. He describes the lull as a bellyache. He lists the oil spill, the media, foreclosures, the banks. He says people were scared, so they stopped buying boats. “Everybody had to hunker down.”

Mr. Calkins had 11 employees, now he has six. When he started washing boats,

it wasn’t to get away from the phone. He tried printing discount coupons for services, but “Nobody was spending any money,” he says, “It didn’t matter.”

One night he made a pact, if he wasn’t in the positive for 2011, he was going to give up Fort Myers Marine, a business he’s been running nearly 25 years. His 2011 sales came in and he was up 23 percent.

“Hopefully, we’re over the hump,” says the man who found his niche selling inshore fishing boats for waters the likes of Pine Island Sound, Charlotte Harbor and Estero Bay.

Now he’s watching the license plates pulling into his business and he’s asking his customers two questions: “What are you doing in Fort Myers?” and “What are you doing in Fort Myers Marine?”

The investigative business owner says, “They’re coming down here with \$200,000 cash and they want to burn it up, so they spend \$100,000 on the house and \$100,000 on the boat.”

Greg Postle says a house and a boat compose the idyllic Florida lifestyle, especially with the baby boomer market.

“They move down to Florida, the first thing they do is buy a house or a condo on the water. The second thing they do, they want to have a boat,” says the owner of Starboard Yacht, a yacht brokerage in Punta Gorda.

Despite what some might presume, Mr. Postle says fuel efficiency has not been a concern to his customers. “They’re buying them 18-foot to as long as you want to go,” he says.

His business of 23 years did drop off somewhat during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, but considering his sales worldwide to places like England, Spain, Italy and particularly Australia, he says, “We still did business,” during the lull. Even so, he describes last year as “a very good year.”

“People today do have more disposable income,” he says. “A lot of people sat on the fence for a long time, waiting to see what the economy was going to

do. Now, they’re thinking, ‘We got to do what we want to do,’ and that’s fueled a lot of sales.”

Salesmen and executives at MarineMax say they felt the same trepidation — people with money put their spending in first gear. But Regional President Barry Marshall has felt a definite shift in spending. “I think many people are feeling more comfortable with the economy,” he says. His sales have risen 15 to 20 percent at his Fort Myers location, 20 to 25 percent in Naples.

Mr. Marshall says he felt the stirrings last year: “Business owners and blue collar workers alike decided at the end of last season, ‘Hey, we worked hard during season and we want to get out on the water. We want a new boat,’” hence his repeat customers, 70 percent of his clientele trading up for a bigger boat or buying a second, smaller boat to tool around in.

He’s also seen a hike in the Getaways program, where MarineMax leads trips to destinations such as the Keys or the Bahamas. “Our participation’s up three times as much as it was,” he says. “It’s great to see, we have a waiting list to go on these trips.”

But most refreshing, Mr. Marshall says manufacturers like Boston Whaler are expecting more of an increase in sales next year. “If they’re expecting it, that says a lot,” he says.

And he wants to clear the misconception of expense, “You don’t have to have a million dollars to get into a boat,” he says, sharing the story of a recent couple who put down a couple grand and left with a \$16,000 boat, making their payments \$200 a month. “They were just giddy,” he says.

Family-owned Boater’s Landing agrees with the nationwide retailer MarineMax — production is up and interest rates are down. Boater’s Landing President George Winn says he has seen the sales pendulum swing back again and his business sales are cranking, so much so, it’s been hard to find

in the know

- >> Boating has an estimated annual economic impact of \$72 billion
- >> 83 million American participated in boating in 2011, an increase of 10 percent from 2010 and the largest proportion of adults (34.8 percent) who went boating since 1997 (35.8 percent)
- >> Retail sales of boats, accessories and marine services increased 6 percent to \$32.3 billion in 2011
- >> Power and sail boat unit sales increased 0.8 percent to 214,405 in 2011 from 212,645 the previous year
- >> An estimated 83 percent of boats sold in the U.S. in 2011 were made in the U.S.
- >> 95 percent of the 12.4 million registered boats in the U.S. in 2011 were less than 26 feet
- >> Retail sales of aluminum power boats (fishing and pontoon boats) increased four percent in 2011, this segment leading a recovery for the industry
- >> 83 percent of boat owners in the U.S. in 2011 had an annual household income less than \$100,000

— Source: National Marine Manufacturers Association

the time to tally out concrete numbers.

During the 2008 to 2010 lull, Mr. Winn says his family had to adjust their expenses, selling their Naples and Cape Coral locations and bringing the business back to Cleveland Avenue where it all began in 1988.

Now he says, he would not be surprised to find a lot down in Naples and start expanding business all over again.

“People dream about buying a boat, but they put it off and put it off, when you really should take advantage of it while your health’s still there,” Mr. Winn says. “Sometimes you see people who don’t do it in time. You see the desire’s there, you see them coming to the boat shows, but they don’t buy.”

As far as buying, he sees boat deals aligned with real estate, “Now’s the time to do it.” ■

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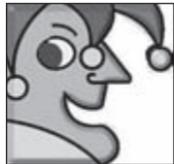
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Buffett and Munger in Omaha

In early May, around 40,000 Berkshire Hathaway shareholders flocked to Omaha to listen to Chairman Warren Buffett and his partner, Charlie Munger, answer their questions for five hours.

Here are some snippets from the annual meeting and the subsequent press conference (the quotes are paraphrased):

On dumb investments: "We steer clear of companies where we don't have a reasonable idea about how the industry will develop within five to 10 years. Consider Apple and Google: Both are extraordinary companies. They may well be worth a lot more 10 years from now, but we would not want to own them — or bet against them." (The Motley Fool owns shares of both companies and its newsletters have recommended shares of them.)

"If a company's price is crazy, even if we do understand it, then that's out, as well. We avoid new issues (IPOs), too, as there are usually plenty of better

alternatives. Then there are industries that we think could potentially do very well, but we have no idea who the clear winners will be in the next few years."

On the railroad industry (Berkshire owns BNSF Railway): "Economics are on our side, because we can move a ton of products 500 miles on a gallon of diesel. Railroads move 42 percent of inner-city stuff. In terms of congestion and emissions, railroads are all advantage. Some \$3.9 billion will be spent this year to expand and improve railroad infrastructure, and the country will be better off."

On barriers to entry, a competitive advantage: "We tend to buy barriers instead of building them."

"If you gave me \$30 billion and told me to try to knock off Coca-Cola, I wouldn't have the faintest idea how to do it. And nobody is going to build another railroad. One competitor can be enough to ruin a business. If you're in an industry with no barriers, you have to move really fast and always stay ahead." ■

My Dumbest Investment

A solar burn

I was still relatively new to the investment game and, being a sustainable energy supporter, I fell for Pacific Blue Energy's talk about solar panel farms. Literally the day I invested, the stock price started falling. Blind faith that things would turn around sooner or later proved very blind. I ended up losing around \$10,000. But being badly burned once is usually an excellent motivation to improve your investing skills. It was soon after that that I joined The Motley Fool.

— Ingrid, online

The Fool Responds: First of all, be careful when you refer to investing as a game. It's easy to think of investing as gambling, but you're doing much more than just speculating if you're investing in healthy, established, growing companies with proven track records and competitive advantages.

Unfortunately, Pacific Blue has mostly been a penny stock. Penny stocks, often hyped and manipulated, are like gambling and are best avoided. Many have high expectations for solar energy, but it's not booming quite yet, partly due to supply-and-demand issues. With all stocks, buy on strength, not rumors, promises or possibilities. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to The Motley Fool c/o My Dumbest Investment. Got one that worked? Submit to My Smartest Investment. If we print yours, you'll win a Fool's cap!

Last week's trivia answer

Born in 1906, I'm the world's top cereal company, and a major snack and frozen-food maker as well. My brands include Cheez-It, Nutri-Grain, Morningstar Farms, Coco Pops, Eggo, Frosted Flakes, Kashi, Keebler, Mini-Wheats, Rice Krispies, Famous Amos, Ready Crust and Special K. Pringles will soon join the lineup, too. I fed the Apollo 11 crew in space and made K-rations during World War II. In the 1990s, Pop-Tarts became my top-selling product. I make my products in 18 countries and sell them in more than 180. I rake in more than \$13 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Kellogg Co.) ■



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Ask the Fool

One-time Charges

Q What are these "one-time charges against earnings" that I see in company earnings reports?

— R.P., Madison, Ind.

A They're meant to reflect unusual costs a company bears (for example, due to closing a plant, experiencing an extraordinary crop loss, writing off bad investments, etc.). The charges are often added back to company earnings, ostensibly to more accurately reflect the firm's operating performance.

Imagine that Acme Explosives Co. (ticker: KBOOM) earns \$50 million in a quarter, but it also lays off many employees then, making significant severance payments. If these costs amounted to \$5 million and were labeled as one-time charges, then the company would be suggesting that its business really earned \$55 million in the quarter. Beware of companies with too-frequent "one-time" charges.

Q What does a company's relationship of current assets to current liabilities tell me

— S.D., Abilene, Texas

A Dividing a company's current assets by its current liabilities gives you its "current ratio," which shows whether it has sufficient short-term assets (such as cash and expected incoming payments) to cover its short-term obligations (such as payments and interest due). The "quick ratio," which subtracts inventories from current assets before dividing by current liabilities, is a bit more meaningful.

A company's current debt situation is good to know, but it's just a tiny piece of its profile, telling you nothing about its profitability, long-term debt, growth rates, competitive position or valuation. Ideally, you should examine a company from many different angles, crunching a lot of numbers, such as profit margins, inventory levels, growth rates and more. Checking out a firm's management is smart, too. Learn more about how to evaluate companies and invest in stocks at fool.com/investing/basics/index.aspx, morningstar.com/cover/start-investing.aspx and better-investing.org.

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Name That Company

I was founded in 1837 — 175 years ago! — by English and Irish immigrants, brothers-in-law who made candles and soap in Cincinnati. I was a pioneer in employee profit-sharing in 1887 and an early user of market research in the 1920s. Today I'm a consumer-products giant. My billion-dollar brands include Head & Shoulders, Olay, Pantene, Wella, Braun, Fusion, Gillette, MACH3, Always, Crest, Oral-B, Iams, Ace, Ariel, Dawn, Downy, Duracell, Gain, Tide,



Bounty, Charmin and Pampers. My stock has grown by nearly 11 percent annually, on average, over the past 20 years. Who am I? ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Whole foods on a roll

Whole Foods Market (Nasdaq: WFM) recently posted strong quarterly results, with gross profit margins hitting a record 36.3 percent. That number might slip a bit in future quarters, though.

As co-CEO and founder John Mackey explained: "We're managing our business for the next 20 years, not the next quarter or two. ... We want to continue to increase the value for our customers, in terms of lower prices."

Despite the recession, Whole Foods has managed to adjust its pricing to compete admirably in a tough marketplace. In the last two fiscal years, it increased its sales by 12 percent each year, and sales at stores open more than a year increased by 7.1 percent and 8.5 percent.

Speaking of gross margin, Whole Foods is a gem in the industry. Its best-performing peers are lucky to approach 30 percent.

Is the stock a buy now? Well, given its tremendous run over the past year, potential investors might want to wait a bit to see if some temporary bearishness might produce a lower price for purchase. Still, over the long haul, Whole Foods has been worth its historical premium.

When companies commit to building their businesses for the next 20 years instead of simply trying to beat next quarter's expectations, they're speaking long-term investors' language. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Whole Foods and its newsletters have recommended it as well.) ■

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.

■ Members and guests of the **Women's Network of Collier County** meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Cost is \$22 for members, \$25 for others. The next meeting is June 12. Sign up at www.wnocc.org.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Busi-

ness at 5:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month. For location and more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600.

■ The **Collier County Bar Association** holds its 2012-13 leadership installation luncheon beginning at noon Friday, June 8, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Keynote speaker will be Chief Justice Charles Canady of the Florida Supreme Court. For more information, visit www.colliercountybar.org.

■ The next **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the

Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be Olympic swimming coach Paul Yetter. For reservations, visit www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** invites members and guests to Business After Five from 5:30-7 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month. The location changes from month to month. The June 20 gathering is at The Classics at Lely Resort. For more information, e-mail Katie@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next mixer from

5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, at the Lykos Group office, 4779 Enterprise Ave. Special guests will be CBIA scholarship recipients Andres Boral, David Martinez and Robert McGinnis. Cost is \$15. Sign up by calling 436-6100 or visiting www.cbiana.net.

■ **Partner 4 Performance**, a networking group for small business owners, meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Thursday and from 8:30-10 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of every month at Patric's in Mission West Plaza. Cost is \$10, plus \$12 for the lunch meeting. For more information, call 948-0050 or visit www.partner4performance.com. ■

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1. Collier County Commission Chairman Fred Coyle and Cheryl Coyle
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NABOR report: Prices, optimism on the upswing

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Several signs of improvement are evident in the Naples real estate market, according to the latest numbers from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

The median closed price increased 22 percent overall in April 2012 compared to April 2011. This coupled with the fact that inventory continues to decline reflects the strength of the Naples market.

“Further highlighting the positive statistics is the fact that a remarkable 78 percent of closed sales were in the traditional transactions category,” says Steve Barker of Amerivest Realty. “Traditional sales are at the highest level since we started tracking them in 2009,” he adds.

Mike Hughes, vice president and general manager of Downing-Frye Realty, agrees. “The majority of business is traditional,” Mr. Hughes says. “In addition, inventory in all the geographic areas we track was down an average of 13 percent in April 2012 compared to April a year ago.”

Shelton Weeks, Ph.D., director of the Lucas Institute for Real Estate Development & Finance at Florida Gulf Coast University, says the most important thing to note is the increase in traditional sales, which reached the high 70th percentile for April 2012. “This is really big, possibly more important than price increase and stability in the market,” Dr. Weeks says. “It shows the market is clearing and healing itself.”

The April report provides annual comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the SunshineMLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and also includes an overall market summary. Statistics are presented in chart format along with the following overall (single-family and condominium units) specifics:

■ The overall median closed price increased 22 percent, from \$185,000 in April 2011 to \$226,000 in April 2012.

■ Overall pending sales increased 20 percent in the \$500,000 to \$1 million

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House Hunting:

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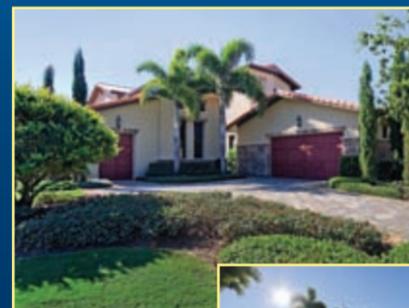
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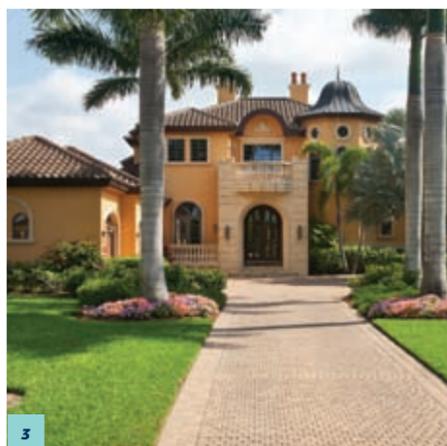


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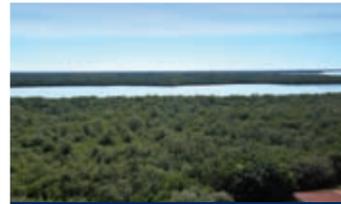
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- Spectacular View of Galleon Cove
- Situated on a Lot and 1/2
- Dock, Lift & Deep Draft
- \$10,500,000 MLS 211517836
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TUSCAN INSPIRED PRIVATE ENCLAVE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Side Load 4-Car Garage
- Covered Loggia w/Pool and Spa
- Beautiful Lake & Preserve Views
- \$2,100,000 MLS 212001463
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DISTINGUISHED ESTATE HOME

- 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
- Beautiful Gourmet Kitchen
- Gorgeous Pool w/Spillover Spa and Sundeck
- Large Master Suite and Bath
- \$1,599,000 MLS 212016586
- Martinovich and Nulf 239.564.5717

LONGSHORE LAKE



THIS HOME HAS THE "WOW" FACTOR

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Every Imaginable Upgraded
- Spectacular Heated Pool & Spillover Spa
- 3-Car Oversized Garage
- \$496,500 MLS 212016536
- Jo Ellen Nash 239.537.4785

AUTUMN WOODS



WELL MAINTAINED ATTACHED VILLA

- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Tranquil Lake Views
- Over 1,500 S.F. of Living
- Tons of Community Amenities
- \$268,000 MLS 212010316
- Jackie Sweet 239.298.9000

OLDE NAPLES



GULF SHORE BLVD S. 19- ROOM ESTATE

- 7 Bedrooms, 9 Full & 2-Baths
- 10,000 S.F. Custom Estate
- 3 Fireplaces, Wine Cellar, Elevator & Theater
- Beautiful Pool & Fountains
- \$7,400,000 MLS 212008187
- Michael & Lauren Taranto 239.572.0066

VANDERBILT BEACH



EXPANSIVE BAY VIEWS

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3 Full & 1- Half Baths
- Soaring 20 Foot Ceilings
- Large Master Suite w/Fireplace
- Gulf Access, Boat Dock & Lift
- \$2,000,000 MLS 211520724
- Jo Ellen Nash 239.537.4785

PELICAN LANDING



BAY CREEK

- Price Reduced - Motivated
- Best Value in Pelican Landing
- 5 Bedrooms Plus Den, 4.5 Baths
- Custom Estate-Large Lot 4,564 Sf. Ft. Living Space
- \$1,599,000 MLS 211513722
- Dotti Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

BONITA SPRINGS



SPANISH WELLS

- Custom Built Home
- Fabulous Lake & Golf Course View
- 4 Bedroom, 3 Full Bath/ 2921 SQ. Ft. of Living Area
- Sparkling Pool
- \$475,000 MLS 212007126
- Cory Lauer 239.465.9290

BEAR'S PAW



BEAR'S PAW VILLAS

- 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Exceptional Views
- Fully Furnished & Golf Cart Included
- Gate Golf Course Community
- \$254,900 MLS 211514969
- Jo Ellen Nash 239.537.4785

PORT ROYAL



OPEN SUNDAY 1 - 4:00

1205 SPYGLASS LANE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4-Baths
- Dramatic Soaring Ceilings
- Gulf Access w/Boat Dock and Lift
- Beautiful Open Heated Pool
- \$5,200,000 MLS 212016138
- Lauren & Michael Taranto 239.572.3078

GOLDEN SHORES



CUSTOM CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN

- 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
- Gulf Access & 3 Lots from Naples Bay
- Pool, Spa and Boat Dock
- Designer Finishes can Still be Chosen
- \$1,995,000 MLS 212016326
- Steve Suddeth & Jordan Delaney 239.784.0693

BONITA BAY



HORIZONS

- Sunrise + Sunset Views From The Wrap Around Terrace
- 3 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths + Den
- Masterfully Appointed, Bright and Open Floor Plan
- Lovely Master Suite w/Sitting Room
- \$1,599,000 MLS 212002155
- The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

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CUSTOM DESIGNED COACH HOME

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
- Maple Hard Wood Floors & Custom Bookcase
- Custom Designed Coach Home
- Situated on a scenic Lake
- \$475,000 MLS 212005488
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.398.3929

FIDDLER'S CREEK



DEER CROSSING

- 3 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
- Expansive Wrap Around Lanai
- Dramatic Volume Ceilings
- Award Winning Club & Spa
- \$229,000 MLS 211519181
- Carolyn Rzaca 239.877.1006

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IL TREBBIO AT MEDITERRA

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4.5-Baths
- Beautiful Courtyard w/Fountain & Fireplace
- 70' Lanai w/ Custom Pool & Spa
- In Home Massage Room & Retreat
- \$3,650,000 MLS 211518573
- Martinovich & Nulf 239.398.3929

MOORINGS



SPANISH & ITALIAN ARCHITECTURE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 5-Full, 2-Half Baths
- Situated on a Large Corner Lot
- Game Room & Private Study
- Huge Pool, Spa & Summer Kitchen
- \$1,960,000 MLS 211006215
- Michael & Lauren Taranto 239.572.3078

PELICAN LANDING



BAY CREEK

- Stunning Estate in Bay Creek
- Custom Estate-Large Lot 4,621 Sf. Ft. Living Space
- Gourmet Kitchen with Wonderful Upgrades
- Infinity Edge Heated Pool & Spa
- \$1,580,000 MLS 211513905
- Darlene Rice 239.325.3537

RIVER REACH



OLDE FLORIDA STYLE HOME

- 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Custom Island Kitchen
- Beautiful Master Retreat
- Gulf Access Via Jordan River
- \$400,000 MLS 212016025
- Doug Haughey 239.961.1561

OLDE NAPLES



CASTLETON GARDENS

- 1 Bedroom, 1-Bath
- Totally Upgraded & Tastefully Furnished
- Private Gated Courtyard
- Community Pool & Spa
- \$219,000 MLS 211523947
- Liz Appling 239.272.7201

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STUNNING FORMER

- 4 Bedrooms, +Den, 5-Baths
- Exquisite Details Throughout
- Unbelievable Master Suite
- 2 Grand Pools, Spa
- \$2,997,000 MLS 211518573
- Kristin Cavella-Whitney 239.398.3929

SHADOW



LAKE FOREST

- Stunning, Custom Home
- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4-Baths
- 3,655 Sq.Ft. Pool Side
- Water, Golf View, 4-Car Garage
- \$1,775,000 MLS 211513905
- Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.325.3537

BONITA



MARINA ISLE

- Includes 2 Deeded Boats
- 4 Bedrooms + Den, 4-Baths
- Offered Impeccably
- Private Gated Enclave
- \$1,495,000 MLS 211513905
- Sandy Kass, The Fagan Team 239.272.4946

PELICAN



BREAKWATER AT

- 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
- Open Floor Plan w/
- A Kitchen Designed
- Oversized 2-Car Garage
- \$399,900 MLS 211513905
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COLLIERS



EXCEPTIONAL RE

- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4-Baths
- Exclusive Golf Course
- Spacious Master w/
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ARCHITECTURE
Full, 2-Half Baths
Corner Lot
Study
Breakfast Kitchen
\$1,006,215
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LANDING



by Creek
3,211 Sq. Ft. Living Space
Wonderful Upgrades
Pool & Spa
\$1,513,905
339.53537

BEACH



MODEL HOME
5-Baths
Breakfast
River
\$1,160,225
339.611.561

PLEASURES



PLEASURES
Beautifully Furnished
Hardwood
Lake
\$1,239,947
339.201

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STUNNING FORMER MODEL HOME
• 4 Bedrooms, +Den, 5-Full & 2-Half Baths
• Exquisite Details Throughout
• Unbelievable Master Suite & Bath
• 2 Grand Pools, Spa and Fireplace
• \$2,997,000 MLS 211001986
• Kristin Cavella-Whorral 239.821.6330

SHADOW WOOD



LAKE FOREST
• Stunning, Custom Built by Frey & Son
• 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 4 Baths, 2 Powder Room
• 3,655 Sq.Ft, Pool Side Cabana 465 Sq.Ft
• Water, Golf View, 4 Car Garage
• \$1,775,000 MLS 212014778
• Greg Lewis, The Lewis Team 239.287.1158

BONITA BAY



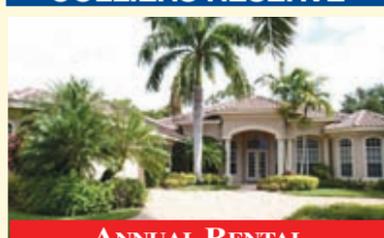
MARINA ISLE
• Includes 2 Deeded Boat Slips w/Lifts
• 4 Bedrooms + Den, 4.5 Baths
• Offered Impeccably Furnished
• Private Gated Enclave of 14 Homes
• \$1,495,000 MLS 211514097
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PELICAN BAY



BREAKWATER AT PELICAN BAY
• 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
• Open Floor Plan w/High Ceilings
• A Kitchen Designed for Entertaining
• Oversized 2-Car Garage & Great Amenities
• \$399,900 MLS 212004080
• Kurt Petersen 239.777.0408

COLLIERS RESERVE



EXCEPTIONAL RESIDENCE
• 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
• Exclusive Golf Course Community
• Spacious Master w/Sitting Area
• Offered Beautifully Furnished
• \$8,000 / Month MLS 212016566
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BONITA BEACH



BEACH FRONT ESTATE
• Direct Gulf Front Residence
• 4 Bedrooms + Den, 4.5 Baths
• Sweeping Views of the Gulf of Mexico
• 3,175 Sq. Ft of Living Space
• \$2,995,000 MLS 211515464
• The Lummis Team 239.289.3543

BAREFOOT BEACH



BAREFOOT BEACH ESTATE
• 4 Bedrooms + Den, 4.5-Baths
• 22' Soaring Ceilings & Private Elevator
• Breathtaking Rotunda Foyer
• Spacious Outdoor Living Area & Pool
• \$1,775,000 MLS 211512671
• Michael & Lauren Taranto 239.572.0066

MEDITERRA



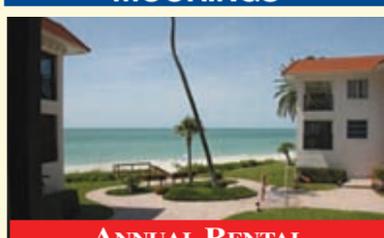
PRIVACY AND SERENITY ABOUND
• 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
• Second Story Private Guest Suite
• Soaring Ceilings & Custom Architecture
• Spacious Center Island Kitchen
• \$1,475,000 MLS 212016592
• Martinovich & Nulf 239.564.5717

TIBURON



ENJOY THE TIBURON LIFESTYLE
• 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
• Private Preserve View
• Beautifully Decorated and Upgraded
• Superb Amenities
• \$399,000 MLS 212016187
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MOORINGS



GULFSIDE RESIDENCE
• 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
• Just Steps to the Beach
• Beautifully Updated & Furnished
• Close to Upscale Dining & Shopping
• \$4,000 / Month MLS 212011440
• Debbie Dudley 239.450.6208

PELICAN MARSH



LAKE FRONT 2-STORY ESTATE HOME
• 4 Bedrooms+ Den, 4.5-Baths
• Exquisite Marble Floors & Finishes
• Game Room, Elevator & Open Balconies
• Absolutely Stunning Lanai w/Gigantic Pool & Spillover Spa
• \$2,700,000 MLS 212008794
• Lauren Taranto 239.572.3078 / Linda Hinds 239.404.0334

QUAIL WEST



STUNNING GROTTO ESTATE HOME
• 4 Bedrooms, + Study, 5.5-Baths
• Separate Guest House
• Private Lanai w/Grotto & Waterfalls
• Situated on Private 1 Acre
• \$1,750,000 MLS 211506978
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REGENCY TOWERS



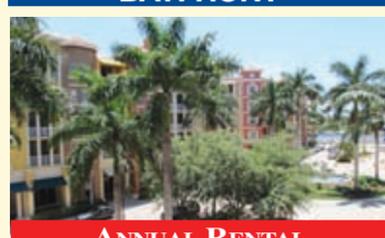
UNOBSTRUCTED GULF VIEWS
• 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3-Baths
• Beautiful Renovated Residence
• Mahogany Flooring
• Intimate Low-Density Building
• \$1,199,000 MLS 211010896
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MADISON PARK



IMMACULATE TWO STORY HOME
• 4 Bedrooms, 2.5-Baths
• Long Lake Views
• Well Appointed Kitchen w/Breakfast Area
• Large Open Loft
• \$300,000 MLS 212003022
• The Fischer Group 239.777.7500

BAYFRONT



GORGEOUS COURTYARD VIEWS
• 2 Bedrooms, 2-Baths
• Just a Short Stroll to 5th Ave
• 1-Car Garage
• Stylishly Decorated
• \$2,500 / Month MLS 212015058
• Debbie Hunt 239.398.5529

MEDITERRA



SPECTACULAR FURNISHED MODEL HOME
• 5 Bedrooms, + Den, 5.5-Baths
• Huge Outdoor Kitchen
• Courtyard Lanai w/Pool & Spa
• 2-Story Guest House
• \$2,199,000 MLS 212003384
• Kristin Cavella-Whorral 239.821.6330

BONITA BAY



GRACIOUS SENSE OF LUXURY
• 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
• 4 Terraces w/ Gulf and Bay Views
• Timeless Elegance Offered Fully Furnished
• Stunning Appointments Throughout
• \$1,695,000 MLS 212003728
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SHADOW WOOD



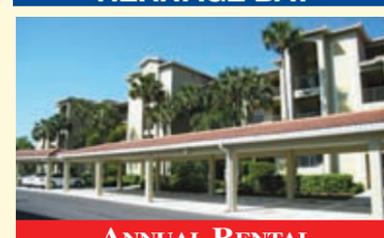
IDLEWILDE
• 3 Bedrooms, 3 Baths
• 2,853 S.F. of Living Space
• Open Great Room Design
• Water and Golf View
• \$875,000 MLS 212005136
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GOLDEN GATE ESTATES



SITUATED ON 2.73 ACRES
• 3 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
• Wonderful Outdoor Entertaining Space w/Fire Pit
• Screened Lanai w/Heated Pool
• Beautifully Maintained
• \$299,000 MLS 212003690
• Kurt Petersen 239.777.0408

HERITAGE BAY



GOLF INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY
• 2 Bedrooms, + Den, 2-Baths
• 3rd Floor Residence
• Lake & Golf Course Views
• Fabulous Community Amenities
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D.R. Horton starts construction in Chiasso at Fiddler's Creek

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

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■ The Washington will serve as the builder's furnished model. With 2,788 square feet under air, this three-bedroom-plus-den, 3½-bath home showcases the many upgrades available in the Chiasso series. Pricing begins in the mid-\$600,000s.

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■ The Madison has three bedrooms, den and four full baths under 3,246 air-conditioned square feet. Pricing begins in the upper-\$600,000s.

■ The Emerson is the largest home in Chiasso, with 3,522 air-conditioned square feet. It has three bedrooms, 3½ baths and a bonus loft area that can be used for a home theater. Pricing begins in the low-\$700,000s.

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category, from 895 pending sales to 1,070 pending sales, for the 12-month period ending April 2012.

■ Overall inventory dropped by 13 percent, from 8,214 in April 2011 compared to 7,130 in April 2012.

■ Overall closed sales increased 14 percent in the \$500,000 to \$1 million category, from 760 units to 869, and rose 13 percent in the \$1 million to \$2 million category, from 343 units to 389 for the 12-month period ending April 2012.

■ The average days on the market decreased 30 percent in the \$1 million to \$2 million category, from 345 days in April 2011 to 241 days in April 2012.

■ Overall pending sales in the Naples Beach area increased 14 percent, from 1,675 to 1,913, and closed sales increased 17 percent, from 1,437 to 1,678, for the 12-month period ending April 2012.

"The upper-end condos are selling, and selling faster," says Jo Carter, president of Jo Carter & Associates. Closed sales of condos in the \$1 million to \$2 million category increased 28 percent, and those in the \$2 million-plus category increased 20 percent for the 12 months ending April 2012 compared to April 2011. The average days on the market for both categories decreased 24 percent and 30 percent, respectively, for the same period.

The majority of homes in foreclosure are being bought by investors and are in the under-\$300,000 range, says Ernesto Velasquez of United Real Estate. Approximately three out of every four sales are traditional, with only one being distressed, he adds.

Inventory in the \$300,000 category and below is disappearing because rising value is pushing it up into higher price ranges, Cindy Carroll of Carroll & Carroll adds.

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"I think what makes a good photograph is often about the inspiration and motivation that guides the decision to push the button."

— **Bradly Dever Treadaway**,

photographer and juror this year's "Camera USA" contest for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Arts Center in Naples



Bicycle, Kristy Carpenter, Rochester, N.Y., 2011

Pictures perfect

'Camera USA' exhibit focuses on 49 photographs

BY **NANCY STETSON**
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What makes a good photograph? "That's a question that has different answers, depending on who you're talking to and about, and what that person is working on," says photographer Bradly Dever Treadaway. Digital media coordinator and faculty member of the International Center of Photography in New York City, Mr. Treadaway juried this year's "Camera USA" contest for the Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Arts Center in Naples.

A good photograph possesses a dynamic composition and strong use of color or space, he says. "But for me, it's less literal than that," he adds. "I think what makes a good photograph is often about the inspiration and motivation that guides the

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Check out 'A Collection of Works' at the library

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More than two dozen works by award-winning artist Ara "Lou" Panutsos are on exhibit in the West Wing Art Gallery at Naples Regional Library from June 1-30. Encompassing portraits, still life and experimental works, "A

Collection of Works" showcases Ms. Panutsos' cut paper on canvas paintings, acrylic paintings, mixed media watercolors, pastel paintings, graphite drawings and oil pastels.

The exhibit is made possible by Friends of the Library of Collier County.

"I want viewers of my art to be inquisitive, to increase their sense of wonder and to see something they've never seen before," Ms. Panutsos says.

Her cut paper paintings are intricate paper mosaics that come to life

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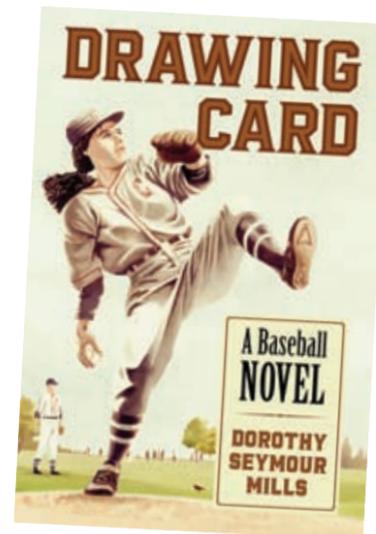
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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

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My job is to collect stories. I like happily-ever-afters and disastrous never-should-have-beens. I like stories where the men are the bad guys and the women are always wronged, and I like stories where women do the dirty deeds and men maintain the moral high ground. I like tales of heartache and heartbreak and hearts that have found their missing piece.

I like them all — so long as it's a good story. Like this one.

I was at a weekend-long seminar recently, and on the first day I sat next to a pretty young woman named Michelle. We made small talk over coffee and bagels and I asked if she was married.

"No," she said with an eye roll. "I'm just now getting back into the dating world."

"How's that going?" I asked.

"You won't believe this story," she said, and I knew I was in for a treat.

Michelle met a man through a popular online dating site and they went out on a couple of dates. Actually, they went out on two dates. On the first, the man was polite and well-mannered.

He spoke about his hobbies, his hometown in the Midwest and his job as a computer programmer. He came across as extremely non-threatening, she said, like lukewarm tea or vanilla ice cream.

On their second date, he continued in the same mild manner, but this time he disclosed that he had made up the part about his job.

"I was actually fired a while back," he said.

Michelle recognized the dating red flag right away and at the end of the evening, when the man asked if he could see her again, she politely declined.

"I don't think that's a great way to start a relationship," she said. "With a lie."

They parted company, and when the man called Michelle's phone over the course of the next few days, she ignored him. The calls tapered off until her phone went quiet.

And then the phone calls started again, from numbers she didn't recognize. They began one morning and continued throughout the day, call after call after call, all from different phone

numbers, most in the local area code and always from men.

"I'm calling about your ad on craigslist," one of them said when Michelle answered the phone.

"My ad on craigslist?"

"Aren't you the woman looking for a man to --?" The list was extensive, with

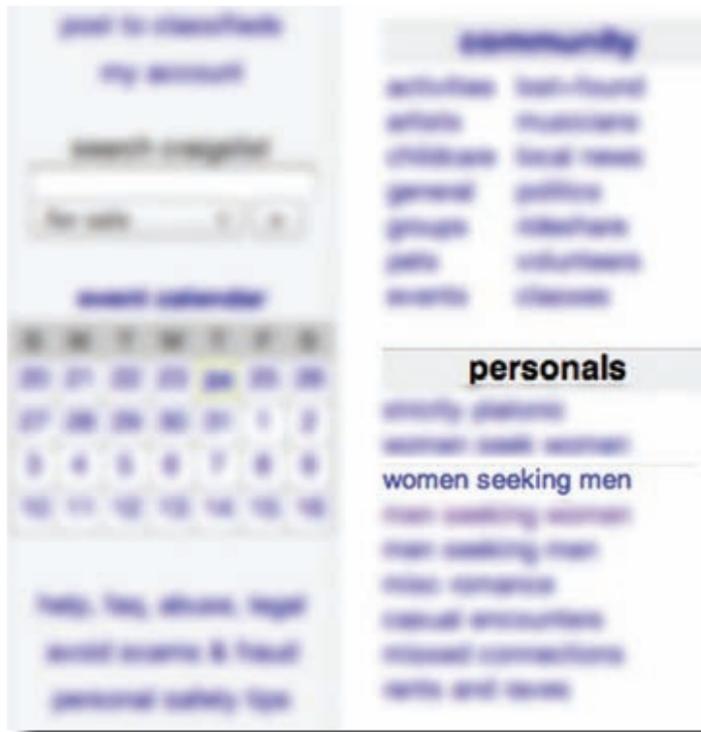
heavy use of the word *naughty*.

The original two-date, lie-telling suitor texted Michelle later that day. "Bet you're answering your phone now," he said.

He had played his hand, it seemed, with the modern day equivalent of a "For a good time" message scrawled across a bathroom wall.

Michelle reported the problem to craigslist and the ad came down; she told the police, but there wasn't much to be done. The story was already fizzling out over the weekend of the seminar.

What can I say? Love blows on mercurial winds. Sometimes these stories end happily, sometimes they end tragically, and sometimes they end with smutty voicemails. The best we can do is read caution where we will and throw ourselves back into the game. ■



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Naples Art Association invites applications for 2012-13 festivals

Artists can begin applying on June 1 to participate in any of five distinct, long-running annual festivals hosted by the Naples Art Association.

Festivals hosted by the NAA are the primary funding source for education programs at The von Liebig Art Center. The mission of NAA is to promote and advance education, interest and participation in the contemporary visual arts.

For its 2012-13 art fairs, the association reduced the entry fee to \$25.

"We took a close look at our costs and realized we could make small adjustments that would allow us to reduce our jury fees," Marianne Megela, festivals directors, says. "We are looking out for artists, and we want to pass on savings to them whenever we can."

The NAA has hosted outdoor art fairs for 55 years that attract art-savvy collectors and attendees. Naples was named "The #1 Small Art Town in America" by John Villani in his book "The 100 Best Art Towns in America." Most recently, Smithsonian Magazine also recognized Naples for its support of the arts; the Naples Art Association was highlighted as one of the main area attractions.

Here are the upcoming NAA festivals:

■ **Nov. 24-25: The ninth annual Naples Fall Fine Art and Craft Festival** - This downtown Thanksgiving weekend festival draws about 110 artists and more than 4,000 area residents and guests. It's a great place to start your holiday shopping.
Deadline to apply: Sept. 5

■ **Jan. 5-6, 2013: The 17th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair** - Showcasing the work of about 230 professional artists from around the country and welcoming an audience of more than 15,000 collectors, this event is further distinguished by its Fifth Avenue South location (only two festivals a year are held on the avenue) and set-up that gives every artist gets a corner booth.
Deadline to apply: Oct. 3

■ **Feb. 23-24, 2013: The 34th annual Naples National Art Festival** - Consistently voted among the top 10 art festivals in

the country by Sunshine Artist Magazine, the Naples National showcases the works of more than 260 artists and awards \$5,000 in prizes. It takes place in Cambier Park and along Eighth Street South.
Deadline to apply: Nov. 7

■ **March 2-3, 2013: The fourth annual Mercato Fine Arts Festival** - The NAA's newest festival showcases works in all media by 110 artists from across the country. The show draws a crowd of approximately 6,000 to the Mercato, the popular dining and shopping attraction.
Deadline to apply: Dec. 3

■ **March 23-24, 2013: The 25th annual Downtown Naples Festival of the Arts** - More than 250 artists exhibit in this show that is distinguished by its premiere location along Fifth Avenue South.
Deadline to apply: Jan. 2, 2013

The NAA promotes its festivals and fairs using a wide variety of public relations, advertising and marketing including TV, radio, print, editorials, media sponsorships, e-mail blasts and social media in order to generate maximum attendance and community support for each two-day event. The festivals feature organized set up and tear down, reserved parking, booth sitters and other helpful amenities for exhibitors.

Applications for the five festivals are available by visiting www.juriedartservices.com.

For more information, call Ms. Megela at 262-6517, ext. 103, or e-mail marianne.megela@naplesart.org. ■



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decision to push the button. And I think that's a very different thing for many different types of photographers. Those who point their camera at a landscape would define it differently than a fashion photographer.

"It's about the motivation that drives the decisions."

While looking at 151 entries for "Camera USA," he found himself instantly responding to approximately 20 of them and knew they would make it into the exhibition.

"For me, what makes a good photograph is a visceral response: You feel it, you know it," he says.

Then he went through the rest and carefully read the artists' statements that accompanied each image.

"I was able to determine there was a range of practice, from seasoned professionals to people who were approaching photography more as a hobby," he says. "Or some I suspect were quite young and maybe just beginning in photography. So in the second round, I began to take that into consideration: skill level and experience, understanding and what kind of results that produced."

The 49 images chosen for the exhibit represent not only a range of experience and practice, but also a variety of vision and subject matter.

Mr. Treadaway was looking for a range of genres and styles, and for emerging artists as well as professionals, Jack O'Brien, curator at the art center, says. "He wanted a balance. He wanted to encourage those who are beginning, and to reward those who are established."

The winner of the contest, who receives a \$5,000 award, will be announced at the exhibit's opening reception. Mr. Treadaway will also give a talk at the center at 4 p.m. that day.

According to Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Treadaway will talk about the International Center of Photography and what it means to photographers in the U.S., how they influence photography in

the country and how photographers in Southwest Florida can connect with the center. He'll also talk about his own work and about his selection process for "Camera USA."

Now in its second year, the contest challenges photographers who reside in the United States (they do not have to be U.S. citizens) to submit pictures taken within the country.

"We often overlook our own backyard for what we think are greener pastures," Mr. O'Brien says, adding, "Some people... will only take photographs when they travel." The perimeters for



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>> **When:** June 4-Aug. 10 (10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday)

>> **Where:** The von Liebig Art Center, 585 Park St., Naples

>> **Cost:** Free (donations accepted)

>> **Info:** 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org

>> **Note:** Juror Bradly Dever Treadaway, digital media coordinator and faculty member of the International Center of Photography in New York City, speaks at 4 p.m. Friday, June 1 (cost is \$15; \$10 for Naples Art Association members), followed by the preview reception and announcement of winners from 5-7 p.m. (\$10; free for NAA members)



Dry Docked,
Sandy Gennrich,
Stamford, Conn.,
2010

"Camera USA" encourage photographers to look at their own surroundings — and themselves, he says — through art. "It takes away some of those other cultures that are 'exotic' or 'other' to us.

"You have to be really good to take what's right around the corner from all of us and make an interesting, compelling photograph out of it."

The exhibit includes portraits, landscapes, surrealist work and nature photographs.

This year's photos are "more interior," Mr. O'Brien says. "It's more personal this year... Last year, I did see more of a panorama of the U.S., more things that were very telling of a certain region: the West, the Midwest... things that were very much what you would call Americana.

"This year, it's very personal, very individual."

For example, one photograph, "Margie" by Allison Parssi of Wellington, Fla., is a portrait of the artist's sister.

"It's one of those very intimate works," Mr. O'Brien says, explaining that when the photographer looked through the viewfinder at her sister, "She saw a different person. The camera removed her, took her away from the relationship of big sister-little sister. She saw a person, parts of her sister she'd never seen before. It was someone she's known all her life, yet she realized she didn't know her. She saw a side to her that she hadn't seen before." He describes the portrait as "very tranquil" and "moving."

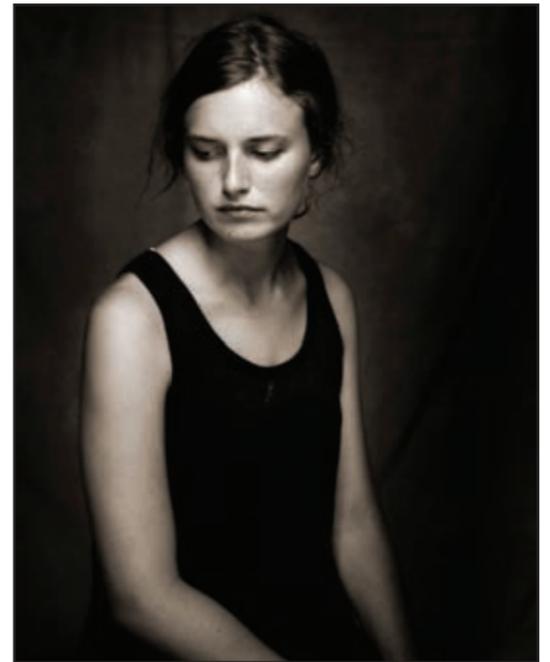
In contrast, "The Navigator," by Oscar Vargas of Deerfield Beach, Fla., is a portrait crammed full with odd, interesting items that give us a clue to the person standing in the room, eyes closed, holding a red paddle, a lamp glowing from his forehead like a third eye.

Some local photographers are represented, including Lexey Swall, who works for the *Naples Daily News*. Ms. Swall's

"Illuminated" shows people on a beach, at the water's edge at sunset. All are silhouettes, except for one little boy, who is illuminated by light. The image has a sense of mystery and wonder to it.

"Nein," by Daniel Calvert of Fort Myers, shows a close-up of the number 9 on a wall, the paint cracked and peeling.

"Dry Docked" by Sandy Gennrich of Stamford, Conn. — a close-up of a boat in dry dock — is an interesting play of color, texture and composition. With numbers and letters written on it, the boat "becomes like a wall with graffiti," Mr. O'Brien says.



Margie,
Allison Parssi,
Wellington, Fla.,
2011



Modern, Post Modern,
J. Michael Sullivan,
Marshfield Hills,
Mass.,
2010

The lines drawn on the side of the boat look like ancient wall drawings, he adds.

"Some photographers are always looking at shots," he says, "always seeing photographs, always thinking that way: What's interesting? What's appealing? What's important?"

"I think a photograph has to operate on many levels. It has to be visu-

ally appealing, and it also has to offer information; it has to have a layering of information that it shares. It could be historical information, societal information, interpersonal information, information about a special place, person, animal or flower...

"It has to be able to reveal things to us on many different levels to be an exceptional photograph." ■

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Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella – At Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre through June 23. 278-4422. See review on page C8.

Love Letters – By Theatre Conspiracy May 31 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers, and June 1-2 at the Alliance of the Arts, also in Fort Myers. 936-3239 or www.theatre-conspiracy.org.

Auditions – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs holds auditions for ages 10 and older for “Stuart Little” at 5 and 7 p.m. June 6-7 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. Rehearsals will take place through the summer leading up to performances on Nov. 4-5. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Thursday, May 31

Beautiful Benefit – The Wishing Well Foundation benefits from “Beauty in Naples,” an evening of cosmetics, cocktails and a silent auction from 4-7 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue in Waterside Shops. In addition to the cocktail reception, Saks will donate 10 percent of sales today and Friday to the foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. 592-5900, ext. 203.

Dance to the DJ – Michael Levaull plays the tunes and everyone's encouraged to join dancers Jim and Tammy Clemens from Modern Steps School for “Dancing by the Fountain” from 6-9 p.m. at the Village on Venetian Bay. 261-6100.

Jazz It Up – Victor Guittard performs jazz tunes from 6-9 p.m. at M Waterfront Grille in the Village on Venetian Bay. 263-4421.

A Sip of Scotch – Shula's at the Hilton Naples hosts a four-course dinner with scotch beginning at 6 p.m. Reservations: 659-3176.

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Friday, June 1

Hear the Juror – Bradley Dever Treadaway of the International Center for Photography talks about his jurying process for “Camera USA” at 4 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. A preview reception for the exhibit begins at 5 p.m. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org. See story on page C1.

More Art – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs hosts an opening reception for “Inside and Out: Inspired by Nature” from 6-8 p.m. at 26100 Old 41 Road. Enjoy a display of Ikebana arrangements and a demonstration by member artist Ihoko Cummings. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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Tampa artist Sigrid Tidmore presents a lecture titled “Exploring the Ocean's Edge through Art” at 5:30 p.m. June 6 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Ms. Tidmore's “Salute to the Green Flash” is shown here. Her “Ocean's Edge: The Corridor of Life” is on display at the center through Sept. 7. 300 Tower Road. Reservations: 417-6310. www.rookerybay.org.

from 8-11 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

Saturday, June 2

Magic Carpet – Members of the percussion section of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra present the next concert in the “Magic Carpet” series for families at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. \$8. 597-1900 or www.ThePhil.org.

Makeover Time – Make-up artist Ricardo Costales does makeovers from 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Lancome counter at Dillard's in Coconut Point. \$35. Appointments: 947-4133, ext. 5018.

“Puttin' on the Dog,” a pets-and-people fashion show to benefit the Pets Are Wonderful People program Avow Hospice, takes place from 6-9 p.m. June 7 at the Ispiri community center at Avow. The evening will also feature cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction and a keynote presentation, “The Power of Love: Inspiration from Senior Dogs and Beings,” by Veronica McCullion. \$100 per person. Call Avow at 649-3689 or visit www.distinctivewomenmagazine.com/events.



Latin Sounds – West Side Tropico Latin livens up the air at Freddie Rebel's Sports Bar. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333.

Monday, June 4

Jazz with Jebry – Jazz things up with Jebry and friends Jean Packard, Carol Fusaro and Bobby Phillips from 6-9 p.m. at Mongello's, where the dance floor is always open. 4221 Tamiami Trail E.

Tuesday, June 5

NIFF Summer Films – The Naples International Film Festival starts its summer film series with a screening and discussion of “American Graffiti” at 7 p.m. at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. \$25 includes a glass of wine, beer or soda plus savory bites and a sweet treat. NIFF members enjoy complimentary popcorn. www.naplesfilmfest.com or www.silverspotcinema.com.

History Lesson – Bob Carr, executive director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy, discusses the ancient Calusa Indians in a free program beginning at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 389-6447. www.themihs.org.

Movie Night – Gulf Coast Town Center presents a screening of “Hop” beginning around twilight. Bring a blanket or chair to the lawn at Market Plaza. Free 267-0783 or www.gulfcoasttowncenter.com.

Wednesday, June 6

Walking Tour – See and hear about the sights of the historic Third Street South district on a guided tour with a docent from the Naples Historical Society. Tours set out from Palm Cottage at 9 a.m. every Wednesday through June 27. \$16 per person (\$10 for NHS members); children free. 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations: 261-8164.

Open Mic – Singers and songwriters showcase their original music from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

Coming Up

Garden Tour – Enjoy a guided tour of the Norris Gardens at Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society, beginning at 10 a.m. June 7 and 21. \$10 per person (free for children and NHS members). 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations: 261-8164.

Music at Mercato – Groove to the reggae sounds of Jahgape from 6-9 p.m. outside at Mercato. www.mercatoshops.com.

Family Fun – The Naples Area Board of Realtors hosts its annual Family Fun Day from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. June 9. Enjoy a carnival atmosphere complete with a clown, dunk tank, face painting, obstacle course and bounce house, plus food, raffles and more. 1455 Pine Ridge Road. 595-6105 or www.NABOR.com.

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Organ Concert – The best organists in Southwest Florida perform a wide range of music on the Philharmonic Center's 3,604-pipe Casavant organ at 3 p.m. June 10 at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts. Selections include classic organ works from all periods of music history.

Glory of the Grape – CJ's on the Bay at the Esplanade on Marco Island hosts the annual "Glory of the Grape" beginning at 6 p.m. June 10. \$50 per person for wine and hors d'oeuvres. 389-4511. www.cjsonthebay.com.

Movie Time – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "In The Mood For Love" at 7 p.m. June 11 at the Promenade at Bonita Bay. \$8. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

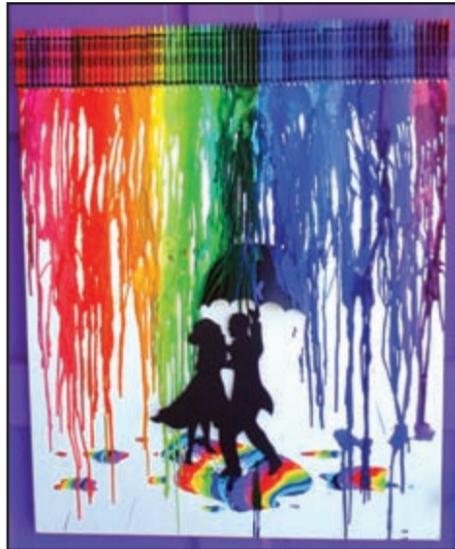
Downtown Jazz – Jazz musicians Glenn Basham, Lew Del Gatto, Dan Miller, Dan Heck, Jerry Stawski, Paul Shewchuk, Ron Hefner and vocalist Susie Hulcher pull out the stops for "Jazzin' It Up!" beginning at 6 p.m. June 14 at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Fort Myers. The evening is a benefit for Footsteps to the Future. 281-7378.

Jazz on the Beach – The Legendary JC's open the 27th annual SummerJazz on the Gulf series of free concerts on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel at 7 p.m. June 16. The series continues July 21 with Late Night Brass, Aug. 25 with New Groove City and Sept. 22 with Eight to the Bar. 261-2222 www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

Marine Lecture – Capt. Gene Flipse presents "Into the Wild with Dolphins & Whales" from 6-7 p.m. June 27 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$10, \$8 for Friends of Rookery Bay members. Reservations:

Grease – At the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers, June 28-Aug. 18. 278-4422 or www.BroadwayPalm.com. ■

— *Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. E-mail text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of flyers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.*



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THEATER REVIEW

If the shoe fits... 'Cinderella' at Broadway Palm

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I recently went to see a school play at a local elementary school. I don't typically do that (and I certainly don't review school plays or children), but went to show my support of two young friends who were performing in it.

The show ran for 90 minutes but seemed longer at times (no doubt in part because I was sitting on a hard bench, smooshed between parents and grandparents).

The performance was, as I had expected, wildly uneven.

And when my attention flagged while watching the leads, I began watching the secondary characters — in particular, some forest creatures: little kids dressed up like bunnies, a skunk and a squirrel.

The squirrel was acting particularly squirrely, making faces, mugging for the audience, waving to her parents, mouthing unscripted words. It was far from professional behavior, but it sure was entertaining, and it helped the time pass.

I felt similarly while watching "Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella" at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theater.

The leads were nice enough, but not strong enough to capture my attention. Adrienne Griffiths as Cinderella has a pleasant voice, but I wished she'd given a much stronger performance, as she's the titular character of the musical. She's nice, but she doesn't make you fall in love with her. (Her prince, Adam Clough, debonair and dashing, exudes royalty.)

But the characters I loved the most were the secondary ones.

The show opens in a big way, with John Ramsey as a fussy herald singing "The Prince is Giving a Ball." He's a strong character throughout, fun to watch whenever he's on stage. And the four actors playing mice-transformed-into-white-horses amazingly demonstrate the qualities of both animals.

But it's the two evil stepsisters, played by Amy Marie McCleary and Shannon Connolly, who steal the show. Physically and temperamentally opposites, they are similar in their disdain for Cinderella and their warped sense of entitlement.



Adrienne Griffiths plays Cinderella in the Broadway Palm production of "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella."

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ment. (And you can see where they get their attitudes when you watch the evil Stepmother, played by Kathi Osborne.)

This is one of the best comic roles I've seen Ms. McCleary in. Her lips perpetually pursed in permanent disapproval, she's all angles and elbows. Ms. Connolly, pleasingly plump, is a mass of witless giggles and curls.

And John P. White's outlandish costumes and wigs help put them over the top, in garish, clashing colors that seem as if they would glow in the dark. He makes Ms. Connolly look like a walking piñata.

They are so wonderful to hate, the energy of the show rises every time they walk on stage. They're hilarious when they sing "Stepsisters' Lament" and fun to watch as they gracelessly fight to dance with the Prince.

Like the school play I saw, I was more entranced by the secondary characters; I wanted to keep my eyes on the stepsisters (and their mother) even when the romantic leads were on stage.

Mr. White's costumes are just stupendous. Though some of the townswomen's dresses in early scenes look like elaborate flannel nightgowns (those tacky plaids!), his ballroom costumes are superb. I especially liked the subtle

way the couples were color-coordinated. And if you were paying attention, just judging by clothing alone, you would've been able to tell that Cinderella and the Prince belonged together.

(And his daughters-of-the-Duchess-of-York fascinator-style hats at the royal wedding were an inspired touch.)

Christine Peters's sets look as if they're straight out of the pages of a fairy tale. (I think I once had a plastic dollhouse that looked very much like Cinderella's home.)

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella" was first broadcast on television in 1957, starring Julie Andrews. It was their only television musical. The show was reprised for television a couple times, most recently in 1997 with Brandy playing the role of Cinderella.

It's a little trifle of a musical, not as strong as their other classics that ruled the Great White Way. But their lush sound is unmistakable.

I suspect grandparents and fairytale-loving children will enjoy this production. On opening night, the audience was dotted with little girls wearing tiaras and princess gowns.

The musical tries to soften the fairytale in some ways, telling us that

wishes don't always come true, and that we have to actively participate in making our dreams happen.

But the Broadway Palm, unfortunately, seems to have cut corners with this musical, especially with some of the casting.

When you're putting on a show with a role that Julie Andrews and Brandy have both played, you want to hire the best, most powerful singer. And you want everyone to be equally as energetic and enthusiastic.

A friend of mine commented that this is a "very girly" show, and it is. But then again, there's nothing wrong with that.

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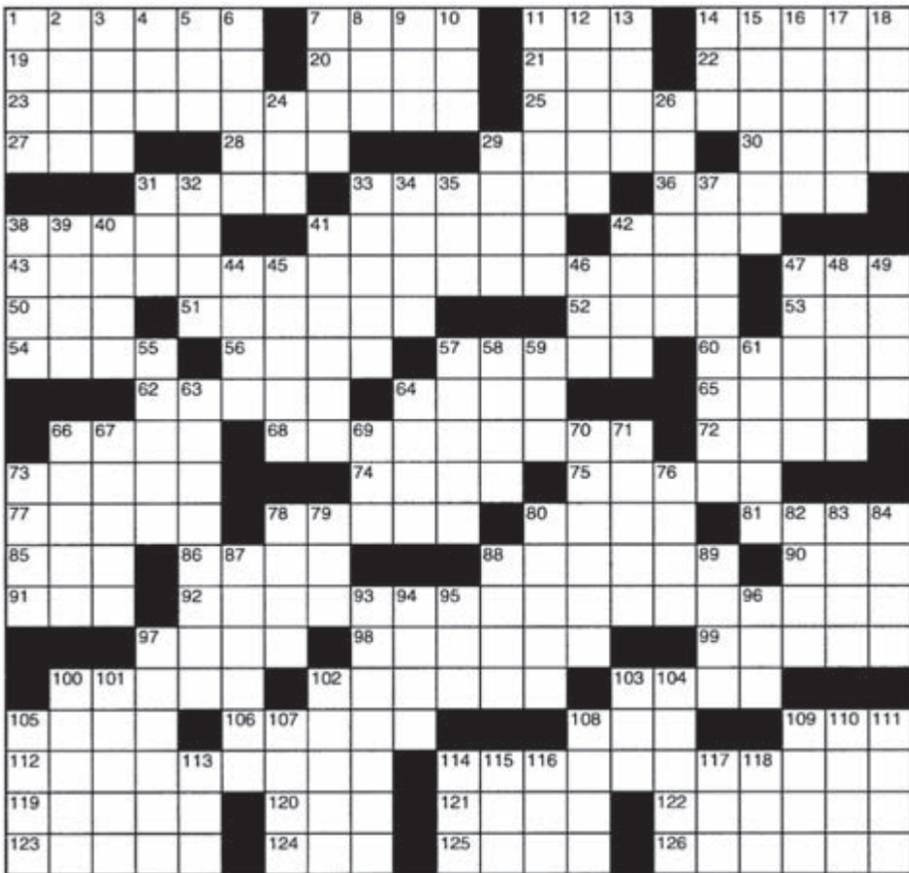
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- ACROSS**
- 1 '84 Daryl Hannah film
 - 7 Belfry sound
 - 11 Poetic monogram
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 - 19 Bunch of ballplayers
 - 20 Fairy-tale fiend
 - 21 Spring mo.
 - 22 Forbidden
 - 23 Start of a remark by 114 Across
 - 25 Teddy-bear president
 - 27 Tut's relative
 - 28 Ganesh or Hanuman
 - 29 That's the spirit
 - 30 Building wings
 - 31 Level
 - 33 Actress Welch
 - 36 With 51 Across, "Wuthering Heights" author
 - 38 Face lift?
 - 41 Anchored
 - 42 Hot spot?
 - 43 Part 2 of remark
 - 47 Aries animal
 - 50 Important numero
 - 51 See 36 Across
 - 52 "— look at me!"
 - 53 Distinctive period
 - 54 Irving character
 - 56 Hotels
 - 57 Prepare the Parmesan
 - 60 Toil
 - 62 Dwelling
 - 64 Trim a photo
 - 65 Rotund
 - 66 Vittle statistics?
 - 68 He's got plans for you
 - 72 Skilled
 - 73 Pick-me-up
 - 74 Sheet of stamps
 - 75 Big name in kids' music
 - 77 TV's "Stargate" and —
 - 78 Get on
 - 80 Cougar
 - 81 Viscount's superior
 - 85 Put into service
 - 86 Partially open
 - 88 "Summer —" ('72 hit)
 - 90 Mauna —
 - 91 Augsburg article
 - 92 End of remark
 - 97 Wise guy?
 - 98 Bother
 - 99 Like Hawaiian shirts
 - 100 Waits
 - 102 Vicar's assistant
 - 103 Bend
 - 105 Saucy
 - 106 It gets squirreled away
 - 108 Beastly place?
 - 109 Jacket info
 - 112 Gardener's friend
 - 114 Speaker of remark
 - 119 "— Gay"
 - 120 Khan opener?
 - 121 Kind of roast
 - 122 He's left holding the bag
 - 123 Enticed
 - 124 Pewter base
 - 125 Cunning
 - 126 Layers
- DOWN**
- 1 Blind part
 - 2 Body-builder's pride
 - 3 Need
 - 4 Give it — (try)
 - 5 Big —, CA
 - 6 Reduce a risk
 - 7 Little lake
 - 8 "The — and I" ('47 film)
 - 9 Word with folk or line
 - 10 Tenor
 - 11 Durham denizen
 - 12 Bobbin
 - 13 Cupid, in Corinth
 - 14 Sault — Marie, MI
 - 15 Collapse
 - 16 Ring — (seem familiar)
 - 17 Aquarium fish
 - 18 Saucepans
 - 24 Charged atom
 - 26 Witty Wright
 - 29 Spiritual guide
 - 31 Lily of pharmaceuticals
 - 32 Do or die?
 - 33 Takes a break
 - 34 Exercise aftermath
 - 35 Status —
 - 37 Diner fare
 - 38 Self-important
 - 39 Blabby bird
 - 40 Borodin's "Prince —"
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 - 46 Banned pesticide
 - 47 Defy a dictator
 - 48 Faced the day
 - 49 Stallion's sweetheart
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 - 57 Pulverize
 - 58 Learning method
 - 59 Mimic
 - 61 Activist
 - 61 Hoffman
 - 63 15th president
 - 64 Burn a bit
 - 66 Animal that roared?
 - 67 Log
 - 69 Pocket protector?
 - 70 Altar vessels
 - 71 He keeps lions in line
 - 73 Heavy blow
 - 76 Disconcert
 - 78 Bete noire
 - 79 Nev. neighbor
 - 80 Novel language?
 - 82 Baseball family name
 - 83 Crucifix
 - 84 Tramp's tootsie
 - 87 Peaceful pursuit?
 - 88 Gravy vessel
 - 89 Finish the lawn
 - 93 "The Avengers" actress
 - 94 Knitter's need
 - 95 Monk's title
 - 96 Wicked stuff?
 - 97 Pay up
 - 100 Reeves of "The Matrix"
 - 101 Mistake
 - 102 It's walked at Windsor
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 - 104 Crochet units
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 - 109 — carotene
 - 110 "Players" actor
 - 111 Gumbo veggie
 - 113 Possessed
 - 114 North Pole worker
 - 115 Milne creature
 - 116 Cowboy Tom
 - 117 Bon — (witticism)
 - 118 "I'm freezing!"

SEE ANSWERS, C9

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HOROSCOPES

■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Keep your thoughts focused on the positive as you deal with an unexpected turn of events in a personal or professional relationship. This could be the start of a welcome change.

■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Health matters take on added importance at this time. Deal with them before they interfere with your summer plans. A relationship that cooled off could soon warm up again.

■ LEO (July 23 to August 22) While a few details involving upcoming decisions still need your attention, you fun-loving Felines can begin to spend more time enjoying your lively social life again.

■ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That long-sought-after career change could require you to move to another city. Weigh your decision carefully before either accepting or rejecting the offer out of hand.

■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A workplace situation can be awkward for Librans who prefer to keep their problems private. But you might have to "tell-all" if you hope to see it resolved in your favor.

■ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although your financial situation starts to improve this week, you still need to be cautious about money matters. Avoid major obligations, for now.

■ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your overall aspects con-

tinue to brighten, allowing you to tackle long-deferred challenges. A change in travel plans could work to your benefit.

■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Things seem to be slowing down for the usually restless Sea Goat. But wouldn't a bit of respite be just what you need right now? Activity picks up by June 17.

■ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Personal relationships take a positive turn for both married and single Aquarians. Professional commitments, however, could be complicated by newly emerging events.

■ PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A decision you thought was final might be reopened as new facts are discovered. This could lead to a short-term problem, but might ultimately prove beneficial.

■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A recent spate of confusion regarding decision-making begins to clear up. But caution is still advised. Continue to check details. An old friend has important news.

■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're anxious to see your ideas move from concept to development. But trying to force the issue right now could backfire. Wait for movement to resume on the 11th.

■ BORN THIS WEEK: Your keen interest in pursuing global events could lead you into a career as a politician or reporter. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Is it worth \$15 (3D)? No

Is it worth \$10? Yes

For the third film of a trilogy, "Men In Black 3" is far too mediocre to justify its existence. Consider: The storyline from the other films didn't need closure. The stars don't need a hit. The visual effects aren't better than what we've seen before. The story, while it has its moments, is hardly so rife with ingenuity that it had to be told. The studio, Columbia Pictures, could've reignited any of its franchises instead of this one (and it is, with "The Amazing Spider-Man" and "Total Recall" later this summer).

So why are we watching Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones do the same-old same-old? They're a fun odd couple, that's why, but they alone are not enough, especially when Jones is gone for half the movie.

"Men In Black 3" is passable, with a level of quality that's better than the trash heap that was "Men In Black II" (2002), but that's not nearly as good as the original (1997). Basically, it's a mildly entertaining lark with a few moments of inspired creativity. The rest is just blah.

While alien crime fighter Agent J (Smith) wonders how his partner, Agent K (Jones), got so old and crotchety, a villain from K's past, Boris (Jemaine Clement), escapes a lunar prison. J tries to learn more from the new boss, Agent O (Emma Thompson), and is naturally made more curious when he's told he shouldn't know some secrets.

When Boris gets to Earth, he time travels to 1969 to kill the younger K (Josh Brolin) before K can shoot off Boris' arm and arrest him. Complications prompt the older K to also travel back in time, and then J goes as well.

Director Barry Sonnenfeld has fun taking J (and by extension, Will Smith)

to 1969 — Coney Island, Shea Stadium and the moon launch all make us smile — but it also feels like they chose the iconic moments first and then tried to fit the story around them, when really it should be the other way around.

Brolin spent months trying to master Jones' cadence, and he does a nice job of embodying an early version of K. The rest of the performances are fine, though Smith is a bit too old to be so freely playing off his boyish charms.

Visually the film is not impressive, and in fact looks like it could have



been made 10 years ago, which is a no-no when you're charging jacked-up 3D prices.

Speaking of the 3D, it's a mere gimmick that's only relevant in one scene inside a Chinese restaurant; otherwise, there's no need for it at all.

The joy of the "Men In Black" franchise is the campy fun spirit, the serious mixed with the silly to give the audience a joyful night out. Based on what it attempts to do, "Men In Black 3" clearly knows this, but simply fails to execute. ■

in the know

>> Believe it or not, this is Will Smith's first performance in 3½ years, his last being December 2008 in "Seven Pounds."

CAPSULES

The Dictator ★★★

(Sacha Baron Cohen, Anna Farris, Ben Kingsley) A tyrannical North African dictator (Cohen) gets lost in New York City and struggles to adjust. It's not always as biting as it should be, but similar to "Borat," it's at its best when Cohen pokes at American culture. Rated R.

to his past. There are some nice parts, including quirky humor and inspired montages, but as a whole, this one drags to 113 minutes and never inspires interest. Rated PG-13.

Dark Shadows ★★

(Johnny Depp, Michelle Pfeiffer, Eva Green) Buried alive for 200 years, vampire Barnabas (Depp) awakens and finds trouble amongst his family and a rival business owner (Green) who has a tie

Girl In Progress ★

(Eva Mendes, Matthew Modine, Ciera Ramirez) An overworked and distant single mother (Mendes) doesn't notice that her teenage daughter (Ramirez) is acting out. It's manipulative and painfully predictably. There's nothing you won't see coming, and none of it is done very well. Rated PG-13. ■

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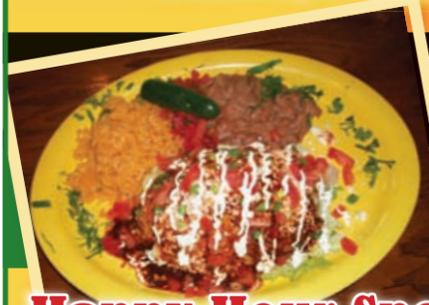
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■ **"Drawing Card" by Dorothy Seymour Mills. McFarland. 265 pages. \$25 trade paperback.**

Sitting down with a new book by Dorothy Mills is always a rewarding experience. In her latest, she mixes two of her areas of expertise — historical fiction and baseball history — to provide an unusual and provocative novel.



Mills

The protagonist, Annie Cardello, is a young woman of Sicilian heritage whose youthful passion is playing baseball.

Readers will be familiar with the common meaning of "drawing card," a person or attraction that lures people to a place of entertainment. In her short career in baseball, Annie, her last name shortened to its first syllable, earned the nickname "Drawing Card,"

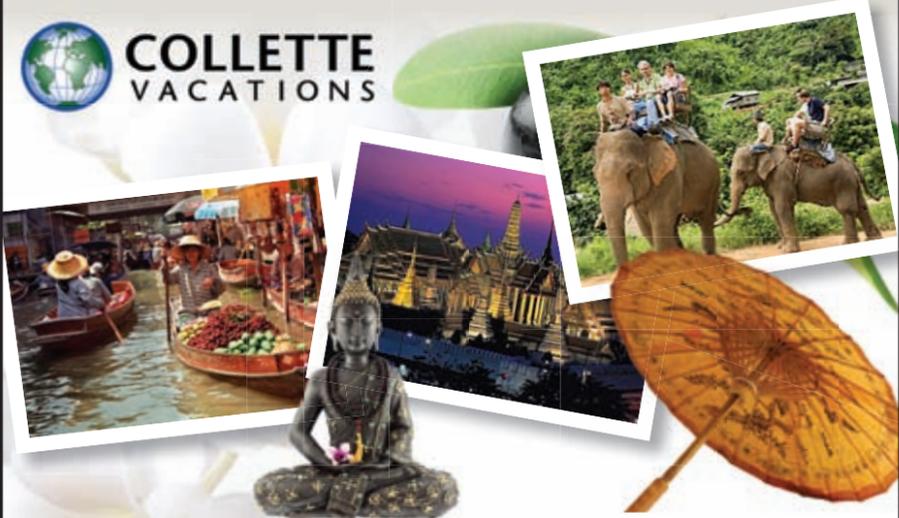
as she was skillful and colorful enough to be a drawing card for her team and for her sport.

Ms. Mills' portrait of teenage Annie adroitly playing women's baseball in a Cleveland area industrial league is vivid and exciting. The character's enthusiasm is delightful. However, in fictional Annie's time there was far less of a future in this kind of athletic pursuit than there is today. She had no place to go with her talent. No way, that is, that would allow her to be true to herself.

The man with the power to open professional baseball up to women, Judge Landis, would not honor contracts between female athletes and the clubs and leagues he ruled. It's easy to think that if he had ruled in favor of women players, it would have been smooth sailing for the best of them (but of course, it would not have been).

Annie takes the judge's ruling hard. Feeling that something within her has died, she swears vengeance.

Ms. Mills carries Annie's life forward through the years of the Great Depression and the decades that follow. She marries into an upper-crust family, primarily to be in a position to support her own family. However, her husband, John Smith, turns out to be an abuser. By the time they make a trip to her ancestral homeland of Sicily, Annie needs to be free of him — and she man-



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ages to manipulate his demise. The years that follow are ones of subservience to the influential Smith family and of mounting frustration. They are also years in which self-justification and guilt war within her.

Late revelations about money left for Annie without her knowledge only complicate her situation, as that money is owed to someone who would threaten her life and the lives of those around her to get what he wants.

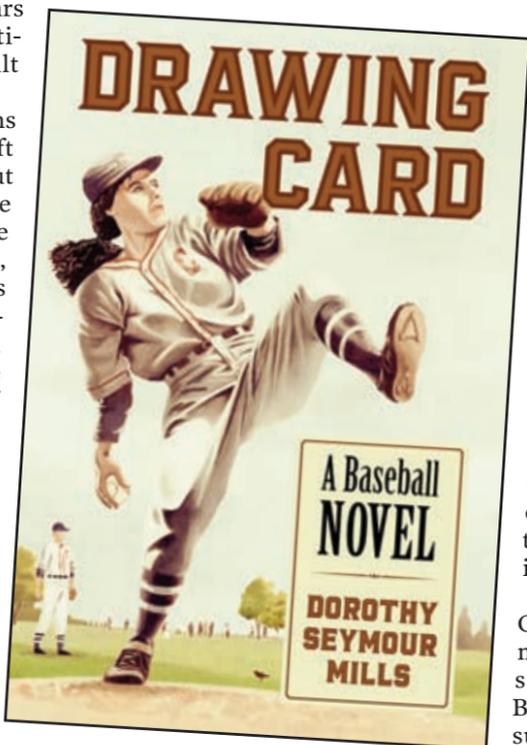
Annie's personal story is set into larger contexts in various ways. The most risky is the author's decision to include time travel. We meet earlier incarnations of Annie's competitive feminist spirit in ancient Greece (as Demetra), in the late Middle Ages (as Demona) and in 1898 (as Stamata, who protests the first modern Olympics). Although this is an interesting way of universalizing Annie's dilemma, it takes attention away from Annie herself.

The other contextual materials include a brilliant portrait of Cleveland during and after the Depression,

including in particular a detailed treatment of the rising power of organized crime. Annie's situation as a young mother in high society — as Annie Smith — is threatened by her two brothers' connections with Italian mobsters. Yet these connections allow her some leverage that she puts to use. Ms. Mills exercises the same authority in detailing setting when she sketches a part of Annie's life that takes place in Boston.

"Drawing Card" is much more than its subtitle, "A Baseball Novel," suggests. With telling details emotional registers, Ms. Mills dramatizes the realities of a woman's place while hinting at changes through the character of Isabel, Annie's unconventional sister-in-law and confidante.

This is a rich exploration of several decades of American life, with a sharp focus on women's rights, social and economic class and crime. One thing that could have made it better: more about baseball! ■



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Whimsical fantasy furniture breaks the rules of design

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recently. The back was carved to look like a beer keg with a pensive man leaning on the top. The chair is 40½ inches high to the top of his hat. The chair, made in the early 1900s, sold for \$885 at a Showtime auction held in Ann Arbor, Mich.

“Fantasy furniture” is a term used to describe tables and chairs that don’t fit the rules of any recognized style. Chairs made of cow horns or parts of spinning wheels, and tables held up by carved bears or shaped like large hands are “fantasies.” A famous and expensive dining room table has legs that are full-size carvings of either a man or woman hunched over to hold the tabletop on their backs.

An inexpensive fantasy design for a chair made about 1900 is now called “North Wind.” It looks like a typical oak side chair with a solid seat and sometimes turned legs. But the back is made with a carved man’s or woman’s face, sometimes with flowing hair. More ambitious designs have the full figure of a person climbing on top of the chair back. The best of the North Wind chairs have a one-piece back made of solid wood. The carving was not an added piece of wood. Inexpensive chairs influenced by the North Wind group were pressed-back chairs showing a face or a person. The design was pressed into the wood by a machine. It was not a raised carving. A humorous fantasy chair sold

Q: About 33 years ago, I was metal detecting around Lompoc, Calif. I found a Boy Scout coin with the Scout logo on one side and, on the other, the saying, “When you have done your good deed for the day, secretly pass the coin from one pocket to the other.” I have been unable to find any information about this coin. Can you help?

A: Robert Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scouts in England in 1907. The Boy Scout movement in the United States started in 1910. “Do a good turn daily” is the Boy Scout slogan. Scout “good deed” coins have been around for years and are not valuable. Today’s Scouts can flip the coin virtually on a smart phone. The “Good Turn” iPhone app records the date, time and location of the Scout’s good turn. It keeps a list of the deeds and also can display the location of the good deed on a map of the world.

Q: My Madame Alexander “Pussy Cat” baby doll dates from the early 1970s. She is pretty worn because I played with her a lot, but I still have her original box. Value?

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Q: I would like to know the current price for various old bottles from San Francisco's Bay City Soda Water Co.

A: Bay City Soda Water Co. was in business from 1871 to 1913. The bottles were embossed "Bay City Soda Water Co. S.F." and have an embossed star on the back. They were made in green and various shades of blue. The blue bottles are fairly common, but the green bottles are rare. Both blob-top and Hutchinson-type bottles were made. Blob-top bottles were sealed with a cork and a wire closure. Hutchinson-type bottles had spring stoppers, patented by Charles Hutchinson in 1879. Value depends on the color of the glass. We can't tell the exact color of your bottle without seeing it, so we can't give you a value, but a Bay City Soda Water bottle in "medium coloration" sold recently for \$130.

Q: I received a filigree-and-rhinestone bracelet from my great-grandmother's estate. Try as I might, I can't find any information about the "La Mode" mark on the bracelet or the name on the box, "La Mode Original." Please help.

A: "La Mode" was a trademark used by Ripley and Gowan, of Attleboro, Mass. The company's history dates back to the 1880s, and until the 1930s it often used the mark "R & G." U.S. trademark filings indicate that Ripley and Gowan filed for use of "La Mode" as a trademark in 1924. The company used the trademark for both women's and men's costume jewelry — everything from bracelets and necklaces to cufflinks and keychains. The trademark, now "dead,"

was assigned to Barrows Industries of Providence, R.I., in the late 1950s. Most La Mode Original bracelets sell online for \$25 to \$30.

Q: I bought a set of dishes about three years ago in Melbourne, Fla. It's a service for 12 with two vegetable bowls. The dishes appear to be stoneware and are marked on the bottom "Tiffany Ceramiche Italy." I'm interested in finding out more about these dishes, and especially if they are really "Tiffany."

A: Your dishes were made by Tiffany Ceramiche, a company in Scandiano, Italy. The company began as a maker of stoneware tiles and is not associated with the famous glassmaker Louis Comfort Tiffany, or with Tiffany & Co., the store in New York. Another Italian company, Este Ceramiche, has made porcelain for Tiffany & Co. Those dishes are clearly marked with both company names. Tiffany Ceramiche became part of Ceramica Lord, which was bought by Gruppo Majorca in 2010.

Tip: If your cane or rush chair seats seem dry, spray them with

water using a mister. A cane or rush seat that is regularly used lasts only about 10 to 12 years. Keeping it from drying out extends its life. ■

— Terry Kovel answers as many questions as possible through the column. By sending a letter with a question, you give full permission for use in the column or any other Kovel forum. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of any photograph, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. The volume of mail makes personal answers or appraisals impossible. Write to Kovel, Florida Weekly, King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.



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The Renaissance Academy, Florida Gulf Coast University's adult lifelong learning and enrichment program, presents a Summer Writers Workshop led by published author Lisa Wroble. Classes start at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, June 6, 13, 20 and 27, at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

Participants will share writing projects with like-minded aspiring authors in an acceptance-oriented, creative and vibrant group in search of effective writing methodologies. Memoirs, short stories, novels or poems are welcome for input, guidance and group discussion.

Cost for all four sessions is \$100.

Online registration and additional information is available by calling 425-3272 or visiting www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

The Renaissance Academy offers affordable, non-credit single lectures, short courses, day trips, computer

classes, film series, life enrichment classes and other programs. There are no exams, grades or homework — just learning for the joy of learning with friends, neighbors and peers.

Proposals are welcome from anyone who would like to instruct a class in the 2012-13 academic year. There are no advance degree requirements for instructors, who give single lectures or lead short courses in the following categories: art, business, computer instruction, ecology, environment, government, history, law, life enrichment, literature, music, philosophy, psychology, religion, science, sociology, medicine and U.S. and world affairs. The academy pays an honorarium of \$75 per lecture. Those interested in lecturing can download a course proposal form from the website above or can call the number above to request a form by mail. ■

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Course schedules for the summer term at Hodges University's Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning can



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be obtained at the university and at select local libraries after June 1. Registration is open for classes that begin June 18.

Annual membership in the center entitles participants to free registration in more than 150 classes that take place throughout the year at the Hodges campus in Naples as well as at Arbor Trace, Barrington Terrace, Bentley Village and Moorings Park.

Programs are planned and led by Hodges University faculty or notable industry experts; discussion groups, lectures, field trips and workshops involve arts and literature, economics, the environment, health and wellness, philosophy and spirituality, creative writing and more.

For more information or enrollment instructions, contact Christine Wheeler, director of the Frances Pew Hayes Center for Lifelong Learning, by calling 513-1122, ext. 6133, or e-mailing cwheeler@hodges.edu.

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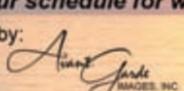
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in bursts of bright colors. Her mixed media works utilize shredded acrylic compact discs, feathers, sawed buttons, jute yarn, fragments of color film slides, metal, tree bark, pieces of onion bags and even oranges.

Begin as sketches or photographs, the cut paper creations are assembled from tiny pieces of high-quality magazine paper which is sourced from around the world for color quality and cut or hand-punched into squares, dots or strips, and then attached to canvas with glue, paintbrushes and art tweezers. Each assemblage takes from three to six months to complete.

"Solid as a Rock," the 2012 winner in the Technical Achievement, Interpretation of Music category in a competition at The von Liebig Art Center, was inspired by cloud patterns and the Ashford & Simpson song "Solid." The abstract painting has colorful, cloud-like rocks in the sky that diminish in size and cascade into a flowing river.

A native of Toledo, Ohio, Ms. Panutsos is a graduate of the University of Akron and Kent State University. She is an art instructor and has taught art classes in middle schools and high schools in the Cleveland area. In addition to The von Liebig, she has won top awards in national competitions at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs and the Asheville, N.C., North American National Truffle Fest. Dacia Gallery in New York City is planning an exhibit of her mixed media acrylic graffiti paintings. ■

in the know

"A Collection of Works" by Ara "Lou" Panutsos

>> **Where:** The West Wing Gallery, Naples Regional Library; 650 Central Ave.

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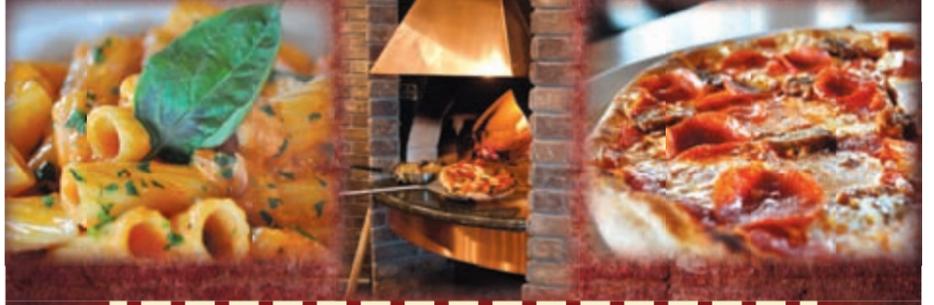
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CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Diagnostic analysis

This deal demonstrates how a declarer can take advantage of the knowledge he has acquired during the bidding and play to bring in a seemingly unmakeable contract.

West led the king of hearts and shifted to a low diamond at trick two. Declarer won with dummy's king, cashed the ace of spades, catching West's jack, and continued with a low spade to the queen. West took the king and led another diamond.

Declarer put up dummy's ace, East contributing the ten, and was now in excellent position to judge West's distribution. West had started with two spades, at least six hearts, most likely four diamonds to the jack and, therefore, at most one club.

So, after cashing the ten of spades, declarer cashed another spade. This forced East to discard a heart as South discarded a club. Now the ace-of-clubs play from dummy, on which West produced the eight, convinced South that West had started with 2-6-4-1 distribution.

This assumption was confirmed when declarer next led a diamond to his queen, forcing East to discard still another heart. South then ruffed the queen of hearts with dummy's last trump as East followed with his last heart.

West dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	A 10 8 4 2	♥	2
♦	A K 9	♣	A K 10 7
WEST			
♠	K J	♥	A K J 9 6 5
♦	J 6 5 2	♣	8
EAST			
♠	9 7 5	♥	10 8 4 3
♦	10 8	♣	Q J 6 3
SOUTH			
♠	Q 6 3	♥	Q 7
♦	Q 7 4 3	♣	9 5 4 2

The bidding:

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

Opening lead — king of hearts.

Everyone was down to three cards at this point. Dummy had the K-10-7 of clubs, East the Q-J-6 and South the 9-5 of clubs and seven of diamonds. The seven-of-clubs lead from dummy then compelled East to win and yield the last two tricks to dummy's K-10, and the game was home. ■

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BEACH READING

'That Woman: The Life of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor'

by Anne Sebba
(St. Martin's Press, \$27.99)

REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

Wallis Simpson wasn't strikingly beautiful or especially brilliant, but she was a clever, determined woman who almost single-handedly changed the course of British history during the 1930s.

Born Bessie Wallis Warfield in 1896 in Baltimore, she dropped her first name because it sounded too bovine, and then set out to reinvent herself. With wit and a sense of style, she charmed her way into the social circles of the upper-class elite and earned a reputation as an almost unstoppable force when it came to getting what she wanted.

As Wallis once wrote, "It was not quite enough for me to be ... the life of the party or to spend my existence merely taking part in good conversation. I wanted more out of life."

In 1916, Wallis married Lt. Earl Winfield Spencer, but the marriage was dissolved a decade later. In 1928, while in London, she married Ernest Simpson,

an American-born Briton, and through his connections she met Edward, the Prince of Wales, at a party in 1931. As Wallis mesmerized the Prince, their growing romance was problematic. For starters, Wallis was a divorcee and still very much married to Simpson.

The relationship between Wallis and Edward became very public in 1936, the year of Edward's accession. Wallis obtained a divorce, and the King made it clear that he intended to marry her, even if it meant giving up the throne.

Give it up he did. Wallis and Edward were married in a small ceremony in France in 1937. One of Edward's major disappointments was that his wife was never accepted by the Royal Family. The Queen Mother never

mentioned her by name, only as "that woman."

Many books have been written about Wallis Simpson and the sensational "romantic story of the century." Things are, however, never quite as they seem, and that is why the story of the Duke and Duchess of Windsor remains so fascinating. ■



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■ **SATURDAY, JUNE 2, 7 P.M.**
The British Beat

Travel around London and the United Kingdom to the places where the "British beat" was born. This mix of rare, archival full-length performance films includes performances from the Zombies, Wayne Fontana, Eric Burdon and the Animals and Gerry and the Pacemakers. Petula Clark hosts.

■ **SUNDAY, JUNE 3, 7:30 P.M.**
Il Volo Takes Flight

Certified platinum in their homeland of Italy, the "teenage tenors" who comprise the vocal group Il Volo have begun capturing the hearts of Americans of all ages. Il Volo, which means

"flight," soars in this special filmed at Detroit's famed Opera House.

■ **MONDAY, JUNE 4, 8 P.M.**
The British Beat

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Comedy aboard the Naples Princess

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Bahati

Ms. Bahati delivers family-friendly comedy with a unique blend of inspiration and motivation. She has appeared at New York City's Gotham Comedy Club and Broadway Comedy Club as well as at Caroline's on Broadway as the opening act for Robin Schall.

Tickets for \$50 per person include a glass of champagne and hors d'oeuvres. Cash bar will be available. For reservations, call MHASWFL at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org.

Put film fest in your fall plans

The third annual Naples International Film Festival is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 1-4. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts,

while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 2-4. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456.

'Hats' off to fashion designer Michael Kors

Naples Botanical Garden and Marissa Collections have announced that Michael Kors will be the featured designer for the ninth annual "Hats in the Garden" luncheon Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Garden. Mr. Kors will present a runway show of his Spring 2013 ready-to-wear collection.

Marissa Collections will host a Michael Kors Spring 2013 trunk show at the Third Avenue South boutique Nov. 15-17 in conjunction with the fashion designer's visit to Naples.

Patron tables for "Hats in the Garden" are \$10,000 and are available now; a limited number of single tickets for \$500 each will go on sale in April. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.



Kors

Expert will discuss 'upscale abuse' at Shelter luncheon

The 2013 "Mending Broken Hearts with Hope" luncheon to benefit the



Shelter for Abused Women & Children is set for Friday, Feb. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples. Guest speaker Dr. Susan Weitzman is the founder and president of The Weitzman Center, a nonprofit educational and resource center dedicated to helping survivors of upscale violence, increasing public awareness and educating professionals who respond to these survivors.

A psychotherapist, educator, researcher and litigation consultant, Dr. Weitzman has dedicated the last decade to researching upper-educated and upper-income battered women, a previously underserved and heretofore unrecognized population. The result is her groundbreaking book

"Not to People Like Us: Hidden Abuse in Upscale Marriages." She is working on a documentary about upscale violence and researching how batterers utilize the court system to harass and abuse their victims.

The luncheon will also feature a silent auction and the Designer Boutique (Feb. 22-23).

Tickets are \$350 per person, \$1,500 for patrons. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 775-3862, ext. 261, or e-mail cdalessandro@naplesshelter.org.

Junior Achievement tees off with leaders

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida hosts its 2012 Leaders on the Green golf tournament Friday, Oct. 12, at the Golf Club of the Everglades. A Scottish bagpiper will lead golfers to the green for the shotgun start at 1 p.m.

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Kiwi Club former flight attendants enjoy end-of-season lunch



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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

➤ **Barbatella**, 1290 Third St. S., Naples; 263-1955

A more casual but still stylish sister to Sea Salt, Barbatella is a sprawling trattoria serving homey roasted and grilled meats, thin-crust pizzas baked in a wood-burning oven and freshly made pasta dishes inspired by Northern Italian ingredients. There's also a gelato counter for those simply looking for a sweet treat while strolling the boutique and gallery district. The antipasti include such tempting dishes as chicken-liver terrine with fig marmalade and smoked mozzarella with sopressata and pears, as well as cured meats and bruschettas. Entrees include fresh pastas — unusual and appealing combinations such as cavatelli tossed with mussels, cannellini beans and arugula, and fettuccine baked with prosciutto, peas and mascarpone. We loved the spit-roasted, rosemary-infused Berkshire pork served family-style with roasted red potatoes and a pool of tasty brown jus. And the house-made orecchiette with broccoli rabe and sausage showed great promise for the pasta menu. The only disappointment was the pizza, which had a soggy center and lackluster flavor. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed May 2012

➤ **Café Normandie**, 3756 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 261-0977
This low-key outpost along U.S. 41

manages to provide delightful French fare and a casual, laid-back hospitality, compliments of owner Benoit Legris. The wine list is brief but well chosen, a snapshot of wines that please the owner. You can't go wrong with mussels in Normandie cream sauce or the well-executed escargots de Bourgogne. Roasted duck with spicy peach sauce was a glorious variation on duck l'orange, and the shrimp and sea scallops au gratin were simple yet elegant. Dinner concluded with a classic raspberry tart and whisper-thin crepe Suzette. The service, Old World atmosphere and moderate prices all enhanced a wonderful meal. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed December 2010

➤ **Manhattan Steakhouse**, 24940 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 676-8687

Manhattan Steakhouse serves only prime beef that is dry-aged three to four weeks for noticeably heightened flavor and tenderness and cooked under an 1,800-degree broiler to seal in the juices. The 20-ounce, bone-in New York strip was served sliced but with the bone. A veal T-bone chop was equally well prepared. On the downside: Salads had issues with starchy tomatoes in one and an unappealing steak-sauce-based dressing on the other; the Special German Potatoes had charred edges that gave the dish a not-so-special ashen taste. Manhattan Steakhouse has gotten the main course down pat and has

trained its staff well — that's more than half the battle. Now it needs to refine other elements that complete a fine-dining experience. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★
Reviewed April 2012

➤ **Margarita's Mexican Restaurant**, 8971 U.S. 41, Naples; 431-6206

Margarita's is an offshoot of a Mexican restaurant by the same name that's been on Marco Island since 2005. Succulent hand-pulled meats and fresh seafood are tucked into tender tortillas, served with brightly flavored house-made salsas and sauces. Bracing margaritas in fruit flavors such as watermelon and pomegranate are served on the rocks or frozen, headlining a tequila-heavy cocktail list that goes on for days. The rustic charro beans, whole pintos laced with oregano and chunks of pork, are a revelation — and they're just a side dish. The taco trio — miniature corn tortillas overflowing with shredded beef, chicken and pork — is a good way to start, as is the ridiculously sumptuous queso fundido, a fondue of warm, silky white cheese garnished with diced scallions, jalapenos and chorizo that might send your eyes rolling back in your head. Available with three stuffings, the tamales are exemplary. A seafood-packed Cancun burrito, its ingredients all perfectly cooked, was big enough for two. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★
Reviewed December 2011

➤ **Swan River Seafood Restaurant and Fish Market**, 3741 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 403-7000

North meets South at Swan River, which has been serving the best of New England's catch beside the treasures of Southwest Florida waters for more than 10 years. It captures the spirit of Cape Cod, with its nautical blue and white interior, oars and shutters on the walls and menu offerings of whole belly clams, broiled scrod and lobster rolls. But it's complemented by Florida stone crab claws (in season), Gulf grouper and Southern oysters. Appetizers of fried oysters and steamed clams proved that the kitchen has mastered varying cooking methods. And you won't find food buried under piles of fruity salsas and painted with colorful drizzles of infused oil or creamy coulis; it's seafood cooked simply in order to showcase the quality of the main ingredient. Nowhere was that more evident than with the Maine gray sole, which was broiled to perfection with only white wine, lemon and butter complementing the delicate flavor of the fish. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
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CUISINE

Chefs team up for super supper at M Waterfront Grille

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M Waterfront Grille will host a team of top chefs for a five-course farm-to-table dinner set for 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 25.

The restaurant's innovative executive chef, Brian Roland, will be joined by four guest chefs, each of whom will produce one of the evening's courses. Wines paired with each course will come from Silver Oak.

Joining Mr. Roland will be Keven Alan Lee, CEO of My World on a Plate catering and events, executive chef at the Sherbourne in Hollywood, Calif, and a contestant on Bravo's chef reality series "Around the World in 80 Plates"; Carlos Torres, of La Playa Beach Club in Naples; Harold Balink, of Cru in Fort Myers; and John O'Leary, Roy's in Naples.

The dinner is \$250 inclusive. The restaurant is at 4300 Gulf Shore Blvd. Call 263-4421 for reservations.

Pastry chef among top in nation

Nathaniel Reid, pastry and baked goods maestro at Norman Love Confections, has won an elite honor in the world of sweets: Dessert Professional magazines has named him one of the Top 10 Pastry Chefs in America.

The nation's leading publication for the pastry, ice cream and chocolate industries selected Mr. Reid along with top professionals from New York City, Los Angeles and Las Vegas. "We set out to recognize outstanding chefs who elevate the industry as a whole with their contributions in talent, innovation and community services," says Jeff Dryfoos, publisher of the magazine.

Mr. Reid, who joined Norman Love Confections in 2010, oversees the pastry and bakery shop, including production of specialty cakes, desserts and bakery items.

He'll be formally recognized at The Institute of Culinary Education in New York on Monday, June 4.



Reid

Angelina's accepts Naples Tomato gift cards

With the sudden closing of Naples Tomato, many former customers were left holding unused gift certificates. Angelina's Ristorante in Bonita Springs is accepting those certificates at 50 percent of their value through June 30. They cannot be combined with other discounts or offers.

Meanwhile, Angelina's summer wine special provides a 50 percent discount on all bottles valued up to \$175, with the purchase of an entrée. Angelina's serves classic Italian cuisine and features a 30-foot wine tower with more than 4,000 bottles of wine from around the world.

From Sunday, June 3, through Sunday, Sept. 30, the restaurant's operating hours are 5-10 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. It's at 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, a mile south of Coconut Point. For reservations, call 390-3187 or visit www.angelinasofbonitasprings.com.

Wine Merchant on the move

If you're looking for The Wine Merchant, just head a bit north of the store's previous location. The wine shop has relocated to the same shopping plaza as EVOO, at the south end of the plaza at 13240 Tamiami Trail N. The phone remains the same — 592-0000.

Seasonal advantage

Summer visitors and those lucky enough to reside here year-round can take advantage of summer specials at numerous area restaurants. Here's a sampling of them:

■ AZN Azian Cuisine offers a new couples menu,

featuring a choice of two entrees and a bottle of Coastal Vines wine. It's available 4-10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and costs \$30 or \$50 per couple, depending on the choice of entrees. The restaurant is in Mercato in North Naples. Call 593-8818.



Brian Roland



Harold Balink

■ Chez Boet (formerly Bamboo Cafe) French Home Cooking holds French happy hour from 5-8 p.m. Wednesdays, featuring two-for-one drinks, \$5 small plates and French TV-5 Monde (news at 6 p.m.). Also for summer, diners can order two regular priced entrees any night and receive a bottle of estate wine free. The season's third special offer entails a two-course meal on a sunset cruise aboard the Sweet Liberty, \$56 per adult, \$21 children 12 and younger. Chez Boet is at 755 12th Ave. S., in Crayton Cove. For restaurant reservations, call

643-6177. For the cruise, call 595-7002 or 793-3525.

■ Caffe dell'Amore offers a sunset dinner special of three courses for \$30, including a caprese salad, choice of entree and dessert, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. nightly. The restaurant is at 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd. Reservations required. Call 261-1389.

■ The summer menu at Cloyde's Steak & Lobster House features entrees priced at less than \$20 and free valet parking. Among the new dishes are pasta primavera, blackened mahi mahi and shrimp scampi ravioli. In addition, the price of most entrees has dropped by about 20 percent and the selection of wines by the glass has increased. It's in the Village on Venetian Bay, 4050 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. For reservations, call 261-0622.

■ Ridgway Bar & Grill is offering 20 percent discounts on lunch and dinner every day throughout the summer. (Bottles of wine are excluded, and gratuities will be added to the bill prior to taking the discount.) On Sundays, children 8 and younger eat free with each paid adult. It's at 1300 Third St. S. Call 262-5500.

■ Seasons 52 offers Copper River salmon for lunch and dinner for a limited time. It's served with summer corn risotto, roasted asparagus, grilled red peppers and dill mustard sauce. The restaurant is at 8930 U.S. 41 N., just south of Mercato. Call 594-8852 for reservations.

■ Celebrate June, the sixth month, with a \$6 lunch weekdays at Stage 62 Deli. Choose from six entrees, including Philly cheese steak, char-grilled chicken salad, chef's salad and other options. The deli is in Mercato in North Naples. Call 597-2800. ■



Angelina's accepts Naples Tomato gift cards

food & wine CALENDAR

➤ **Thursday, May 31, 6:30 p.m.,** Sea Salt: Enjoy a four-course meal prepared by chef/owner Fabrizio Aielli with wines from Donna Fugata; \$50, 1186 Third St. S.; 434-7258. Reservations required.

➤ **Thursday, May 31, 6 p.m.,** Shula's Steak House: The restaurant at the Hilton Naples hosts a four-course dinner and scotch tasting with Macallan scotch ambassador Randy Adams; \$95, 5111 Tamiami Trail N.; 659-3176. Reservations required.

➤ **Friday, June 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 5-7 p.m.,** Old World Foods Mar-

ket: Sample wines from California, Europe, South America and South Africa along with cheeses, phyllo pastries and other goodies; free, 2800 Davis Blvd.; 692-3020 or visit www.oldworldmarket.info.

➤ **Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m.,** Caffe dell'Amore: The June wine dinner features the food and wines of Naples, Italy, with wine from Vineyard Mastrobernardino and a menu that includes zuppa pasta e fagioli, baked ziti with meatballs, shrimp alla Napoletana, a cheese plate and baba au rum; \$79, 1400 Gulf Shore Blvd.; 261-1389. Reservations required.

➤ **Thursday, June 14, 5-7 p.m.,** Decanted: Try your hand at a blind tasting, figuring out how to identify wines solely through taste, aroma and sight; \$15, 1410 Pine Ridge Road; (800) 980-5766. Reservations required.

➤ **Sunday, June 17, 1-5 p.m.,** Seminole Casino Immokalee: Sample goodies from a variety of gourmet food trucks while a DJ entertains with music and interactive games; 506 S. First St., Immokalee; (800) 218-007 or visit www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Farmers markets

➤ **Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.,** the Collier County Government Complex, 3335 U.S. 41 E.

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

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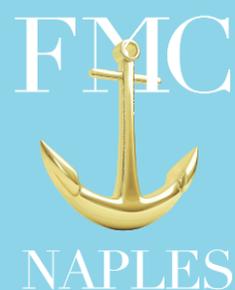
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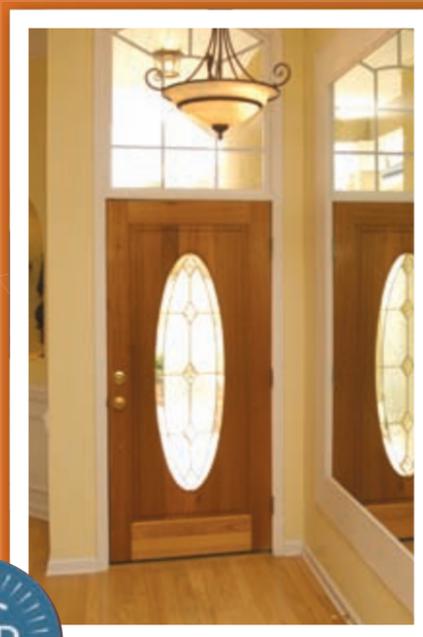
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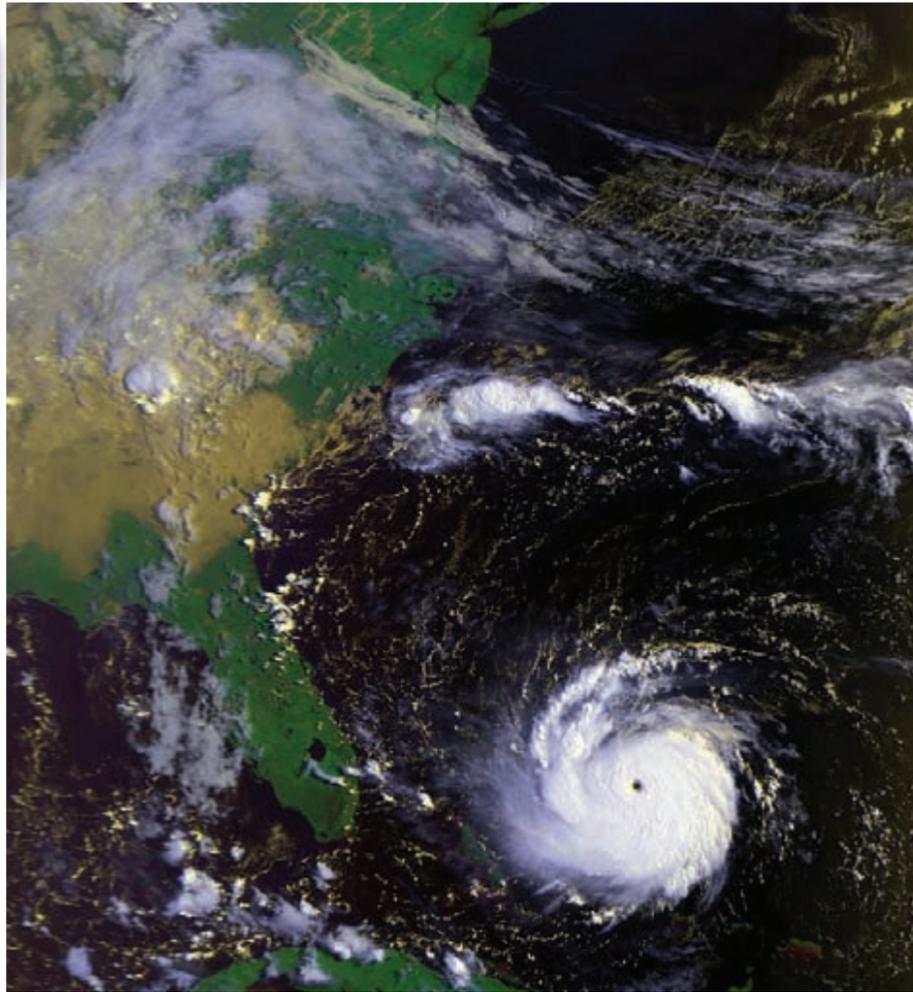

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 NBC2 Hurricane Expert

It doesn't seem that long ago. But 2012 will mark the 20th anniversary of perhaps the strongest hurricane to hit Florida in our lifetime. Aug. 24 was the day back in 1992 when tiny but powerful Hurricane Andrew made landfall in southern Miami-Dade County. Its track across Florida and eventually into Louisiana caused a damage toll that approached \$30 billion.

We learned so many lessons in the aftermath of Andrew. We learned how to build more hurricane-resistant homes and wound up changing the Florida Building Code to make structures more survivable. We improved the science of hurricane meteorology and have seen storm track forecasts become more accurate, though lots of work is needed to improve storm intensity predictions. Ironically, improvements in our ability to measure the power of a hurricane led scientists to an important discovery about Andrew itself. A re-analysis of the storm data in 2002, using newer technology, showed that Andrew arrived on the Florida coast as a Category 5 — 160 mph storm — a full category stronger than we had believed.

One of the biggest lessons from Hurricane Andrew was how the storm demonstrated the need for a game plan, a family plan of action in advance of any hurricane threat. So many folks in



NOAA
Hurricane Andrew on Aug. 23, 1992, at 8:31 a.m., one day before the Category 5 storm made landfall.

Andrew's path never gave a thought to families for this powerful storm. In fact, how to prepare their homes and their we saw that residents who pre-planned

home protection and investigated evacuation options fared much better.

Residents of South Miami and Homestead would make a strong argument against this fact: That the 1992 hurricane season was actually a quiet one across the Atlantic basin. Cooler than normal ocean water and stronger than normal wind shear allowed only six named storms to form that year. One of them just happened to be a Category 5 major hurricane that hit Florida.

With the 2012 hurricane season upon us, perhaps you've already heard some of the long-range forecasts for this summer. Hurricane scientists have observed that water temperatures in the tropical Atlantic have cooled significantly since last year. They also believe that a weak El Nino pattern is developing in the Pacific... ready to bring hurricane-killing wind shear over the Atlantic basin. Most seasonal forecasts are taking these factors into account and predicting fewer storms this year over the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico.

The final lesson from Andrew is that we should take no comfort in a forecast for a quieter hurricane season, because all it takes is one. We need to approach every season as if another Andrew or Charley... or Wilma might threaten our shores.

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Tapping the map button takes you to the Doppler Zoom — radar data coming right from our tower

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You can add multiple locations to see the weather conditions where you have friends and family around the country. Just tap the gear icon in the upper left and search for your desired city. After you've set them up, just tap on the location to bring up the menu and choose which one you'd like to see.

The NBC2 weather app is now available in the Apple's App Store. An Android version is coming this summer and we expect to have a version optimized for the iPad by the end of the year.

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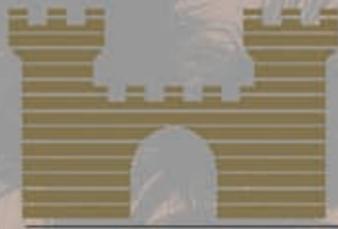
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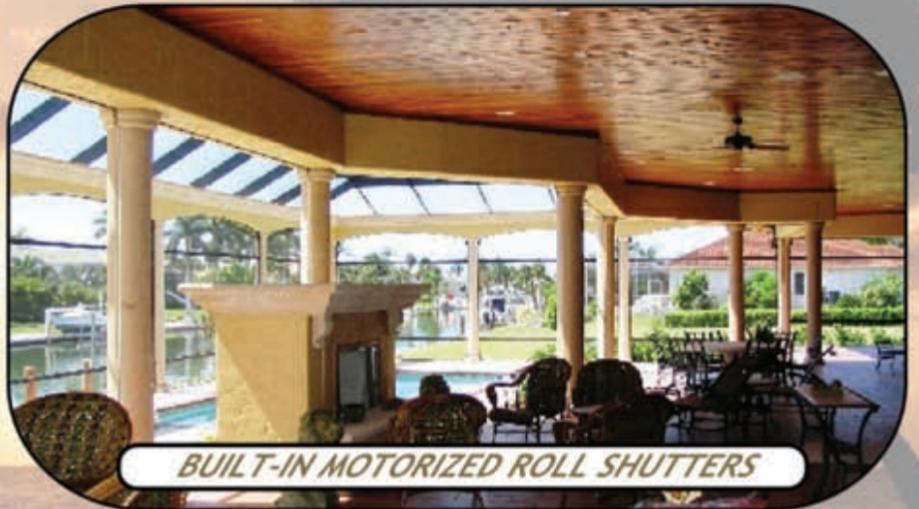
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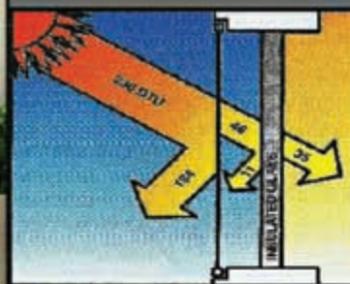
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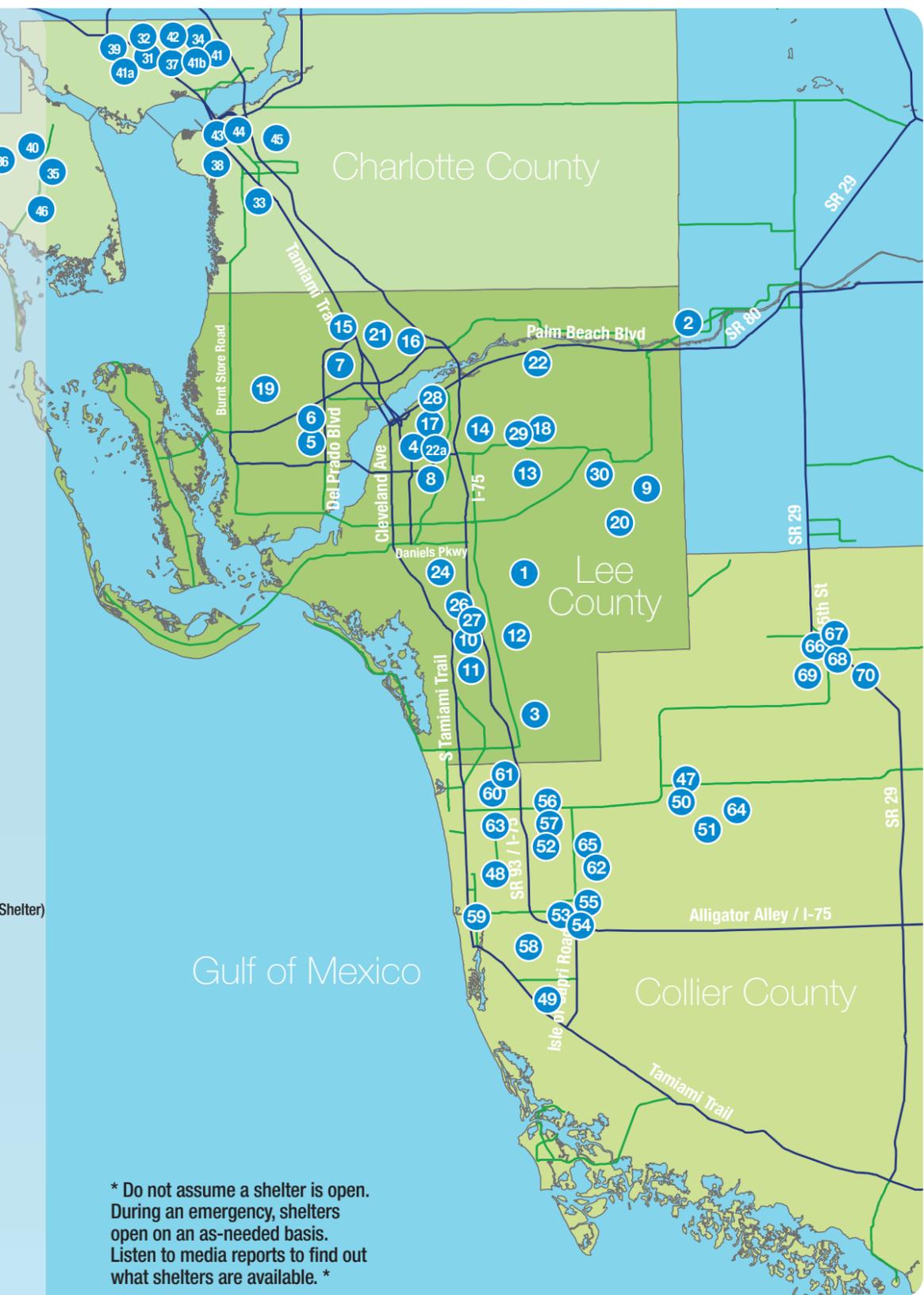
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| 66 | Highlands Elementary School | 1101 Lake Trafford Rd. |
| 67 | Immokalee High School | 701 Immokalee Dr. |
| 68 | Immokalee Middle School | 401 N. 9th St. |
| 69 | Pinecrest Elementary School | 313 S. 9th St. |
| 70 | Village Oaks Elementary School | 1601 SR 29 |

* Do not assume a shelter is open. During an emergency, shelters open on an as-needed basis. Listen to media reports to find out what shelters are available. *



Must-haves for your emergency supply kit

These are the basic items recommended to have in your hurricane emergency supply kit. Plan to have enough on hand to get you through a minimum of three days without power. Of course, modify the list to meet specific needs of your family.

- One gallon of drinking water per person per day (additional water will be needed for cooking and cleaning)
- Non-perishable, ready-to-eat food (canned foods, peanut butter, energy or granola bars, etc.)
- Manual can opener
- Prescriptions and over-the-counter medications (minimum two-week supply)
- Keep a list of dosage amounts, doctor's name and phone number for each member of the household
- Analog phone (one that does not use batteries or electricity)
- Personal items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, toilet tissue, feminine hygiene items, deodorant, extra reading glasses, etc.)
- Diapers, wipes, formula, baby food, diaper cream, infant/baby Tylenol
- Pillow, blanket, towels, washcloths
- Cash, credit cards
- Important documents (driver's license, Social Security card, medical cards, insurance policies, etc.), sealed in plastic bag to keep dry

- First aid kit, bug spray, sunscreen, extra batteries
- NOAA weather radio or battery operated AM/FM radio
- Several sets of clean clothing
- Unscented bleach for disinfecting water
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Work or gardening gloves, sturdy shoes, hat ■



Prevent injuries after the storm

- Wear proper clothing, including protective shoes and gloves, when you start cleaning up debris.
- Know how to operate machinery, such as generators and chainsaws. Under no circumstances should a portable generator be used indoors, including partially enclosed areas and garages.
- Avoid heat exhaustion by staying hydrated and resting. Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing, take cold showers and avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Use plenty of bug spray ■

Stay alert to the signs of heat exhaustion

- Severe cramps
 - Drenching sweat
 - Confusion
 - Dizziness
 - Shortness of breath
- If any of these symptoms occur, seek medical assistance immediately. ■



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Gadgets, gizmos and cool stuff help make hurricanes a breeze

So the word is that we're not looking at a pretty rough hurricane season this year. Hmm. To gear up or not? That is the question. Well, I don't know about you, but I am going with the quintessential sage advice — "It's better to be safe than sorry." And while we're being safe and getting the essentials for hurricane season, why not check out some of the newest gadgets and products designed to make life easier and more fun during and after a rough storm?

First things first: If a hurricane tears through the area, having drinkable water is essential — especially during the steamy Southwest Florida summers. A number of companies manufacture easy-to-use, hand-held water treatment systems to ensure clean drinking water. Rei, an outdoor supply company, carries the Sawyer Water Treatment system in BPA-free polyethylene drinking bottles. The bottle contains a hollow fiber membrane filter that removes bacteria and other organisms. The 32-ounce variety runs almost \$50. For more information, check it out on www.rei.com.

Another neat gadget in the world of water purification is the Emergency by Steripen. This handy little gadget works by emitting ultraviolet light to clean up to 200 half liters containers of water — all on one set of AA lithium batteries. And the gizmo is designed to fit on commercial water bottles. It takes about a minute to clean the water in the bottle. This device is portable and relatively inexpensive at \$49.95 plus shipping. To learn more, go to www.steripen.com.

Aside from having clean drinking water, staying in the know is vital during a poten-



Thirsty for power? The portable Joos Orange Portable Solar Charger can power up cell phones, smart phones, iPads, cameras, small medical refrigerators and low-wattage fans during a power outage. The charger is not dependent on a sunny day and keeps charging when submerged in water. The solar charger costs \$149 at www.gogreensolar.com

tially life-threatening storm or hurricane. Up-to-the-minute weather information can make the difference between staying put, evacuating or going for cover in a safe spot. Ever-advancing technology makes having a pulse on the weather's temperature much easier. The NBC2 Weather App is now available for the iPhone and the 2012 version of the NBC2 Hurricane Tracking app is also available in the App Store and the Android Marketplace. Both apps are free.

Of course, all of these services are useless if your computer, cell phone or other devices run out of juice. Keeping communication devices and appliances running is key to managing your life during a hurricane or damaging storm. A number of companies offer solar-based charging gadgets that help ensure you are powered up at all times. The

portable Joos Orange is a rugged, submersible solar charger that works in any amount of sunshine. The Joos Orange can charge cell phones, smart phones, iPads, cameras, medical refrigerators and low wattage fans. For more information, go to www.gogreensolar.com

Speaking of computer-related stuff, now's the time to hurricane proof your digital data and pictures on your computer. All data can be lost due to storm or power surges from storms. There are numerous online backup services available to everyday users as well as businesses. Cloud-based online backup services allow you to see your data and images on other computers and devices. The services are available for different fees — for storing small amounts of data — some companies even offer limited free storage. On iDrive.com a user can get 5GB of storage space for free. SugarSync features comprehensive back up services for many of your files.

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And, welcome to summer in Southwest Florida. ■

— Ella Naylor

Having a hot meal after a storm can be a bit challenging if the power is out. There are companies, however, that sell ready-made meals with long shelf lives.



Check out www.myfoodstorage.com. This company has favorites such as lasagna and chili macaroni.



Check out the outdoors active life website Rei at www.rei.com for Sawyer Water Treatment BPA-free polyethylene bottles for drinking. The bottle has a hollow fiber membrane filter that removes bacteria.

A number of excellent online back-up services are available to store records, data and even your entire computer if need be with an approaching storm. Cloud back-up services including SugarSync are some of the companies to look for in the online back-up market.



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Check your policy before the winds start blowing

If you haven't already revisited your homeowner's insurance policy and its hurricane coverage, now is definitely the time — especially for those of you covered by the insurer of last resort, the state-run Citizens Insurance.

With pending discussions that could ultimately raise rates for Citizens' 1.4 million customers, Fort Myers insurance agent Ted Todd urges Southwest Florida residents to consider voluntary insurance — before other carriers reach their capacity and stop writing policies in certain ZIP codes.

"Citizens is talking about rate increases of 54 percent," says the owner of Ted Todd Insurance, an Allstate affiliate. "Should it take those rates and people go elsewhere, capacity begins to tighten. This year, companies are running out of capacity." Insurance companies avoid concentrating risks in one geographic area and will limit policies to reduce their liabilities. Some have already closed certain ZIP codes in Southwest Florida, particularly those closest to the water or boasting high-value or older homes — the most likely to be impacted by a storm, says Mr. Todd. Whether you're reviewing your policy — as you should annually — or shopping for new coverage, there are several things to keep in mind:

Wind mitigation

One of the major changes affecting hurricane premiums this year is Florida's revised universal wind mitigation form, approved by lawmakers in March. The rewritten standards are more specific about safeguards against wind damage to roofs, entry and garage doors, and other areas that could prove to be your home's weakest link, says Mr. Todd.

An onsite inspection determines a home's wind vulnerability. Under the old form, homeowners received credit, in the form of reduced premiums, for certain features. The revised version delves deeper: Instead of credit for having roof anchor straps, those straps now require a certain number of nails securing them, says Mr. Todd.

"It's been a nightmare for us because most people have had these inspections done and generally received a lower premium," he says. "Now they've had a re-inspection and may have had a substantial 30 percent increase. But it's been a great conversation for insurance agents to have with their customers. It's not so much about how much they can save if they do this or that, but what's really important: How likely their home is to survive a storm."

The inspections, which can run from \$75 to \$125, can also point out areas that can be improved.

Phil Thompson, an independent agent and owner of The Thompson Agency, says standard wind deductibles in Florida are 2 percent of the dwelling coverage. That means homeowners with a \$200,000 home will foot \$4,000 of the bill.

Flood-prone zones

Homeowners insurance doesn't cover flooding; that's a separate animal determined by the federal government and priced exactly the same no matter the agency you purchase it through. And just because your home is not in a primary flood zone doesn't mean you're safe.

"The most common thing we hear is, 'I'm not in a flood zone,'" says Mr. Todd. "The entire state of Florida is a flood zone, and 30 percent of all floods across the country occur in a non-flood zone. Odd things happen all the time."

The added coverage is reasonably priced but has a 30-day waiting period before it's effective — except for those purchasing and financing a new home. And it can't be canceled at the end of hurricane season, says

Mr. Todd. "Any agency in Florida is able to write a flood policy," says Mr. Thompson, whose firm provides a small discount on a homeowner's premium for having the companion policy.

Check the facts

Most homeowner don't read every word in their policy, but it's important to check the declaration page and make sure data is correct — especially the construction date of your home. As Mr. Thompson notes, homes built after 2002 were constructed to higher building codes. "The rate on that home is going to be less expensive than a house built prior to 2002," he says. Mr. Todd also advises homeowners to ensure their home isn't over-insured. Home values in Southwest Florida have plummeted with the burst of the real estate bubble, and your policy should reflect today's value.

Likewise, make sure you have enough insurance. Older policies may not address replacement costs, a newer area of coverage that reimburses for personal possessions, appliances and other items on a depreciated basis, says Mr. Todd.

Do your homework

"Cheap insurance is like a cheap pair of shoes," says Charlie Dodson, an agent with State Farm who recommends homeowners research insurance companies through the Consumer Resources link on the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation web site (fior.com). "What happens with cheap insurance is when you go to make a claim and 200 to 300 homes are damaged, they file for bankruptcy and get out of Florida. If you don't want to be left hanging, double check on the company."

The deductible debate: Ultimately, it's up to the individual homeowner to weigh his risks — can he afford to pay higher monthly premiums for a smaller deductible in the event of a storm or would the extra monthly cash saved through lower premiums and a higher deductible be more beneficial?

"The difference might be grocery money for some people," says Mr. Todd. "Most hurricane deductibles are 2 to 5 percent of a dwelling."

"One way to save money is to raise your deductible," says Mr. Dodson. "Review your deductibles with your agent, and make sure you have everything you want covered. Some companies don't cover screen enclosures and they're the first thing that gets blown away in a storm."

The cash conundrum

Homebuyers who plunk down cash for a home and don't insure it within 30 days of the closing may find themselves staring down the eye of an approaching storm without coverage. "Don't wait until hurricane season to buy a policy," says Mr. Thompson. "Almost no one will write one." Most insurance companies, however, will observe a 30-day grace period from the purchase date.

Making a claim

After filing a claim with your agent, make your second call to a contractor. Much like those at the front of the line get the best concert or game tickets, homeowners can get the repair process moving faster by getting estimates.

"Don't settle the claim on your own but do the groundwork," says Mr. Todd. "Be proactive and get in line quickly. If it was a major hurricane, everyone is going to be affected and it's nice to be in line first."

Mr. Dodson also advises homeowners to take photos of the damage and make sure they're dealing with licensed, legitimate contractors. ■

— Nanci Theoret



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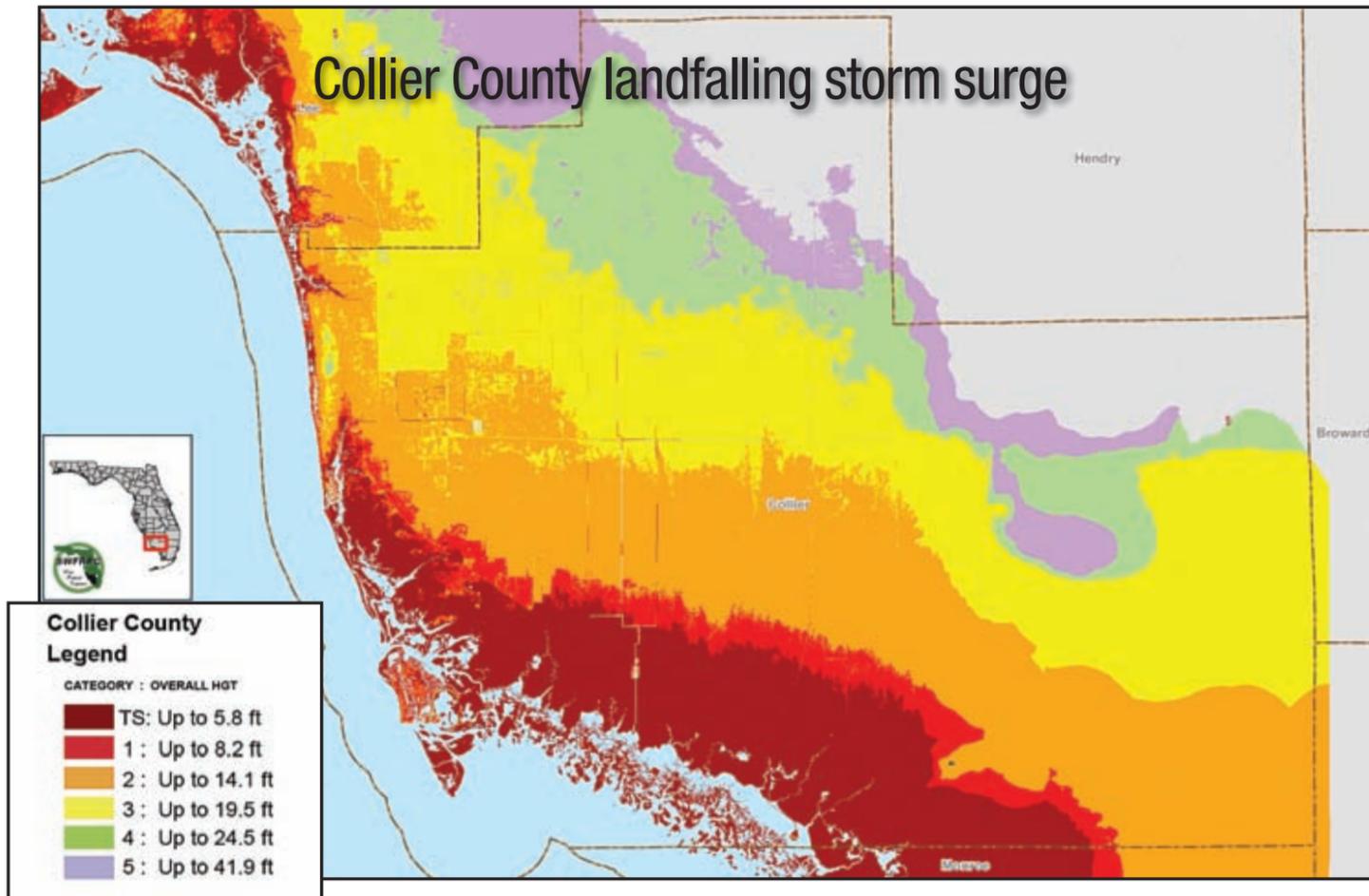
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What to eat when the power goes out

Southwest Florida has had mercifully peaceful hurricane seasons in the six years since Hurricane Charley made a direct hit on the region in 2005. We must guard against complacency, however, particularly when it comes to preparing to feed ourselves in the event of a prolonged outage.

It's prime time to review some of the culinary lessons Charley taught us — just in case.

Here are some food safety basics to keep in mind:

*When a storm warning is issued, freeze water in containers. Should you lose power, these will help keep things chilled. (If you lose power, place some of the frozen containers in the refrigerator and limit the opening of the doors to retain as much refrigeration as possible).

*Another option: If you have a gas-powered generator, immediately hook it up to the refrigerator. (You can also hook up a coffeemaker.)

*Invest in an appliance thermometer so you can monitor the temperature of the refrigerator (which should be at about 40 degrees or below) and freezer (0 degrees or below).

*Freeze refrigerated items like leftovers, milk, meat and poultry to help keep them at a safe temperature longer.

*Make sure you have plenty of charcoal or propane for your grill and/or fuel for a camping stove.

*Eat the most perishable items first. These are usually refrigerated items, such as dairy products, eggs, meats and leftovers.

*If you are friendly with neighbors, pool your supplies and eat together. Having multiple grills allows for more diverse — and more easily produced — meals,

while the socializing helps ease anxiety.

*Stock up on large aluminum chafing pans. They are ideal for boiling water and cooking stews, eggs, meats and such.

*Store food on shelves safely out of the way of contaminated water in case of flooding.

*Only drink bottled water if there's been flooding.

*Once you have to resort to canned goods, rely on seasonings and condiments to add flavor.

Here are some flavorful recipes that require little to no cooking and will use what you're likely to have in the refrigerator, freezer, etc.:

Improvised Pizza

1 ½ cups finely chopped fresh vegetables and/or cooked meats
¼ teaspoon salt, or to taste
⅛ teaspoon peppers, or to taste

½ cup Kalamata olives (ripe or green will do, too)

½ teaspoon lemon peel

4-6 ounces spreadable cheese, such as garlic and herb

1 cup shredded cheddar cheese (or whatever you have on hand)

¼ cup shredded Havarti cheese

6 (six-inch) flatbreads (or use tortillas, frozen pizza crusts, etc.

Cut up toppings finely — any mix of veggies and (cooked) meat that you like is fine. Mix with salt, pepper, olives and lemon peel. Spread cheese over the surface of the bread (these can be grilled first, if desired), top with vegetable mixture, sprinkle with shredded cheeses. Cut into wedges. Yields 15 appetizer-sized portions (if flatbreads are used).

Chipotle Chicken Soft Tacos

7 ounces (1 package) premium chicken breast, drained

1 cup canned diced new potatoes, drained

½ cup canned sweet corn, drained

2 tablespoons sweet onion, minced

1 ripe avocado, peeled, pitted and diced

2 to 4 chiles chipotles, depending on taste

3 tablespoons fresh lime juice

½ cup fresh cilantro, chopped

¼ cup apple cider vinegar

Salt and pepper

Soft tortillas

Combine chicken, potatoes, corn, chipotles, and onion in a medium-sized bowl. In a screw-top jar, combine vinegar, lime juice, salt, and cilantro, and shake vigorously. Pour over chicken mixture and toss. Season with pepper. Let sit for 30 minutes to allow ingredients to meld. Mix in avocado before serving. Place in soft tortillas and fold. Serves 2 to 4.

Classic Marshmallow Treats

¼ cup butter

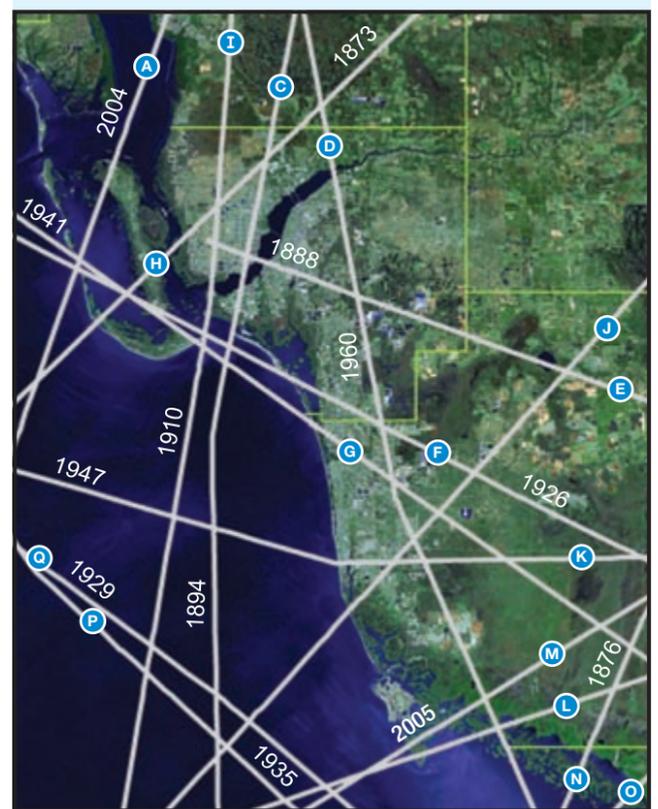
4 cups miniature marshmallows

5 cups crisp rice cereal

Using the grill or cook stove, melt butter in large sauce pan over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until melted and well blended. Stir constantly, cooking 2 more minutes. Remove from heat, add cereal and stir to blend. Using a butter spatula or wax paper, press mixture evenly into well buttered 13-by-9-inch pan. Cool, then cut into 2-by-2-inch squares. Yields 24 servings. ■

—Karen Feldman

Southwest Florida hurricanes since 1851



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D: Donna 09.10.1960 Cat. 3 115 MPH	H: Unnamed 10.07.1873 Cat. 2 100 MPH	L: Unnamed 10.21.1924 Cat. 1 80 MPH	P: Unnamed 09.03.1935 Cat. 2 100 MPH
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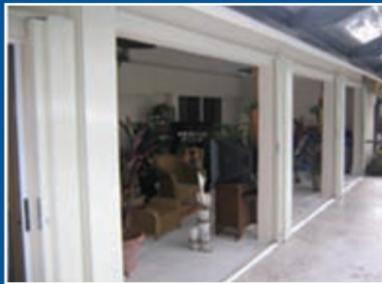
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Storm action timeline

Early Summer

- Develop your storm plan.
- Stock your hurricane supply kit (page 10).
- Create a checklist of items you will want to take with you if you have to leave.
- Take "before" pictures of your home for insurance purposes.
- Find out the elevation of your home.
- Make sure your street address is clearly marked on your home.

Hurricane watch is announced

- Hurricane conditions are possible within the next 48 hours.
- Clear your yard of potential flying debris, including lawn furniture, toys, etc.
 - Lower the water level in the swimming pool by one foot.
 - Board up windows.
 - Gas up the car. Check your oil and tire pressure.
 - Get cash. ATMs and banks may not be open after a storm.
 - Turn the refrigerator to the coldest setting.
 - Store plenty of water.

Hurricane warning is issued

- Hurricane conditions are possible within the next 36 hours.
- Gather important documents.
 - Finish shuttering doors and windows.
 - Evacuate if you are ordered to do so.
 - If you're staying home, designate a safe room. Interior bathrooms or closets on the lowest level with no windows work best.
 - Charge cell phones and other devices.

During the storm

- Stay indoors.
- Stay away from windows even if they're shuttered.
- Listen to media reports for the latest information.
- Stay inside even if it appears calm. Do not go out until the all-clear is given.

After the storm

- The longest part of the process, recovery can take weeks.
- Move slowly and cautiously as you survey and clean up. Most injuries take place after the storm.
- Do not use public water until you are notified that it is safe.
- Avoid travel if possible.
- Do not connect generators to house wiring.
- Beware of downed power lines, wild animals and even domestic animals that may be frightened or lost.
- Take pictures of damage and contact your insurance agent.

Agencies and organizations offer help

Hindsight is always a dishonest voice for the present. The storms have been quiet since Hurricane Wilma during the 2005 season, which was the last major hurricane to affect the Fort Myers area. But no one wants to walk down the street and see fallen trees and power lines scattered along the road, and wonder what to do next. Yet, this scenario is a reality we should prepare for during every hurricane season.

Southwest Floridians know from experience that neighbors, churches and local businesses come together in unprecedented ways to help with recovery efforts. Nevertheless, we've compiled some of the contact information for the "big" organizations that can serve as a starting place for either volunteerism or for your own recovery once the weather system has passed.

From reporting downed power lines to who to call about clean water, canned food and local shelters, these accredited contacts will help with your questions and needs. ■

in the know

American Red Cross

>> **What:** Since its establishment by schoolteacher Clara Barton in 1881, this leading humanitarian organization specializes in emergency assistance, disaster relief and education. Boasting more than 700 chapters and 36 blood service regions, this organization is run by volunteers and is funded by donations.

>> **Lee County:** 7051 Cypress Terrace, Suite 110, Fort Myers (239) 278-3401

>> **Charlotte County:** 866 Tamiami Trail #8, Port Charlotte (941) 629-4345

>> **Collier County:** 2610 Northbrooke Plaza Drive, Naples (239) 596-6868

>> **On the Web:** www.redcross.org

FEMA

>> **What:** A federally controlled organization, the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides disaster relief services such as medical care, rescue teams and communications support for local safety authorities (i.e. local police stations and fire and rescue.) In order to get FEMA support, the governor of a state needs to declare a state of emergency in the wake of a natural disaster.

FEMA's headquarters is located in Washington, D.C., and is divided into 10 separate regions, the closest to Florida being Region 4, located at 3003 Chamblee Tucker Road, Atlanta, Ga. 30341. Its location in Florida is dependent on the disaster site. During a disaster, news reports will inform you where FEMA has set up field offices.

>> **FEMA Disaster Assistance** (800) 621-3362

>> **On the Web:** www.fema.gov

FPL

>> **What:** Florida Power and Light is Southwest Florida's main electric power supplier. For safety reasons, FPL strongly advises that the public should not drive or travel in damaged areas after a major hurricane.

>> **Lee County:** (239) 334-7754

>> **Charlotte County:** (941) 639-1106

>> **Collier County:** (239) 262-1322

>> **On the Web:** www.fpl.com/storm

LCEC

>> **What:** A nonprofit electric distribution cooperative that serves many Southwest Florida cities, including Cape Coral, North Fort Myers, Marco Island, Sanibel, Captiva Islands, Pine Island, Everglades City, Immokalee, Ave Maria and Lehigh Acres. (239) 656-2300

>> **On the Web:** www.lcec.net/hurricane

Emergency Management

>> **What:** According to Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes, each county is required to maintain an emergency management agency.

>> **Lee:** 2665 Ortiz Ave., Fort Myers; (239) 656-2300; www.leeec.com

>> **Charlotte:** 26571 Airport Road, Punta Gorda; (941) 833-4000; <http://charlotte-countyfl.com/Emergency>

>> **Collier:** 8075 Lely Cultural Pkwy., Naples; (239) 252-3600; www.collierem.org

The Salvation Army

>> **What:** A Christian organization started in London in the 1800s that provides disaster relief as part of its overall mission "to motivate all people to embrace the salvation provided to them in Christ."

>> **Lee County:** 10291 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, (239) 334-3745

>> **Charlotte County:** (941) 629-5101; 2735 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte

>> **Collier County:** 3180 Estey Ave., Naples, (239) 775-9447

>> **On the Web:** www.salvationarmy.org

United Way

>> **What:** A charitable organization that provides assistance in the community by connecting people to various volunteering opportunities.

>> **Lee:** 7275 Concourse Drive, Fort Myers, (239) 433-2000

>> **Charlotte:** 17831 Murdock Circle, Suite A, Port Charlotte, (941) 627-3539

>> **Collier:** 848 First Avenue, North, #240 Naples, (239) 261-7112

>> **On the Web:** www.unitedway.org



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Pet family members need a plan, too

When formulating a hurricane plan, make sure it includes all members of the family, including pets.

After so many animals were abandoned following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Hurricane Charley in Southwest Florida, disaster preparedness officials have stepped up measures to help pets and to encourage owners to plan ahead in case a hurricane strikes.

Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties all have emergency shelters for people and their pets, although space — and therefore, access — is largely restricted to those in spots where evacuation is mandatory.

“People should have a hurricane plan for their pets as well as family but the pet-friendly shelter should not be their plan,” says Ria Brown, public relations and information manager for Lee County Domestic Animal Services. “It is intended as a last resort if they cannot execute their personal plan, not because they failed to have a plan.”

If people find they need to go to a county-run pet shelter, they will be

required to stay as well and will need to care for their pets throughout the stay. Animals must be current on immunizations and have sufficient food, water and an approved crate.

The best option is for people to leave the area and take their pets with them. Don’t expect local veterinarians or boarding kennels to accept animals. They will fall under the same guidelines and conditions as residents. And, should a hurricane strike, they are likely to be without power as well.

To prepare their pets for hurricane season, owners should attend to the following:

■ **Vaccinations:** Make sure pets are current on these now. It takes a couple of weeks for most immunizations to become protective so it’s too late once a storm approaches.

■ **Identification:** Put pets’ county licensing tags on their collars, as well as an ID tag with your phone number. Make sure your address and phone number is current on ID tags. A microchip ID (available through most veteri-

narians as well as Animal Services), is highly recommended because collars can be lost during storms but the chip will remain implanted and owners can update the company as to their whereabouts,

■ **Hurricane kit:** Gather up pet supplies. (See below.)

■ **Medications:** Make sure you keep a few weeks’ worth on hand so you won’t have to rush to refill them at the last minute.

■ Secure a place to stay.

Pet hurricane kit

- Leash and secure collar
- Pet food (in waterproof containers), enough for at least one week
- Water for one week
- Manual can opener
- Bowls for food and water
- Impact-resistant crate of sufficient size (no soft-sided or homemade models and one for each pet)
- Bedding (blanket or towels for crate)
- Litter, litter box and scoop for cats

- Pet’s regular medications
- Toys, chewies and other stress relievers
- County license and other identification (microchip IDs are encouraged)
- Proof of vaccinations
- Photo of pet
- Pet first-aid kit
- Grooming items

Websites

■ **Leelostpets.com:** The Lee County Domestic Animal Services site has a section dedicated to storm preparedness for pets.

■ **Colliergov.net/pets:** For Collier County information

■ **Charlottecountyfl.com/emergency/hurricanes:** For Charlotte County information

■ **Hsus.org:** The Humane Society of the United States also has a downloadable pamphlet on disaster preparedness.

■ **Petswelcome.com:** A listing of hotels and motels that accept pets. ■

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New Orleans, Aug. 30, 2005 — People sit on a roof waiting to be rescued after Hurricane Katrina, the costliest mainland U.S. hurricane of all time.

The costliest storms in U.S. history

Tropical cyclone (State)	Year	Category	Damage
1 Katrina (Fl, La, Ms)	2005	3	\$108,000,000,000
2 Ike (Tx, La)	2008	2	\$29,520,000,000
3 Andrew (Fl, La)	1992	5	\$26,500,000,000
4 Wilma (Fl)	2005	3	421,007,000,000
5 Ivan (Al, Fl)	2004	3	\$18,820,000,000
6 Charley (Fl)	2004	4	415,113,000,000
7 Rita (La, Tx)	2005	3	\$12,037,000,000
8 Frances (Fl)	2004	2	\$9,507,000,000
9 Allison (Tx)	2001	TS	\$9,000,000,000
10 Jeanne (Fl)	2004	3	\$7,660,000,000

— Source: National Hurricane Center

Portable generator safety tips

- Follow the instructions that come with your generator.
- Never run generators indoors, including garages and sheds.
- Locate the unit outdoors and far from doors, windows and vents.
- Install battery-operated CO alarms in your home.
- Before refueling the generator, turn it off and let it cool down. ■



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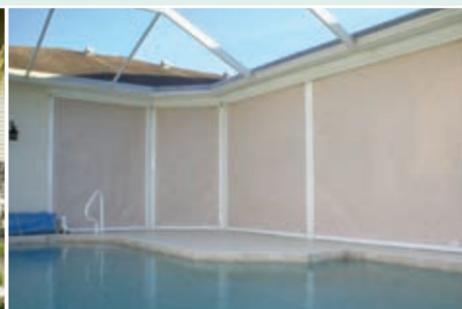
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