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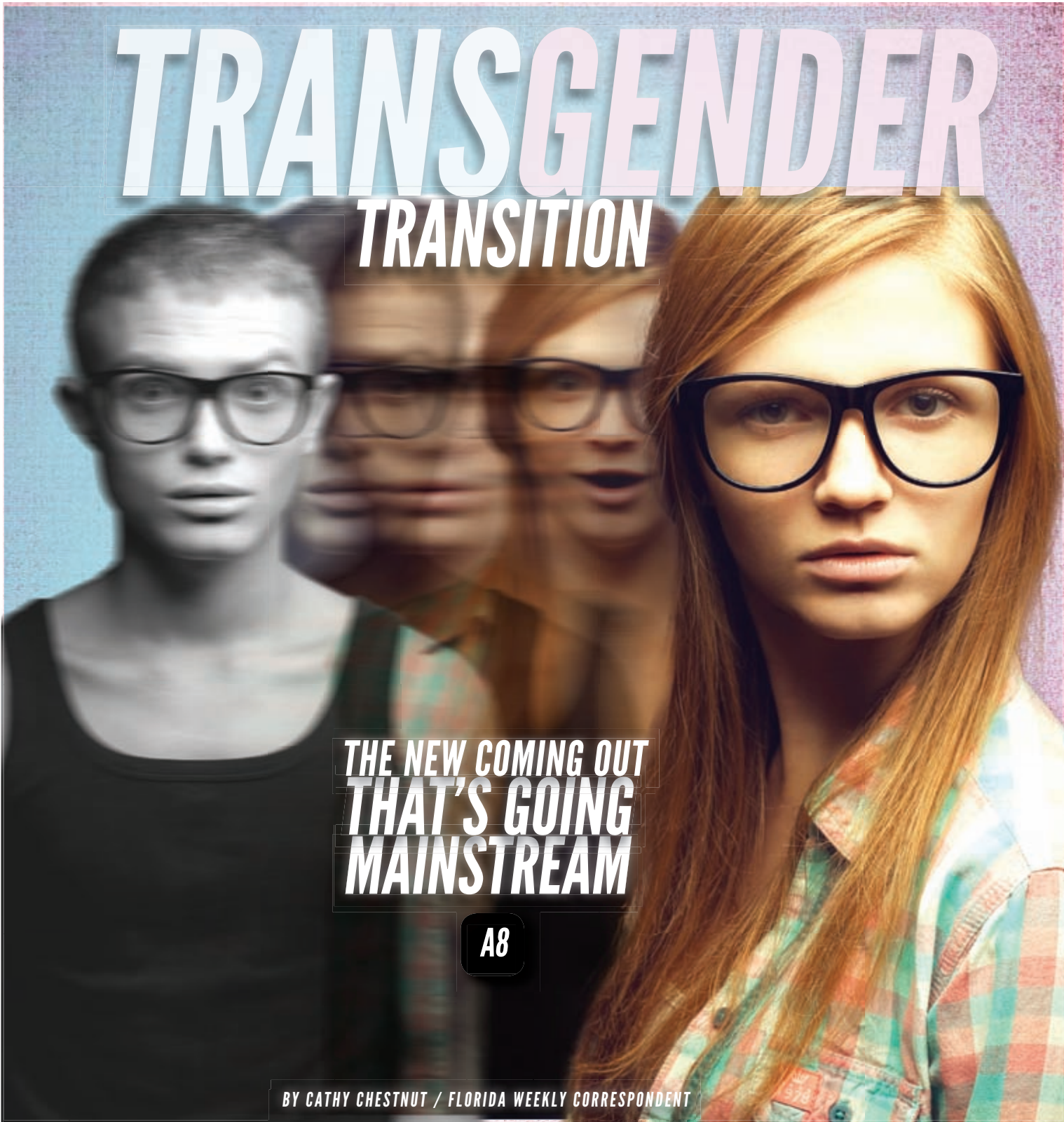
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Business is looking good along the Avenue

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Fifth Avenue South is a street unique among downtowns in that just beyond six blocks of restaurants, art galleries and boutiques and the multi-million-dollar condos above them lies the most prized amenity of all: a white sand beach on the Gulf of Mexico. Even so, at least two dozen empty storefronts marked the avenue's swift decline during the great recession.

"Those were first-floor vacancies, so you could really see how the economic downturn had an impact on the city's core entertainment district," said Lise Sundrila, director of the Fifth Avenue South Business



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An evening stroll along Fifth Avenue South

Improvement District, which the city created in late 2010 to help recapture its image.

These days, though, the vacancy signs have disappeared and there's a waiting list

of businesses hoping for a spot on the street whose tony image has largely been restored, Ms. Sundrila added.

Members of a marketing group from the women's clothing store Boston Proper thought so, too. They were staying at The Inn on Fifth last week, which has undergone its own recent renovations. The group was excited, in part about the Inn's new look — "The rooms here are just day and night from what they were," raved Boston Proper president Sheryl Clark — but mostly because they were there for the grand opening of their first Fifth Avenue store.

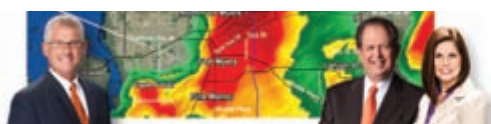
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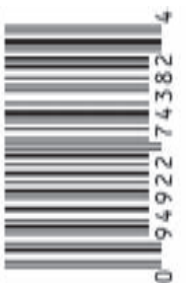
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COMMENTARY

I'm out – but not old



Bill Yeats, the Irish poet, wrote a few lines once that aimed for candor about how and why people devote themselves to each other.

They ended like this: "...Only God, my dear,/Could love you for yourself alone/And not your yellow hair."

Yeats was wrong, though. Not about the way most young people cherish each other, which was the pretext of his poem "For Anne Gregory," but about the way any of us can love each other if we choose.

I learned this again as I watched the children, their spouses and a grandson he helped raise step in to care for their father and my neighbor, Chester Scheneman, over the last three years.

They loved him for himself alone (just as he loved them), and they did it in a particularly American way, at least as I imagine it.

Like many American families, theirs is spread out. So they had to come from all over the map for extended periods to sample some of his undying good cheer, and to share theirs with him — either here in Florida or in Crete last spring, where his oldest son keeps a home.

To meet up, they traveled from Arizona, Tennessee, Virginia, or from an active-duty billet on the bridge of a Navy warship in the Mediterranean, some-

times taking turns and sometimes gathering en masse.

Chet, meanwhile, had fallen into a steady decline that did exactly nothing to dampen his passionate embrace of life, or his determination not to complain about its difficulties.

So when he died Sunday morning at 89 in Charlottesville, where one of his two daughters had taken charge of his care, it didn't take me long to recognize two facts.

One, I had just witnessed an example of unleavened love, the kind Yeats did not consider, delivered in unison by individuals who have different interests, live in different places, and carry on with widely different temperaments and ambitions.

And two, no matter what anybody else says, there is really no such thing as "old people." There are people who have quit or given up, but that can happen at any age. The only way to know this, though, is to spend some time with those accused of being old.

I've been doing that piecemeal since I was 18, when I used to visit a working-class nursing home in my college town "to help somebody in need," as I once announced self-importantly to my mother.

Turns out, I was the one in need. And I was the one who benefitted the most, not that old woman they introduced me to, the one who had no family or apparent friends and never received any visitors.

She was foul-mouthed, fearless, uninhibited and big-hearted, a Kansas farm

woman named Nancy Bradley who remained mostly bed-ridden after a couple of strokes. We became the closest of friends, and together with my girlfriend

the deal, especially my youngest son, Nash. And not because Chet gave him a pocketknife, fishing lures, candy bars at Halloween, and free access to the creek behind his house, where the boy caught bass and bluegill.

It was something else entirely. Before long, Nash didn't see old when he looked at Chet.

And now, I don't see gone when I look across the road. Instead, I see Chet watching still, there where the century-old oaks paint their green-limbed dreams with a thousand fingers, brushing the belly of the pregnant sky.

There, where she'll soon give birth to the future, and the strong, steady pulse of his long life is silent now.

The fact is, Chet was never Old. His mother didn't name him "Old."

Old wasn't his job, his vocation or his style. Old, hell. There is no Old, even in a nation where 13 percent of the population, more than 40 million people, are now 65 or older. Or in a Sunshine State where 17.7 percent of the 19 million residents were born before the sun ever rose on the second half of the 20th century.

Chet, of course, couldn't have cared less whether a demographer or some young whippersnapper called him old.

He lived fully in each day until the day he didn't. And then he signed off, probably the same way he always signed off, in person or by phone, either one.

"I'm out," he'd say. But never old. ■



of the time, we used to sneak out in my old red International pick-up truck, buy a highly illegal pineapple ice-cream sundae, and roar up and down the farm roads outside of town laughing like fools.

That's when I began to see beyond her yellow hair, which had turned steel gray and usually clung matted and flat to her skull, tied back and I doubt washed more than once every couple of weeks.

It was something like that with Chet, too, as my family and I did things for him — a little shopping, some transport to doctors, an occasional task around his place. He wasn't pretty to look at, but he was beautiful to behold.

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OPINION

Hillary's race card



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Anyone who doubts that Hillary Clinton is already in fine fighting trim for a presidential run should consider her speech to the American Bar Association in San Francisco.

She assailed an alleged "assault on voting rights." She took aim at the Supreme Court's recent decision striking down a portion of the Voting Rights Act and excoriated states that have recently tightened their voting laws. She declared that "anyone who says that racial discrimination is no longer a problem in American elections must not be paying attention."

Madam Secretary hasn't missed a beat. She knows that the calling card of Democrats in the Obama era is a polarizing politics that seeks to fire up minority voters by stirring fears of fire hoses and police dogs. Its basic vocabulary is imputations of racism; its evidentiary standard is low and dishonest; and

its ethic is whatever works — so long as it stirs fear and anger.

The latest target is the state of North Carolina, which is accused of soiling itself with a new voter ID law, among other changes in its election laws. "The Decline of North Carolina," harrumphs *The New York Times*. "North Carolina's Attack on Voting Rights," says *The Daily Beast*.

North Carolina's offense is joining the American mainstream. It is one of at least 30 states to adopt a voter ID law. Such laws enjoy broad public support. A Washington Post poll last year showed 65 percent of blacks and 64 percent of Latinos supporting voter ID. It is such a common-sense idea that such foreign redoubts of backwardness as Switzerland and Sweden require an ID to vote.

The constitutionality of voter ID isn't in doubt. The Supreme Court upheld Indiana's voter ID law in 2008 in a 6-3 decision written by now-retired liberal Justice John Paul Stevens. The evidence suggests that voter ID laws don't suppress the votes of anyone. Hans A. von Spakovsky, a voting expert at The Heritage Foundation, points out that major, dispassionate studies show no effect on turnout.

Hillary and the left will have none of it, though. North Carolina, in particular, is said to have exposed the nasty underlying agenda of voter ID.

It is cutting back on early voting, from 17 days to 10 days. There it is — that must be disenfranchisement! But the state wants to make up for the reduced days with more sites where voters can vote early and greater hours of operation. (Despite the animadversions of *The New York Times*, New York doesn't allow no-excuse early voting — surely because it is so hostile to minorities.)

It is ending same-day registration. Bingo! North Carolina hates black voters. But the majority of states — again, including New York — don't allow same-day registration.

You can certainly argue that election laws like those adopted in North Carolina are unnecessary or imprudent. You can't argue that they are a de facto return to the era of the poll tax. But Hillary is undeterred. Evidently, she is fired up and ready to go. ■

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

Manning wronged and Miranda's rights



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

"There is not a flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people," wrote the late historian Howard Zinn, author of "A People's History of the United States." These words were included in a statement by Pfc. Bradley Manning, read by his defense attorney David Coombs, at a press conference following Manning's sentencing to 35 years in military prison for releasing hundreds of thousands of documents to the whistle-blower website WikiLeaks. The statement accompanies Manning's request to President Barack Obama for a presidential pardon.

Across the Atlantic, David Miranda, the partner of journalist Glenn Greenwald, was detained under Britain's terrorism laws at London's Heathrow Airport, his electronic equipment was confiscated, and he was interrogated and threatened with prison.

Both events have heightened the already intense level of scrutiny on the expanding, seemingly unchecked reach of the U.S. government. Miranda is rattled, but free. Manning will soon head, shackled, to begin serving his sentence. NSA whistle-blower Edward Snowden remains in temporary political asylum somewhere in Russia, and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange continues his residence in exile, not far from Heathrow, in the cramped Ecuadorean Embassy in London. What is remarkable is that this patchwork of individuals has set this brave, new world of global war and surveillance reeling.

"It was not until I was in Iraq and reading secret military reports on a daily basis that I started to question the morality of what we were doing," Manning wrote in the statement read by Coombs. "Whenever we killed innocent civilians, instead of accepting respon-

sibility for our conduct, we elected to hide behind the veil of national security and classified information in order to avoid any public accountability."

As he said at the opening of his court-martial, Manning released the confidential material to "spark a domestic debate on the role of the military and our foreign policy." The most graphic example was his release of the Apache attack helicopter video, where at least a dozen civilians were killed. The video includes radio transmissions between the soldiers, joking about the violence they were committing.

While the video, released by WikiLeaks under the title "Collateral Murder," is graphic, the additional releases by Manning shed a bright light on the classified wars being waged by the U.S. government, far from public view. The War Diaries (<http://wardiary.wikileaks.org>) include hundreds of thousands of field reports from both Afghanistan and Iraq. In cold military jargon, the classified documents reveal the scale of the brutality of war, the routine violence, and the daily killing of civilians.

Coombs continued with Manning's statement: "In our zeal to kill the enemy, we internally debated the definition of torture. We held individuals at Guantanamo for years without due process. We inexplicably turned a blind eye to torture and executions by the Iraqi government. And we stomachied countless other acts in the name of our war on terror."

Glenn Greenwald and Laura Poitras are the two journalists who have collaborated on the Snowden leaks from the outset. Last weekend, David Miranda, a citizen of Brazil, was detained by British authorities for nine hours under Schedule 7 of the U.K. Terrorism Act of 2000.

Lord Charles Falconer, who helped introduce the law into the British House of Lords, says Miranda's detention was an abuse of the law. "Publication in the Guardian is not instigating terrorism," Falconer wrote in that paper. "The state may wish that journalists would not

publish sensitive material, but it is up to journalists, not the state, to decide where to draw the line." While Miranda is not a journalist, he has long assisted his partner Greenwald in his work, and the authorities in Britain, including Prime Minister David Cameron, who reportedly had advance knowledge of Miranda's detention, knew full well that he was no terrorist.

The violation of Miranda's rights has created a political firestorm in Britain, whose equivalent to the National Security Agency, the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), has come under equal scrutiny for widespread surveillance.

David Coombs finished reading Manning's statement at the post-sentencing press conference: "When I chose to disclose classified information, I did so out of a love for my country and a sense of duty to others." Addressing President Obama, Manning wrote: "If you deny my request for a pardon, I will serve my time knowing that sometimes you have to pay a heavy price to live in a free society. I will gladly pay that price if it means we could have a country that is truly conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all women and men are created equal."

The morning after his sentencing, Manning issued a statement that read, in part, "As I transition into this next phase of my life, I want everyone to know the real me. I am Chelsea Manning. I am a female. Given the way that I feel, and have felt since childhood, I want to begin hormone therapy as soon as possible. I hope that you will support me in this transition." ■

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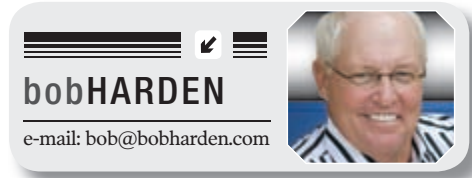
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After college and her wedding to her childhood sweetheart, Brooke, Lisa began her career at First United Methodist Church of South Miami. Her first exposure to what she calls "Infectious Habitus" was when congregants help build Habitat home in an impoverished neighborhood near the church. Since then, she has served two other churches and led volunteer teams as they worked to build Habitat homes.

She became the first director of volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of Collier County in 1999 and since then has worked daily with "a remarkable group of people — colleagues, volunteers, donors and partner families — all with the same desire: to move toward that day when all God's children have at least a simple, decent place to live."

Lisa's husband of 30 years is a special needs teacher at Seagate Elementary and runs the Naples Motorcycle Riding School. Son Nick is the head primate keeper at The Naples Zoo; daughter Jessie works in the business office of a local medical practice.

The family enjoys exploring the Paradise Coast together, especially in their 14-foot skiff, The Sea Hag.

Lisa grew up in Miami as the eldest of five children. Their dad was a psychologist and their mom an opera singer.

"I was very blessed to be a part of this remarkable family where we traveled a great deal, following mom from opera house to opera house," she says. The experience provided her with a strong worldview long before the Internet led

As the executive vice president of development for Habitat for Humanity of Collier County, one of the largest affiliates of the international organization as well as one of the oldest (celebrating its 35th anniversary this year), Lisa Lefko experiences a sense of exhilaration every time a new home is completed and its family begins a new chapter in their lives. She enjoys that same exhilaration every time a new volunteer shares their delight in helping to build a home alongside members of the partner family, and every time a donor shares of their resources for the benefit of a family with great needs. And it's with equal joy that, when she encounters a family coming into the Habitat office to pay their mortgage, they seek her out to tell her how much their home means to them.

In addition to her role at Habitat for Humanity, Lisa, an ordained minister, serves Cornerstone United Methodist Church as a volunteer worship leader.

She graduated from Centenary College in Strevport, La., with a double major in political science in Christian education. At her graduation, she recalls, her father lamented "that I would be a horrible dinner guest since my passions were the two forbidden topics: religion and politics."

Talking points with Lisa Lefkow



Something your mother was always right about: How important it is to speak clearly and to project.

Something you'll never understand: Bigotry. I have a hard time with folks who are judgmental about those who are different than they are.

First job: My first job was in my best friend's dad's doughnut shop. We closed the store at 3 and got to eat anything that was left.

Mentor(s): My grandparents and parents, cherished friends who hold up the mirror for me, my family and colleagues, and those from the great cloud of witnesses who have provided leadership and demonstrated the humility and wisdom that I pray for daily.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? Truly, I cannot imagine!

What makes you laugh? My children have amazing senses of humor. We all laugh A LOT.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I stopped taking piano lessons too soon when I was a child. I wish I could sit down and play well now.

Last books you read: "Think" by Lisa Bloom and "Managing the Nonprofit Organization" by Peter Drucker.

Guilty pleasures: Spending time at the beach with a great book and my toes in the sand.

Pet peeve: My Brownie leader had a thing for dangling prepositions ... she gave that to me, and that began a life of watching for grammatical errors.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away: I love coming home to familiar streets and the welcoming community that is Naples. The sunshine and fresh air provide that welcome home embrace that I cherish.

most of us to recognize that we are part of a global neighborhood — a neighborhood that Lisa helps make a better place, every day. ■

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of "The Bob Harden Show," airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com.

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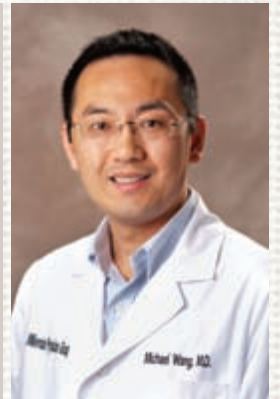
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The meeting is set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. Stations will be set up for attendees to ask topic-specific questions about:

- Provisions of the existing rules and statutes and DEP's regulatory authority.

- The permitting process.
- Environmental protection and public safety.
- The Dan A. Hughes Company permit application.

Public comment will continue to be taken until the agency takes final agency action on the permit. Comment cards will be available to be filled out at the meeting or mailed at a later time. Comments can also be e-mailed to Ed.Garrett@dep.state.fl.us. ■

Thinking about running for office?

Consider attending the Campaign for Leadership

The Leadership Collier Foundation and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce will host the 2013 Campaign for Leadership on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, at Hodges University. Keynote speaker will be Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart.

The Campaign for Leadership is a non-partisan, public-private partnership with the goal of inspiring citizens to get involved in local government issues and equip them with the knowledge on how to run for public office. Guest speakers include politicians, media representatives,

campaign managers and policy experts.

"Our goal is to provide the knowledge and tools for the public to get involved and help make Collier County the best place to live and work," says CJ Hueston, chair of the Leadership Collier Foundation.

Registration for \$75 includes lunch, refreshments and networking opportunities. Sponsorship opportunities are available beginning at \$300.

For more information, contact Brenda O'Connor at 403-2902 or Brenda@napleschamber.org. ■

Build a better bucket list

Avow invites the public to a thought-provoking session about living a meaningful life and building a legacy from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 26, at the Ispiri community center at Avow's main campus, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane.

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TRANSGENDER TRANSITION

The new coming out that's going mainstream

BY CATHY CHESTNUT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

IF YOU'RE A FAN OF THE LONG-RUNNING "Glee" or have been swept into the new "Orange is the New Black" series on Netflix, you are likely becoming more intimate with the complex issues and emotions transgender people face.

The fact that these popular series include a transgender character is proof that this sliver-thin minority of society is finally getting its day in the sun.

Last week, WikiLeaks document mole Army Pfc. Bradley Manning announced



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the day after being sentenced to 35 years in prison: "I am Chelsea Manning. I am a female." Pfc. Manning's announcement came on the heels of the June release of the memoir, "Warrior Princess: A U.S. Navy SEAL's Journey to

Coming out Transgender," penned by Kristin Beck, who transitioned from Chris Beck after earning a Purple Heart and Bronze Star during a 20-year stint as a SEAL that included seven combat deployments.

Beyond popular culture — buoyed by celebrity Chaz Bono's public 2010 announcement of his transition — and media coverage, transgender people also are getting their day in the courts, ranging from local school districts to state mandates



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to federal discrimination laws. In April, the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled that transgender people are a protected class under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which prohibits employment discrimination based on a number of factors, including sex.

That doesn't mean that mainstream society understands or wholly accepts transgender people: those who feel deep-down they were born physically as the wrong sex. But it may mean that mainstream society is beginning to understand that transgender people aren't acting a certain way or proclaiming something that seems radical because of their sexual orientation or out of an extreme fetish. It's because they were born that way — the wrong way.

An unstudied minority

The incidence of transgender individuals in society is hard to pinpoint because it hasn't been a widely studied field of research or data collection. According to the San Francisco-based nonprofit Transgender Law Center, one-half of 1 percent of the national population is transgender.

Because it's such a small percentage, and transgender people often carry on with lives cloaked in secrecy, confusion and fear, "Transgender people experience much higher rates of discrimination and violence," says Mark Snyder of the Transgender Law Center. However, "Our culture is beginning to see that transgender people are part of America's fabric. Increasingly, as transgender people share their stories, others are beginning to understand why it's important to treat everyone with fairness."

It's a slim minority to begin with, and it can take years for transgender people to grapple with their reality and come out. Some may never come out. Some may seek to change their physical self; others don't have that desire. Transgender, by definition, is to go "across gender."

In Southwest Florida, many who are coming out are seeking Laura Streyffeler, PhD., a Fort Myers licensed mental health counselor and trauma and domestic and sexual violence expert. She has been practicing for 25 years, but has been seeing more transgender clients in recent years. The clinical diagnosis for transgender clients is known as "gender dysphoria"; dysphoria means a long-term, mild-level depression. (Another common term — gender identification disorder — has fallen out of use because it implies a "disorder.")

Someone who is transgender "is somebody who believes they were born in the wrong body and see their body as a birth defect. Some people are born without an arm or a cleft palate. Transgender individuals believe there is a defect and they got the wrong parts. Basically, they're stuck in the wrong body that doesn't match their inside," Ms. Streyffeler explains. "There's nothing sexual. It's not a fetish. It's a girl in a boy's body dressed as a girl."

Ms. Streyffeler estimates she's had about 15 such clients. The majority are males who feel they are females. Ms. Streyffeler compares the emergence of transgender people who are opening up akin to other oppressed groups — minorities, interracial couples and homosexuals — who have become liberated since the civil rights movement. This just may be the latest frontier for equal rights.

"It's something that's always been there, but people are finding it easier to be who they are and it's so much more socially acceptable to be who you are," she says. "The Internet is giving people information, resources, chat rooms and support with issues that they simply didn't have before."

Gabrielle Gilmore, founder and president of the Naples Chapter of Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, agrees. She says more transgender individuals, or their parents, have begun reaching out to the nonprofit support group, though the majority of members still want to address homosexuality in their families.

"Perhaps about 10 percent of new people are transgender," Ms. Gilmore says. "The needs of trans persons are very intense and different from the needs of homosexual persons. The age range varies and we have had persons of all ages, from 5- or 6-year-olds who want to be the opposite sex, to persons who are coming to terms with their identity in middle age."

PFLAG Naples doesn't offer professional advice, just a safe place for sharing experiences. For transgender issues, the group recommends Mary Boenke's book "Trans Forming Families: Real Stories About Transgender Loved Ones."

"We have a saying that when children come out of the closet, sometimes the parents go into the closet, and it seems to be a great help to talk over problems and share experiences with other parents who have been through the same situations," says Ms. Gilmore. "I believe more and more transgender people are coming out of the closet as society becomes more acceptable of gender variance."

He is She — Tess steps out

Tim grew up in a Southern Pentecostal family in Tampa, married Jenn 11 years ago and they had children. For the past two years, Tim has transitioned into Tess, and the changes are becoming complete.

As is typical with transgender people



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"I was very effeminate as a child. The upbringing that I had comes back to religion. When you have a really, really strict upbringing, they drill it into your head that bad thoughts are a sin. I didn't feel like a boy. But thoughts of 'Oh, I'm a girl' were so taboo, when it began to cross my mind, I put it out of my mind. I thought I was going to hell."

— Tess, transgender woman

who decide to change their physical attributes, Tess doesn't respond kindly to the birth moniker or pronoun that Tim abided by.

She is Tess.

Growing up, Tess harbored an inexplicable secret in a world filled with doubt: "I was very effeminate as a child. The upbringing that I had comes back to religion. When you have a really, really strict upbringing, they drill it into your head that bad thoughts are a sin. I didn't feel like a boy. But thoughts of 'Oh, I'm a girl' were so taboo, when it began to cross my mind, I put it out of my mind. I thought I was going to hell."

As a result, Tess played with Legos and G.I. Joes, but was constantly picked on for "being more girl than boy." Being a transgender child in that milieu, "wasn't something I could articulate in my head. It was articulated as a sin."

Although Tess is quick to point that she grew up in "a loving and sheltered environment," she says that in response to bullying and isolation, she fought back and went through a "hyper-masculine" period, which netted negative results. "Most people saw me as an asshole — that kind of confrontational individual. People were nasty to me, and you develop an emotional armor."

She goes on: "I tried to become someone else, someone to be intimidated by rather than to intimidate. I always knew what the problem was; I couldn't tell anyone else. Gender is not about outwardly things. Because you do masculine things doesn't mean you're masculine."

To begin the journey, Tess, 40, of San

Carlos Park, told Jennifer, and began regular therapy with Ms. Streyffeler. Tess and Jenn told their 10-year-old twin boys, who now call their former father "maddy" — mommy and daddy combined. Since February, Tess has been taking painful hormone shots, administered by Jennifer with a 2-inch-long needle. (Hormone replacement therapy is a life-long commitment for maintaining the physical attributes of the opposite sex.)

The transition will be complete this fall, when Tess legally changes her name and gender marker — the boxes that are checked for legal, health and employment documents: M (male) or F (female). Some companies have expanded the boxes to include U (unspecified) to accommodate questioning or transgender clients and patients

When gender markers are officially changed, courts, law enforcement, the federal government and employers must legally recognize the transition. The administrative procedures for changing one's gender marker varies with each state, and sometimes an attorney is required. Changing a gender marker also may affect marriage status.

Jenn and Tess plan to stay together. "As long as Tess is happy, and she definitely is, then I'm happy," says Jenn, 33. "She's in a better mood, and we're better to each other and better to our kids." They have not yet decided whether or not to pursue sexual reassignment surgery. "We're not entirely sure yet. It does cost a lot of money. It depends on what she needs and what we can afford," says Jenn. "If she feels she needs it, by God, we're going to make that happen."

For the most part, Tess, a graphic designer, seems confident in her new being. Tess says neither she nor her family are mistreated in public venues. She is pleasantly surprised that, at her age, her body is responding well to the hormone replacement. She's seen weight gain in the hips and thighs and "significant growth up top" — going from "nothing to an A cup." Her facial hair is disappearing.

Tess says that ultimately, "You have to work things out inside yourself — which is a mountain, admittedly — and then you have to work it out with others outside of yourself."

A history of tolerance

Though transgender people are coming out of the shadows, the phenomena is anything but new, says Kris De Welde, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology at Florida Gulf Coast University, who teaches courses such as "Introduction to Gender Studies," "The Family" and "Sociology of Sex & Gender Roles."

"It's a complicated history that suggests that transgender people have always existed, and depending on the culture, they have been revered — seen as special — or shunned," she says.

In many Native American cultures, there was a tradition known as "berdache" that recognized transgender tribal members as "two spirit."

"They were seen as shamans or unique or special, and they weren't forced to choose (their gender)," she says. "It's not a trendy, new category; it's been with us throughout history."

The easy-going native acceptance of "two spirit" tribal members, as well as homosexuals and children born with ambiguous genitalia, was quashed with the arrival of the Spaniards, and propagated by the Colonists. "In our society, we're like, 'You need to decide on one.' Our society is organized around this binary gender system," she says.

Tormented

By most accounts, transgender citizens wouldn't begin to be recognized for who they are until centuries later — at least until the 1969 Stonewall Riots in Greenwich Village, N.Y., which marked the turning point for the gay and lesbian liberation movement.

Ms. De Welde is careful to note that discussion of transgender individuals gets “muddy” when it begins to encompass sexual orientation — because they are separate facets.

She also is clear to explain that transgender individuals may or may not fall under a larger umbrella of people who are “gender nonconformists.” Gender is what a specific society during a specific time period attaches to expectations of males and females in terms of dress, behavior, duties and the like. Combined, these factors make up “the dominant expression of gender that society expects,” she says. (In the past, it was unheard of women to wear pants or bikinis, or hold jobs, for example. The gun-toting Annie Oakley was a nonconformist.)

There are a variety of gender nonconformists — gay or straight males and females who don't always act or dress “the part,” but who aren't at odds with the sex they were born as, either. People may look at a nonconformist and make an immediate judgment, based on their cultural understanding.

For instance, a female who dresses masculine, or expressively not like a celebrity model, may be perceived differently by males and females; but she may have no inclination of transitioning into — and doesn't feel as if she is — a male. “Gender nonconformists are not necessarily transgender, and transgender people are not necessarily nonconformists,” says Mr. Snyder, of the Transgender Law Center.

Ms. De Welde says experimenting with dress is not uncommon during the college years, a critical age for self-discovery. “Dress



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Mental health counselor Laura Streyffeler, Ph.D., has helped Tess with her transition.

helps society respond to you,” Ms. De Welde says. “For gender nonconformists, it's more about the ability to express themselves. They don't want to live in one of these boxes (male or female). For transgender individuals, there's no choice. It's their biological inclination. There's no choice.”

If transgender individuals struggle to find self-acceptance, then wrestle with the fascination and confusion from family, friends, church and the workplace, then they also have one more segment of society to confront: the gay and lesbian community. Ms. Streyffeler, Ms. De Welde and others acknowledge that transgender individuals are generally shunned, especially when the person decides to transition physically.

“There's a lot of infighting,” says Ms. De Welde. “Identity politics is what it is: Whose agenda is worthy of attention.” Says Ms. Streyffeler, “There are hierarchies, just like with everything else.”

To break the profound isolation, Ms. Streyffeler organized a series of group sessions: “A lot of my transgender clients had not met another one in real life,” she notes. Some of them became confidantes; others

faded into the background.

That isolation is something that's definitely been noticed by Carrie Keohane, co-founder of the Visuality support center for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning youth in Lee County.

“A lot of gays and lesbians don't understand the transgender thing,” she says.

Ms. Keohane's child was born a male, and at 16, legally changed his name to the androgynous Reiynd (sounds like rain). At first, he said he was gay, “and we said, ‘That's OK. That's no big deal.’”

When Ms. Keohane and her husband, James, found out that Reiynd actually felt like a girl inside, “We didn't know what it meant, to be honest,” she says. “We were astonished. We knew Reiynd was very tormented. At that age, kids don't talk to their parents about a lot of that ... and sometimes, they're not even sure.”

Now 19, Reiynd recently began taking hormones and transitioning into a female. It's been a long journey to reach this fork in the road with their only child. The sad truth is that Reiynd has only one friend, Ms. Keohane says.

But Reiynd's family is supportive. “My family and my husband's family have been great. They accept Reiynd no matter how she shows up,” she says. They put her on their health insurance policy, and Ms. Keohane takes Reiynd shopping to offer guidance on makeup and clothing styles.

“It's tricky taking Reiynd shopping. You get looks when you're shopping in the lingerie department with your son,” says Ms. Keohane, and jokes that the easiest place to blend in is Walmart. “It's been a wild ride.” ■

in the know
Transgender equality: the latest frontier

Here's a snapshot of recent cases that illustrate the evolving legal landscape of transgender equality across the nation:

■ **Oregon** >> Portland's Grant High School created gender-neutral restrooms for transgender students.

■ **Massachusetts** >> The state's department of education mandated that transgender students be permitted to use the bathroom they feel most comfortable using — in every public high school, middle school and elementary school in the state.

■ **California** >> The School Success and Opportunity Act forces all schools to “treat transgender students fairly and to allow them to fully participate in school as their authentic selves.”

■ **Colorado** >> In June, a transgender first-grader who was born a boy but identifies as a girl won the right to use the girls' restroom at her elementary school.

■ **Maine** >> Maine's Human Rights Act prohibits discrimination against transgender people on the basis of their gender identity. However, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court has been contemplating the appeal of a lower court's ruling involving a 15-year-old who was born a boy but self-identifies as a girl. She attended Maine public schools, and school officials refused to allow her to use the girls' bathroom. The situation and ensuing legal actions have dragged on since 2007.

■ **Florida** >> In July, Alex Wilson, a male-to-female transgender student who is studying nursing at Pinellas Technical Education Center in Clearwater was prohibited from using the women's restroom, even though Wilson is four years into hormone therapy. ■

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Queen of the night

The conflicted double life of Israeli Orthodox Jew Shadar Hadar, 34, might be as formidable to manage as that of an international spy. Though deeply and defiantly religious, he typically around midnight “trades his knitted white yarmulke” for a “wavy blond wig and pink velvet dress” and takes the stage as a nascent drag queen, according to an August Associated Press dispatch from

Jerusalem. His behavior has alienated his ex-wife (who bars him from seeing their daughter, now 11) and is only grudgingly accepted by his parents. As a bridge of sorts in his life, he has rejected the usual raunchy drag queen personas and adopted instead that of a female rabbinic adviser, musing from the stage on optimistic teachings of Breslov Hasidic ultra-Orthodox Judaism. ■

Government in action

■ Philadelphia’s Veterans Stadium, whose construction was financed in 1964 by borrowing \$25 million (and untold more as part of a subway expansion to service the stadium), was demolished in 2004 and is but a memory to the city’s sports fans. However, nine years later, the city is still paying for it (though next year will retire the \$25 million bond and nine years from now, the city hopes, will retire the stadium/subway bond). The city’s deputy controller told PhillyMag.com in June, profoundly, “When issuing a bond to build a facility, the debt payment on that bond should not outlast the facility.”

■ The Oklahoma Department of Public Safety’s solution to its legendary long lines at driver’s license stations was to create “In Line Online” registration, which it introduced recently. Online registrants were beside themselves, however, when they arrived on

time across the state, only to learn that In Line Online merely entitled them to a reserved place in the line for making future appointments to take their driver’s test. A spokesman acknowledged that In Line Online might have some kinks and thus would be closed temporarily.

■ Toronto is facing such a crippling backlog of challenges to parking tickets, reported the *Toronto Star* in August, that more than 73,000 citations from last year were still unresolved and that many cases were proceeding even less hurriedly. Mahmood-Reza Arab, a computer programmer who was ticketed for parking too close to a hydrant in 2005 and who has dutifully met all deadlines for making a proper challenge, was recently scheduled (again) for trial before a judge — this month (September 2013). A spokesman said the “normal” wait time for a court date is “only” 18 months. ■

Great art!

■ Artist John Knuth creates “broad swaths of color that appear to be meticulous impressionistic abstractions,” reported a Gizmodo.com writer in July, but in a video made for the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, Mr. Knuth revealed that he makes colors with paint harvested from the vomit of about 200,000 houseflies. Mr. Knuth raises the flies from maggots, then feeds them sugar mixed with watercolor pigments, then coaxes the flies to regurgitate — and then captures and uses the result. Of Mr. Knuth’s accompanying high-minded explanations of his purpose, Gizmodo wrote, “Once you decide to make paintings from fly barf, you pretty much forfeit any other subtext you’d like your audience to appreciate.”

■ Suspicion Confirmed: A British “art

critic” created the “Colne Valley Sculpture Trail” in West Yorkshire by inviting patrons to walk a 3-mile path past derelict buildings and discarded objects that the critic suggested, in a formal leaflet, were purposeful art objects designed to be provocative. (In reality, they were random junk.) An abandoned bathtub (titled “Wash Behind the Ears”) evoked “contradictory concepts of filth and cleanliness ... in a countryside setting,” the critic wrote. A collapsed wall was built by fictitious artist Karen Braithwaite, who then destroyed it “with some sense of violence,” “suggest(ing) a sense of bereavement, the turf above almost seeming to weep.” The author spoke to BBC News in July but insisted on remaining anonymous. ■

Police report

■ Notwithstanding the city of Detroit’s various problems, residents still expect its police force to behave sensibly, but in July, a police commander’s office blundered, releasing to all officers a document concerning an order of form-fitting bulletproof vests. Each individual officer’s height and weight were on the email, but so were female officers’ bra cup sizes (which were initially necessary to assure body-armor fit so as not to restrict mobility — but obviously were no one else’s business).

■ In August, prosecutors in Broward County, Fla., accused two Lauderdale police officers of an improper 2012 traffic stop, charging both patrolmen in the squad car with demanding favors from two female motorists. Officer Franklin Hartley allegedly demanded oral sex from the passenger, and his partner, Thomas Merenda, according to the charge, “asked the victim to punch him in the ‘nuts,’ meaning genital area.” Said Mr. Merenda’s lawyer, of the charge: “outrageous, outlandish and absurd.” ■

Perspective

America’s military veterans, whom the country supposedly champions wholeheartedly and insists should be properly compensated for their service and the disruption to their lives, must navigate as many as 613 government forms from 18 different agencies to receive what they are due by law, according to a July study released by the

American Action Forum. The principal agency, the Department of Veterans Affairs, purports to have been making great progress over the last few years, but earlier this year acknowledged that, still, about 70 percent of claims (covering 600,000 veterans) have been waiting longer than 125 days for yes-or-no decisions. ■



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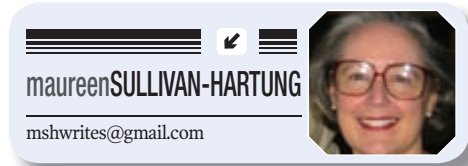
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Meet the 'other' Mr. Collier: the founder of Marco Island



During the past year I have devoted several columns to Everglades City and its founder, Barron Gift Collier. Now it's time to share some of the history of nearby Marco Island and its founder, William Thomas (W.T.) Collier. Although the two men were unrelated, both were born in Tennessee, W.T. in the year 1815.

Records show that Mr. Collier attended school through the age of 16 before quitting to begin work in a carriage manufacturing company. He next tried his hand as a millwright, planning and building mills and making a name for himself in north Florida, Georgia and North Carolina.

Mr. Collier's work required the family to move quite frequently. They were living in Clearwater when the Civil War broke out. When he enlisted, Mr. Collier sold his property (which he later regretted) and moved the family to his wife's family home in Hernando County. After the war, he relocated the family again, this time to Hatchet Creek, near Gainesville.

Unhappy with his workers at the mill, Mr. Collier heard of a man in Savannah who might be able to assist him in hiring other workers. It was here in Georgia that Mr. Collier was shanghaied — knocked unconscious and picked of his watch, gold pencil and \$100 cash. He awoke and found himself in the hold of a ship destined for the Bahamas, where he was dumped. Even

though he was penniless, he was able to secure a seat on another vessel and eventually worked his way back to Florida and his family.

Prior to Mr. Collier's arrival as one of the first white settlers in what would become Marco Island, the area was occupied by the Calusa Indians, who enjoyed an abundance of fish of all types, including mullet, tarpon and snook, as well as oysters and clams. There was plenty of alligator meat, too, along with rabbit, squirrel and deer. There were acres of buttonwood, pine and cypress trees and several thousand acres of mangrove swamps. Suffice it to say the view was far different from what we see today as we look toward the island.

Mr. Collier and his family literally stumbled upon Marco while en route to Key West. Before they could even set foot on the island, they ran into a storm that shipwrecked their two-masted schooner, the Robert E. Lee, at Indian Key by the mouth of the Little Shark River. With lumber salvaged from a previous shipwreck, Mr. Collier was able to repair his boat. He also put some of the lumber on board to be used in the construction of his first home.

Mr. Collier was 55 years old when he arrived on the northern end of the island in 1870 along with his wife, Barbara, and

their nine children (they eventually would have 12). They only people they encountered were four Negro squatters. Mr. Collier eventually purchased their land claims and also paid for their passage to Fort Myers. Records indicate that by the mid-1920s about 36 families called Marco Island home.



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Marco Island, circa 1920

The Collier family's first home, built within three months of their landing, is believed to have been at present-day Hideaway Beach. That structure burned down. The family's second home, a palmetto shack, was destroyed in a hurricane. Their third home had staying power and eventually became a boarding house and then the Marco Lodge, run by Capt. Bill Collier, W.T.'s son. The structure was moved to Goodland in 1964.

Mrs. Collier died in 1900 at the age of 63 when, thinking she was throwing kerosene onto dead wood coals, she was engulfed in the flames and burned to death. Her husband died two years later of natural



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Capt. Bill Collier, second from left, accompanied by his father, W.T. Collier, third from left, stand on the porch of the Marco Lodge (today's Olde Marco Inn), around 1900. Hotel rooms were \$1 per day.

causes. He was 87. The Colliers are both buried in the Pioneer Cemetery, near the center of Marco Island. ■

— 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, "Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby," was published in 2010 by *The History Press* in South Carolina. Learn more at www.maureenwrites.com.

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While Fifth Avenue rebooted, other Southwest Florida downtowns were working on their own improvements. Transformative developments in down-



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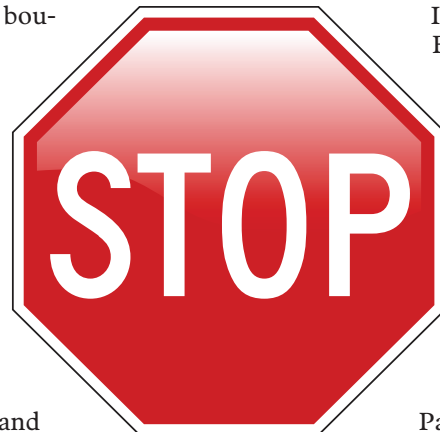
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- **Monday, Sept. 2**
Collier and White boulevards: Speeding
10th Avenue S.E. at Palmetto Elementary: Aggressive driving
Davis and Santa Barbara boulevards: Speeding
- **Tuesday, Sept. 3**
Lakewood and Glades boulevards: Aggressive driving
Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Red-light running
Cougar Drive at Barron Collier High School: Aggressive driving
- **Wednesday, Sept. 4**
Golden Gate Parkway at I-75 south-



- bound exit: Red-light running
Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Speeding
Airport-Pulling Road and Prospect Avenue: Aggressive driving
- **Thursday, Sept. 5**
Immokalee Road and Everglades Boulevard: Speeding
Collier Boulevard and Indigo Lakes Drive: Aggressive driving
Livingston and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running
- **Friday, Sept. 6**
Texas Avenue at Parkside Elementary: Aggressive driving
Green and Santa Barbara boulevards: Red-light running
Airport-Pulling Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Red-light running

Brush up on your driving skills

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

Registration to cover the cost of supplies is \$14 per person, \$12 for AARP members. Reservations are essential and can be made by calling the number with each session. Here's what's coming up:

- Thursday, Sept. 12: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive; (866) 686-4364.
- Tuesday, Sept. 17: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail; 269-6050.
- Friday, Sept. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway; 732-5310.
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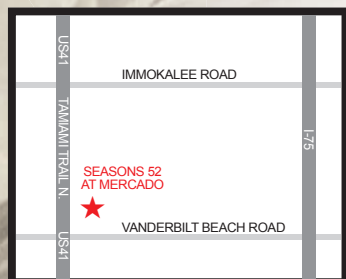
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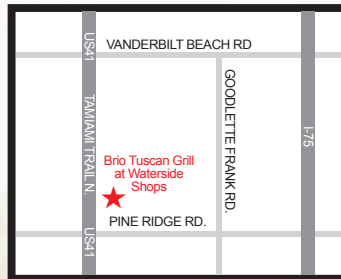
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Apply now for Diamond Volunteer Awards

Applications are being accepted for the 2014 Diamond Volunteer Awards, a volunteer recognition program that honors local nonprofit organizations. Founded by real estate professional Kelly Capolino, the awards program honors volunteers as a way to raise awareness of their respective organizations' efforts to improve the quality of life for others in the Collier County community.

Three organizations are chosen each year to receive the award. Ms. Capolino hosts a cocktail reception for each winning group and also offers them educational opportunities, inclusion in networking and focus groups and the opportunity for monetary rewards.

Previous winners are:

■ 2010 - Baby Basics of Collier County, Penny Bear Company and Make-A-Wish Southern Florida

■ 2011 - Hope for Haiti, Bedtime Bundles, Sunlight Home and Senior Friendship Center

■ 2012 - Eden Autism Services, Miracles in Action and Project HELP Crisis Center

■ 2013 - Naples Civitan Club, the Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County and The Brody Project for Animal Assisted Therapy

"There are so many people doing amazing work in our community through their volunteer hours and acts of kindness, I wish I could thank them all personally," Ms. Capolino says.

Past winners stay connected to the program through several ongoing volunteer and philanthropic efforts. They are also invited to "Thinking Outside the Box for Nonprofits," an annual seminar co-hosted by Ms. Capolino.

To apply for a 2014 Diamond Volunteer Award, nonprofits should e-mail a one-page statement about the organization, who they wish to honor (i.e., board members, special events volunteers, etc.) and why they would like to honor their volunteers in this way to DiamondVolunteers@gmail.com.

The application deadline is Tuesday, Oct. 15. Winners will be notified on or before Nov. 15. ■

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Meet some boaters who can almost walk on water

BY GLENN MILLER
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Their names are associated with Southwest Florida waters and are known well beyond the state line.

Best-selling author Randy Wayne White is a former Sanibel Island fishing guide who has crafted 20 novels around his main character, Doc Ford. The fictional Ford is a marine biologist who knows boats and local waterways the way chefs know basic food ingredients.



Steve Colgate

Steve and Doris Colgate operate the Offshore Sailing School, which has three Lee County locations as well as schools in the Northeast and the British Virgin Islands.

Many miles away from Mr. White and the Colgates over in the middle of the state is Mary Ann Martin. She operates Roland & Mary Martin's Marina & Resort on Lake Okeechobee. That's where the well-known "Fishing with Roland Martin" show was taped.



Dave Copham

Then there's Dave Copham, who



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Dave and Cheryl Copham's 101-foot yacht called the To-Kalon turns heads in Southwest Florida everytime it takes to sea.

is more known for his philanthropy than his boating, but he owns what is likely one of the most famous boats in Southwest Florida — a 101-foot yacht called the To-Kalon. More on that in a bit.

Mr. White and Mrs. Martin are in very different boating places at the moment.

"I'm between boats," Mr. White said.

Some of the titles of his books, though, provide windows into the



Florida marine world his stories inhabit — "Captiva" and "The Man Who Invented Florida" and "Ten Thousand Islands."

Mr. White's knowledge of boats and boating burst off the pages. Pick up one of his books at random and flip it open and readers will find vivid writing about the boating world in which Doc Ford functions during the stories.

From "The Heat Islands: "He (Ford) nudged his boat off the bar and climbed in, the hydraulic trim whining as the oversize Mercury pivoted into the water. He started the motor, then launched the skiff onto plane, feeling the power of the motor through the trembling fiberglass and the abrupt speed surge that made his eyes tear and magnified each ripple into a rhythmic water grid."

At the moment, though, Mr. White doesn't own a boat.

"I don't miss it," Mr. White said.

He does own, though, a small watercraft he takes out often — a standup paddleboard. He loves being on the water and the exercise benefits of paddleboarding.

Although his novels have reached high on *The New York Times* bestseller lists, this is still a man who was a light-tackle fishing guide for 13 years. Another boat?

"I'm shopping," Mr. White said.

He's thinking about purchasing an RIB, or rigid-inflatable boat.

Mrs. Martin already has boats — a 29-foot Luhrs tournament boat. She also recently purchased a 22-foot Ranger.

"Great saltwater boat," Mrs. Martin

said of the Ranger.

She said it has a 150-horsepower, four stroke Mercury engine.

The Colgates don't own a personal boat but they have a veritable fleet of sailboats in their schools. One of the boats is the Colgate 26, which is described on the school's website as suitable "for training, cruising, racing, night sailing or camping."

That's the boat that is used to teach sailing. Offshore Sailing is almost 50 years old. It was founded in



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Randy Wayne White is currently without boat, but shopping, he says.

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1964 by Mr. Colgate, a high-level sailor who has competed in two America's Cup trials, the 1968 Olympics, Trans-Atlantic races and many others.

Sailing, he said, is still sailing, even if the technology of boats has evolved since he started the school.

"It's like riding a bicycle," Mr. Colgate said.

Bicycles are built differently now than they were in 1964 but someone who last rode a bike in 1964 could ride one today. The same holds true for sailing, according to Mr. Colgate.

"That's the comparison," Colgate said.

Then, for something much larger than a bicycle, there's Mr. Copham's custom-designed and built yacht.

Mr. Copham and his wife, Cheryl, reside in Fort Myers at Gulf Harbour Yacht & Country Club on the Caloosahatchee.

Their yacht was designed to fit snugly in Mr. Copham's slip at the club. The slip, he said, is 101 feet, 10 inches long. The To-Kalon is 101 feet, 4 inches long. He thought about ordering it to be 101 feet, 9 1/2 inches but decided against that because it would be cutting it too tight to squeeze into that slip.

The yacht was designed by Dutch design studio Cor D. Rover and finished in 2006 to the Cophams' specifications



Doris Colgate, above, and her husband operate Offshore Sailing School.

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by the Burger Boat Company of Manitowoc, Wis. Mr. Copham said it took three years to design and build.

When the Cophams took the To-Kalon to St. Petersburg in 2009 for the St. Petersburg Grand Prix, the *Tampa Bay Times* trumpeted the yacht's presence in town.

This was the *Times*' headline: "Glamorous yacht turns heads on St. Petersburg waterfront."

The yacht's name is an attention grabber.

"Everyone asks about the name," Mr. Copham said.

The name has two origins. It's the name of a Napa Valley vineyard and the word also means, Mr. Copham said, most beautiful in Greek.

Mr. Copham said he had the To-

Kalon shipped to the Mediterranean in 2010 so they could cruise along the Italian mainland and to Sicily and also Greek islands. In 2012, they had it shipped north so they could cruise the Great Lakes.

"All the lakes except Superior," Mr. Copham said.

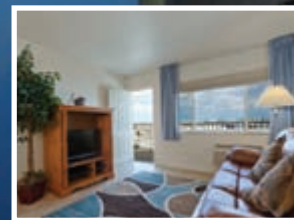
Too bad, because the To-Kalon is obviously a Superior yacht. ■

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The Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss is at 2685 Horseshoe Drive. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

Close-up view of water pores could hold clues to cataracts

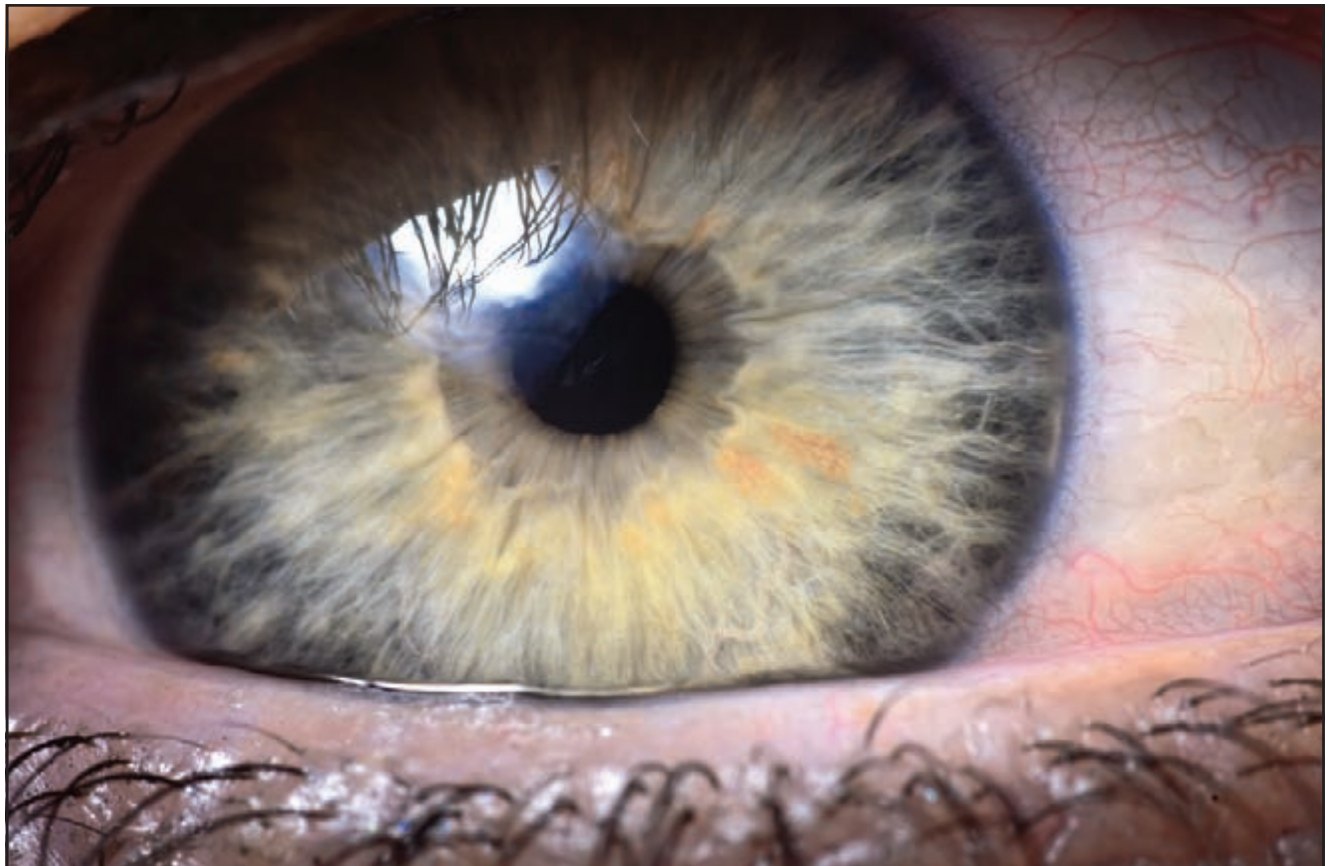
SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Researchers have achieved dynamic, atomic-scale views of a protein needed to maintain the transparency of the lens in the human eye. The work, funded in part by the National Institutes of

cataracts — a clouding of the lens that causes vision loss. Besides age, other risk factors for cataracts include smoking, diabetes, and genetic factors. Mutations in the AQP0 gene can cause congenital cataracts and may increase the risk of age-related cataracts.

ogy, reveals a more nuanced process in which calmodulin essentially grasps the open channel and forces it to close.

This new view of AQP0 could help lead to new approaches for treating cataracts, Dr. Hall said. Cataracts are the most common cause of blindness



Health, could lead to new insights and drugs for treating cataracts and a variety of other health conditions.

Aquaporin proteins form water channels between cells and are found in many tissues, but aquaporin zero, abbreviated AQP0, is found only in the mammalian lens, which focuses light onto the retina, at the back of the eye. The lens is primarily made up of unique cells called lens fibers that contain little else besides water and proteins called crystallins. Tight packing of these fibers and of the crystallin proteins within them helps create a uniform medium that allows light to pass through the lens, almost as if it were glass.

Abnormal development or age-related changes in the lens can lead to

“The AQP0 channel is believed to play a vital role in maintaining the transparency of the lens and in regulating water volume in the lens fibers, so understanding the molecular details of how water flows through the channel could lead to a better understanding of cataracts,” said Dr. Houmam Araj, who oversees programs on lens, cataracts and oculomotor systems at NIH’s National Eye Institute.

Closing of AQP0 channels is regulated by a calcium-sensitive protein called calmodulin, but the precise mechanism has been unclear. Some models have suggested that calmodulin simply acts as a plug to fill the open channel. The new study, published in Nature Structural and Molecular Biol-

worldwide. In the United States, they affect about 1 in 6 people over age 40 and half over age 80. Congenital cataracts (present from birth) affect about 1 in 5,000 American children.

Cataracts can be successfully treated with surgery, in which the cloudy lens is removed and replaced with an artificial plastic lens. But the new findings may be a step toward learning how to prevent or delay cataracts.

The new findings also provide inroads to understanding how calmodulin interacts with a variety of protein channels, and thus could open doors to new drugs for other common health conditions.

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GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

Walk the walks, run the runs, hit the links or bait a hook in the name of a nonprofit organization. Here are some opportunities for getting out for a good cause.

■ **Oakridge Middle School** holds the fifth annual **Bulldog Dash 5K Race and Fun Run** on Saturday, Sept. 14. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society **Relay For Life**. The 1-mile fun run starts at 7:15 a.m. and takes place on the school's track and field area. It's open to all ages, and all participants will receive ribbons. Beginning at 7:30 a.m., the 5K will follow a course through Indigo Lakes before returning to the school.

Registration in advance is \$20 for adults and \$15 for ages 18 and younger. Sign up by Sept. 12 at www.bulldogdash.com. Registration on the day of the race is an additional \$5.

The Bulldog Dash is sponsored by the Oakridge Middle School Builders Club and the Northside Naples Kiwanis Club. The Builders Club is a student-led community service organization sponsored by the Kiwanis.

For more information, call teacher Katie Sullivan at 377-4800.

■ The **Barron Collier High School** boys' basketball program hosts its inaugural **golf tournament** Saturday, Sept. 14, at Tiburón Golf Course. Registration begins at 7 a.m. before the shotgun start at 8 a.m.

Sponsors include Culver's of Naples, Naples Cosmetic Surgery Center, Bella U Color & Styling Salon and Mercedes Benz of Naples. Proceeds will help the team purchase equipment and uniforms

and attend tournaments, among other things. For registration or more information, call tournament chair Andrea Fulcher at 404-0287 or e-mail andrea.fulcher@comcast.net.

■ Specialists in Urology, 21st Century Oncology and Gulf Coast Runners invite adults and children to participate in the third annual **Prostate Cancer Awareness 5K** race on Saturday morning, Sept. 28, at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge. The first 250 to sign up receive a race T-shirt.

To register or for more information, visit www.gcrunner.org.

■ The American Cancer Society's **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** sets out Saturday morning, Oct. 12, at Cambier Park. To register a team or to sign up to join an existing team, visit www.makingstrideswalk.org.

■ **Wine Tasters of Naples** hold their third annual **golf outing** for charity on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club. Registration for \$85 per person includes a buffet lunch and drawings for prizes. Sign up as a single or a team by calling John Groneman at 963-6237 or e-mailing jhg3.154@gmail.com.

■ The Alzheimer's Association's **Walk to End Alzheimer's** takes place Saturday morning, Oct. 19, at Cambier Park and consists of a 2-mile walk as well as a tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease.

To register or for more information, call Nicole Melnick at 405-7008, e-mail melnickn@alzflgulf.org or visit www.act.alz.org/naples.



act.alz.org/naples.

■ Hundreds of participants of all ages and both sexes will step into their highest heels for a 500-foot dash down Fifth Avenue South on Saturday Oct. 19. Registration and sponsorship opportunities are open now for the fourth annual **Stiletto Sprint** to benefit the **Garden of Hope & Courage** and **Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida**.

Runners, walkers and all footwear are welcome, but only those in 2-inch heels will qualify for the first-place prize.

The race sets out at 5 p.m. Other fun beginning at 4 p.m. includes live musical entertainment and family activities in Cambier Park. A beauty pageant will take place in the band shell.

Registration is \$35 for adults, \$15 for children. To sign up or for information about sponsorships, visit www.komen-swfl.org.

■ **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** invites amateur anglers to sign up for the 20th annual **RedSnook Catch and Release** Charity Tournament. Proceeds support the Conservancy's efforts to protect area waters and fund juvenile game fish research.

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Registration is limited to the first 60 teams that sign up by Oct. 25. Forms for anglers are available at www.conservancy.org/redsnook.

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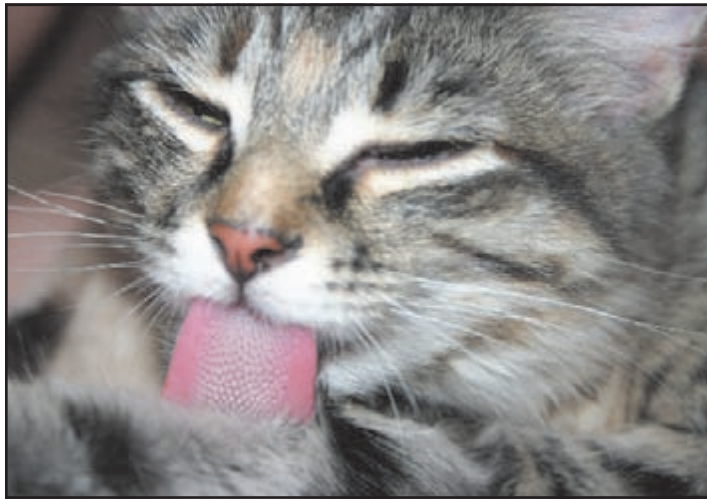
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PET TALES

Solving a feline mystery

Catch cat illness early by watching for your pet's cues

BY DR. MARTY BECKER
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A cat who "lets himself go" might be ill: Routines such as grooming are very important to cats, and changes should be considered a clue that a pet may be sick.

Cats are good at hiding signs of illness, and even better at hiding when they're ill. That's why we cat owners need to know our cats well, so we can notice the subtle changes that may mean something deadly is brewing.

Learn to know what's normal for your cat, and what routines he likes to follow. Pay attention to both physical changes, such as a gain or loss in weight, and behavioral ones, especially in these areas:

■ Changes in eating habits, especially loss of appetite: Be aware of how much your cat eats and make a mental note of any changes. More than a day without eating is reason for concern. In a multi-cat household of free feeders, you may have a hard time figuring who's eating what. Make a conscious effort to see each of your cats at the food dish daily, and if you give them canned rations once a day, feed them separately.

■ Changes in litter-box habits: Many times, a "behavior" problem is really a health problem, and avoiding the litter box or using it more often than normal is one of the classic symptoms.

A cat with an undiagnosed urinary-tract infection or diabetes, for example, may break his normal patterns of litter-box use. He's not "bad" — he's sick!

■ Changes in drinking habits: Cats drink more in the summer than in the winter, but even taking that into consideration, you should be aware of changes in your cat's drinking habits — too much or too little.

■ Changes in grooming: If you notice your cat looking ill-kempt, he likely has a problem, especially if he's normally fastidious. Grooming is one of the most important parts of a cat's rou-

tine, and the cat who isn't taking care of his coat isn't well.

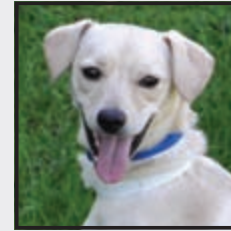
■ Changes in voice: You know what's normal for your cat — how often he pipes up and how he sounds when he does. If your cat is noisier than usual or more quiet or the sounds he makes are different, something is going on.

Wellness examinations (once or even twice a year) are especially important for cats, but cats are statistically less likely than dogs to see a veterinarian at all. That makes keeping an eye on a cat's physical and behavioral variances even more important.

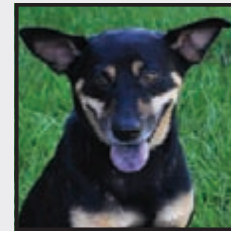
Taking your cat in for what veterinarians call an "ADR" or "Ain't Doing Right" visit may seem unnecessary, but any veterinarian and many a cat lover will tell you about cats whose lives were saved (or about the money that was saved) because their owners turned their observations into a veterinary visit and caught something before it got worse.

Cats can be mysterious creatures, but they typically share clues to their secrets. Careful owner observation and some veterinary sleuthing has solved many feline health mysteries. Take the time to be a feline detective, and you and your cat will both be better off! ■

Pets of the Week



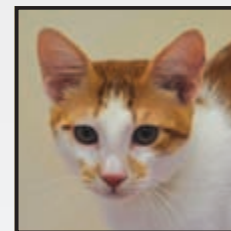
>> **Cueball** is a 1-year-old Basset mix who weighs about 22 pounds. Handsome and friendly, he's quiet, calm and good on his leash and enjoys going for walks.



>> **Reba** is a 4-year-old miniature pinscher mix who weighs about 33 pounds. Gentle and sweet, she listens well and is good on her leash.



>> **Star** is a petite, 8-month-old tortie. Because she is part of the Families for Felines project, her adoption fee is just \$10.



>> **Webber** is a handsome, 8-month-old domestic shorthair who gets along with everyone. He, too, is part of the Families for Felines and can be yours for an adoption fee of \$10.

To adopt a pet

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Regular adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit www.colliergov.net/pets.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Hitting the road



I am penning this missive, dear readers, from the great state of Tennessee just north of the beautiful Smokey Mountains and on a computer that actually has Internet, which is very exciting since this is the eighth (or maybe the ninth?) day of a road trip vacation that has stretched across what seems like all of America, but has actually only included five states (so far), and I can attest to the fact that cell service is not a given everywhere one goes. And there are remote areas where the World Wide Web is NOT completely worldwide (I'm looking at you, Yulee, Fla).

My husband and I decided to drive up to Knoxville to see his family by way of Amelia Island, which is sort of Jacksonville's version of Sanibel: beautiful, unspoiled and a place where I won't be able to afford to live until I win the Power Ball.

On the way up, we took Highway 301 through the middle of our fair state and where the sights were, well, colorful. Take the pick-up truck that whizzed past us with two middle-aged women sitting on lawn chairs in the back drinking beer out of cans. I told Todd to speed up so I could get a photo, but he said they were going at

least 90 miles an hour. A friend of ours said it was a redneck tanning booth.

As we were approaching Starke (home of the Florida State Prison), we were diverted by a local deputy wearing a bullet-proof vest and blocking the road because, as he explained to us, "There's a guy up around the bend runnin' around and wavin' a gun all over the place. You could wait, but it could be a couple of hours ..." Needless to say, we opted for the detour.

After Amelia, we headed up to Savannah for an afternoon and an overnight, but that's just not enough time. Allow yourself at least three days for Savannah — and even then, you won't have time to drink in all the history, appreciate the architecture or eat all the FOOD. Savannah is all about food, and we enjoyed lots while there. We patted ourselves on the backs for bringing our bicycles so we could pedal off all the calories, which of course, we burned off maybe 14 of them as we (very) slowly biked through the ancient cobblestone streets.

Our next stop was Hartford, Tenn. — a town hardly anyone has ever heard of because all that's there is a Citgo station (THE place to see and be seen in Hartford, by the by). Our good friends John and Susan from Orlando built a cabin there (fun fact: It seems pretty much everyone who owns a mountain cabin in Tennessee is from Florida). We were thrilled to be their guests, but terrified for our lives as we drove our poor Nissan up winding,



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Above: Cades Cove in the Smokies near Gatlinburg, Tenn.

Below: En route back to Southwest Florida, Car Gumby the travel mascot practices his newly learned Miley Cyrus dance moves after seeing a clip of her infamous Video Music Awards performance. Clearly, Car Gumby is getting punchy from too many days on the road.



one-lane, 45-degree gravel paths with steep, rocky drops on each side where we would surely tumble to our deaths along with our brand new bicycles barely holding onto the trunk carrier. Surprisingly, we not only made it, but when we finally got there, the place actually had running water, electricity and satellite TV.

While in the mountains, I tossed aside my tiara and had a blast hiking and white water rafting. After a time, I barely noticed that I was surviving without cell service.

After three days of cabin life, we made our way to Cades Cove, a lovely park and old settlement in the Smokies, where we rode our bikes up and down things called "hills." My hamstrings are confused and sore. I'm pretty sure that if I lived near mountains, a gym membership would be unnecessary.

We're currently enjoying Knoxville by boating on Fort Loudon Lake and catching up with Todd's kin (they really do say "kin" up here). And on the way home, we'll stop in western Georgia, to see Todd's University of Tennessee roommate, who lives on an expansive peanut farm in the middle of exactly nowhere.

Why I packed six dresses for a trip on which I've managed just fine in nothing but shorts and T-shirts, I'll never know. ■

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

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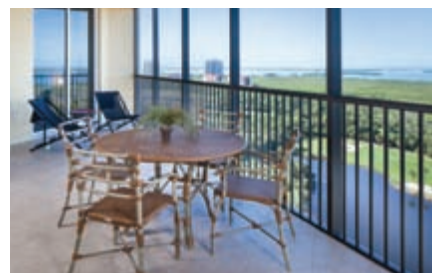
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Shoppers weigh synthetic versus natural stones

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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THROUGH A COMPLEX PROCESS INVOLVING heat and pressure, Gemesis, a company based in Sarasota, produces diamonds in a laboratory. According to the Federal Trade Commission, the word "diamond" refers to a natural diamond that has been created by nature and mined by man. The FTC requires any diamond created in a lab to be designated by terms such as "synthetic," "laboratory-grown," "laboratory-created" or a hyphenation of the manufacturer's name with the verb "created." Now, manufacturers of man-made diamonds are looking to change the rules, so that they can refer to their products as "cultured" diamonds.

Brad Congress of Bradley's Jewelers in Fort Myers believes the move is yet another attempt to confuse consumers.

SEE DIAMOND, B5 ▶

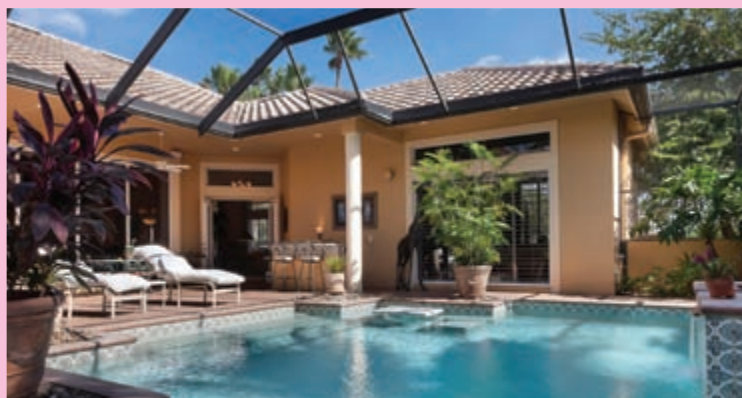


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The runaway cost of educating a nation



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Fewer citizens are cognizant that the U.S. federal government has directly loaned more than \$569 billion just to fund loans to students for their post-secondary education and the government has guaranteed another \$429 billion of student loan debt.

And even fewer citizens connect those dots to come to an understanding that the U.S. borrowed money from domestic and foreign lenders (and is paying interest on the debt) in order to turn around and make loans to students and that the U.S. is realistically on the hook for billions more as student defaults will trigger performance of the federal guarantee.

Of the \$1.2 trillion in total student loans currently outstanding, approximately \$1 trillion is tied to the U.S. government. To put the size of student

loans in perspective, consider that total U.S. credit card debt is smaller, at a mere \$800 billion.

When a citizen hears these big numbers, they likely think: how could student loans have outpaced credit card debt levels? Will student loans get repaid? What is the U.S. government's ultimate exposure to all this debt?

First, the federal exposure to student loans is mostly through direct federal lending, at \$569 billion. Second, the government has guaranteed some \$429 billion of private sector student loans, also known as Federal Family Education Loans. The balance of federal loans is de minimis.

As per the reports of the National Student Loan Program Data System (third quarter of federal fiscal year, ended June 30), some 41 percent of the \$569 billion in direct loans is currently in "repayment."

A meaningful percentage of student loans has questionable credit status or is in actual default. Specifically, 5 percent is on default, 8 percent is in forbearance; 13 percent is being deferred; 7 percent is in a "grace" period; summed, 33 percent is in limbo.

The balance, 23 percent of direct student loans, relates to students still in school. Therefore, the credit status of the 23 percent will take several years to be determined, as these loans do not require current interest and/or principal repayments. Hence, student loans are called "long tail" loans because so

much of the payment does not happen on the beginning of the loan. Repayment timing is skewed to the tail end or maturity of the loan.

However, a percentage of the loans to students who are still in school will ultimately get reclassified into a limbo state. Assuming 33 percent of the 23 percent gets reclassified into nonpayment for whatever reason, then a whopping 40 percent of the \$569 billion (or \$227 billion) might well be in trouble.

But that is just the numbers on direct loans and does not consider the exposure of the U.S. government on loans that it has guaranteed.

Estimates of collectability of FFEL loans, those that are guaranteed, is found in a study, "Student Loans: Title IV Student Loan Program Metrics" by Mark Weadick of Student Loan Capital Strategies LLC. As of June 30, 2012, the percentage of FFEL loans in forbearance or default was 34 percent. Based on a combined forbearance and default rate of 34 percent, some \$145 billion in loans currently have a high probability of not being repaid... and that is before any extrapolation of student loans that have not even entered repayment status.

How did these student loan numbers get to be so very big? They grew at a rapid rate since 2007. The direct loan portion grew by 500 percent, from \$100 billion in 2007 to \$569 billion in 2013!

Did the number of students attending college increase by 500 percent over the same period? No. College costs

exploded. And what allowed college costs to explode? The availability of federal loans did, by reenforcing a circle of rising costs being able to be easily financed.

Now, instead of the U.S. government seeing the mess that it has made, a new proposal by President Obama will thicken the plot of student loan originations. As proposed, the federal government, through the Department of Education, would begin ranking colleges and universities. The rankings will consider graduation rates, incomes upon graduation, students who went on to earn advanced degrees, cost effectiveness, ability to deliver quality education and/or history of widening the gates for lower incomes students. Somehow a matrix is supposed to emerge that will allow the federal government to grant more money to better-ranked colleges or lower loan rates to their students.

Student loans are HUGE and growing faster than consumer credit. They are already deeply troubled. Their "long tail" nature makes it impossible to know today how bad the future ultimate repayment will be. The cure being proposed by the current administration is far from a cure and only deepened the government's reach and adds complexity to a very messy sector of spending. ■

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Carrie Horner has been named marketing and communications specialist at North Naples United Methodist Church. A graduate of the University of Florida, she has more than 10 years of experience in marketing.

Insurance

Roxane Kronon Galati, CPA, has been named a member of the 2013 Executive Council of New York Life Insurance Company. A New York Life agent since 2005, she has worked in the financial industry for more than 30 years and previously owned a firm with more than 100 business and 300 individual clients in Naples. She now works with retirees and pre-retirees with retirement planning primarily focused on guaranteed retirement income and required minimum distribution strategies. She is a member of the Leadership Collier Class of 2014.

Mike Pynnonen has joined Galt Insurance Group as vice president of business development to assist in office management, lead correspondence among insurance carriers, develop and implement office practices that improve efficiency and to work directly with clients as an advisor.



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Marketing

Carla Channell has been named director of Realtor development for Clive Daniel Home. She joined the interior design firm six months ago and has been involved in the Southwest Florida real estate industry for more than a decade. She has worked in sales at Bay Colony and in Bonita Bay, Tuscany Reserve (now Talis Park) and Strada at Mercato.

Jo Carter has been named director of builder development, responsible for model merchandising, plumbing fixture sales and business development for The Lubner Group, the hospitality division of Clive Daniel Home. For the past nine years, she has served in increasing positions of responsibility and leadership with Hamilton Parker Company, a building supply company specializing in garage doors, fireplaces and brick. In her new position with The Lubner Group, she will reach out to area builders and hospitality properties with design renovations and improvement projects.

Lyndsey Geis has been named director of events for Clive Daniel Home to oversee community outreach, in-store seminars and special events. She works directly with designers for presentations to outside communities, groups and organizations and also coordinates and manages all events in the showroom internally and with outside businesses and charities. She will also oversee the company's entries in design competitions.

Nonprofit Organizations

Courtney Stahlman has been named program manager for Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida in Collier County and south Lee County. She will work closely with schools, businesses and volunteers and the JA advisory board to recruit new businesses and schools, train volunteers on program implementation and assist with special events.



STAHLMAN

Ms. Stahlman has more than three years of experience in education, working most recently as a regional admissions representative for Full Sail University. She holds a bachelor's degree in communication and mass media studies from Florida State University.

Tourism

Buzzy Ford has joined the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau as the digital marketing specialist responsible for oversight of the bureau's website content, social media outreach and other digital marketing platforms and strategies. He previously served as director of marketing and promotions and as on-air afternoon talent at Renda Broadcasting's Gator Country 101.9-FM.

Veterinary Medicine

Dr. Deirdre Carver-Raffa has joined Town and Country Animal Hospital. Dr. Carver-Raffa has been practicing canine and feline veterinary medicine in Florida since 1993 and is president of the Collier County Veterinary Society. She is a board-certified diplomate of the American College of Theriogenologists and is one of fewer than 125 such diplomates in the world in private practice in small animal reproductive medicine. ■

DIAMONDS

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Mr. Congress has morphed from a third-generation jeweler, graduate gemologist to an investigative researcher and an activist. He says he has seen such a flood of synthetic stones and confusing documentation of diamonds, that it has led him to coin his own term: "Diamonditis." He attaches the disease-rendering suffix to the precious stone to define what he sees to be the confusion and controversy in his industry: "When your diamond does not match your paperwork." The term, and his movement, also encompasses trying to enforce common standards for labeling natural diamonds. He says he has records of numerous natural diamonds he has come across that have been misgraded or enhanced, but no such embellishments are mentioned on their paperwork.

Mr. Congress sees the name change for lab-grown diamonds as public relations shenanigans — changing the designation of unnatural diamonds as inaccurate. He says it's an assault on romance. But distributors of lab-grown diamonds such as Gemesis in Sarasota feel they have enhanced the market with the choice of "guilt-free," "eco-friendly," "diamonds with conscience."

"When I sell a diamond, I realize it's greater than just selling a product," says Mr. Congress, owner of Bradley's Jewelers in South Fort Myers. "It's a part of people's wedding vows. It's a part of that couple's legacy... Many diamonds are passed down from generations to generations. Sometimes they tell the stories of leaving a past behind in Europe to find a better life in America. I realize that the lineage of a diamond is very important ... We like to be part of those moments."

Mr. Congress sees diamond moments as big moments when your heartstrings pull at your purse strings. He says if your house were burning down, you would grab your pictures and you would grab your diamonds.

"Everyone is scared. They feel the public may be led astray, led to believe synthetic diamonds are just as good as natural diamonds ... Ice cubes are not icebergs; they're not natural."

The jeweler would like to see all lab-grown diamonds laser-inscribed or hued with a color that would fluoresce under ultraviolet light, ending any confusion for the average jeweler or consumer.

Expanding Gemesis distribution

"Gemesis is strongly committed to maintaining supply chain integrity and



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Kathy Bigham of Bigham Jewelers

providing knowledge of origin of its products," Gemesis management wrote in an e-mail. No contacts were available for interviews due to conflicting travel schedules. "For origin certification and to distinguish its diamonds from those mined in nature, Gemesis offers laser inscription with an identity name and number as part of the certification process."

Gemesis has been trying to appeal to a bride's sense of price, ethics and environment with advertising in magazines such as Glamour and The Knot.

"Growing a diamond has been a technical marvel; growing a diamond worthy to sit on your ring has proven impossible... until now. A lab-grown diamond is a rare and beautiful diamond that not only truly represents the purity of your feelings but stands by your values," the company said in its e-mail statement.

A privately-held company, Genesis will not disclose details related to production costs but says Gemesis lab-created diamonds retail for approximately 25-30 percent less than its comparable, natural counterparts.

It was announced in early August that M. Geller, a wholesaler of loose, natural diamonds, had partnered with Gemesis, the world's principle distributor of gem-quality, lab-grown diamonds. The news confused Mr. Congress and made him fear that soon there might be more salt-and-peppering of natural and lab-grown diamonds.

Gemesis management maintains its relationship with M. Geller will benefit the whole industry, "most importantly, the end consumer."



Jewelry featuring lab-grown diamonds from Gemesis

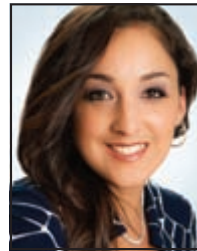
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The case for natural

Jacob Tuchman, a graduate gemologist and director of fine jewelry services for Bigham Jewelers in Naples, does not have a problem with lab-grown diamonds as long as it's brought to the attention of the consumer that what they are buying holds no value. Personally, he sees the purchase of lab-grown diamonds as a waste of consumer dollars.

"I find it incredible that people would spend their good, hard-earned money on stones that do not have and will never have any value," he says. "You might as well buy a piece of glass."

Shereilyn Mora, regional manager of Dunkin's Diamonds, compares natural



MORA

diamonds to organic food. Why would you want to eat something grown in a lab? Why would you want to wear something grown in a lab?

She does not frown on opinion. She wants to satisfy the heart of her client, no matter what they desire, but when someone comes in asking for a lab-grown diamond, she asks them, "Why?" "I need to know the root of it," she says. "In order to advise my client, I need to know the root."

Mrs. Mora says this scenario rarely plays out, maybe one client in a thousand will ask for a lab-grown diamond. When she asks them for their reason why, she says most clients say they do not want a "blood diamond," they do not want a "civil-war diamond," they want a diamond that's "conflict-free."

Mrs. Mora tells them about the Kimberly Process, a joint government, industry and civil society initiative to stop the sale of conflict diamonds. "When I tell them every single diamond we buy is conflict free," Mrs. Mora says, "that really settles the client," and they tend to go natural.

Southwest Florida's self-described diamond advocate Mr. Congress has approached State Sen. Lizbeth Benacquisto and U.S. Congressman Trey Radel with his growing "diamonditis" concerns.

"They too want to see that the people of Florida are protected from unscrupulous practices and deceptive paperwork because these are expensive decisions. People spend thousands of dollars on a diamond, sometimes much, much more. And they deserve better," Mr. Congress says. "It would be wonderful to see the public become involved enough to help make the decisions that are necessary to protect their interests, because our industry is only so powerful to make change. It really belongs to the people." ■



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Brad Congress of Bradley's Jewelers

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Byron Wien on Life

Byron Wien, one of the most influential investment thinkers in recent decades, has offered a bunch of life lessons he has learned over his 80 years (lessons he hopes to continue to practice "in the next 80"). Here are a few:

- Network intensely. Luck plays a big role in life, and there is no better way to increase your luck than by knowing as many people as possible. Nurture your network by sending articles, books and emails to people to show you're thinking about them.

- When you meet someone new, treat that person as a friend. Occasionally you will be disappointed, but your network will broaden rapidly if you follow this path.

- At the beginning of every year, think of ways you can do your job better than you have ever done it before. Write them down and look at what you have set out for yourself when the year is over.

- The hard way is always the right way. Never take shortcuts, except when driving home from the Hamptons. Shortcuts

can be construed as sloppiness, a career killer.

- Don't try to be better than your competitors, try to be different. There is always going to be someone smarter than you, but there may not be someone who is more imaginative.

- When seeking a career as you come out of school or making a job change, always take the job that looks like it will be the most enjoyable. If it pays the most, you're lucky. If it doesn't, take it anyway. I took a severe pay cut to take each of the two best jobs I've ever had, and they both turned out to be exceptionally rewarding financially.

- Every year, try doing something you have never done before that is totally out of your comfort zone. This will add to the essential process of self-discovery.

There are more, such as: Read all the time. Get enough sleep. Travel extensively. You can read the entire list at ritholtz.com/blog/2013/07/byron-wiens-20-rules-of-investing-life. ■

My Smartest Investment

Go Clubbing

Around 1959, while young and working at a research and development lab, some colleagues and I formed an investment club and turned \$10 into \$5 with our young get-rich-quick mindsets and approaches. We did learn investing techniques, though.

About 10 years later, I joined an investment club with a much wider range of ages. Most members were professionals, but not all. The club had a much better approach and was much better balanced. Both these club experiences provided an excellent training ground for me. I think it's best to get your training early, when you have only small sums to put at risk while you learn.

— M.R., via e-mail

The Fool Responds: Investment clubs are indeed excellent for beginning investors, as they provide a venue in which to learn with and from others. They can be terrific for experienced investors, too, permitting a bunch of folks to share ideas and insights and share the stock-research workload. You can even stop short of actually pooling your dollars, just pooling your thoughts (and enjoying refreshments) at meetings. Learn more about clubs at betterinvesting.org and bivio.com. ■



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](mailto:TheMotleyFool@gmail.com) 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

Founded in 1946 and based in Boston, I'm America's top 401(k) plan provider, serving more than 20,000 employers, and one of the largest mutual fund companies, with more than 540 funds. (My once-mammoth Magellan has been eclipsed by my Contrafund.) I employ more than 40,000 people. I manage nearly \$1.8 trillion in assets and have more than \$4 trillion in total assets under administration. I offer investment management, retirement planning, portfolio guidance, brokerage, benefits outsourcing and other services to more than 20 million individuals and institutions. I'm privately held, so you can't buy stock in me. Who am I? (Answer: Fidelity Investments) ■



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Stocks Over CDs

Q After recently graduating from college, I'm employed and contributing to my workplace 401(k) plan. Should I invest additional money in a CD, too?

— G.J., Flagstaff, Ariz.

A For most young people, CDs are not ideal. Even the best CD rates these days (which you can look up at bankrate.com) are puny. If you know you won't need a sum of money for at least five years (and to be more conservative, 10 years), it's likely to grow more briskly in stocks.

Five-year CDs, for example, top out around 2 percent in interest these days, and that's the maximum. On a \$10,000 investment, all you can hope for is roughly \$200. Two-year CDs offer only about 1 percent, or \$100.

But tobacco giant Philip Morris International was recently offering a dividend yield of 3.8 percent, which would give you close to \$400. Procter & Gamble's yield is around 3 percent, while utility company National Grid yields more than 5 percent, and even Apple's yield has approached 3 percent.

Dividends are never guaranteed, but many companies have been regularly paying — and raising — them for decades. Plus, on top of the dividend, the stock price of healthy and growing companies will increase over time, too, delivering additional wealth. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Apple and its newsletters have recommended Apple and P&G.)

Q If I want to switch brokerages, can I have my entire portfolio transferred to the new brokerage, or will I have to sell everything, taking a hit on each transaction, and start from scratch with the new account?

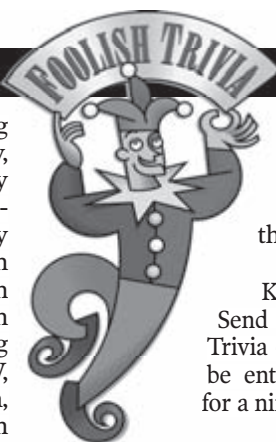
— H.W., St. Joseph, Mich.

A Your new brokerage will likely be able to help you switch seamlessly. No selling or taxable gains need be involved. ■

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The Motley Fool Take

Meet Markel

You're probably not familiar with this \$5 billion company, but you should be. Markel Corp. (NYSE: MKL) is a specialty insurance company, underwriting risks that many well-known larger insurers don't. For example, it provides insurance related to dance schools, railroads, snowmobiles, horses, ambulances, historic homes and sustainable farms, among other things.

The company's book value per share has averaged 16 percent growth per year over the past 20 years, while its investment portfolio has grown by 16 percent, as well.

Those investment results are driven by Tom Gayner, who invests Markel's excess funds in the stock market. Gayner seeks investments with high returns on capital,

ones that are likely to deliver compound growth, ones led by talented managers with integrity. He also favors undervalued stocks, with a "safety first" mantra. His formula has served the company well.

Markel recently bought fellow insurer Alterra Capital for \$3 billion, and it's also building a Markel Ventures unit, which buys smaller companies in their entirety, giving Gayner another way to redeploy shareholder capital and providing another profit source for investors. Currently, Markel Ventures is a relatively small contributor to Markel's overall bottom line, but it's a huge opportunity for the future.

(The Motley Fool owns shares of Markel and its newsletters have recommended the stock.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ A **Job Search Support Group** meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ Consultants from the **Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University** are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ The **Above Board Chamber of Florida** welcomes members and guests to its luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at the Hilton Naples.

Attendees will receive tips for getting coverage from eight media executives with TV, daily/weekly/monthly newspapers and magazines. \$23 for members, \$28 for guests. Reservations required by Friday, Sept. 6. Call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be John Cox, incoming president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Collier Foundation. Call 262-6376

■ The **Business Alliance Committee of the Marco Island Area**

hosts speed networking facilitated by David Longfield-Smith from 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Marco Island Hilton Beach Resort. \$5 at the door (cash only). Participation is limited to the first 30 people who RSVP by e-mailing katie@marcoislandchamber.org or donna@marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Hours for members and guests from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Colony Golf & Bay Club, 41010 Pelican Colony Blvd. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for members, \$30 for others. 992-2943 or www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation** kicks off its 25th anniversary season and the Class of 2014 at a reception from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speaker will be John Cox, the new president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. \$25. Reservations are required and can be made at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Hours at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com. ■

Author reception celebrates book about 'Building Brand (You)'

PBS Contractors and Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida host an author reception for Cyndee Woolley and "Building Brand (You)" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples.



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Guests will be able to purchase signed copies of Ms. Woolley's new book and also learn about new programs offered by Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida to give young people the knowledge and skills they need to

own their economic success, plan for their future and be the entrepreneurs of tomorrow. Discounted copies of "Building Brand (You)" will be available for donation to Junior Achievement.

"We are proud to celebrate the success of a local entrepreneur and hope to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs to achieve their dreams," Russell Budd, owner of PBS Construction and a 2005 Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame laureate, says.

In her new book, Ms. Woolley challenges business professionals to take responsibility for shaping their future by

arming them with the tools to create a passionate vision of what they want their life to look like. The book includes exercises to help readers understand their brand value and develop key messages that resonate with their ideal customers. The author also presents a simple relationship-building system that helps readers let go of distracting relationships and organize and prioritize the most important relationships to build their business, a network of support and inspirational relationships to stay motivated.

A consultant in public relations, community outreach and social media strategies, Ms. Woolley has worked with national brands, small business owners and nonprofit organizations. She has led training initiatives in public relations and social media through a variety of nonprofit organizations and has been a speaker at the Public Relations Society of America international conference, Full Sail University, Hodges University and the PRSA Western District and Sunshine District conferences.

Complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be served at the book signing and a cash bar will be available. RSVPs are requested and can be made by e-mailing chatch@pbscontractors.com. ■

Blue Chip keynote speaker announced

Actor, comedian, producer has overcome adversities

Actor, writer, producer, comedian and motivational speaker Erik Stolhanske has been selected as the keynote speaker for the 19th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award luncheon Thursday, Nov. 7 at Harbor-side Event Center.

Coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company and BB&T Bank, the Blue Chip Award program recognizes successful small businesses and shares their stories as models for other entrepreneurs.

Born without a fibula, Mr. Stolhanske overcame his disability to become a popular comedic actor as well as a writer and producer. His story of persevering through adversity, even when the odds are stacked against you is poignant and often humorous. In addition to writing, acting and producing, Mr. Stolhanske travels the country delivering keynote speeches to corporations, colleges and veterans' groups, and vol-

unteering his time to work with the Disabled Veterans of America.

Blue Chip nominations are open to companies that meet the following criteria:

- For-profit business.
- Operating under the same ownership for at least three continuous years, with the principal office located in Collier, Lee or Charlotte counties.
- Employs five to 400 people.
- Has overcome adversity to achieve success.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, and can be requested by contacting Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or SMercado@BBandT.com. Business owners can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. Assistance is available to draft applications. Independent judges will select one business from the field of applicants to receive the 2013 award.

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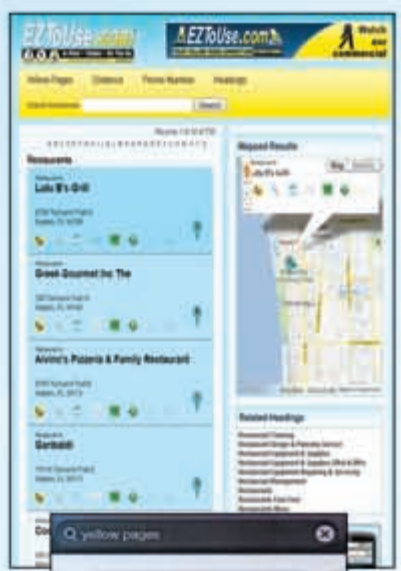


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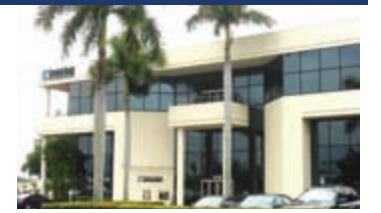
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3. Ryan Nolton and Shirley Nikula
4. Emily Budd and Marci Saemples
5. Sue Huff
6. Lori Waddell
7. Hildegard Carney and Lisa Swirda
8. John Yarbrough and Thomas Eugene
9. Anite Stiles
10. Best Theme - The Arlington
11. Mr. Florida Weekly and Mr. Fidelity
12. Marjorie Johnson and Tracy Reinert
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14. Buddy Hornbeck, Kelly Lauman and Patty Hornbeck



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House Hunting:

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In Navona at the Colony Golf and Bay Club, this 18th-floor unit offers views of gulf waters, Estero Bay and the community's golf course. The residence has three bedrooms, three baths, a great room and private elevator foyer. The kitchen has stainless steel appliances and granite countertops.

Amenities at Navona include a social room, theater, fitness room and pool with cabana. The Colony offers a private beach island,

a canoe/kayak park, tennis courts and spa.

Unit 1802 is listed for \$629,900 by Jill Kushner of Downing-Frye Realty. Call 691-5505 for more information or to arrange a showing. ■

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One of 45 oak trees being saved and relocated at Canopy, Neal Communities' 54-acre development off Collier Boulevard.

Trees take precedence before Canopy construction begins

Neal Communities is saving and relocating dozens of mature oak trees and palm trees on its 54-acre site off Collier Boulevard that will become the developer's newest community. Parts of the property were formerly landscape nurseries.

The process of preparing the Canopy site requires that each tree be tagged for relocation in specific areas of the property in order to maintain a natural appearance in relation to the various homes that will be built.

"The site contained incredibly mature oaks, some of which had 40-foot-wide canopies," says Michael Greenberg, vice president of the developer's south division.

The normal process for site development is clear, excavate, put in underground utilities, do the roadwork and then landscape. For Canopy, the landscaping came first. Neal Communities teamed up with Waldrop Engineering, Rhodes and Rhodes Survey and Al O'Donnell of O'Donnell Landscaping for the work.

Sales for homes in Canopy will begin in December. The community will have 108 single-family homes with lake and preserve views. Homes will range in size from 1,772 square feet to 3,000 square feet under air.

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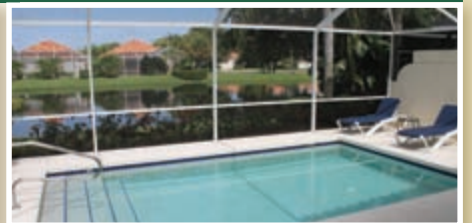
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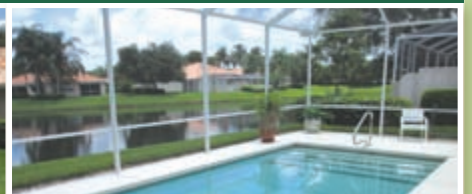
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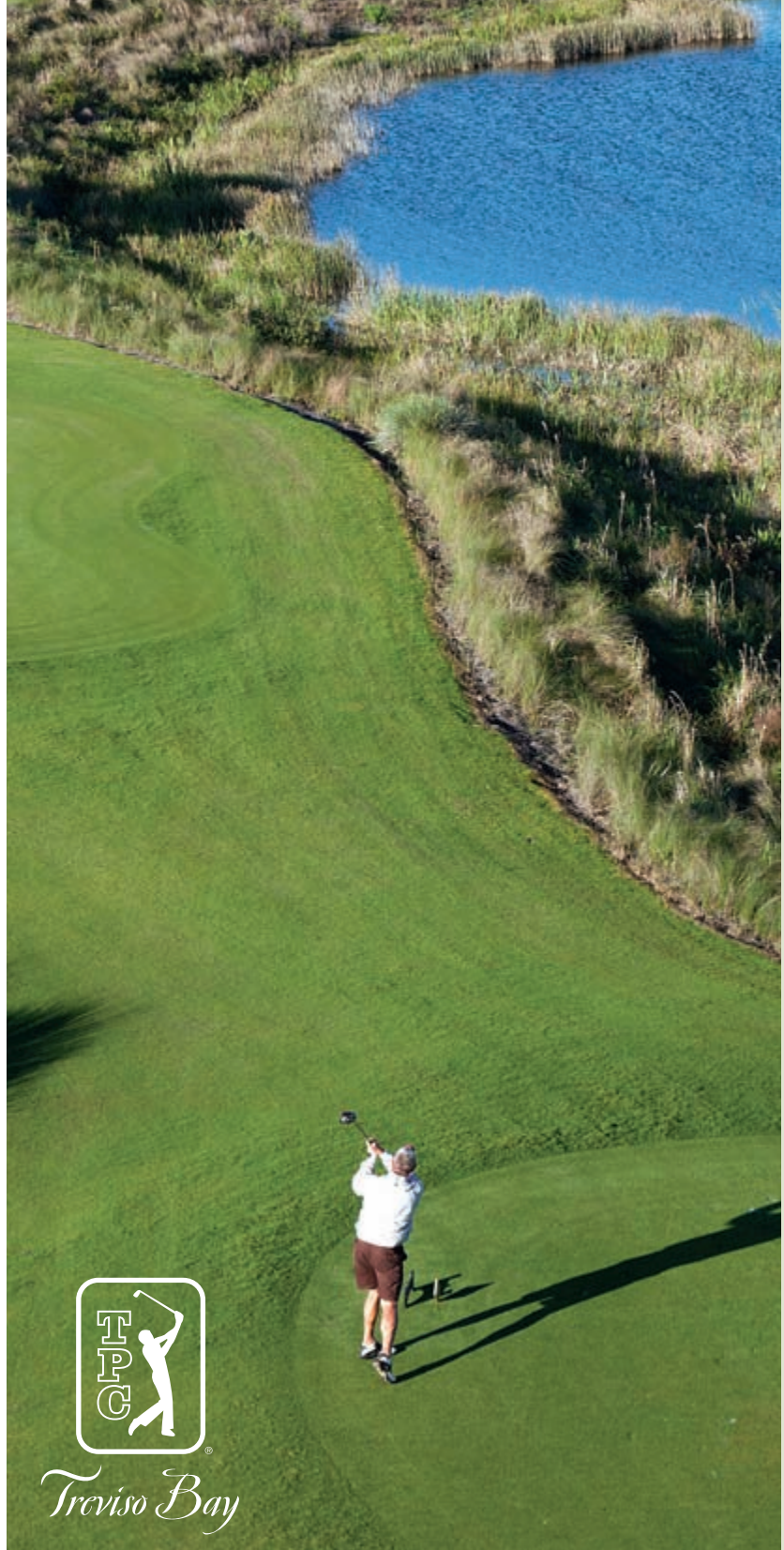
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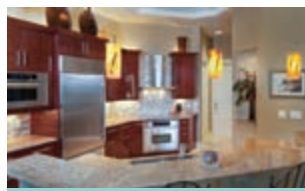
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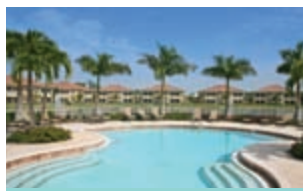
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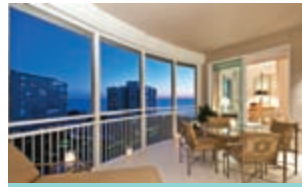
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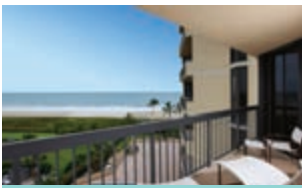
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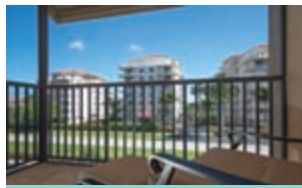
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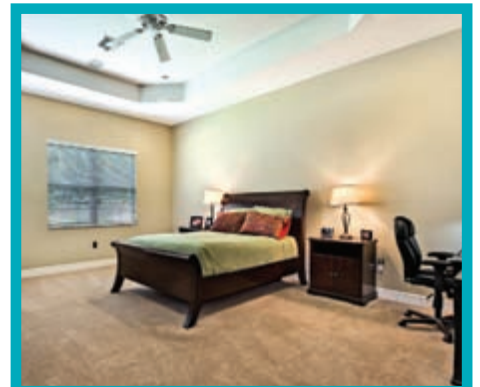
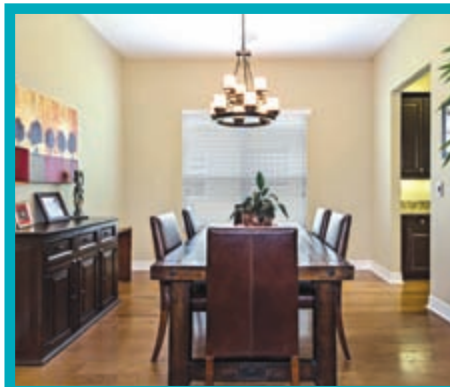


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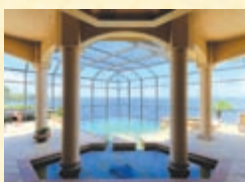
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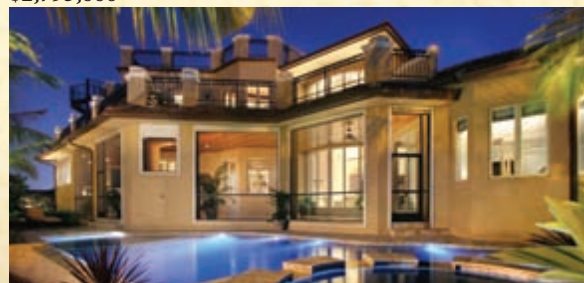
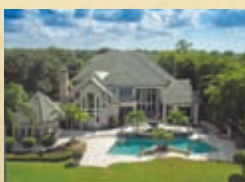
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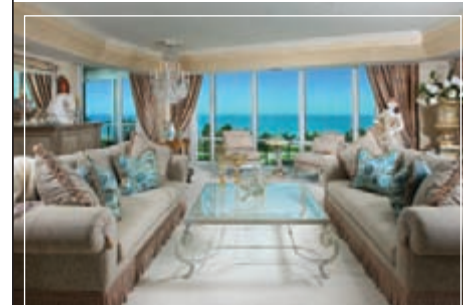
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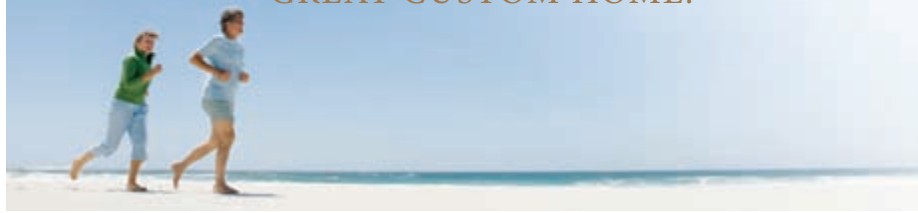
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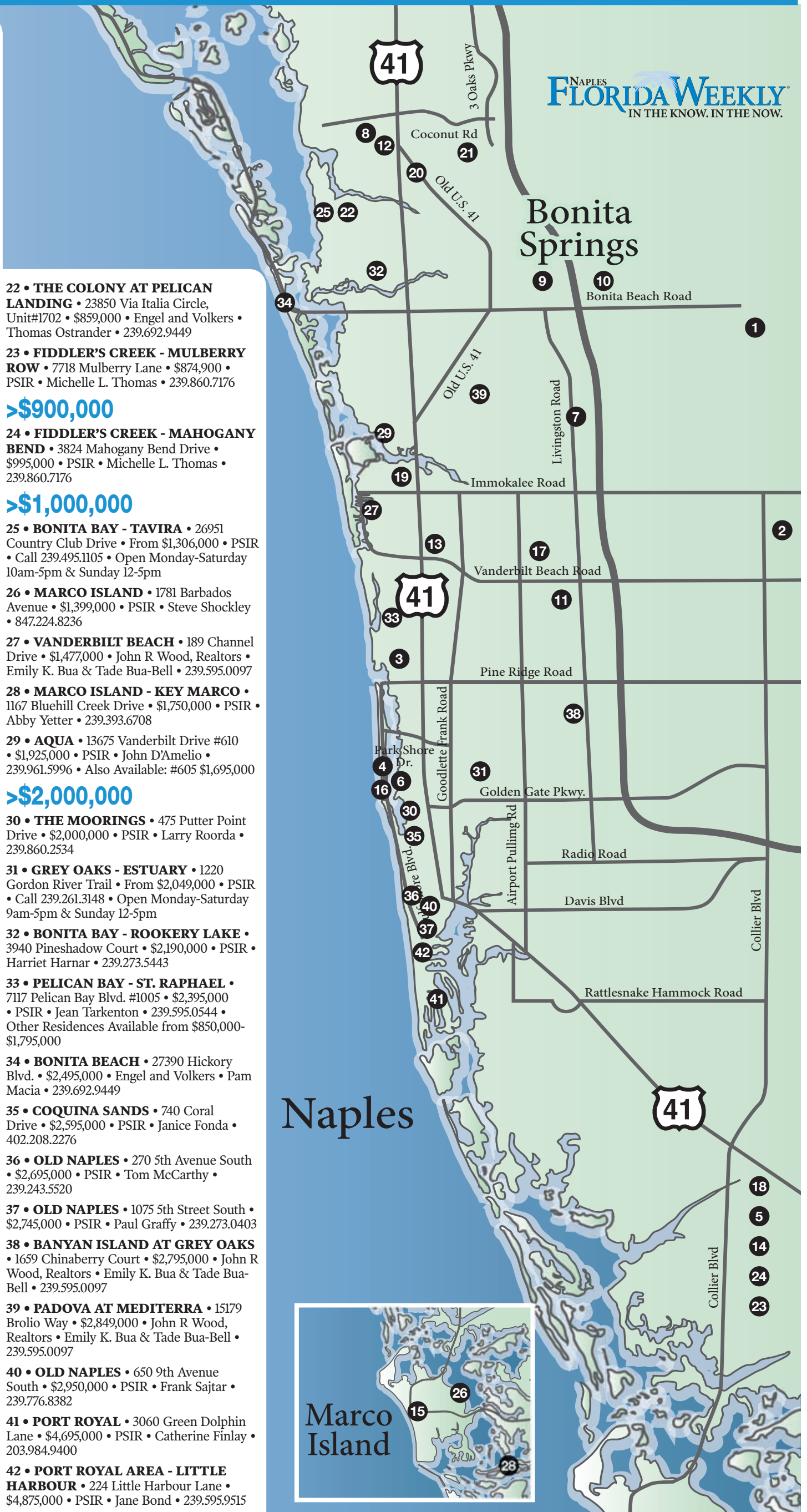
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Old Naples, 85 13th Ave S - The Beach House, upscale Key West Caribbean infused 8000 T Sq. Ft. home 1 block to beach, pier & Gulf. Turnkey furnished, mahogany floors. Pool/spa/5 decks. 4 car garage. 4/4.5 (H7540) Hutchison-Carmony Team, 272-7000 **\$4,850,000**



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Grey Oaks, 2955 Bellflower Ln - Idyllic splendor surrounds this lakefront estate where the vista expands over the lake to the lush fairway of the prestigious Grey Oaks Country Club. 4+Den/4+2/2 (H7572) Bua Bell Group, 595-0097 **\$3,195,000**



Colliers Reserve, 11921 Colliers Reserve Dr - NEWLY LISTED London Bay masterpiece on Hole #18 with sophisticated Great Room design. Award winning chef's kitchen, ultra luxe appointments thru-out. Guest house. 3+Den/3.5 (H7561) The Monika DeBenedictis Team, 450-4222 **\$2,475,000**



Royal Harbor, 1590 Bonita Ln - Beautiful waterfront with boat and Jet Ski lifts offers direct Gulf access. Large open floor plan features a gourmet kitchen, theatre room and master with FP. 4/2+2/2 (H7560) Don Winkler, 961-2166 **\$2,100,000**



Vanderbilt Beach, 367 Lagoon Ave - Waterfront location, intriguing features makes this home a truly custom masterpiece. This home with boat dock and lift offers it all. 4+Den/4 (H7482) Terrilyn VanGorder, 462-1653 **\$1,999,750**



Moorings, 619 Bowline Dr - One-level cozy & gracious split plan with fireplace, large screened lanai, many extras! Pool/spa/summer kitchen, 3 garage. Professionally-decorated offered furnished or not. 4+Den/4.5 (H7554) Susan Wall, 285-5033 **\$1,749,000**



Park Shore, 4251 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #19-A - Luxurious beach front residence completely remodeled with over 2,000 sq. ft. under air, gourmet kitchen, big lanai, 2 garage spaces & so much more. Directly on Gulf! 2/2.5 (C9415) Teresa Flack, 822-7979 **\$1,275,000**



Shadow Wood Preserve, 18530 Cypress Haven Dr - Great location w/lake, golf & preserve views. Harborside custom home has 3 car garage with heated pool & spa. Private membership with 3 Championship member-owned golf courses. 4/4 (H7436) Mike Hagan, 910-4359 **\$949,500**



Moorings, 640 Harbour Dr - Rare opportunity to build dream home w/wide views of Moorings CC golf course. Enjoy spectacular view while staying close to 5th Ave S, beaches, shopping & dining. 4/3 (H7424) Team Harris, 403-0001 **\$859,000**



Westlake, 1377 Lake Shore Dr - This newly-built state-of-the-art SmartHome features the epitome of contemporary design and modern living with over 4000 sq. ft. of total entertainment space. 2+Den/2.5 (H7421) Jordan Delaney, 404-3070 **\$699,000**



Banyan Woods, 4884 Rustic Oaks Cir - Former model with all the bells & whistles! Great location within walking distance of shopping & restaurants, just a short drive to the beaches & Old Naples. 4+Den/3 (H7427) Linda Loomis, 451-0769 **\$650,000**



Park Shore, 4551 Gulf Shore Blvd N, #406 - Best value at this time on Gulf Shore Blvd N with Gulf view. Extremely clean and well maintained two bedroom two bath condominium located in the Esplanade dub. 2/2 (C9499) Scott Lepore, 250-2800, Dani Sadler, 248-0678 **\$679,000**



Riverstone, 3982 Berling Ct - New Construction! Ready to move in! 2-story home. Living space downstairs. All bedrooms and game room upstairs. SS & granite. Huge lanai with room for pool, spa & more. 5+Den/5 (H7525) Patrick Dearborn, 877-4340 **\$668,900**



Livingston Woods, 6831 Bottlebrush Ln - Fantastic location! Wonderful pool home on 2.27 acres. Private security gate, fruit trees, wood burning fireplace in family room, fabulous pool & deck area. 3+Den/2+2/2 (H7531) Mary Kay Hart, 821-5500, Greg Gorman, PA, 784-2841 **\$647,000**



Bonita Bay, 27123 Shell Ridge Cir - Dramatic high ceilings, enclosed lanai, tile on diagonal, plantation shutters on 1st floor, lake view with eastern exposure create a great space. Master on 1st. Community pool. 4/2.5 (H7428) Jackie K. Hauserman, 272-7219 **\$610,000**



Vineyards, 932 Glen Lake Cir - SHORT SALE! DESIGNER MODEL with EVERY UPGRADE is essence of luxury! Beyond heavy, carved double doors, the spectacular 152' x 102' window reveals a pool, spa. 3+Den/2.5 (H7542) Anita Colletti, 270-0700 **\$599,000**



Vineyards, 434 Palo Verde Dr - Tasteful artistic touches including decorative ceiling lighting and masterful faux features highlight this lakefront pool home in a very desirable community. 3/2 (H7546) The Dusek Team, 564-6137 **\$523,500**



Pelican Landing, 25372 Galashields Cir - Seldom available - Showroom Quality. Two-story middle Baycrest unit with Golf Course View and Entry Courtyard Patio. 2767 sq. ft. 22' tall ceilings. 3/3 (V1824) Richard Schwandt, 287-9177, Cindy Kruesi, 495-4113 **\$449,000**



Lely Resort, 7488 Moorgate Point Way - Beautifully appointed villa. Stunning lake views from the screened lanai with pool and spa. Numerous builder and owner upgrades added to this like-new home. 3/2 (V1843) Sharon Kennedy, 595-2032, Jordan Delaney, 404-3070 **\$439,000**



The Brooks, 23650 Copperleaf - This gorgeous home is move-in ready and ONE OF A KIND! Completely renovated, beautiful lake view, fully enclosed lanai, custom heated pool and spa! Over 2000 sq ft 2+Den/2 (H7549) Amy Velyvis, 287-3932, Cathy Wynne, 565-1823 **\$439,000**



Eagle Creek, 146 Cypress View Dr - Great Deal! Golf membership included in the purchase of this immaculate golf villa recently renovated with granite, large tile, SS appliances, Summer kitchen. 3/3 (V1842) Jay and Chris Siemers, 250-4009 **\$429,900**



Berkshire Lakes, 325 Lambton Ln - Spacious Lakeview Pool Home with Cathedral Ceilings, Tile Flooring, and Huge Covered Lanai and Pool Enclosure. Easy Drive to Beach. Walk to Shopping and Dining. 4/3 (H7556) Mike Dodge, 784-1863 **\$420,000**



Imperial Golf Estates, 2237 Imperial Golf Course Blvd - Well maintained home with vaulted ceilings, tile floors and charming decor. Gorgeous paved drive and terrace. 3/2 (H7548) Debbie Frost, 250-8701 **\$409,000**



The Strand, 5997 Trophy Dr, #1102 - Gorgeous lake view from 1st floor unit. Great location across street from community pool & easy access to north gate. Electric shutters on back, private guest suite. 2+Den/2 (C9498) Jim Scartz, 877-9726 **\$334,900**



Golden Gate Estates, 3745 27th Ave SW - Beautiful Estate Home set back from the road. Very quiet and peaceful yet close to everything! Workshop with water and electric. 4/3 (H7522) Kim Ellis, 269-7025 **\$319,000**



Wilderness, 104 Clubhouse Dr, #273 - Exceptional manicured features found throughout including renovated kitchen and bathrooms with new cabinets, new hardwood flooring and siltstone countertops. 3/2 (C9496) Bill Verdonk, 293-7441 **\$299,000**



Golden Gate Estates, 3960 29th Ave Ne - Exceptionally well maintained home in growing area of the estates. Lovely setting with 200' setback, double garage, paved drive & turn-around. Southern exposure. 3/2 (H7541) Barbara Salinas, 449-2733 **\$289,000**



Forest Lakes, 204 Woodshire Ln - Freshly updated garden VILLA. Plantation shutters, large great room with cathedral ceilings & skylight, upgraded carpet, ceramic tile, eat-in kitchen with white cabinets. 2+Den/3 (H7539) David Burke, 784-2831 **\$299,000**



Lakewood, 4392 Beechwood Lake Dr - Livability & Value! Lake view, heated pool, large deck with brick pavers, spacious lanai. Great room with vaulted ceiling with wood beam. All tile floors. Low HOA fee. 3/2 (H7504) Sharon Worley, 860-6873 **\$287,500**



The Reserve At Estero, 9220 Astonia Way - Mataro model constructed May 2013 has \$67,000 in Toll Bros upgrades! Beautiful lake view. Level 5 kitchen cabinets with glass doors & granite counters & backsplash. 3/2 (H7534) Ken Levine, 292-7798 **\$285,000**



Naples Bath And Tennis, 1850 Bald Eagle Dr #404-B - Finest 2/2 with elevator, ALL NEW, redone in 2013 with high end finishes. Long lake view!! 2/2 (C9476) Roger Hill, Jr., 404-7931 **\$225,000**



Golden Gate City, 3113 43rd St SW - Beautifully-maintained waterfront home in semi-private neighborhood. Split beds, vaulted ceiling & spa. Shady backyard overlooks private dock on canal. 3+Den/2 (H7532) Albie Varoski, 659-6393 **\$225,000**



Ave Maria, 4415 Kentucky Way - Lovely Pulte Homes built "Dover" home with an abundance of upgrades, wood floors, granite counters! Amazing Ave Maria and water views from lanai and pool area. 3/2 (H7528) Karen Sweatlock, 860-5137, Robert Campbell, 281-6571 **\$225,000**



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Pictures from an evening of piano music at Chez Boet, and more fun around town. **C23-25** ►



Great potential, but ...

Film critic Dan Hudak says this alien adventure film falls short. **C11** ►



All in good taste

From the décor to the dishes, Thai Udon Café serves up good taste all around. **C27** ►

Coming, coming ... Leslie Hindman's Naples Fall Auction

BY DON MANLEY
 Florida Weekly Correspondent

If you've always wanted a vintage midwife/obstetric medical bag outfitted with a rather curious array of implements, then your search is over. The same applies if the object of your desire is a colorful bowl by Austrian ceramist Friedensreich Hundertwasser to add to your collection, or 192 pieces of

sterling silver flatware, circa 1960, in the Debussy pattern by Towle to dazzle your next dinner party guests.

These things — and almost 400 more items, from a 2-inch-wide cobalt and gilt painted porcelain pill box to an 8½-by-6-foot Bessarabian rug — will be up for bid when Leslie Hindman Auctioneers holds its Naples Fall Auction.



Previews are Sept. 3-11, with a reception open to the public the evening of Thursday, Sept. 5. The auction begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Leslie Hindman showroom on Third Street South.

"The Naples auctions are what we consider to be decorative sales," says Kristin Vaughn, director of business development for the Chicago-based auctioneer's Naples branch. By decorative, she explains, "We mean a revival of the style or period" in furniture or fine art objects.

The Naples Fall Auction always promises an eclectic mix of items, with the midwife's kit, four whale teeth and a French faience bidet among the more unusual listings in this year's catalog (last year's lots included a pair of taxidermied giraffe heads).

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

A wardrobe malfunction I should have seen coming



I love advice books. In the fierce world of dating, I take every advantage I can get. I turn to them when I need to know the truth on what to wear (heels), how to behave (sweetly) and what men really want (devotion, unsurprisingly). After I finish a chapter I feel proud of myself, as if I've done some vaguely healthy thing like walk a mile or eat a plate of kale.

Lately I've expanded my interest outside of romance, which is how I came to pick up Jennifer Scott's hugely entertaining guide, "Lessons from Madame Chic: 20 Stylish Secrets I Learned While Living in Paris."

Mrs. Scott gives us a step-by-step approach to achieving effortless French glamour, a look that actually takes a lot of work. Thankfully, she's happy to share the tips she learned from her stay overseas (the no make-up look, the 10-item wardrobe and the art of the Mona Lisa smile). She even throws in a few cautionary tales.

Under a section titled "Check Yourself From Different Angles," she relays a story about a woman she

saw walking down the street in California with nice hair, good make-up and an expensive handbag on her arm.

"This was clearly a woman who cared about her appearance," she writes. But the woman's pants had a hole running down the seam of the seat. "She probably had no idea of the magnitude of the wardrobe malfunction taking place on her backside."

The problem, Mrs. Scott says, could have been avoided if the woman had inspected herself from every angle before walking out of the house. I nodded thoughtfully and filed this information away in the mental space where I store helpful tips I already know. I thought, *of course you should inspect yourself from every angle.* I thought, *of course you should look your best when you leave the house.* What I should have thought was: *Of course wardrobe malfunctions can happen to anyone.*

On a recent Saturday afternoon I stopped by the grocery store on my way home from a meeting. I wore a white blouse and colorful cotton slacks. The shirt had narrow sleeves, and because I have a horror of exposed bra straps,

I had opted for a strapless bra. My version, though, has seen better days. The elastic stays are stretched loose, and if I wear it for too long or stand in a less than upright position, the bra will make its slow way to my waist. I

was midway down the bread aisle when I felt my underpinnings heading south. I shrugged my shoulders, tried for a subtle lift and hoped I had everything back in place. But as I crossed the parking lot to my car and then turned to lift the first bag of groceries out of my cart, I came eye-to-boob with an awkward reality: My strapless bra had slipped past the point of coverage. And my white blouse? Essentially see-through. I had spent the last 20 minutes giving the fine people of Publix a peep show.

I had to laugh there in the parking lot. Madame Chic would certainly be horrified. But at least the bag boy didn't seem to mind. ■







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■ **“The Dark Winter”**
by David Mark

(\$25.95, Blue Rider Press)

Excerpt: The snow has begun to fall. Fat, white, perfect flakes tumble in their millions from a sky a hundred shades of black, icing the curbs, the pavements, the rooftops, the awnings, adding inches of height to the wet, damp city.

McAvoy looks but does not see. The windscreen is misted insensible from the breath that eases from his lungs in a low, icy, angry whistle. Two great dorsal fins have been carved into the snow upon the glass by wipers he has no memory of switching on. He does not register the weather. Nor the cold. Just grinds his teeth and narrows his eyes and drives the people-carrier too fast on slick, treacherous roads.

Summary: It's coming up on Christmas, and a young girl is murdered with a machete in a church, in the middle of a service. Detective Aector McAvoy Sensing a connection between that murder and two others, Det. Sgt. Aector McAvoy investigates.

The action takes place in the dark, dreary, economically depressed port city of Hull, England, in the middle of winter. Even if you don't read it, at look at the cover of “The Dark Winter” should cool you off a little. The photo of the underbelly of a bridge is so mysterious and brooding it should run chills down your spine.

■ **“Midwinter Blood”**
by Mons Kallentoft

(\$25.99, Emily Bestler Books)

Excerpt: Malin leaves the apartment. Goes down the three flights of stairs to the door of the building. With every step she feels the cold come closer. It's practically below freezing in the stairwell.

Please let the car start. It's almost cold enough to freeze the gasoline to ice.

She pauses at the door. The chill mist is drifting in waves through the streetlamps' cones of light. She wants to run back upstairs, go into the apartment, tear off her clothes and creep back into bed. Then it comes again, her longing for Police Headquarters. So: Pull the door open, run to the car, fumble with the key, open the door, throw yourself in, start the engine, and

drive off.

The cold takes a stranglehold when she walks out; she imagines she can hear the hairs in her nose crackle with each breath, and feels her tear ducts grow treacherously ...

Summary: At the beginning of “Midwinter Blood,” police superintendent Malin Fors leaves her house to go to work in the city of Linköping, Sweden; it's the most brutal February anyone can remember.

It's so cold, her car won't start.

But then her partner Zeke calls and swings by to pick her up: They have a case. The tortured body of an obese man has been found in a field outside of town, hanging from a tree. Who is he? How did he get there? Who committed the crime?

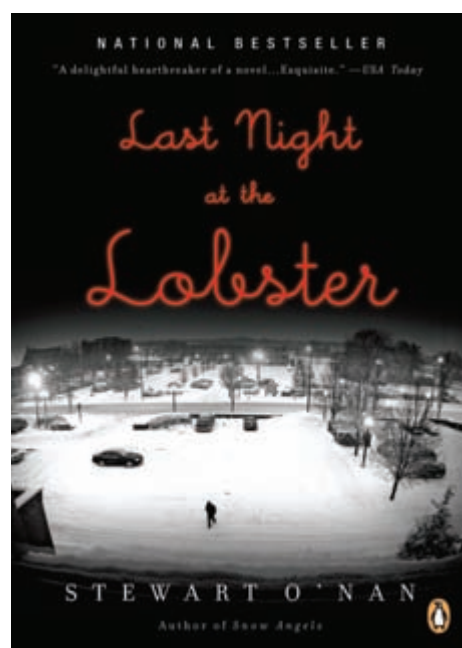
Mons Kallentoft's novel hit the bestseller lists in Sweden, selling



more than 300,000 copies there, and has been translated into 26 languages and sold more than 1.5 million copies worldwide.

On the back cover, Magnus Utvik, identified as “Sweden's leading critic” raves: “Don't bother with Stieg Larsson ... Kallentoft is better.”

All you need to know: Cold permeates this murder mystery like a drafty northern home with a broken heater.



■ **“Last Night at the Lobster”**
by Stewart O'Nan

(\$14, Penguin Books)

Excerpt: Outside, the wind cuts through his thin shirt, lacy flakes catch in his eyelashes. The slushy ghosts of footprints bleed through the new cover. It's noticeably warmer, the snow heavy as wet cake, crystals sticking together as they fall. He should probably break out the snowblower, but for now he sows handfuls of ice melter, a quick fix so no one from lunch ends up breaking a hip. Far across the lot, a big town plow roams the aisles, blade

scraping all the way down to asphalt, yellow light wheeling. It peeps as it backs up, then goes forward again, the diesel softened by distance and the veil of snow, almost like fog, obscuring the mall, a dark block with floodlights burning at the corners, like a fort or a prison.

Summary: It's four days before Christmas, and the Red Lobster in New Britain, Conn., is closing its doors for good at the end of the day. It's snowing like crazy. At one point the manager, Manny DeLeon, looks out the window and “snow streaks past sideways, as if he's riding a train.” The blizzard's already shut down New York City, and promises to dump two more feet of snow in Connecticut before it's through.

Stewart O'Nan not only writes insightfully about the human condition, but his descriptions of a cold New England winter are poetic: Manny “trades the broom for a bag of ice melter, strewing the white pebbles like chicken feed” ... a car drives “alone across the far vastness of the lot, where a bulldozed mound of old snow towers like a dirty iceberg.”



■ **“Frozen in Time: An Epic Story of Survival and a Modern Quest for Lost Heroes of World War II”**
by Mitchell Zuckoff

(\$28.99, HarperCollins)

Excerpt: Even more than its size, Greenland's most defining feature is its climate. Temperatures vary along a spectrum of discomfort, ranging from bone-rattling to instant frostbite. In many places, temperatures regularly reach the only place on the thermometer where Celsius and Fahrenheit agree: 40 degrees below zero ... For much of the year the north of Greenland is ringed by solid pack ice, and the waters to the south are beset by ITAL storis, CLOSE ITAL a twenty-mile belt of floating icebergs.

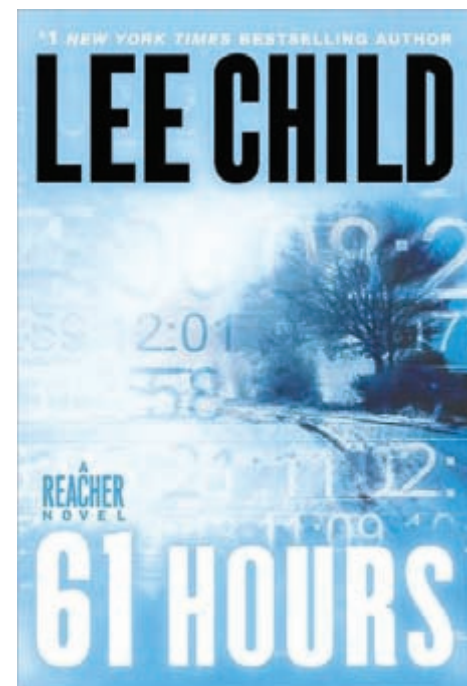
Then there's the wind. In fall and winter, devastating blizzards known as ITAL piteraqaq CLOSE ITAL storms race more than a hundred miles per hour across the unbroken landscape. The wind blows glacial dust that can scour glass or blind eyes left unprotected. Soldiers stationed at an American base in Greenland during World War II sometimes crawled from one building to the next to avoid violent winds. An officer who stepped blithely out of his hut was thrown twenty feet into a wall, breaking both arms.

Summary: If the locale of “Frozen in Time” doesn't make you shiver, the premise will. In this true-life story, a cargo plane carrying five men slams into Greenland's icy terrain during the Arctic winter of 1942. A search plane carrying nine men crashes while looking for them. Then a third plane with three men, searching for the second plane, vanishes during a storm.

Sixty years later, author Mitchell Zuckoff joins a team trying to track and recover that third plane. The book alternates between his story and his recounting of the horrors faced by the stranded men.

Mr. Zuckoff obviously did his research: His prose is stuffed with military and aviation details. He describes searching for the plane like looking for a dust speck on a hockey rink, and quotes a geology professor who declares, “... Nature in winter Greenland is a mother that devours her own children.”

Chilling.



■ **“61 Hours”** by Lee Child

(\$9.99, Dell)

Excerpt: Reacher woke up at ten to seven, to a silent, sepulchral world. Outside the den windows the air was thick with heavy flakes. They were falling gently but relentlessly onto a fresh accumulation that was already close to a foot deep. There was no wind. Each of the billion of flakes came parachuting straight down, sometimes wavering a little, sometimes spiraling, sometimes side-stepping an inch or two, each one disturbed by nothing but its own featherweight instability. Most added their tiny individual masses to the thick white quilt they landed on. Some stuck to fantastic, vertical feathered shapes on power lines and fence wires, and made the shapes taller.

Summary: Jack Reacher is riding a bus that crashes during a brutal snowstorm in South Dakota. When he and the other passengers are rescued and brought to an nearby small town, Reacher becomes involved in solving a murder and helping protect a witness, all in sub-zero weather with two major snow storms advancing on the area.

Like James Bond, Reacher is, of course, too good to be true, but this is sheer entertainment. “61 Hours” is not only a page-turner, but Lee Child's constant, creative descriptions of the cruel weather are sure to make you feel cooler. ■

Just think of these books as snow porn for summer Floridians

AUDITION CALLS

Marco Players start new season with 'Absalom'

Auditions will be held from 7-9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 9-10, for four men and two women to perform in The Marco Players' production of "Absalom." Rehearsals begin Sept. 23 and performances are Nov. 6-24 at The Marco Players Theater in Marco Island Town Center.

The drama by Zoe Kazan follows the "fraying" family of literary lion Saul Weber, who gathers them together at their vacation home in the Berkshires to celebrate the release of his memoir. Director R.E.

Joyce will cast a man age 65-70, two men in their early 40s, one man in his early 30s, and two women, one in her late 30s and another about 10 years younger.

Scripts are available for perusal before tryouts, and sides can be downloaded at www.themarcoplayers.com.

The community troupe is also looking for volunteers to help backstage, in the box office, as ushers and more during the 2013-14 season. For more information, call 404-5198.

TheatreZone has roles for four musicals

Auditions for roles in productions of TheatreZone's ninth season will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-15. Actors should prepare 32 bars of a song and a contrasting selection. An accompanist will be provided, but actors must bring their own sheet music and be prepared to dance. Sides are posted at www.theatrezone-florida.com.

Appointments are requested and can be made by e-mailing Mr. Danni at markdan-ni@theatrezone-florida.com (preferred) or by calling 449-2323. Actors Equity Association members without appointments will be seen throughout the audition days as time permits.

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Add your voice to the Philharmonic Chorus

Singers 18 years and older are invited to try out for the Naples Philharmonic Chorus from 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 592-5398.

Singers should prepare a piece of their choosing no longer than two minutes that showcases their vocal talents. They will be asked to match pitch, sight read and take a short music theory assessment.

Under the direction of James Cochran,

the volunteer chorus participates in pops and classical concerts each season alongside the Naples Philharmonic. The group rehearses from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday. Performances for the 2013-14 season are as follows:

- Dec. 13: A Choral Christmas
- Dec. 19-22: Holiday Pops
- April 10-12: Beethoven's Ninth
- April 22-26: A Tribute to Marvin Hamlisch
- May 15-16: Patriotic Pops ■

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Theater

■ **Burt & Me** - Through Oct. 5 at Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, Aug. 29

■ **Garden Tips** - Master Gardener Mike Malloy welcomes questions about plant identification and problems and offers landscaping advice from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden, 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-1351 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Catch a Classic** - Enjoy a free screening of "Topper Returns" (1941), starring Joan Blondell, Roland Young and Carole Landis at 1 p.m. at the Collier County Museum, 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Village Nights** - The Village on Venetian Bay hosts live entertainment from 5-8 p.m. www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Sunset Cruise** - Climb aboard the Naples Princess and enjoy a wine tasting as the boat sails into the sunset at 6:30 p.m. \$60. 649-2275 or www.naplesprincesscruises.com.

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** - Yannis Pappas takes the stage tonight through Sept. 1 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

■ **Open Mic** - Frankie Colt hosts open mic night from 9 p.m. to midnight at South Street City Oven Bar & Grill, 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Friday, Aug. 30

■ **Sidewalk Sale** - The Village on Venetian Bay celebrates Labor Day weekend with a sidewalk sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today, Aug. 31 and Sept. 2, and from noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 1. 261-6100 or www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Here's to Beer** - Tour Naples Beach Brewery from 4-8 p.m. today and 3-7 p.m. Aug. 31. \$15 gets the guided tour and samples of six craft beers. 4110 Enterprise Ave. 304-8795 or www.naplesbeachbrewery.com.

■ **Piano Music** - Lynn Carol tickles the ivories from 6-9 p.m. in the lounge at Capers Kitchen & Bar, 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.



The blues band Mudbone featuring Rick Howard, above, launches the "Live & Local" series of concerts in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples at 7 p.m. Sept. 5. \$10 admission includes one drink. Tickets available at the door or in advance by calling 597-1900 or at www.artisnaples.org.

■ **More Music** - Bill Beck performs from 7-10 p.m. at the Old Marco Pub & Restaurant, 1105 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 642-9700 or www.oldmarcopub.com.

■ **Bluegrass Tunes** - The Lost Rodeo Band performs from 7:30 -10:30 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Live Jam** - The Speedbumps take the stage from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie's, 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

Saturday, Aug. 31

■ **Big Cypress Gallery** - Photographers Clyde and Nikki Butcher invite the public to "Across the West" at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. today and Sept. 1 and at 11 a.m. Sept. 2 at their gallery on U.S. 41 in Ochopee. The one-hour lecture features images from their 50th anniversary journey across the American West. \$50 admission includes refreshments, a story booklet and \$25 gift certificate to use in gallery. Limited seating. Reservations: 695-2428.

■ **Fresh Produce** - The Third Street South Farmers Market takes place from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama's. www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

■ **It Takes Two** - Alicia Repun leads a tango class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milongo for all levels until 11 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pabllorepuntango.com.

■ **Outdoor Entertainment** - The Riverside Band performs from 8-10 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. Free. 267-0783 or www.gulfcoast-towncenter.com.

■ **Jam Session** - The Sheffield Crew performs at 9:30 p.m. at Vandy's & 5 Brothers, 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

Sunday, Sept. 1

■ **An Irish Goodbye** - McCabe's Irish Pub & Grill hosts an all-day farewell party including live bands, Irish dancers plus food and drink specials beginning at noon. This is the last day of business for the landmark establishment at its Fifth Avenue South location. 403-7170 or www.innonfifth.com.

■ **White Night** - Blue Martini at Mercato celebrates its fourth anniversary with a white party from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. Wear white and enjoy a complimentary cocktail. 591-2583 or www.bluemartinilounge.com.

■ **Dog Days** - Naples Botanical Garden welcomes canines and their owners from 8-11 a.m. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

Monday, Sept. 2

■ **All That Jazz** - Fred's Food, Fun and Spirits hosts a jazz jam with Jebry and friends from 6-9 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or www.freds-diner.com.

■ **Live Jam** - Devon Meyers performs at 11:30 p.m. at Vandy's & 5 Brothers, 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

Tuesday, Sept. 3

■ **Book Signing** - Randy Wayne White signs copies of his new novel, "Deceived," at 3 p.m. at Sunshine Booksellers, 677 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 393-0353 or www.sunshinebooksellers.com. See book review on page C8.

■ **Seminole History** - Van Samuels presents "Seminole Culture & History: A Native American Perspective" at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.themihs.org.

■ **Live Tunes** - Mudbone takes the stage from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie's, 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

Wednesday, Sept. 4

■ **Cook's Corner** - The Good Life of Naples hosts a cooking class focusing on sauces, vinaigrettes and dressings with Chef Kristina San Filippo from 6-8 p.m. \$55. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifenas.com.

■ **Live Music** - Bill Colletti and Sharon Vath perform from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar, 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.

■ **Trivia Time** - You don't have to be a brainiac to be a winner at trivia night from 7-9 p.m. at Tavern on the Bay, 489 Bayfront Place. 530-2225.

Coming up

■ **Movie Time** - Naples Regional Library hosts a free screening of "The Apartment" as part of its "Spotlight on Jack Lemmon" at 2 p.m. Sept. 5. Registration required. 650 Central Ave. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Mercato Nights** - Mercato hosts a free concert featuring the reggae band SowFlo from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 5. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Preview Reception** - The Naples Art Association hosts a reception for the sixth annual non-juried All Artist Members Show of Shows and the "Dimensions in Art" exhibit from 5:30-7 p.m. Sept. 6 at The von Liebig Art Center. \$10 (free for members). 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **Craving Fashion** - Watersides Shops presents a fashion show and food fest to benefit St. Matthew's House and Make-A-Wish from 5:30-9 p.m. Sept. 6. \$50 includes tastes from more than a dozen area restaurants. 676-9756 or nannette@markit-group.com.

■ **Hispanic Art** - Collier County Museum hosts an opening reception for the exhibit "Journey of Hispanic Artists in America" from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 6. Free. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

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AUCTION

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The expected bids, also listed in the catalog, reflect that diversity. The obstetric bag, for example, is anticipated to bring \$60-\$80; the Hundertwasser ceramic bowl, \$600-\$800; and the Towle flatware (including 17 shellfish forks), \$4,000-\$6,000.

So where does all this stuff come from? Ms. Vaughn says the auction house, which also has satellite locations in Palm Beach, Denver and Milwaukee, works with some private clients but mostly works with entire estates. The primary function of the satellite offices is to secure consignment items for the company's main auction facility in Chicago.

"Our main goal is to get things such as a 10-carat diamond into our (Chicago) jewelry sale, or a really fantastic painting into our modern and contemporary (art) sale," Ms. Vaughn says.

The Naples office holds three auctions a year of inventory garnered statewide and at times, due to Southwest Florida's many part-time residents, from out of state.

"Along the way, we might meet someone who has a great diamond ring or necklace, but then she also has a few odds and ends that also need to be sold," she says. Those "odds and ends" can become lots in the Naples auctions when it's likely they wouldn't bring more than a couple of hundred dollars, or when the cost of shipping would exceed the price they'd probably fetch on the block in Chicago. "So as a courtesy, because we're handling a lot of the more valuable things, we'll go ahead and sell some of the other things that they're looking to get rid of," she says.

In Naples, Leslie Hindman Auctioneers has held auctions since opening four years ago. Ms. Vaughn says she has seen sale prices as low as \$50 for a single Sheraton-style armchair to a high of \$342,000 for an 18th century porcelain vase from China's Qianlong Dynasty.

Prospective bidders can attend the live event on Sept. 12 or can register to bid online or over the phone. Absentee bids are also an option.

While online and phone bidders can be anywhere in the world, Ms. Vaughn says there's nothing like the fun of being there, live and in person, as the bidding ensues. "You never know what's going to happen in the room," she says. "That's the exciting part."

The Naples Winter Auction is set for Tuesday, Dec. 17 (consignment deadline, Oct. 22).

For more information or to view the Naples Fall Auction online catalog, visit www.LeslieHindman.com. ■



Lot 13 – A mid-20th century midwife/obstetric medical bag. Auction estimate: \$60-\$80



Lot 324 – A watercolor and gouache of Paris, dated 1938, by Gen Paul. Auction estimate: \$2,000-\$4,000



Lot 210 – "Spiralental," a ceramic bowl by Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Auction estimate: \$600-\$800



Lot 62 – From a Naples collection, a 7-foot-tall French provincial pine armoire with 18th-century elements and modern upholstered interior. Auction estimate: \$1,000-\$2,000



Lot 16 – A pair of Sevres gilt metal mounted vases by Paul Millet. Auction estimate: \$500-\$700

in the know

Naples Fall Auction

- >> **Who:** Leslie Hindman Auctioneers
- >> **Where:** Upstairs at 1300 Third St. S.
- >> **Live auction:** 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12
- >> **Previews:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays Sept. 3-10; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11.
- >> **Preview reception:** 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5. Free. RSVP required. Call 643-4448.

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FLORIDA WRITERS

Deception, corruption reign in Randy Wayne White's new thriller



■ **"Deceived" by Randy Wayne White. G.P. Putnam's Sons. 352 pages. \$26.95 hardcover.**

This second installment in Randy Wayne White's Hannah Smith series, following the powerhouse debut of "Gone," is totally satisfying. A reader with high expectations is easily disappointed; this reader had a delightful time getting to know Hannah better and being frightened, along with her, by mysterious and cruel events that test her courage and determination.

There is a little corner of coastal Southwest Florida, not far from Sanibel Island, that has a troubled history and a threatened present. It's officially known as Sulfur Wells. Hannah tells her curious fishing clients that the row of tiny tin-roofed cottages is known as Munchkinville. One of these clients, a member of the important Chatham family, collects antique fishing equipment; another, good-looking Joel "Rance" Ransler, at first hides his identity as special prosecutor for the county. What are these two really fishing for, underdeveloped real estate?

More than a few strange things are happening.

Hannah's mother, Loretta, is concerned that her good friend Rosannah "Pinky" Helms can't be located. Soon,

Hannah goes out to Pinky's dilapidated home and, though threatened by ferocious dogs and a crazed, axe-wielding man, finds Pinky has been murdered.

Is there any connection between this murder and the unsolved murder of Pinky's late husband many years ago?

Some of Loretta's valuable possessions, which had been put in the custody of the Helms family, have disappeared. Is there a connection between their disappearance and the pamphlets describing an organization called "Fisherfolk of South Florida," which touts a "Preserve Our Heritage" motto?

It seems as if the elderly locals are being scammed by a scheme that invites donations of their family heirlooms to fund a local heritage museum. The scammers push the idea that the donors can get tax benefits from the government that is usually busy regulating their livelihoods — such as fishing — out of existence.

And what's that monstrous building looming alongside Loretta's modest home and grounds? How did bad neighbor and shady shrink Dr. Candor, psychiatric clinic and rehab center entrepreneur, have a bunch of zoning codes waived for that edifice? And where are the remains of the historic Indian shell mounds that were demolished to level the land?

Why is that awful Candor woman trying to have Loretta arrested for illegal

gardening?

Indeed, Hannah has her hands full.

Special prosecutor Ransler, who engages Hannah formally in investigations of older and newer crimes that concern them both, does not seem entirely trustworthy. Hannah is flattered by, but properly wary of, his undisguised attraction to her.

Her involvement in this complex of dangerous issues places Hannah in serious jeopardy on several occasions. Her cool head and physical hardiness are challenged by coldblooded, merciless villains whose secrets she threatens to uncover and whose ambitions she threatens to thwart.

What Mr. White does so skillfully is draw readers into the way Hannah processes situations under pressure. Through Hannah's narration, the author reviews the possible courses of action it might

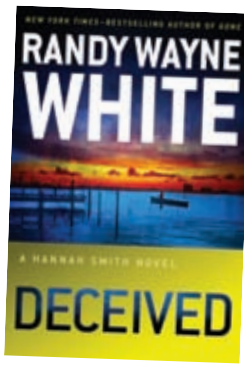
take to escape from or turn the tables on her deadly enemies. The suspense builds as Hannah rapidly selects and discards possibilities. Over and over, she has no more time left: Contemplation must turn into action. Sometimes she miscalculates, and the situation gets worse before it gets better.

One harrowing episode has her almost stuffed in a tire-shredding apparatus, a local weapon of choice that leaves little evidence behind.

Fans of Mr. White are no doubt wondering: *Where is Doc Ford when she*

needs him? Wouldn't you know it, boyfriend Ford just happens to be off for a week or so on one of those secret missions to South America. The real point of his absence (and indirect presence) is to ensure that Hannah Smith does not need him. She can handle things herself.

In "Deceived," Mr. White has magnificently shaded and deepened his Hannah Smith character and, along with a cast of terrific subordinate characters, has given us an additional independent woman who is well realized but quite different from Hannah in stature, style and personality. Wait until you meet pint-sized Deputy Sheriff Birdy Tupplemeyer, who becomes Hannah's "odd couple" partner in fighting crime. But don't wait very long. You owe yourself the immediate pleasure of this well-crafted, highly entertaining, heart-pounding addition to the RWW canon. ■



in the know

Book signings

Randy Wayne White's will sign copies of "Deceived" as follows:

- >> Sunday and Monday, Sept. 1-2: Noon-2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. at Doc Ford's Rum Bar & Grille, Sanibel Island
- >> Tuesday, Sept. 3: 3 p.m. at Sunshine Booksellers, 677 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island
- >> Tuesday, Sept. 3: 7 p.m. at the Fort Myers Barnes & Noble
- >> Wednesday, Sept. 4: Noon at Bookstore 1 in Sarasota
- >> Thursday, Sept. 5: 6:30 p.m. at the Sanibel Island Bookshop

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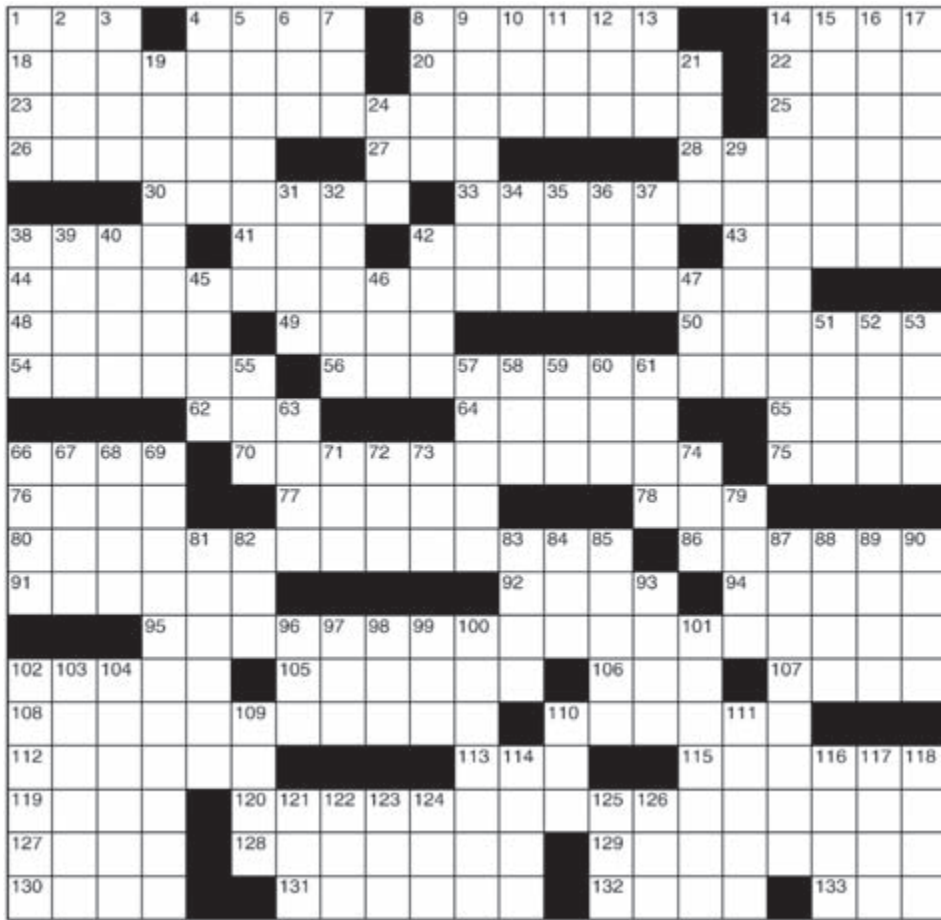
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 - 22 Do-fa links
 - 23 Making of file cabinet inserts?
 - 25 "Believe — Not!"
 - 26 More than infatuated
 - 27 Groom's vow
 - 28 New edition
 - 30 Act in opposition to
 - 33 Emerald Isle when it's very snowy?
 - 38 Seed case
 - 41 Fire remnant
 - 42 Actor Oskar
 - 43 Vigilant
 - 44 Let someone else have your warding-off job?
 - 48 Money in virtual retail
 - 49 What some readings get reset to
 - 50 Amped up
 - 54 Thermostat component
 - 56 Ghastly proprietor?
 - 62 "Correct!"
 - 64 Rod attachments
 - 65 Film director
 - 66 — -portrait
 - 70 Arsonist's alibi?
 - 75 Put with the luggage
 - 76 Trendy berry
 - 77 In — (stacked up)
 - 78 No-goodnik
 - 80 Cat's playing activities?
 - 86 Baseball's "Georgia Peach"
 - 91 Card game like écarté
 - 92 Dog in Oz
 - 94 Majestic
 - 95 Like terrain cultivated to grow poison mushrooms?
 - 102 2005 horror film sequel
 - 105 Old Olds models
 - 106 Lang. of Austria
 - 107 Low marks
 - 108 At a ferris wheel's pinnacle?
 - 110 Next to
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 - 113 Suffix with krypton
 - 115 One of the B vitamins
 - 119 Head, in Nice
 - 120 Wright brothers' command?
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 - 129 Square meter, e.g.
 - 130 Boomers' kids
 - 131 Golden age
 - 132 Itches
 - 133 Alternative to gmail
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Ingest way too much of, for short
 - 3 See 112-
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 - 8 Outstanding
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 - 10 Gershwin or Aldridge
 - 11 Liable
 - 12 Mai —
 - 13 Big head
 - 14 Dresses with trains
 - 15 Film do-over
 - 16 Gushy actor
 - 17 Most terrible
 - 19 Scent-free
 - 21 Adequate, in dialect
 - 24 Tiny peeve
 - 29 Believe that one will
 - 31 Golfer Aoki
 - 32 Below, as a goal
 - 34 Kin of "rutll"
 - 35 Opposite of SSW
 - 36 Hyena's lair
 - 37 Munic. statute
 - 38 "Rock of —"
 - 39 Starchy food
 - 40 Nobel winner
 - 42 "Do you know — am?"
 - 45 Skipper's cry
 - 46 Rocky crag
 - 47 Aruba, e.g.: Abbr.
 - 51 Lace snarl
 - 52 Architect
 - 53 Do a sketch
 - 55 KO counter
 - 57 See 89-
 - 58 Whammy
 - 59 Sleuth, in slang
 - 60 Viral malady
 - 61 KGB's land
 - 63 Thick slice
 - 66 Guarded
 - 67 Light beige
 - 68 Nonclerical
 - 69 British seafood
 - 71 Cartoon storekeeper
 - 72 Prefix with calculate
 - 73 Horror film director Roth
 - 74 Munch
 - 79 Tony-winning actress Daly
 - 81 Asian cobras
 - 82 "So's — old man!"
 - 83 Takeoff guesses, bielly
 - 84 Lawn layer
 - 85 Theater part
 - 87 "King Lear" daughter
 - 88 Melancholy instrument
 - 89 With 57-
 - 90 Mrs. Harry Truman
 - 93 Tip jar items
 - 96 Sallie —
 - 97 Fairie
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 - 99 Fleischer or Onassis
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 - 114 Deuce taker
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 - 117 "The Cosby Show" boy
 - 118 List abbr.
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HOROSCOPES

- **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** With more stability in your life -- on both personal and professional levels -- this could be a good time to strengthen relationships with both friends and colleagues.
- **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** People have always relied on your integrity not only to get the job done, but to get it done right. So don't be pressured by anyone into cutting corners to save time.
- **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** While others might get rattled over unexpected changes, your ability to adapt calmly and competently helps you make a positive impression during a crucial period.
- **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** A changing environment might be daunting for some, but the adventurous Sagittarian takes it all in stride. A friend from the past could awaken some meaningful memories.
- **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** With your self-assurance rising to full strength, the bold Goat should feel confident about opening up to new ventures as well as new relationships.
- **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Reaching out to someone who has been unkind to you might not be easy. But in the long run it will prove to have been the right thing to do. A friend offers moral support.
- **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Your keen insight once again helps you work through a seemingly insoluble problem in your workplace. The weekend offers a good chance to develop new relationships.
- **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** With your Arian charm quotient at an almost all-time high this week, plus all the facts to back you up, you just might win over the last doubters to your proposal.
- **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** You might be in line for that job change you applied for. But be advised that you could be called on to defend your qualifications against supporters of other applicants.
- **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Creating a new approach to an old idea is one way to get beyond that workplace impasse. No such problems in your personal life, where things continue to flow smoothly.
- **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Be more forthcoming about your feelings concerning a proposed change either in your workplace or in your personal life. Your opinions are valuable. Don't keep them hidden.
- **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A changing situation in your life needs more patience than you appear to be willing to offer. Allowing it to develop at its own pace is the wisest course you can take at this time.
- **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a knack for finding details that others would overlook. You would make a fine research scientist. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Memories have a funny way of venturing further from truth as we age. Bad memories get worse, good memories get better, exaggeration becomes fact and the "truth" changes accordingly. Of course, not everyone remembers the same event the same way. In "The World's End," a British comedy with great potential that never hits its stride, one man fondly recalls a pub-crawl while his mates hold it in considerably less esteem.

It's June 1990. In fictional Newtown Haven, Great Britain, five school chums embark on the "Golden Mile," in which they attempt to down a pint of ale at each of 12 pubs along a 1-mile stretch of town. It's an epic night of memories that have only gotten sweeter through the years for Gary King (Simon Pegg) — who is the



only one who enjoyed himself that night. The problem for egocentric Gary (he calls himself "The King") is that they only hit nine pubs that night, falling well short of the aptly titled 12th and final pub, "The World's End." So Gary, who is nothing if not a degenerate loser clinging to his youth, decides to reunite the gang and finish what they started 20 years ago.

Ollie (Martin Freeman), Pete (Eddie Marsan), Steve (Paddy Considine) and Andy (Nick Frost, who also directs), all now working and respectable adults, come to Newton Haven against their better judgment for reasons that are never quite clear. Little do they know how dangerous this adventure will be.

Things in town aren't the same as when they left. The bartenders are less friendly,

the people less jolly, and only a few locals remember them because alien robots (you have to see it to understand) have taken over the bodies of the townspeople. Upon discovery of this, Ollie's sister Sam (Rosamund Pike) helps them plot their escape.

Certainly this has the makings of a fun, raucous comedy, and in the hands of the men behind "Shaun of the Dead" (and less successfully, "Hot Fuzz"), there's reason for optimism. What's more, you could not ask for a better cast of British comedians, and Mr. Frost's direction is pointed and sharp.

And yet the movie just doesn't click, for a variety of reasons.

Gary is a difficult protagonist to like given his dominant personality and clear disregard for his friends' well being. He's leading the charge, and we can't stand him. Also, the idea of "merging" with alien robots is decidedly unthreatening — a real attack, or at least some legitimate peril — is needed for us to really care about what's happening. Finally, and most importantly, the comedy isn't consistently funny. We laugh at some jokes, but once the story breaks from reality, the comedy loses its way; it's as if writers (Mr. Pegg and Mr. Frost) know how to

write jokes for drunk dudes at a bar, but are less comfortable/competent when it comes to alien invasion comedy.

This is the second end-of-the-world comedy of the summer, and it has less success than the Seth Rogen-led "This Is The End," though that movie was one-note and tiring. "The World's End" certainly isn't one-note, but it is an example of a reasonably fresh concept that doesn't deliver. It's a shame when there's reason for optimism and all you're left with is disappointment. ■

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>> **When you think** closely, the names of the pubs foreshadow what happens when the guys are there.

CAPSULES

The Spectacular Now ★★★★★

(Shailene Woodley, Miles Teller, Kyle Chandler) Sutter (Mr. Teller), the popular kid in high school, unexpectedly takes a liking to Aimee (Ms. Woodley), who doesn't have many friends. A symbiotic relationship ensues — and a beautiful one at that. Touching, heartwarming and surprisingly real, this is a teen drama from America's heart. Rated R.

Lee Daniels' The Butler ★★

(Forrest Whitaker, Oprah Winfrey, David Oyelowo) Cecil Gaines (Mr. Whitaker) serves presidents in the White House while his son (Mr. Oyelo-

wo) fights for civil rights. Pandering and uneven, director Lee Daniels never finds a way for one storyline to complement the other, and the movie struggles because of it. Rated PG-13.

Kick-Ass 2 ★★

(Chloe Grace Moretz, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Christopher Mintz-Plasse) Kick-Ass (Mr. Taylor-Johnson) finds new friends as Hit-Girl (Ms. Moretz) tries to leave the rough life behind in this flawed sequel to the 2010 hit. It's not terrible in its own right, but it lacks creativity and it'll leave fans of the original disappointed. Lower your expectations. Rated R. ■



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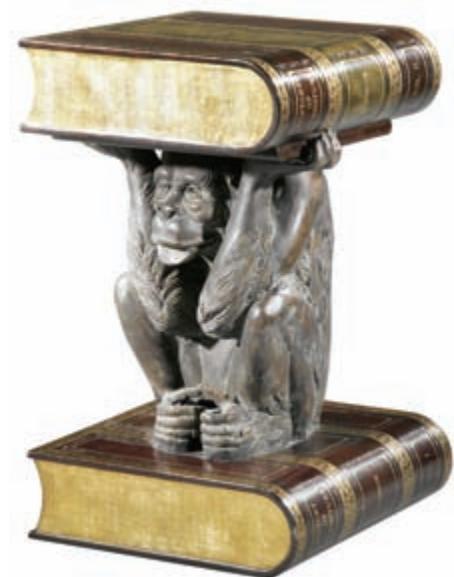
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Q: Awhile ago, Charlie Sheen appeared on "The Tonight Show" wearing Babe Ruth's 1927 World Series ring. What is that

About 20 years ago, two antiques experts wrote a book titled "Fantasy Furniture." It spawned a new style based on past ones. Pedestals shaped like blackamoors, chairs with seats that look like huge shells, Victorian furniture that seems to be made from plumbing pipes, and carved wooden chairs and tables that have full-size carved bears holding up tabletops or climbing on chair backs were pictured in the book. Dogs are carved as figures beneath a Victorian-style table. Lifelike figures of women with flowing hair are part of Art Nouveau pieces. Furniture pieces of any age selected for the book were not traditional. The idea persists today. Modern artists have made tables that look like piles of books, and crouching men form the base of a modern cocktail table. Best-known of all is the work of Italian artist Piero Fornasetti, who made a cube-shaped table painted to look like a building, and an umbrella stand painted to look like a live cat sitting on a pile of books. Decorating magazines often show rooms with tables piled with real books to hold a lamp. A table made from a bronze life-size monkey sitting on a leather-bound book and holding another large book over his head sold recently. The



A live monkey in the living room would be a shock, but this monkey is bronze. He is holding a leather-bound book that serves as a tabletop. The whimsical table sold for \$1,342 at Neal Auction Co. in New Orleans in July 2013.

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ring worth, anyway?

A: Experts think that if the Babe's 1927 World Series ring were put up for auction, it could sell for close to \$500,000. But the "if" is a big one. Sheen bought the ring in a private sale, and the ring's history is murky. At one time it was owned by Barry Halper (1939-2005), a well-known baseball collector. But no one knows exactly how Halper got the ring — and some of the sports memorabilia he owned has been found to be fake.

Q: I recently discovered a 1939 World's Fair silver souvenir spoon in my attic. The top of the handle has an embossed image

of the fair's EME Building (the engineering building), and the bowl has an etching of the Administration Building. It's marked "Rogers Mfg. Co." on the back. Is it worth much?

A: The 1939 New York World's Fair is a favorite among World's Fair collectors. Spoons like yours originally were sold in sets of 12 and picture various fair buildings. An individual spoon is not worth a lot. We have seen single spoons selling for \$15 to \$40.

Q: My friend asked me if I still had my Roy Rogers and Dale Evans Hartland figures because she read that they were worth a lot of money. I not only have Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, but also Hartland's Lone Ranger and Tonto. They are on their original horses and all of the accessories — hats, saddles, reins, guns and rifles —

are in excellent condition. Please let me know how much they are worth. I have not decided if I want to give them to my grandnieces or not.

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1958 until 1993.

Tip: Don't put plastic covers on upholstered furniture or the top of a dining room table. Eventually the plastic could stick to the furniture and ruin the finish. ■

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WRITING CHALLENGE

Writing Challenge moves to round two

Judging this year's *Florida Weekly's* Writing Challenge has proven a challenge, not only because we've received about 50 submissions so far, but because the quality of every single one has been outstanding. Round one is complete. The final selection based on the picture of the weathered pier is "Eccentric" by Jennifer South.

Now, it's on to round two, and we look forward to more great submissions. We'll be sharing some of the best stories with our readers in the weeks to come. Using the photo from the golf course seen here as a starting point for your creative process, we'd like you to come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. There is no minimum length. No poems, please. Previous entrants are welcome to submit again.

Florida Weekly will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Sept. 14. E-mail them to writing@floridaweekly.com and we will print some of the best submissions. No "snail mail" copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission. Feel free to include a headshot of yourself. The earlier we receive your submission, the better your shot at being printed.

We'll continue with various heats of the competition in the coming months. Two winners selected by our editorial staff will win a ticket each to the eighth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference in November. Thanks for writing and good luck. ■



Eccentric

BY JENNIFER SOUTH

Alva

In the land of spiral shells and bright water, where the air tasted like salt and the tide swallowed up footprints, there was a thin, little one-man pier that marched out over the water to a tiny shack, and not even halfway up that pier was a gate.

The adults of that cove called the gate "eccentric" — which the children of the cove knew was just a fancy word for "crazy." Who would build a gate across a pier? the adults asked. It must be symbolic. The shack did not want visitors.

And so, the diligent mothers, the finger-callused fathers, the nodding uncles and the doting aunts took away the mystery of that long, thin pier and its eccentric gate. They made it safe, they made it silly. They made it something they could ignore without fear. The shack, and the old man who lived in it, were simply another eccentricity in a long line of eccentricities the people of the area, with their strange furry noises in the sawgrass inland and their castle of shells upland, were used to. Old Man Merle was cracked, in his shack out over the water, but he was kindly cracked and they didn't feel fear when their children pounded over

the sea-tested, thudding boards and through the well-oiled gate to visit. The shack might not want visitors but children were never counted. Every-one in the cove looked after the long-legged, knobby-elbowed children of their neighbors. Even Old Man Merle.

The children of the cove, barefoot and bare headed, knew the truth however, and they never shared it with the adults, even if they were usually good and honest children with only the usual streak of child mischief in them. They knew that gate marked the end of the mundane world and the beginning of the real one every child knew better than the world of their parents. Beyond that gate, and down the thudding, sea-tested boards, straight on to the careful red door of the shack and through was the long run to reality and the children made it every single day. Inside that little shack that couldn't rightly be called a house, but felt an awful lot like home when several of the shanty town's children had managed to wedge themselves inside, was the magic of a truth teller. Their storyman. There wasn't a child old enough to understand words that didn't find a safe haven in that little shack.

The whole place was too high up for a boat and too set in shallow water

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for good fishing. Down the narrow ladder in the back the water was too shallow to jump, just deep enough to wash off the dull rust of school and fill one's ears again with what the sea sounded like swishing inside them. Old Man Merle would threaten to go fishing and hook the children when he caught them down there, paddling around in the strange shelter of his home, but they brought him shells when they scampered back up and they all knew his fishing pole lacked a hook on the end of its spider-thin filament anyway.

Visiting his haven of small swimming fish and pilings coated in shells wasn't the real reason the children of the cove came to see him, only a side piece, like the reflection of stained glass windows on a dusty floor. The children came because of that gate, dividing the entire world with its spindly wooden body. The side that faced the shore faced diligent adults and dusty-smelling books and houses with floors that rested on land. Beyond that — oh, beyond that was another world, their world, and when they closed their eyes and listened to Old Man Merle, it was deep and dark and full to the gills with magic. Fish spoke there, dolphins saved princesses and princes with familiar names that were thrown into the sea by evil men, and far deeper, giant squid pulled down entire sailing ships to the depths, full of treasures of pearl and pirate gold, where the mermaids lived.

The mermaids were always there. Once upon a time, Old Man Merle had been the captain of a brave ship, sailing around the world and braving haunted seas. Even the adults never corrected the children when they



repeated it and so they knew, in both worlds, that it was true. After school or during the long hot days of the summer while the door and windows of his small shack were flung open and they drip-dried salt water on his often repaired wooden floor, he would tell them stories about his life before he came to live in their hidden cove by the sea. He told stories of pirate battles and giant stone heads on distant shores, of rich spices and ivory, of adventures on elephants' backs or cunning escapes from corrupt governors. There were turtles so big you could ride them as they swam and great whales with horns on their noses, fish that flew and porpoise that sang in his stories. Inside his little shack, they could go anywhere with just the sound of his voice but there was one story they loved most of all, and each night before they went home, they begged him to tell it. They begged for the story

of Old Man Merle and his mermaid.

He'd met her in this very cove, too drunk to know up from down when he'd fallen in the water late one night. All old sea captains drank; the children understood that part better than the adults. It was because they'd lost their ships, had the sea taken away from them, become trapped and land-bound when all the world should have known they belonged to the water. Drinking was the lowest you could go, drowning in a bottle instead of salt water and Old Man Merle never made any excuse for it. So he'd fallen in the sea and lost his sense of the world — until she'd come, gliding through the moonbeamed water, beautiful as his last breath, tail the pale pink scaled color of the sunrise over water. She'd pulled him close to her, fish belly pale arms as strong as iron beams and pulled him back up into the land of the living. More importantly though, so much more, she had stayed with him afterward. On her back, his head against her flat chest, she'd cradled him on the beach, half overlapped by waves the rest of the long night. Old Man Merle's mermaid had saved his life twice that night and he hadn't touched a drop of liquid escape since. That was why he'd built his house so far over the water, why he'd built a gate to keep out everyone that wouldn't understand — why he hustled them off his pier and out of his world each day just before the sunset. Because she'd promised to come back for him one day, if he was good and made something of his life and so each day, at the end of it, the children of the cove would head back up the beach, with heads turned to watch him work his way slowly down the ladder

to stand up to his chest in the water, watching, not them leaving, but what might be his lady coming back to him through that clear salt sea.

There was no warning when the storm came. Even living all their lives knowing the heartbeat of the sea and the whisper of the sky, no one had realized what was barreling toward them across the inky deep water. The sun was blotted out and the wolf storm howled and raged around them for two days and long into that last night, driving branches and waves against their small houses where they huddled wrapped tight in their families' arms. When it was finally passed, they stumbled, tired and still alive, into the piles of fronds and sea foam around their houses.

The little shack on the water was gone. So was the thin pier, the familiar ladder — and Merle. Of all the damage to the small cove, his loss was the greatest for the children and the adults spent long hours looking for him. They never found him, just the old gate that one of the oldest of the children secretly snuck away and hid. He was gone, the adults agreed in hushed voices the children heard anyway, sucked out to sea. Lost forever for forgetting that man belonged on the land.

That sunset though, and for every sunset after as long as the last of the children stayed in the cove, tiny shells, the size of a thumb nail, as pink as the sunrise over the morning water, washed ashore. The children of the tiny cove carried them in their pockets as they grew and took to the sea themselves ... waiting for their own mermaid's promise and something from the other side of the gate. ■

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■ **FRIDAY, AUG. 30, 9 P.M.**
Side by Side: The Science, Art and Impact of Digital Cinema

Investigate the history, process and



Side by Side, Aug. 30

workflow of both digital and photochemical film creation with host Keanu Reeves. Get an insider's perspective on the industry's most basic delivery system and explore how innovations have helped artists push filmmaking in new directions.

■ **SATURDAY, AUG. 31, 10:30 P.M.**
Yes Minister

For Sir Humphrey, the roar over a threatened badger colony proves there are some things it is better for a Minister not to know.

■ **SUNDAY, SEPT. 1, 9 P.M.**
Masterpiece Mystery!
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Martha defends a teenager and, reluctantly, a police officer accused of racism. As the pressure continues to mount, Clive receives news that could change not only his personal life, but life at chambers for everyone.

■ **MONDAY, SEPT. 2, 9 P.M.**
The National Parks: America's Best Idea
The Scripture of Nature (1851-1890)

In 1864, Congress passes an act that protects Yosemite from commercial development and hands control of the land to California and a "wonderland" in the northwest corner of the Wyoming attracts visitors to its bizarre landscape of geysers and sulfur pits.

■ **TUESDAY, SEPT. 3, 9 P.M.**
The National Parks: America's Best Idea
The Last Refuge (1890-1915)

By the end of the 19th century, industrialization has left many Americans worried about whether the country will have any pristine land left.

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CONTRACT BRIDGE

Great bridge champs continue to play winning hands

BY STEVE BECKER

In 1948, S. Garton Churchill and Cecil Head won the Life Master Pairs with the highest score ever recorded in that event, averaging 65.2 percent for four sessions.

More than four decades later, both were still active in the game and still scoring successes.

Indeed, in the 1989 Epsom Pairs, in which 80,000 players worldwide played the same deals simultaneously, Head, then 78, finished fifth overall in North America and 16th in the world. He was partnered by Dr. George Dysart.

On the deal shown, Head achieved a top score by making five clubs doubled following a highly animated auction.

West led the king of spades, taken by dummy's ace.

At first glance, it seems declarer must lose two clubs and a diamond, but Head proceeded to prove otherwise.

At trick two, he ruffed a spade, then crossed to the ace of hearts and ruffed a heart.

Having done all he could to deprive West of safe exit cards, Head next led a low club.

West won with the queen and cashed the ace, but was then in a hopeless position.

In practice, he returned a spade, on which Head discarded a diamond from dummy while ruffing in his hand.

Declarer

cashied the ace of diamonds and led the jack for a ruffing finesse. West covered with the king (it would not have helped him to play low), dummy ruffed, and a heart was ruffed with declarer's last trump.

Dummy's remaining heart was discarded on the ten of diamonds, and dummy's two remaining trumps scored the last two tricks to give Head his doubled game. ■

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ A 6
♥ A 9 7 3
♦ Q 4
♣ J 10 7 6 4

WEST

♠ K Q 10 7 4
♥ 8 2
♦ K 9 8 6
♣ A Q

EAST

♠ J 9 8 5 2
♥ K Q J 10 5 4
♦ 7 3
♣ —

SOUTH

♠ 3
♥ 6
♦ A J 10 5 2
♣ K 9 8 5 3 2

The bidding:

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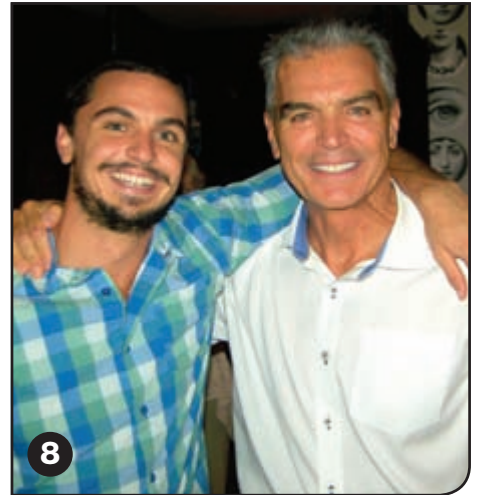
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2. Sophie Mackie and Benji Speirs
3. Cassandra Desia and Josylyn Bekich
4. Holli Bunnell and Karysia Demarest
5. Ramo-G spins tunes
6. Heidi Michitsch with Ethan, Alexis, Julie and Olivia Michitsch
7. Danielle Burgos
8. Skylor Patton and Donovan Sealy
9. Happy birthday, Julia!

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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previously reviewed restaurants:

■ **Alpine Restaurant, Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 325-9499**

Step into Alpine Restaurant and be transported instantly to that lovely part of the world filled with snow-capped mountains and comforting food. There's rib-sticking goulash and hearty schnitzel, plus lighter options, charming service and a dining room that seems lifted whole from some cozy Austrian village. Start off with a bowl of goulash filled with beef, pork and vegetables or, even better, the sauerkraut soup with strands of sauerkraut, smoked pork, potatoes and mushrooms. The chicken version of Alpine schnitzel (pork is another option) is marinated, grilled then topped off with provolone and a fried egg. Served with bacon-laced farmers potatoes and a medley of green beans, red peppers, peas and water chestnuts, it's a meal that guarantees leftovers. The knedlo-vepro-zelo, a traditional Czech dish, features pork, dumplings and sauerkraut accompanied by caramelized cabbage. A fitting finish is the aptly named Triple Yummy crepe, a delicate pancake filled with Nutella, bananas and strawberries. Beer and (basic) wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed January 2013

■ **Maguro Sushi & Steak House, 895 Wiggins Pass Road, Naples; 591-0003**

Easily accessible but not so easy

to find, Maguro is worth seeking out. Tucked into an outparcel at the corner of U.S. 41 and Wiggins Pass Road (sharing a parking lot with Beall's, Petco and other big-boxers), Maguro offers well-executed sushi and cooked entrees in one dining room and the full teppanyaki show and meal in another, both drenched in cool blue lights. The drink menu is inventive, too. I particularly liked the lychee martini. As for the food, everything we tasted, from the yellowtail nigiri to the Snow White roll (shrimp tempura and sliced cucumber, seaweed and rice topped with white tuna and unsweetened coconut, finished with spicy mayo and coconut sauce) to the miso soup, vegetable tempura and the shrimp and salmon hibachi combo, was carefully prepared and plated. The coconut bombe — with layers of coconut cake, coconut custard and coconut icing — proved an excellent finale for two. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed February 2013

■ **Masa, Mercato, 9123 Strada Place, Naples; 598-0887**

Masa successfully bridges old-world Mexican cooking and modern approaches and ingredients. A venture of the D'Amico Family of Restaurants, which includes Campiello's and Café Lurcat in downtown Naples, Masa has only one other location, in Minneapolis. But the concept, from drinks to dessert to decor, is so clearly defined and seamlessly executed that it would be a welcome addition to any city's dining scene. Expect to find a range from

traditional to trendy: richly flavored cocoa-infused chicken mole, say, as well as a ceviche pairing snapper and shrimp with bits of fried plantain and diced mango. Even chili rellenos gets a new twist courtesy of a roasted jalapeno filled with crumbled chorizo, apples and Chihuahua cheese. A sampler platter of tacos, sopes and tamales would be a welcome addition; the tamales alone were redolent of fresh-ground corn and came with rave-worthy frijoles churros studded with pork. For dessert you can't go wrong with lush tres leches cake or churros dipped in molten chocolate. Masa's modern Mexican food, stylish atmosphere and stellar service will leave you wanting mas. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed January 2013

■ **Rosedale Brick Oven, 1427 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; 325-9653**

Step into Rosedale and feel as if you've been transported to a friendly neighborhood pizza joint in Queens, N.Y., which is where owners Joe Arato and Joe Gonnelly met at age 10. Pizza is, of course, a specialty, and we enjoyed the Seashell, with tender sautéed clams, spinach, mozzarella and garlic on a crisp, thin crust. Those seeking a more substantive meal, such as shrimp scampi or chicken Parmigiano, will find hearty renditions at Rosedale. For dessert, the lovely and beautifully presented tiramisu is a winner. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

Reviewed May 2013

■ **Roy's, 26831 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 498-7697**

No matter how many times I've eaten at Roy's over the years, I still look forward to experiencing new flavors and being treated royally by the impeccable wait staff. With entrees in the \$25-\$30 range, it's not inexpensive, but I doubt anyone leaves here complaining about the bill ... or the food ... or the service. You'll see some familiar appetizer offerings at Roy's, such as carpaccio, calamari and ribs. But they are reconceived with the Asian-Pacific influences the chain is famous for — think Wagyu beef with pears or minty fried squid rings with curry sauce. If the ocean of fish options at Roy's leaves you floundering, there's a smart solution: Roy's Trio (\$32.95) consists of three small portions of different entrees. The grilled salmon came with zesty ponzu sauce; the mahi-mahi was crusted with macadamia nuts and paired with lobster essence; and the miso-marinated butterfish had a lemon-ginger beurre blanc. It added up to a marvelous three-ring circus of flavors showcasing a trio of very different fish. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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CUISINE

Thai Udon Cafe melds the best of two harmonious cuisines



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Step into the cozy confines of Thai Udon Cafe and you are immediately surrounded by tasteful sights and sounds — soft earth tones, artwork from Thailand and Japan and soothing American jazz played at low volume.

The way in which the cultures blend and flow hints at the forces behind the restaurant and foreshadows the meal to come. Thai-born Khwan Sawai and her American husband, Adam Satinsky, principal cellist for the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, are the owners of this multicultural dining establishment that opened Aug. 5 in the somewhat under-occupied Magnolia Square.

Here's hoping people discover it despite the low-traffic location, because it offers a wealth of well-executed dishes, many of which aren't customarily found in local Asian restaurants.

The menu stands in stark contrast to the diminutive dining room, which appears to seat about 50 in a mix of conventional tables, roomy booths and banquettes. The oversized menu runs a good six pages and is chock full of both Thai and Japanese dishes.

Rather than limit ourselves to one cuisine or the other, we meandered our way through both.

From the Thai appetizers, we tried the golden shrimp (\$7.95), large shrimp wrapped in angel hair pasta then fried to a lovely golden hue, served with plum sauce.

The yasai itame, or sautéed assorted vegetables (\$5.95), were a fresh mix of Chinese peapods, carrots, bean sprouts and broccoli, cooked to a tender-crisp consistency but in need of seasoning and a bit more panache visually.

A papaya salad (\$8.95) of shrimp, green papaya, carrot, tomato, green beans and ground peanuts had the requisite lime and sweet flavors intermingling with the medium heat we'd ordered, while the tum kha soup (\$5.95) with shrimp proved a faithful rendering with velvety coconut milk broth full of kaffir lime leaves, mushrooms, scallions and cilantro. Its only shortcoming was that it was served mild rather than medium as we had specified.

Also good was an avocado salad with cucumber, tomato, tempura flakes, let-

tuce and what was billed as crab but turned out to be surimi. There wasn't much of it, mercifully, and the lively ginger dressing was just right with all the fresh ingredients.

A bowl of miso soup, which came with one of the entrees, was fine (ordered on its own, it's \$2.45).

Pad Thai always serves as a good test dish. At Thai Udon you can have it with lobster tails if you so desire. We tried the special pad Thai, with chicken, pork, beef and shrimp (\$15.95). It was a solid rendition of this classic dish consisting of flat rice noodles, crunchy bean sprouts, scallions, ground peanuts, a bit of egg, the various proteins and a hint of fish sauce.

The kitchen did a fine job on the seafood and vegetable tempura (\$22.95) as well, serving shrimp, scallops and an array of vegetables all scrupulously crisp and properly cooked with nary a bit of grease.

Fittingly, the best entree came from the chef's specials: The mussels basil (\$17.95) had mussels on the half shell with an array of fresh vegetables in a savory brown sauce redolent of fresh basil.

For dessert, we shared a dish of sticky rice with mangoes (\$4.95, served seasonally). This is one of my favorite Thai desserts, and Thai Udon's version did not disappoint. Warm, salty-sweet sticky rice was accompanied by cool chunks of mango, a dollop of whipped cream, a drizzle of chocolate sauce and a sprinkling of white and black sesame seeds.

Besides the usual fried bananas, fried ice cream and Thai doughnuts on the menu, there are a number of other interesting desserts, including sweet potatoes and ice cream and sweet plantains and ice cream.

Although the lone server on duty the night of our visit was polite, he could use some polish and perhaps some assistance. There were only four tables on this particular rainy night, but if the place gets any busier, a second server is going to be a necessity.

As it was, he was a bit challenged on details such as replacing silverware when it is cleared away with a previous course. Miso soup apparently came with the tempura, but we were well through our numerous appetizers before we found that out. Also, our entrees arrived before we'd had more than a few spoonfuls of the soup.

I also hope the wine and sake list grows along with the restaurant. There were but two cold sakes available, and while the Sho Chiku Bai Ginjo (\$13) is



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a serviceable middle-of-the-road variety, there are some excellent alternatives out there that would prove better accompaniments to the food. The standard wine list was a little skimpy, too, which is understandable given that the restaurant has just opened and it is August, a time when there likely isn't going to be a great demand for bottle of wine.

Although it's only been open for a few weeks, it appears to be developing a following already. We ran into a couple of people who were returning for their third meals there and raved about the food.

Thai Udon has set the bar high for itself. Based on this first experience, I'd say it's a promising start. ■

1. Special pad Thai contains chicken, beef, pork and shrimp.

2. Papaya salad is a spicy blend of green papaya, green beans, carrots, tomatoes, lime and ground peanuts.

3. Seafood tempura contains crisp seafood and vegetables.

4. A classic Thai dessert, sticky rice and mangoes is available seasonally.

5. From the chef's special menu, the mussels basil proved the highlight of the meal.

in the know

**Thai Udon Cafe,
Magnolia Square,**

5926 Premier Way, Naples; 596-7331

Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

- >> **Hours:** 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Saturday; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Sunday
- >> **Reservations:** Accepted
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$2.45-\$9.95; entrees, \$11.95-\$25.95
- >> **Beverages:** Beer and wine served
- >> **Seating:** Tables, booths and banquettes
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Thai and cooked Japanese fare
- >> **Volume:** Low to moderate
- >> **Parking:** Free lot
- >> **Website:** www.thaiudoncafe.com

★★★★★ **Superb**
★★★★ **Noteworthy**
★★★ **Good**
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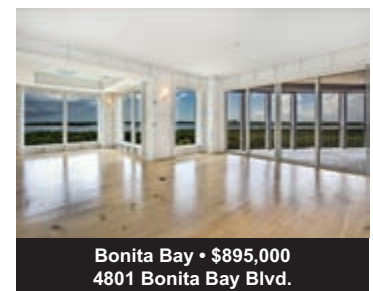
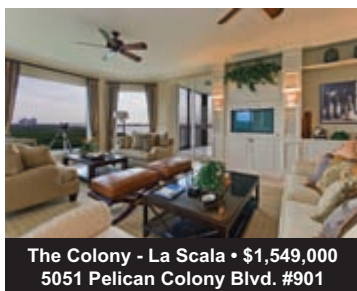
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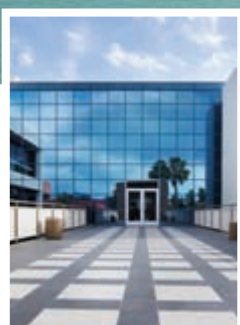


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