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No one could have predicted back in 1925, when the Philadelphia A’s started spring training in Fort Myers, that five franchises would win the World Series while training there.

BY GLENN MILLER • FLORIDA WEEKLY CORRESPONDENT

Spring training is always more than balls and strikes, doubles and double plays and fans sitting in the sun, a hot dog in one hand and cold beverage in the other.

Always has been. That’s why five Philadelphia sportswriters arriving in Fort Myers was a big deal in 1925. It was money. Or at least the possibility of it.

Komen race puts faces behind funds raised for breast-cancer fight

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH
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Triathlete Bobbi Gonzalez runs in a number of charity races every year, but the annual Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida 5K Race for the Cure stands out as one of her favorites.

“It’s a lot more inspirational than other runs I’ve been to,” she said. “You see a lot of breast cancer survivors, and they share their stories. It’s not often you get to see the face of the charity when you’re at a run.”

The Florida Gulf Coast University student said she first participated in the event as a volunteer to earn service-learning credit while in high school, but now she runs in the race to train for the two triathlons she does annually.

“I did sports in high school but not in college, so it’s a way to stay active, and it’s for a good cause,” Ms. Gonzalez said.

It is also a local cause, said Sarah Layton, development director for the Southwest
Pain relief, and then some

I learned what I am about to tell you from a report in the New York Daily News, of all places — that’s the one I used to see with The New York Post blowing across wind-swept Broadway or Amsterdam Avenue, or clutched in the paws of some beary-eyed subway rider taking the fast train uptown to the Bronx after cleaning toilets on Wall Street all day.

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They opened a New York Daily News, they read this, and suddenly they look around and think, “Hey, this isn’t so bad. I don’t have to claim I got raped if I don’t want to go to work, hell no. I’ll just claim my grandmother, my dog, my parents and everybody else black died of cancer, so I had to go to a funeral.”

In other words, the parade of these stories provides not just news, but a measure of numbing comfort and macabre comedy. Human burgers in a Nigerian restaurant — for real! Maybe that greedy take-out thing from the Chinese-Mexican diner on Second Avenue wasn’t so bad after all.

What struck me in the story about the Boca Raton woman, though, was this line: “The Florida Highway Patrol reviewed turnpike video and couldn’t find images (of) Westover’s vehicle anywhere on the recordings.”

Oh really? And did authorities check the red light cameras that seem to litter the intersections of so many Florida counties now, as well?

We’ve known for some time that remote policing-by-camera is effective — at the very least in significantly boosting revenues for various causal agencies, and for doing it without the need to employ trained human beings versed not only in apprehension, but in the Fourth Amendment, which prohibits search and seizure without reasonable cause, and without a judge’s permission.

What troubles me is not so much the cameras themselves, but how they’re employed, where the revenues really go, and what will happen when the technology becomes much more sophisticated. Soon, for example, policing could be done commonly and county-wide by drones, and maybe not just any drone. Maybe by drones so sophisticated that their cameras can see everything we do in or out of buildings. Maybe drones so capable that they can perform arrests and apprehensions, complete with automated Miranda warnings (unless, of course, Justice Scalia and a few of his colleagues decide that not only is Chicago-style pizza not pizza, but Miranda is just plain unnecessary).

For that matter, I see no reason why we couldn’t invent drones that not only monitor and enforce, but also serve as judge, jury and “executioner” right on the spot, doing away with this expensive and needless jury system that relies on 12 good people.

Think of our roads in terms of the Internet. We get up in the morning, we get dressed and we go out onto the electronic highway or the asphalt highway. In either case, law enforcement agencies have a right to monitor some of that, don’t they? Of course they do. But they do not have a right to watch our every move, monitor our personal adventures or to violate our right to privacy on behalf of “safety,” do they?

No, which is why Edward Snowden has struck so deep a nerve in the American temperament with his revelations about spying on Americans by the National Security Agency, in violation of Constitutional prohibitions against it.

Too easily, “safety” can become synonymous merely with “revenue.” And that’s no way to obtain pain relief.

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“An Evening in Ireland,” the primary fundraiser for the 2014 Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade, features Broadway “Phantom of the Opera” stars tenor Ciaran Sheehan and Sarah Pfisterer in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at St. Elizabeth Seton Hall in Golden Gate.

The Dublin-born Mr. Sheehan played the Phantom on Broadway for 2 ½ years; Ms. Pfisterer appeared as Christine in “Phantom” for more than 1,000 performances on Broadway and also played Maggie in the Hal Prince revival of “Showboat.” For the Naples parade fundraiser, the two will perform classics from the Emerald Isle, inspirational favorites and showstoppers from the Broadway stage, including the “Fields of Athenry,” “Danny Boy,” “Music of the Night” and “All I Ask of You.”

The evening will also feature Naples’ award-winning Irish step dancers Claire and Catherine Gorman, owners of the Celtic Spirit School of Irish Dance.

Public television viewers might remember Mr. Sheehan for shows including “Ciaran and Friends,” “From Galway to Broadway” and “The Irish and How They Got That Way.” He studied with Broadway director Bobby Lewis and also performed with the Irish Repertory Theatre in New York City.

Tickets for the Naples concert are $30 and $40 and are available by calling 239-355-5350 or by visiting www.naplesparade.com/events. Tickets are also available for purchase at Erin’s Isle restaurant in Naples, Gorman’s Auto in Marco Island, and at St. Elizabeth Seton Hall in Golden Gate.

Organized and funded every year by the Naples St. Patrick’s Foundation, the Naples St. Patrick’s Day Parade steps out at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 15, and is expected to draw more than 40,000 spectators to downtown.

The first parade fundraiser this year is the parade kickoff and silent auction beginning at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, at Paddy Murphy’s, 427 Fifth Ave. S.

The 10th annual pub crawl to raise parade funds begins at 6 p.m. Friday, March 7, at Mulligan’s Sports Grille, 2041 Tamiami Trail N., and continues to Bokampers, Paddy Murphy’s and Jack’s River Bar. Tickets for $38 include parking and round-trip trolley transportation to the participating pubs, with bagpipers on the trolleys and at the bars. For reservations or more information, call the phone number or visit the website mentioned above.
African-Americans and the vanishing right to vote

The story of Jarvious Cotton — Cotton’s great-great-great grandfather could not vote as a slave. His great-grandfather was beaten to death by the Ku Klux Klan for attempting to vote. His father was barred from voting by poll taxes and literacy tests. Today, Jarvious Cotton cannot vote because, like many black men in the United States, he has been labeled a felon and is currently on parole.

At a national level, laws are being proposed that would guarantee voting rights for both Democratic and Republican support. After Holder, Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky spent time on the Senate floor, advocating for full voting rights. But it is still an issue over which states exert enormous control.

Desmond Meade is not sitting around waiting for his rights to be handed back to him. He is organizing. He currently serves as the president of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, with close to 70 groups pushing for reforms of the state’s disenfranchisement laws:

“It’s about humanity: It’s an all-American issue. It’s not about Democrat or Republican. It’s about the common decency of letting an individual or helping an individual to reintegrate back into the community and make themselves some productive citizens and enjoy life.”

We can all be thankful that the train he was waiting for that fateful day never came.

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Have you noticed lately how loud our environment has become? No, it's not just that we're getting older. Findings issued by the National Institute of Health and other credible research organizations indicate that we are living with as much as twice the decibel levels of 20 years ago.

Increased heart rate, irritability, sleep deprivation and hearing loss notwithstanding (and all of these are significant and rising), I have often wondered what all this noise is doing to our psyches and to our ability to hear ourselves think.

It's that deeper ability to listen to ourselves that intrigued me about a friend's effort to get away from it all.

Every year, he attends a three-day silent retreat.

That's right.

No one is allowed to speak except for the retreat master, who guides participants through several 45-minute talks each day — with hours of utter silence for reflection in between. The lectures are designed to invoke deep, personal introspection, the premise being that we have lost touch with who we are, and that the only way to regain/replenish that sense of true self is to listen to our inner selves in complete quiet and contemplation, free from external distractions.

This is not a new process. Early Christians went off alone as Christ did to the desert.

In 18th century Ireland, men would go on "a long walk," a description still in use today, although it is largely figurative. Aussies still rely on the refreshed thinking that results from a "walk-about." And we Americans celebrate "getting away from it all," which for most of us just means getting away from our own routine and into a routine equally wrought with distraction (e.g., a cruise "vacation").

A three-day silent retreat might be a stretch for many of us, but everyone can and should create mini-retreats within the day.

Begin by acknowledging the noise around you. Right now. As you read this. Listen.

It's everywhere: leaf blowers, rumbling trucks, cell phones ringing, pool pumps, A/C units, mood music, ear-piercing DJs at weddings and special events and the loud drone of nearly every public building we enter.

It's enough to make us want to scream, "Quiet!"

Then there's intentional noise. Noise to make us shop more, eat more, ignore one another more, noise for entertainment, for background, for filling the gap. Noise just for the sake of noise.

Once you hear it, you'll realize that it's not easy to get away from. But don't settle for simply tuning out the noise. That won't do anything to help you hear yourself think.

Instead, find the quietest place you can. Here in Naples, that would be the beach. Leave the book at home. Walk the shoreline and find a place to sit away from everyone else so you can dream into the water.

In your office, shut your door, turn off your phone, listen to your breathing and let the stress drain from you.

When I can't sleep, I like to imagine myself early in the morning sitting on a dock watching the sunrise over a beautiful, mirror lake. Of course, that's just my image of peace and quiet. Use your imagination (something most of us have completely forgotten we have). Remember what our mothers used to say: Entertain yourself.

With practice, you'll find yourself thinking more clearly, falling to sleep more quickly and sleeping more soundly, and enjoying life more fully. But be patient with yourself. It might take a couple of weeks to go from tossing and turning to falling asleep like a baby.

Of course, all of this assumes a relatively quiet environment — which brings us back to the subject of noise in the first place and what to do about it.

Sadly, until our society takes this subject seriously, all we can do is seek our own quiet places and protect them as best we can. Still, a movement is afoot. Google "the value of Silence" and 102 million results will pop up. Take your pick, cozy up in a quiet corner and rediscover the person you've been missing within you.

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The potential of paydays is the reason Lee County built $80 million JetBlue Park and also is spending $48 million for renovations at the Lee County Sports Complex. It follows a tradition as old as baseball’s green grass. That’s green as in money.

That’s why city and county officials have spoken in recent years with the Washington Nationals about moving into City of Palms Park.

That was why local officials set aside $80,000 to build a new grandstand at Terry Park to bring the Pittsburgh Pirates here in 1955.

Even 30 years before that, at the dawn of Lee County baseball history, the hope of economic benefit was the impetus for bringing baseball teams to town.

Straight A's and crybabies
When the train carrying the Philadelphia A’s, the area’s first big-league team, arrived Feb. 22, 1925, the Fort Myers Press reported that five sportswriters were aboard. Why report that? Because those big-city boys from big-time newspapers would put Fort Myers datelines on their stories and write about how warm and sunny it is in this small city on Florida’s west coast.

Their stories from sun-splashed Fort Myers in February and March would be read by folks far north, people dealing with snow, sleet and ice. People, it was hoped, who would be tempted to visit and move here and maybe even start businesses in Fort Myers.

A Fort Myers pharmacist and businessman named R.Q. Richards, the president of the Kiwanis Club, certainly knew that. The savvy and community-minded Mr. Richards traveled to Philadelphia to help sell Fort Myers to the A’s, specifically to owner and manager Connie Mack. His sales pitch and the warm weather helped convince Mr. Mack to bring the A’s to this remote place, back when Lee County’s population was around 7,000.

In 1984, almost 60 years later, Mr. Richards wrote a one-page summary of the history of spring training in Fort Myers. That page is tucked away in the Southwest Florida Museum of History.

Mr. Richards wrote of those five sportswriters and the stories they would send north with these words: “This was advertising which could not be purchased for any amount of money.”

Nobody in 1925 knew that by the 21st century, Fort Myers could boast that it has had more franchises train in its ballparks and win World Series than any other city in Florida or Arizona. It started with the A’s and set in motion an uncanny pattern in which teams move to Fort Myers and improve dramatically.

The A’s finished sixth, seventh or eighth in each of the previous 10 years before moving to Terry Park. In seven of those seasons, they were last in what was then an eight-team league. In five of those seasons, they lost 100 or more games, including a particularly ugly 36-117 record in 1916.

But the Fort Myers move paid off immediately. The A’s were 88-64 their first season training here and finished second, their best season since 1914. They were on their way. The A’s won American League pennants in 1929, 1930 and 1931, winning the World Series as well those first two years.

This was a fabled team, one strong enough to beat the mighty Yankees of that era and their mythic figures, Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig. How extraordinary were the A’s of 1929 to 1931? On average, the Ruth/Gehrig Yankees finished 15.8 games behind them in the American League standings those seasons.

The A’s at that time were bursting with future Hall of Famers. Pitcher Lefty Grove, one of the best ever, was a combined 79-15 those three pennant-winning seasons and led the league in earned-run average and strikeouts each season.

Slugger Jimmie Foxx was one of the great power hitters of all time, and in 1930 hit 335 with 37 homers and 156 RBI.

In one 1927 game at Terry Park, eight
future Hall of Famers played. In 1934, one of the greatest female athletes ever, Babe Didrikson, suited up and played one inning for the A’s against the Brooklyn Dodgers. She pitched one inning, walking two and then getting the third batter to line into a triple play.

The A’s left Fort Myers after 1936, but the Cleveland Indians came for 1940 and 1941 spring training.

The Fort Myers magic held for the Indians, who finished third in 1939, but in 1940, they rallied to second place, finishing only one game behind the Detroit Tigers. Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller was 27-11 that year.

Those Indians may be best remembered, if remembered at all, as the Cleveland Crybabies. They acquired the nickname because of a public spat with crusty manager Ossie Virgil.

That led to another nickname for them — the Half Vitts. They were also called a Bad Team.

Mr. Vitt was an old-school manager in those days. When he groused about modern players loafing, he harkened back to his days in the majors, before 1920.

Of his players, he said, “If the boys don’t hustle, out they go.”

After 1941, it was out of Fort Myers for the Indians.

**Pirates and Royals**

It wasn’t until 1955 that the Pittsburgh Pirates, apparently bewitched by the prospect of an $80,000 palace of a ballpark, left another Fort for this Fort. They left Fort Pierce for Fort Myers.

They were a bad team, one of the worst in baseball, but the move paid off for them as it had paid off for the A’s and Indians.

The Pirates showed up in 1955, during Dwight Eisenhower’s first term, coming off three successive 100-loss seasons, including an epic 112 losses in 1952.

Their first game at Terry Park featured a matchup of 1954 last-place teams. The A’s, who finished last the previous season, returned to their old spring home. The Pirates beat them 9-8. Connie Mack threw out the ceremonial first ball.

A spring-training season ticket cost $55, less than the price of a reserved seat for one game today. Like the A’s and Indians before them, the move to Fort Myers marked an end to futility for the Pirates. No more 100-loss seasons. By 1958, they were second in the National League, and in 1960, they won the pennant then beat the Yankees in a seven-game World Series.

The Pirates won Game 7 on a walk-off homer by second baseman Bill Mazeroski in Forbes Field, the team’s spring home. The Pirates beat them 9-8. Connie Mack threw out the ceremonial first ball.

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The best player on those Pirates was right fielder Roberto Clemente, one of the greatest players ever. Clemente was right fielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates legend Roberto Clemente has a park named after him in east Fort Myers.

The move didn’t rocket them to a championship immediately, but things started to pick up. They moved up to fifth in 1993 and fourth in 1994, and won the American League East in 1995. A World Series title eluded the Red Sox until 2004. Now, a team that went 86 years between titles has won two more, in 2007 and 2013, and it comes to spring training this year as defending World Series champions.

The future

The Red Sox and Twins aren’t going anywhere for a long time — until sometime in the 2040s at the earliest, if at all. Both teams signed long-term deals with Lee County in exchange for JetBlue Park and renovations at the Lee County Sports Complex.

Meanwhile, City of Palms Park is home to numerous amateur baseball games every year. It’s used for youth games and the Roy Hobbs World Series, an adult tournament every fall. So is Terry Park, which has been used for amateur events since the Royals left.

County and city officials hope to lure another big-league team to City of Palms Park and a five-field training complex about two miles to the east. The Washington Nationals, who currently train in Viera on the east coast, have expressed interest. County and city officials have met with team officials, but no deal appears imminent.

The future of the 22-year-old ballpark remains in limbo. Will it continue being used for amateur baseball? Will it be converted to other uses? At one time, there was talk of turning it into a swimming facility. That didn’t happen when Lee County officials became skeptical of the developer’s plans.

More recently, the city and Rockford Development were discussing potential deals to renovate the stadium. Talks fell apart when city officials told Rockford and its local partner it didn’t have the funds to proceed.

“I don’t want to say it has failed completely,” said Roger Desjarlais, Lee County manager. But no contract has been signed. In the case of the Nationals, the team wanted $36.6 million in improvements.

“We had no money to contribute to the upgrades,” Mr. Desjarlais said. Mr. Desjarlais knows questions continue swirling around City of Palms Park’s future.

“What is Plan B going to look like?” he asked rhetorically.

Something may be percolating.

“We’re not ready to discuss it,” Mr. Desjarlais said of whatever Plan B is.

Mr. Desjarlais is well aware Major League Baseball teams use one community’s interest as a bargaining chip with other communities when it comes to luring away or keeping teams.

“Our job is to make sure we don’t get whipsawed between them,” he said.

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YMCA motivated to meet $1.5 million matching challenge

Best Buy Founder Dick Schulze of the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation has pledged $1.5 million to the Greater Naples YMCA as a challenge to the community. The foundation will match new contributions received in 2014 toward the rebuilding and restoration of the Naples Y that was partially destroyed in a fire on this past Labor Day.

“We were impressed by what the Y had accomplished in just five short months. The fire didn’t defeat them but only made them stronger and more determined to create a bigger and better Y,” Mr. Schulze says. “By our showing of confidence, we hope to encourage others to support the Y and its mission.”

Since the fire, the Y leadership has been working toward an overall goal of $7 million to rebuild a comprehensive health and wellness facility that will allow for expanded membership, new programs and healthier living.

“We are extremely humbled by this generous donation,” says Paul Thein, president and CEO of the Greater Naples YMCA. “With the incredible support of the Schulze Family Foundation, we are now at 62 percent of our $4 million fundraising goal. By meeting their challenge, we will achieve 100 percent of our goal.”

“My family and I have truly been blessed to have had the opportunity to give back to our community in Minnesota,” he says. “As local residents, we have had a chance to support several worthy nonprofits. When we saw this need, along with the Y’s commitment to the community and its members, we knew this was an opportunity to make a meaningful difference in Collier County.”

Funds will be used toward phase two of the renovation process, which will expand and transform the Y facility to better meet community wellness needs. Additional to the fitness facility will include state-of-the-art equipment, a basketball court, spaces for spinning and yoga, as well as classroom space for learning about preparing nutritious meals and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Phase two is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

“Throughout the last 193 days, we have received an outpouring of support from local businesses and community members who have donated just over $1 million to the Y’s rebuilding efforts,” Mr. Thein says. “We especially want to thank the Community Foundation of Collier County for helping to share our mission with The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation. We continue to look for supporters who would be willing to help the Y succeed in a big way.”

Across the United States, 2,687 Ys engage 21 million men, women and children — regardless of age, income or background — to nurture the potential of children and teens, improve the nation’s health and well-being and provide opportunities to give back and support neighbors. Anchored in more than 30,000 communities, the Y has long-standing relationships and physical presence not just to promise, but to deliver, lasting personal and social change.

The Greater Naples YMCA has been serving Collier County since 1938. Its signature fundraising event, the annual Sneaker Ball, takes place Friday, Feb. 21, at Seacrest Country Day School. All charitable donations will qualify for the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation matching funds. Individual tickets and tables as well as sponsorship opportunities remain available. For more information, call 979-3481 or visit www.greaternaplesymca.org. Naming opportunities for the new facilities and membership options are available.
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Evening gala and family day of fun will raise funds for Gordon River Park

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St. Matthew’s House, which is the newest ministry of Shell Point Retirement Community, is pleased to announce its first thrift shop event. The shop is located at 2601 Airport-Pulling Road, Suite 102, Naples, in the newest neighborhood, The Estuary.

The first opening will be March 1 and most definitely will be a grand affair. The opening celebration and fashion show will include designer items from Petunias of Naples, Wildflower Boutique, Kari’s Creations and many others. Attendees are required to call Dr. Sewell at 591-4565 or email sams@bestselfusa.com.

Designers from Petunias of Naples, Wildflower Boutique, Kari’s Creations, and True Fashionistas will put their talents to the test against a thrift store specialist using only donated clothing found in-store. Models will be from the Justin’s Place recovery program for women at St. Matthew’s House.

Tickets for $25 are available at www.stmatthewshouse.org. All proceeds will benefit the Saint Matthew’s House mission.

Watch the mail for notice of special elections

Collier County voters who are eligible to vote in the U.S. Congressional special election will receive a notice of election/vote by mail request form from the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office.

The mailing, which started Feb. 19, serves to remind voters of the special primary election scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, and the special general election scheduled for Tuesday, June 24.

The vote-by-mail request form provides a convenient way for voters to request a mail/absentee ballot for one or both elections. Registered Collier County voters can also request a mail/absentee ballot by visiting www.collier-votes.com. For more information, visit the website or call 252-8683.

Mensa member hosts ‘Saturday Stag’ discussion

Sam’s Fourth Saturday Stag, a lively discussion hosted by Mensian and psychotherapist Sam Sewell, is open to male Mensa members and non-members alike. This month’s discussion, focusing on the philosophical foundation of religion, is based on a lecture Dr. Sewell delivered as president of the Theological Center in Naples.

Attendance at Sam’s Fourth Saturday Stag is free; donations to the Southwest Florida MENSA scholarship fund are welcome. Seating is limited, and reservations are required. Call Dr. Sewell at 391-4565 or email sams@bestselfusa.com.

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Free March 6 Bonita Bay Singers at 7:15pm. The magnificent Bonita Bay Singers are returning to Shell Point for a program entitled, Sing, Sing, Sing. Get ready to Sing The Blues Away, as you share in the joy of music with all 60 members of the Bonita Bay Singers. The audience can put their musical talents to the test by singing along on the grand finale to the heart-warming Song for the Unsung Hero. This is a free concert at The Village Church. For more information call 454-2057.

Free March 6 & 20 A Salute to Shakespeare – Final Two Sessions from 10 to 11:30am. The Academy of Lifelong Learning wraps up its celebration of the 450th anniversary of Shakespeare’s birth in March, with a presentation by Ray Boyce, a Shell Point resident who studied Shakespeare at Oxford. Admission is free. Call 454-6742 to reserve your place.

Session 1 Explore one of his often performed Histories, Richard III.

Session 2 Will be devoted to a discussion of one of the Bard’s popular comedies, Much Ado About Nothing. Note: Those who register are urged to “re-acquaint” themselves with the play through reading or viewing the work. If text, an annotated edition should be chosen for greater clarity of language.

Free February 23 Season of Praise: The Annie Moses Band at 6:15pm. This family of Juilliard-trained musicians and award-winning songwriters are leading an artistic renaissance in the church and inspiring all generations in the discipline, beauty, and excitement of highly-skilled musicianship. Tickets are $10. Visit www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise or call 454-2147.

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Free Mar 3 Concerts & Conversations: Washington Saxophone Quartet at 7pm. The most widely-heard saxophone quartet in the United States, Washington Saxophone Quartet, has performed in the United States, the Caribbean, and China, and played on radio and television world-wide for nearly 35 years. Since 1997 they have aired daily on National Public Radio’s broadcasts of “All Things Considered.” The ensemble taps into a rich repertoire from early music to newly commissioned works to reach listeners of every age and background. Following the performance, you can enjoy a beverage and dessert while meeting the musicians. Tickets are $25. To purchase tickets visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts or call 454-2067.

Free March 12 Season of Praise: Wheaton College Concert Choir at 7:15pm. The concert choir from Wheaton College, directed by Dr. John W. Trotter, will perform an exceptional concert of inspiring traditional, classical, and contemporary choral music. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased online at www.shellpoint.org/seasonofpraise, or by calling 454-2147.

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Beijing Genomics Institute scientists are closing in on a technology to allow parents to choose, from several embryos, the one most likely to yield the smartest offspring, London’s Daily Mail (in January, referencing recent work in Wired, The Wall Street Journal and The New Yorker) explained that the Brigham and Women’s Hospital (BWH) unit in Boston had identified high-potential mathematics genes (by mapping the cells of geniuses) so that researchers can search for those among a couple’s array of embryos. (Most embryos will yield gene arrays resembling their parents, but one embryo is likely “better” — and maybe much better.) One Chinese researcher acknowledged the “controversial” nature of the work, especially in the West, but added, “That’s not the case in China.” The parental price tag on finding the smartest kid? Expensive, said a supporter, but less than upgrading an average kid via Harvard, or even a private prep school.

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Unclear on the concept

Oregon inmate Siggiorgio Clardy, 26, filed a handwritten $100 million lawsuit in January against Nike for inadequate marketing its Air Jordans. Mr. Claridy, a convicted pimp, had received a “dangerous weapon” to maim the face of a john, “enhanced” penalty for using a “dangerous weapon” to maim the face of a john, Nike bears at least some responsibility for his incarceration because it failed to label the shoe a “dangerous weapon.” Officials at the Emu Plains Correctional Center near Sydney, Australia, announced in January that they had preempted a planned escape by two female inmates, ages 32 and 21, after finding a one-story facility, enclosed, wrote the Inmate’s natural life expectancy. In one case in China:” The parental price tag on finding the smartest kid? Expensive, said a supporter, but less than upgrading an average kid via Harvard, or even a private prep school.

Perspective

Recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings have made clear that only in the case of murder can a juvenile be given a life sentence, without the possibility of parole (and never a death sentence). Under-laws, the court said, must get a meaningful opportunity to mature and redeem themselves behind bars. The U.S. Constitution aside, apparently some Florida judges disagree and have subsequently sentenced juveniles to 50 years or longer for non-murders, in some cases assuring that the release date will be beyond the inmate’s natural life expectancy. In one case, in Maryland to try to spot any such missiles.

In February, a California Highway Patrol officer handcuffed and threatened to arrest a firefighter performing an emergency roadside rescue along Interstate 805 in Chula Vista, Calif, because the rescuer would not move his truck from the fast lane, where it was “impeding” traffic. Firefighters are required to block lanes during rescues, specifically “to impede” traffic for their own protection and that of victims nearby. CHP and the Chula Vista firefighters later jointly called the incident a “miscommunication.”
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Baby Basics to celebrate 3 millionth diaper

Baby Basics of Collier County, a volunteer organization that provides free diapers and kindness to more than 345 infants and toddlers from low-income, working families in Collier County and Bonita Springs, hosts its 3 Millionth Diaper Celebration from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Waterside Shops. The evening will include live music and an array of appetizers. Tickets are $25.

Since it was founded in 2004, Baby Basics of Collier County has assisted more than 1,600 families. Participating families must have at least one working parent or guardian, must demonstrate financial need and cannot be receiving federal or state cash assistance. Qualifying families come to the closest distribution site to pick up a free supply of diapers. Volunteers greet the families, help them select the proper size and provide information about the next distribution and other opportunities for supportive services. Baby Basics is a 100 percent volunteer organization. All donations and sponsorship funds except those specifically earmarked for administrative costs are used to purchase diapers.

The 3 Millionth Diaper Celebration is sponsored by Life in Waterside, Waterside Shops, Classical 88.7, DMA Creative, Shula’s, Willow Creek Advisors, Patrick Dearborn LLC, Escalys Paris and The Beacon Group at Morgan Stanley and Morgan Stanley Naples. For more information about Baby Basics, visit www.babybasicscollier.org.

Drug Free Collier luncheon planned

Drug Free Collier hosts its sixth annual Community Awareness Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The event is the organization’s primary fundraiser of the year.

Sheriff Kevin Rambrook will be honored this year, and guest speakers will include psychologist and author Lisa Boesky. Entertainment will be by Gulf Coast High School singer Jessica Michaels. Patrick Nolan and Emily Dishnow of Fox 4 News will emcee the afternoon.

A limited number of tickets remain available for $100. Call 377-0355.

Author to share ‘Bank on Yourself’ tips

Top Wealth Agenda presents “Bank on Yourself,” a workshop featuring New York Times and Wall Street Journal best-selling author Pamela Yellen, from 9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Hilton Naples. The program is one of five Ms. Yellen is conducting around the country in conjunction with the launch of her new book, “The Bank On Yourself Revolution: Fire Your Banker, Bypass Wall Street and Take Control of Your Own Financial Future.” She will discuss her financial management program based on a review of more than 450 savings and retirement planning strategies.

Copies of her new book will be available for purchase, and she will be on hand after the presentation for autographs.

For reservations or more information, call Top Wealth Agenda at 213-7700.
Angels Undercover has formed a partnership with Youth Haven to provide school uniform shorts and shirts to students housed in Youth Haven’s emergency residential center. “This is a test program for us,” says Jackie Bennett, founder and president of Angels Undercover. Since it started four years ago, the organization has provided underwear, socks and school uniform shorts and shirts to thousands of economically needy elementary school children in Collier County. “As we grow, we plan to reach out to other nonprofits who also work with at-risk students,” Ms. Bennett says. Angels Undercover can provide “emergency clothing packs” to organizations such as Youth Haven thanks to a partnership with Chico’s that allows the organization to purchase clothing in large quantities at much lower costs. “New school clothes are incredibly important to our children’s self-esteem,” says Jinx Liggett, executive director of Youth Haven. Angels Undercover’s mission is to promote education by providing basic wardrobe necessities to children who would otherwise come to school inadequately dressed and, therefore, not ready to learn. For more information, call 596-0690 or visit www.angels-undercover.org.

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Mr. Tallamy's presentation at 7 p.m. A wine-and-cheese reception and silent auction will precede dinner. Tickets are $35 ($20 for the lecture only). For reservations, call Jean Roche at 597-7222 or download the event flyer at www.naples-fgments.org.

The Naples Doll Club, under the umbrella of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month through April. The next meetings are March 5 and 19. For more information, call Myrna Eby at (574) 780-0951 or email mydolls_2@yahoo.com.

Organizing for Action-Naples holds a dinner meeting from 5:45-7:45 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Club at Olde Cypress. Join fellow activists and supporters of President Obama’s legislative agenda for dinner, conversation and an update on ODA national, state and local activities. Upcoming meetings are March 4, April 1 and May 6. Cost is $20 (cash bar available).

For reservations or more information, call 513-1595.

Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Arbor Trace, 1566 Vanderbilt Drive north of Wiggins Pass. The next meeting is March 5. For more information, call Diane Van Parys at 431-5224.

The 275-plus members of Corvettes of Naples enjoy networking with other Corvette owners and clubs as well as their own monthly social functions including car shows, picnics, cross-country trips, home parties and dining at fine restaurants. Meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month. The next meeting is March 6. For reservations or more information, call Erica Vanover at 434-8112.

The Florida Poetry Club meets for open mic readings at The Norris Center from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, March 11. Members and guests are welcome to enjoy dinner together at Alberto’s on Fifth afterward. For more information, call Jan Conser at (440) 554-544 or email formulawriting@hotmaimail.com.

The Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 12, at the Jewish Federation of Collier County. For more information, call the JFCC at 941-264-7711.

The Naples Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society holds its fifth annual banquet Friday, Feb. 28, at Naples Botanical Garden. Guest speaker Douglass Tallowy, Ph.D., a professor from the University of Delaware and the author of “Bringing Native Plants,” will discuss “Are Alien Plants Bad?” Mr. Tallowy researches the role of insects in the natural environment.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m., with a wine and cheese reception and silent auction to precede dinner. Tickets are $35 ($20 for the lecture only). For reservations, call Jean Roche at 597-7222 or download the event flyer at www.naples-fgments.org.

The Naples Newcomers Club welcomes new members who have moved to the area within the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking and conversation over a coffee. A coffee for prospective new members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.org.

The Naples Garden Club holds its annual flower show Friday and Saturday, March 28-29, at the Naples Botanical Garden. Thousands of attendees will enjoy floral designs, exotic plants, educational displays and demonstrations, entertainment and shopping surrounded by the beauty of the Garden. Two floral design workshops will be offered both days.

“Alice in Wonderland” is the theme for the 2014 Naples Flower Show. Visitors might spot white rabbits, flamingos, grinning cats, caterpillars and maybe even a tea party. Students from Grace Place for Children & Families will have a special exhibit in the youth education section.

Admission will be $12-$15 for adults, $7.95 for ages 4-14 and free for ages 3 and younger. Fees include all activities and full admission to the Garden. Members of Naples Garden Club and the Naples Botanical Garden enjoy free admission. For more information, visit www.naples-gardenclub.org.

The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, supports education and advocacy group for families with gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning individuals and allies. The group meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, March 11, at the Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. All who are interested in getting started and/or continuing to explore the world of Jewish genealogy are welcome.

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Seating is limited and although attendance is free, reservations are required two days in advance and can be made by emailing Charlie Paul at cpaul651@earthlink.net. Newcomers to astronomy and those experienced in stargazing are welcome.

The society also holds a monthly dark sky viewing at the Fakahatchee Strand. For more information, email Mike Usher, society president, at usher34105@earthlink.net.

Weekly Events

The Naples Digital Photography Club meets from 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Edison State College-Collier Campus, Building J-Conference Center. The next meeting is March 13. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.dpi-sig.org.

The Naples Woman’s Club is selling raffle tickets for four prize packages to raise money for its philanthropic causes. Tickets are $25 each, three for $50 or eight for $100. The prize packages are:

1. Jewelry & Art ($2,075 value): A custom pearl and coral necklace by Pierre and Harry, a ruby and diamond cocktail ring, and a diamond pendant.

2. Fine Dining & Wine ($1,500 value): A dinner for two at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, a private wine tasting at a local winery, and a gift certificate for a year’s supply of wine.

3. Travel & Leisure ($1,250 value): A weeklong stay at a luxury resort in the Caribbean, including airfare and transportation.

4. Local Adventures ($1,000 value): A hot air balloon ride, a private jet ski tour, and a helicopter tour of the Everglades.

Tickets are on sale now at the club’s monthly meetings and can also be purchased online at www.napleswomansclub.org.
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tail ring and an original Chinese brush painted framed watercolor.
2. Beauty & Spa ($175 value): Image consulting by Kay Bork, massage gift certificates and a cashmere shawl.
3. Golf Outings ($500 value): Golf four four at Country Club of Naples and Tiburon Country Club, golf and lunch for four at Windstar on Naples Bay and a PGA lesson from Larry Gunzer at Grey Oaks.
4. Food & Wine: Gift certificates from several local restaurants and six bottles of wine.

The raffle drawing will be held the evening of Sunday, March 9, at the club's sponsor appreciation reception. Winners need not be present. To purchase tickets, call Teresa Stohs at (913) 271-6023 or visit www.napleswomansclub.com.

Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join Chess at Moorings for friendly competition from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park, and Chess at Lutheran from 9 a.m. to noon every Sunday at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at (954) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership.

Toastmasters International teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

- Bonita Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Scott Vail at 777-3642.
- Collier Communicate Club: 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 208. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8884.
- Marco Island Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Ekelam Circle, Marco Island. Email Chris Pritchard at colliertoastmasters@gmail.com.
- Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club: 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8881.
- Naples Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 770-5596.
- Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club: Noon on the second and fourth Friday at Stantec (previously Wilson Miller), 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples. Call Gwen Greenengas at 433-0931.
- Naples Advanced Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Linda Valentine at (954) 780-6681. This club has prerequisites for membership.

- Email club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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CALLING ALL ALUMS

- All area U.S. Naval Academy alumni are invited to join the Naples-Fort Myers Chapter of the USNA Alumni Association. Members meet monthly during the winter season. The next luncheon takes place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Imperial Golf Club in North Naples. Guest speaker will be Chet Gladchuk, USNA athletic director. For reservations or more information, call Chuck Gates at 596-8666 or send your name, phone number and email address to c.gates@mcnshi.com.

- Alpha Delta Pi alumnae of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island meets for monthly luncheons and occasional evening events at various area locations. The next luncheon is Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Miramare in the Village on Venetian Bay. For reservations or more information, call 404-3294, or email your name, phone number or email address to swfladpialum@gmail.com.

- The Greater Naples Branch of AAUW meets Saturday, March 1, in the Science & Technology Building at Hodges University. A reception begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program begins at 12 noon. Guest speaker Jennifer Hecker of the Conservercy of Southwest Florida will discuss “Water, Water Everywhere and Not a Drop to Drink.” Guests are welcome; no reservations required.

- The organization welcomes Lt. Col. Kristi Lowenthal as guest speaker at a fundraising luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, March 21, also at Hodges U. Lt. Col. Lowenthal will share her experiences as a leader in the Air Force. ‘Tickets are $50, with proceeds benefitting local scholarships. Reservations are required and can be made by emailing ankhxnatol@comcast.net. For more information about the local branch, visit www.aauwgnb.org.

- Pi Beta Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs, Marco Island and their guests are invited to attend a docent tour and luncheon at the Baker Art Museum at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, at Artis—Naples. Cost is $28. Reservations and payment are required by Feb. 28. For more information, call Donna Isenmann, chapter president, at 434-6204 or email donna@marketthisinc.com.

- Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae will welcome Laces of Love founder Jeanne Nealon as guest speaker for a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Cost is $25; sneaker donations are optional. For reservations or more information, call 404-3002.

- Members of the Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter of Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs hold their annual fund raiser luncheon at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Club at Pelican Bay. Local actress Janina Birtolo will present “Women Celebrating Women.” Cost is $35 and reservations are required by Tuesday, March 4. Send a check made payable to Kappa Alpha Theta to Alison Shoemaker, 3210 15th Ave. SW, Naples, FL 34127. For more information, call 834-2728 or visit www.naplesmarcoislandbonitaataspringskappaphatheta.org.

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Volunteers help ensure success of programs for Immokalee students

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The Immokalee Foundation is committed to empowering Immokalee’s children through programs focused on education, career and life skills. The organization works with students to develop a plan that nurtures their development as a student, citizen and professional. TIF could not continue its work to enrich the lives of Immokalee’s children and young adults without the generosity and compassion of individuals and businesses in the community. The foundation is currently seeking volunteers to help advance its mission and ensure the continued success of its programs and events.

Volunteers are needed in all capacities.

“We are looking for individuals to contribute in any way they can — whether it’s helping with an event, administrative tasks, becoming a mentor or a committee member or being a guest speaker at one of our career panels,” says Executive Director Liz Allbritten. Opportunities also exist for high school or college students seeking volunteer service hours.

Each year, TIF hosts signature fundraising events including the Inter-Club Challenge and Pro-Am golf tournaments and the Charity Classic Celebration gala. For events of this magnitude, the foundation needs a large number of individuals to lend a helping hand. Tasks range from greeting guests and helping with registration to acting as a table host.

Joseph Raishi, with PayPros, is both a vendor and a TIF volunteer. As a vendor, he handles payment processing: as a volunteer, he’s up for anything.

“I’m there for both big and small events where I oversee all input of credit card information,” Mr. Raishi says. “But I also move tables, do set-up — anything they need. It’s a phenomenal organization and I’m happy to donate my time.” He would be involved even if he weren’t a vendor, he adds. “It’s such a feeling of personal fulfillment. You realize it’s not just about you.”

Those willing to perform administrative duties such as phone calls, data entry, filing and a variety of other clerical responsibilities are also needed and are a tremendous asset in keeping the day-to-day operations of TIF running smoothly.

Since signing up as a volunteer in 2012, Marlene Leeds has committed time every week to provide administrative and event support. Both she and her husband, Peter, have also volunteered their support at TIF’s Charity Classic Celebration and Pro-Am, held each year in November.

“Volunteering gives me a good sense of well-being,” Mrs. Leeds says. “I like to help people and the feeling I get knowing I’ve done something.” Working with TIF staff is especially rewarding, she says. “The people are just so wonderful. I love everyone.”

Equally satisfying is helping at events and witnessing change in action. “It’s great to see what is actually accomplished and the impact it has on the kids.”

Local professionals can provide important insight to students by taking part in career panels, an element of TIF’s career development program that features guest speakers in a wide variety of careers, from technology and law to media, human services, health care, manufacturing and more. The professionals are asked to volunteer approximately two hours of their time every week to provide administrative duties such as phone calls, data entry, filing and a variety of other clerical responsibilities.

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Workshops deliver the dirt on growing in Southwest Florida

The Collier County Master Gardeners winter/spring series of workshops continues from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursdays at Unity of Naples, 2000 Unity Way off Davis Boulevard. All are welcome. Admission is $7 to each class. Here’s the lineup:

Feb. 20: “Shades and Textures of Green” – Ray Pelletier of Ray’s Lawn & Garden Center will discuss how to create a lush landscape in sun or shade. In addition to ground maintenance, pest control, fertilization, irrigation and landscape design services, the garden center offers a wide variety of shrubs, annuals, perennials, vics, the garden center offers a wide variety of shrubs, annuals, perennials, and organic vegetables.

Feb. 27: “Gardens for Wildlife and Butterflies” – Self-described “butterfly lunatic” Mike Malloy, a landscape professional and Collier County Master Gardener, will discuss how to attract wildlife and butterflies to the garden. Mr. Malloy is the author of “Butterfly Gardening Made Easy” and “Tropical Color: A Guide to Colorful Plants.” He writes about gardening in the Naples Daily News and conducts the free plant clinic on Thursday mornings at Naples Botanical Garden.

March 6: “What’s Old Is New and What’s New Is Old” – Horticulturist Craig Morell of Pinecrest Gardens in Miami will present the program. A lifelong plant accumulator with a yen for epiphytes, Mr. Morell has worked as a nursery inspec-
tor for the Florida Department of Agriculture, as a horticulturist at the Boca Raton Resort and as a managing grower for an orchid company in West Palm Beach. He travels widely and spends his free time orchid gardening at home in South Miami.

March 13: Garden tour – For series subscribers only, the final event of 2014 will consist of a tour of a private waterfront garden in Naples. Reservations for individual sessions are not required. For information about subscribing to the series, visit the Collier County Extension Service website at www.collier.ifas.ufl.edu.
Biologists team up for program about Fakahatchee’s ‘lost’ orchids

Two local biologists known for both their scientific and presentation skills team up for a program about their efforts to restore rare and extinct orchids to Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park.

Dennis Giardina of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and Mike Owen of the Fakahatchee Strand park have traveled to Cuba in their quest for a seed source of Fakahatchee’s two “lost” orchid species. Their photographic presentation, sponsored by the Friends of Fakahatchee, takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday, March 1, in the environmental education center at Rookery Bay, 300 Tower Road.

Admission for $50 per person includes hearty appetizers and beverages. All proceeds will support their orchid restoration work. Reservations are required and can be made at www.orchidswamp.org.

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Here’s what’s coming up:
- **Friday, Feb. 21:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Blvd. Wc., 732-5300.
- **Friday, Feb. 28:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway; 732-5300.
- **Monday, March 10:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd.; 498-5734.
- **Tuesday, March 11:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germantown Toyota, 13135 Tamiami Trail N.; 269-6050.
- **Tuesday, March 18:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N.; 269-6050.
- **Thursday, March 20:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germain Toyota, 13135 Tamiami Trail N.; 269-6050.
- **Wednesday, March 21:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Blvd. Wc., 732-5300.

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The Collier County Sheriff’s Office gives drivers a heads-up that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following places the week of Feb. 24-28:
- **Monday, Feb. 24**
  - Santa Barbara and Devonshire boulevards: Speeding
  - Collier Boulevard and Lely Cultural Parkway: Red-light running
- **Tuesday, Feb. 25**
  - Coronado Parkway: Speeding
  - U.S. 41 North and Old 41 Road: Aggressive driving
  - County Barn Road: Aggressive driving
- **Wednesday, Feb. 26**
  - Airport-Pulling Road and Orange Blossom Drive: Red-light running
  - Collier and White boulevards: Speeding
  - Immokalee Road and Tarpon Bay Boulevard: Red-light running
- **Thursday, Feb. 27**
  - Estey Avenue at East Naples Middle School: Aggressive driving
  - Goodlette-Frank and Pine Ridge roads: Aggressive driving
  - Golden Gate Parkway and I-75 southbound exit: Aggressive driving
  - Friday, Feb. 28
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Participants prepare to start the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Coconut Point in Estero.

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Florida Komen affiliate. The organization gives 75 percent of the proceeds from its fundraising efforts as grants to Southwest Florida nonprofits that provide free mammograms, treatment and support services to patients, as well as provide education and awareness for the community. Ms. Layton said the remaining 25 percent is sent to the national foundation exclusively to fund cancer-research grants. None of the money raised is spent on the overhead expenses of the parent organization, according to the local affiliate’s website.

“At the heart of our race is our mission to end breast cancer forever,” Ms. Layton said.

Since 2002, the Southwest Florida affiliate has given almost $6 million in grants to local organizations serving Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties, Ms. Layton said. She said that last year, the affiliate gave $678,500 in grants to 10 breast-cancer nonprofits, but even that is only about half of the $1.35 million it would take to fund the five-county area’s needs fully.

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One survivor-support organization is the all-volunteer Lymphedema Resources, which has received grants from the local Komen affiliate for nine years that total more than $200,000.

Lymphedema can result from surgery or radiation treatments that damage the body’s lymphatic system, resulting in chronic, debilitating swelling called lymphedema that is caused by fluids collecting in the tissues. Lymphedema is incurable after it occurs, but education can help breast-cancer survivors avoid the risk factors that trigger the onset. Once lymphedema develops, it can be managed by lymphatic drainage therapy and use of compression garments. Cancer survivors are permanently at risk for developing the complication, which can occur from one week to many decades after cancer treatment.

“All it takes is a burn or cut to start an infection, even years later,” said Claire Hauenstein, president of Lymphedema Resources.

Ms. Hauenstein developed lymphedema when she flew to Europe a couple of years after undergoing treatment for breast cancer, unaware that she was at risk for the condition and that she needed to wear a medical compression garment in order to fly safely. Ms. Hauenstein said she helped found Lymphedema Resources after she attended a support group meeting where she met Dara Leichter, founding president of the Southwest Florida Komen affiliate.

After the meeting, Ms. Leichter suggested that the support-group participants should form a nonprofit organization so they could apply for a Komen grant to help other cancer survivors with the lymphedema issue.

“We applied and got a $5,000 grant the second year Komen Southwest Florida was in operation, and we thought we’d gone to heaven,” Ms. Hauenstein said.

At first, the organization only provided the compression garments, which can be costly but are not always covered by insurance and must be replaced twice a year. Ms. Hauenstein said the organization has expanded its programs and now provides payment for lymphedema therapy, a six-week survivorship program and preventative education. She said the nonprofit has helped 520 lower-income patients during the last 10 years.

This year’s goal is $850,000

Ms. Layton said Komen Southwest Florida hopes to raise $850,000 this year while offering a race with a distinctive experience because it features activities to keep spectators occupied while they await the return of race participants.

“We want to incorporate everyone in the family and make it a fun day, but also raise awareness,” she said.

Ms. Gonzalez said seeing cancer survivors participating in the race could prove motivational.

“What I noticed is there is such a wide variety of runners there — the fit and trimmed, and the not-so-fit,” she said.

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A group of 50 people, mostly new- comers to the area, spent part of a day at our downtown campus learning about the region’s health care, as part of this year’s Greater Naples Leader- ship class. NCH has hosted about 15 such GNL classes over the years. The five goals of this year’s visit were: (1) to review governmental regulations about health care; (2) to help GNL members understand our local capabilities; (3) to give them an appreciation for the economic status, exposure to co-pol- lutants and smoking during pregnancy. But they could not determine conclus- sively whether exposure early in the pregnancy or later in the pregnancy was more likely to increase a woman’s risk for hypertension.

“It looks like the whole period has impacts for hypertension,” Mr. Xu says. On the basis of these findings, the researchers say more air pollution control is necessary to prevent dan- gerous complications in pregnant women and babies. Although more studies are needed, they hypothesize that exposure to air pollution during pregnancy might affect a woman’s normal pattern of blood pressure.

Next, the researchers plan to expand their study throughout the state and also examine other condi- tions that could be affected by pol- lution.

“We are trying to look at several outcomes,” Mr. Xu says. “We also want to look at preterm delivery and low birth weight and find out what the effects of air pollutants and smoking are on fetal development.”

The research was funded through a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.
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With the rise of prescription drug abuse and overdose deaths reaching epidemic proportions in recent years, pharmaceutical take-back programs are necessary tools for keeping harmful drugs from falling into the wrong hands. Although the proliferation of pill mills contributed significantly to Florida’s problem, stockpiles of medication found in medicine cabinets have also become a source for accidental poisoning, overdose and abuse.

Data shows that more than one in five teenagers in America has misused or abused pain medication not prescribed for them, and one in 10 reports abusing cough medicine to get high.

There is good news, though. Thanks to efforts such as Operation Medicine Cabinet and other state and local initiatives, there was a sharp drop in illicit prescription pill abuse and deaths caused by prescription drugs during 2012 in Collier County and throughout the state. A recently released Florida Department of Law Enforcement report shows that the number of drug-related deaths in Florida is at the lowest it’s been since the Florida Medical Examiner’s report was first compiled in 2008.

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Floridians value water, but not ‘all in’ on conservation

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Floridians value water almost as much as they value money and their health. Just don’t ask them to time themselves in the shower.

An online survey of 516 Floridians found that interest in water ranked third in a list of public issues, just behind the economy and health care, but ahead of taxes and public education. Eighty-three percent of respondents considered water a highly or extremely important issue.

Alexa Lamm, the University of Florida assistant professor who led the survey for the Center for Public Issues Education (PIE Center), says the respondents, who completed the survey this past December, were selected as a demographically representative sample of adult Floridians.

The PIE Center is part of UF’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. Ms. Lamm, a faculty member in the department of agricultural education and communication, is the center’s associate director.

Jack Payne, UF’s senior vice president for agriculture and natural resources, says it is important for a large research university where so much scientific work is being done on water to gauge how well the public understands issues associated with water supply and usage.

“We need educated voters at the voting booth, so it’s always good to know the level of understanding our citizens have,” he says, adding many critical problems Florida will face in the future revolve around water, including the supply and quality of water as well as a rising sea level.

The survey found that respondents would support some increases in their water utility bills if the money would help ensure future water supplies. To that end, 69 percent said they would support a 10 percent increase in water bills, if used for that purpose. Perhaps not surprising, support dropped as the bill-hike percentage increased. Only 7 percent of respondents said they would be willing to pay 50 percent more for water to help ensure its supply.

Michael Dukes, director of UF/IFAS’ Center for Landscape Conservation and Ecology, says Florida’s growing population will mean more pressure on state water supplies.

“I think we’re going to have to come to a decision point on the use of high-quality drinking water — potable water — to maintain landscapes,” Mr. Dukes says. He notes current UF research working to help offset water problems, including studies on efficient irrigation, new ways to recapture water and development of drought-tolerant turfgrasses varieties, and he adds many Floridians are looking for ways to landscape with plants that are attractive and drought tolerant.

As was true with last year’s water survey, PIE Center officials learned that the public has varying amounts of tolerance for giving up creature comforts in order to enhance conservation.

For example, Ms. Lamm says, while 75 percent of survey respondents said they would wait until their dishwasher is full to turn it on, 47 percent said they would not put a timer in the bathroom to help remind them to shorten their shower.

The survey also found that Floridians reported low overall knowledge about some water-related current events, despite media coverage.

Only 31 percent of survey respondents were aware of last fall’s decline in Apalachicola Bay, and only 26 percent knew that Florida officials filed a lawsuit in October over the state of Georgia’s consumption of fresh water from a river that helps support Florida’s oyster industry, she says.

The survey did find that Floridians support state government efforts to protect water, even if it means resolving disputes in court: 83 percent agreed that state government should protect water, while just 18 percent said it would be a waste of government money to fight legal battles over water rights.

The survey is part of a number of water-focused activities scheduled this month. The PIE Center will host a webinar with Wendy Graham, director of the UF Water Institute, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25. The PIE Center water survey marked the start of the second year of its public-opinion surveys. Besides water, survey topics have included endangered and invasive species, immigration and public perceptions about food safety, food security and genetically modified organisms.

The water survey, results and a link to register for the webinar can be found at www.pieccenter.com/water.
If you got a puppy during the holidays, you’re probably starting to wonder when you should have your young pal spayed (removal of ovaries and uterus) or neutered (removal of testes). The answer to that used to be straightforward: Most veterinarians recommended that the surgery take place when the pet was 6 to 9 months old.

Spaying and neutering has benefits for pets, owners and society. In general, altered pets live healthier, longer lives. They are less likely to roam because they don’t have hormones urging them to seek out a mate, and females don’t need to be confined during twice-yearly heat cycles. And widespread spay/neuter efforts have greatly reduced the numbers of homeless animals in shelters.

All of those benefits are important, but we’ve discovered that they must be balanced with the needs of individual dogs, and that can be a challenge. The issue of when to spay or neuter a pet is complicated, and there’s no one-size-fits-all answer. New research tells us that for some dogs, waiting until they reach physical maturity is a better option than pre- or early adolescent spay/neuter surgery.

Depending on the age at which it’s performed, several studies have shown that spay/neuter surgery is linked to increases in the incidence of certain diseases or conditions in dogs, including osteosarcoma (bone cancer), hemangiosarcoma (heart tumor), hypothyroidism and canine cruciate ligament (CCL) injuries, as well as prostate cancer in male dogs and urinary incontinence in females.

For instance, giant breeds are more at risk for osteosarcoma. Breeds at higher risk for CCL tears include Akitas, German shepherds, golden and Labrador retrievers, Newfoundlands, poodles and Saint Bernards. The science tells us that in certain breeds it’s beneficial to let bones mature before spaying and neutering.

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Consider alternative methods of altering your dog, such as ovariohysterectomy (removal of only the ovaries) or injectable neutering with Zeuterin. An ovariohysterectomy is less invasive, and the Zeuterin procedure allows dogs to retain some of their testosterone, which can offer certain protective health benefits, according to some studies.

Make your decision based on the most current research and your dog’s breed and lifestyle. For instance, if your dog will be a canine athlete, later neutering may improve his muscle tone and decrease the risk of CCL rupture.

Put risk into perspective. Altering at a young age may have only a slight effect on the incidence of disease, and the increase in incidence will be breed-related. If the risk increases from 1 in 20,000 to 2 in 20,000, you are still better off spaying or neutering your dog.

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**Brothers in business**

**Siblings share values for success**

**BY ROGER WILLIAMS**
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You’ve heard of Cain and Abel, of course — the Old Testament brothers who tried to go into business together, and failed.

That is not the story Florida Weekly brings you here, about brothers (and families) who not only try but succeed beyond all expectation when they go into business together.

It happens regularly along the Gulf Coast, with names that originally hailed from places like Michigan and Ohio and Fort Myers and Punta Gorda and now stand as near-synonyms for Southwest Florida, from Naples to Sarasota: Jensen and Matter and Galloway and Germain and Wotitzky. There are more, of course, many more.

And even though there are variations on the theme, they all seem to have one thing in common:

“There is no ego problem, that’s how we work together,” says a self-deprecating Gary Matter, whose four older brothers — Stewart, David, Tom and John — join him in heading Matter Brothers Furniture & Design, based in Naples and with stores in Fort Myers, Pinellas Park and Tarpon Springs.

Ditto for the three eternally merry Jensen brothers, owners and operators of Jensen’s Twin Palm Resort & Marina on

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Focus Business Opportunities
Equity investing is similar to going to a movie — not the movie itself, but the process of the entering and taking one’s seat and, ultimately, exiting the theater.

Most typically, a Friday night showing of a good movie will allow cinema to be near capacity. Viewers do not arrive en masse at once; they arrive piecemeal over a 15- to 20-minute window. The earlier one arrives, the less confusion there is in getting a seat. The more crowded the room, the less easily a seat is found.

This is a bit like equity investing in that investors arrive gradually and, in this recent mega bull market, they have been coming piecemeal to the equity show since 2009’s bear market low. Surely, some leave the movie mid-viewing, but most stay to watch the whole show — just as some investors exited this bull in prior years and others are still waiting for the peak.

Exit is a little more challenging in that everyone wants to leave at the same time. It requires some maneuvering to make exit. So it is with stocks.

But having sat in a theater in which there had been a fire, I understand that everyone wants to leave at the same time and there is a rush to create liquidity and leave the market. Since many have never been faced with this kind of crisis and they never made plans for an emergency exit from the markets, they are in confusion about what to do.

Bear market corrections happen as well, and most investors have no plan how to handle an equity crisis.

Logic suggests that a worn-out, old theater might have greater probability of a safety challenge. Likewise, logic suggests that a worn out equity bull market definitely has greater probability of peaking and a bear market emerging.

When is it time to worry that the current equity bull is old and worn-out? Mostly possibly now.

The phrase “long in the tooth” has been overused to describe the current bull market. The website WiseGeek.com paints a picture of this idiom’s meaning and history.

“The main theory behind the meaning of this phrase is that it has to do with determining the age of horses. Horse teeth grow more prominent with age, and at the same time, the gums recede. As a result, an older horse will appear to have long teeth. Many people would examine the teeth of horses before they purchased them in order to determine the horse’s age.”

And over time, the idiom has come to refer to the age of people and to the age of bull markets.

One way to determine if a bull market is really long in the tooth is by looking at how long (in calendar days) and how high (in percentages) the bull runs after the old/previously high has been taken out.

For example, the prior high in the S&P was October 2007 at 1570; that high was taken out April 10, 2013 when the S&P closed at 1587. And the question to be posed is: “How much farther in time and percentage gain before the peak — before the onset of a new bear market?”

So, since 1954, how many calendar days have passed between the date of a new market high and the eventual market peak?

1. The best case was an additional 71 calendar days.
2. The worst case was an additional 132 days.
3. The median was 47 (and preference is given to the median as it takes out the outliers.)

From April 10, 2013, the bull market has continued another 281 days through Jan. 15, 2014, the most recent peak.

So, since 1954, what percent additional gain was realized between the date of a new market high and eventual market peak?

1. The best case was an additional 222 percent.
2. The worst case was an additional 2 percent.
3. The median was 18 percent (and preference is given to the median as it takes out the outliers.)

From April 10, 2013, the bull market has gained another 17 percent through Jan. 15, 2014, the most recent peak.

This “long tooth” might keel over any day — and it might set a new record. But a reality-based investor will not turn a blind eye to these statistics which infer probability of events. A retiree, who thought recouping the loss of 2008-9 might not happen in his/her lifetime, will certainly take heed.

Investors should prepare their portfolio for the inevitable equity decline as each and every prior bull market has been followed by a bear market.

Talk to your investment adviser and seek counsel from experts in specific areas of investing as some aspects of investing are broad-based and other areas require specialization and specific investment licenses.

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**New Location**
Laser Lounge Spa has opened a new location in Bonita Springs at 9420 Fountain Medical Court, where services include Botox, fillers, electrolysis and chemical peels, along with laser hair removal, massages, facials and laser tattoo removal. Dr. Bonnie Rhea also performs TMJ treatment, trigger point injections, oral facial pain diagnosis and treatment, teeth whitening and snoring and sleep apnea treatments.

**Dining & Hospitality**
Kevin Kaczmarek has been named general manager of Alto—Live, Jazz, Kitchen, Naples, a new restaurant by Chef Charles Mereday, chef and owner of Mereday’s Fine Dining, also in Naples. Mr. Kaczmarek has more than 30 years of experience in restaurant management. He recently relocated to Naples from Richmond, Va., where he was managing partner of Outback Steakhouse. Prior to Outback, he was owner/partner of Short Pump Grill in Richmond, managing a staff of 50 as well as overseeing marketing and inventory. His restaurant management experience includes his tenure as senior mortgage loan officer.

**Banking**
Wendy Atkinson has joinedibel-ribbonbank Mortgage on Marco Island as senior mortgage loan officer.

**Real Estate**
Jama Dock has joined Premier Sotheby’s International Realty as public relations and communications manager. Ms. Dock has more than 15 years of experience locally as a public relations and communications strategist, from executive and employee communications to media relations, crisis management and marketing in the real estate, homebuilding/development and financial service industries. She earned a bachelor’s degree in journalism from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green and is a past president of the Public Relations Society of America, Gulf Coast Chapter.

**Grand Reopening**
Sunshine Ace Hardware hosts a grand reopening at the company’s Marco Island store from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. The store is at 1720 San Marco Road. Family owned and operated since 1958, Sunshine Ace Hardware serves Southwest Florida with six locations in Collier and Lee counties. The newly remodeled Marco store offers a full line of Valspar paints and an expanded selection of barbecue grills and accessories, marine products and outdoor apparel and UFP performance clothing. More than 75 historical photos hang throughout the store, telling the story of Marco Island.

**Board Appointments**
The board of directors for 2014 for the Naples International Film Festival consists of: David Diamond, president; Blake Owen, vice president; Lisa Lipman, past president; Don Drury, treasurer; Ashley Solomon, secretary; and Preston Cate, Patrick Dearborn, Heather Docksweller, Shannon Franklin, John Goede, Orlando Rosales and Jill Wheeler.

**Recreation**
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**Fitness**
Dr. Rob Kominarek, D.O., “Ameri-ca’s Fitness Doctor” and medical director at the Alpha Male Medical Institute, has partnered with FitNation Magazine.

**Banking**
Dan Royal has been named senior vice president of residential and consumer lending at Encore Bank. He will oversee the mortgage lending teams at the bank’s two Naples locations and its locations in Bonita Springs, Fort Myers, Port Charlotte and Sun City Center.

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The sixth annual NIFF takes place Nov. 6-9.

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How to do business with local governments

The Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University hosts “Doing Business with Collier County Government Agencies” from 9-11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Panelists are Joanne Markevitz, interior purchasing director for Collier County; Jed Secory, purchasing manager for the city of Naples; and Lina Upham, purchasing analyst for the city of Marco Island. Business analyst Larry Yrowel will moderate the discussion.

Attendance is free and open to all. To register, call 745-3700 or visit www.sbdcseminars.org.

How to turn challenges into achievements

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University presents “Turn Lead into Gold: Your Future Depends on It.” from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, at the university’s Naples campus, 2655 Northbrook Drive. Presenter Dave Fleming, chief strategic officer for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, will discuss how businesses can use challenges as the raw materials for high performance and achievement rather than as obstacles that block progress and increase frustration.

Registration is $15. For more information, call 533-1122 or email the Center for Nonprofit Excellence at cne@hodges.edu.

Leadership Collier accepting applications

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I trace my roots back to 1927. Westminster-House Electric bought me in 1998, bought Infinity Broadcasting in 1996, and in 1997 took on my name as its own. Today, based in New York City, I’m a mass media powerhouse. My brands include Simon & Schuster publishing, Showtime Networks and Smithsonian Networks, among others. I own America’s most-watched TV network, one of the world’s largest entertainment companies, dozens of TV and radio stations, and a billboard advertising business, among other things. I rake in about $5 billion annually, and my logo is a body part. Who am I?

The Motley Fool Take
A Stock for Your Shopping Cart

Some find Amazon.com’s (Nasdaq: AMZN) stock too expensive now, but plenty believe it still has lots of room to grow. Remember, too, that the stock has long been called overlooked, while it has averaged double-digit gains for many years.

So what will fuel the company’s growth in coming years? Amazon keeps entering new markets and building on existing ones, such as with its Pantry packaged goods business, set to launch this week. The company generates about 40 percent of its revenue internationally, and its operations in emerging markets such as China and India offer great potential.

Amazon currently owns more shopping shares in its relatively high-margin third-party business, signing up more merchants and reducing shipping times by placing more fulfillment centers near major U.S. cities. It’s a significant player in cloud computing, too, and its Kindle business has been quite successful. Amazon’s “Prime” service, with more than 20 million members, includes video streaming and is a threat to Netflix. There’s even speculation that Amazon.com could become a major smartphone seller.

As more consumers across the globe do more of their shopping online, Amazon and its shareholders are positioned to benefit. It’s not a stock for the risk-averse, but you might want to consider adding at least a few shares to your portfolio. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Amazon and Netflix and its newsletters have recommended both.)

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If I can’t pay my taxes on time this year, what should I do?

— G.N., online

Whether you pay on time or not, be sure to file your return on time. Failing to file leads to stiff penalties than simply underpaying. Meanwhile, you do have some options, which the IRS itself lays out at its IRS.gov website. For starters, you can call the IRS at (800)829-1040 to request a bill extension. You can also submit an Online Payment Agreement application with the IRS, which may permit you to set up an installment payment plan. Online, submit to www.irs.gov or call the number above to see about an installment plan.

Paying by credit or debit card is also possible, but it’s not a smart move if the debt is going to remain unpaid for a long while, racking up interest charges at perhaps 20 percent or more annually. (Note that credit card service providers will also charge a “convenience” fee, which can be rather inconvenient.)

Your bank might loan you money, too, possibly charging you less than the IRS’ interest and penalties. If you receive a bill from the IRS, don’t disregard it, as it could make your problems worse and might lead the IRS to take collection action. To minimize penalties and interest charges, pay as much as you can on time and pay the rest as soon as possible.

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— K.R., Detroit

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BROTHERS

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Captiva Island.

“We tap into things we learned from our customers — for example, we met the Matter brothers early on after we moved to Captiva (in the late 1970s), and figured, heck, if they could get along with each other surely we could, too,” says Dave Jensen.

“And then there’s our guests, like World Wrestling Federation superstars Mike Rotonda and Barry Windham, who are brothers-in-law,” he adds. “They taught us that when verbal communication fails, use the headlock maneuvers.”

No need for that, however — not if a sibling team is imitating the Matter Brothers.

“We all get along well,” says Gary. “We like to spend free time together, with our families. This is as much about camaraderie, as anything. None of us is trying to be the lead dog. We give each other the leeway and respect to make decisions.”

Some families — one at least, the Germain family — operate businesses so big that they divide up duties and live in different places.

The Ohio-based company, founded in 1947 by their grandfather, established Florida roots when their father, the late Bob Germain, made Naples his home. It includes some 17 dealerships, three of them in Florida, along with such ventures as Germain Racing and Germain Properties of Naples. That one is managed by the brothers’ sister, Susan Germain Maahs.

The Galloway family, meanwhile, has stayed close to home while expanding an automotive business founded in 1927 — now Sam Galloway Lincoln-Ford — when Bob Germain, made Naples his home.

Nowadays, although Sam Jr. continues to work, his sons, Sam III and Robert, along with daughter Katherine, all play pivotal roles in the company — and the community, like all of these brother (and sister) -run businesses. Whether it’s the American Cancer Society, the Community Cooperative Ministries (Soup Kitchen) or the Edison & Ford Winter Estates, almost a million people now living in Southwest Florida — about 950,000 more than lived here 87 years ago — benefit directly or indirectly from their largesse.

“We do it,” Sam Jr. told Florida Weekly last year, “because we believe it’s the right thing to do.”

Which is also the ethic of Punta Gorda’s venerable and now generations-old law firm, Wotitzky, Wotitzky, Ross & McKinley.

“Our values are steeped in the tradition of faithfully serving our clients and community,” according to the website, www.wotitzkylaw.com.

Their values are also steeped in the tradition of sticking by each other, which is what Ed Wotitzky’s late father and uncle, Frank and Leo, did after Frank Wotitzky founded the firm following his graduation from the University of Florida Law School, in 1940.

A native through and through, he and his brother passed on their sense of a life or deep in reach.

At various times he has served on the Peace River Basin Board of the Southwest Florida Water Management District; Boy Scouts of America, Southwest Florida Community Cooperative Ministries; Charlotte Behavioral HealthCare; the Charlotte Local Education Foundation; Charlotte Behavioral HealthCare; and the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce.

But for sheer devotion as families, not just as business partners, we can look back to the Matter and Jensen brothers. What do these brothers do when they’re not working (which is infrequently, in some cases)?

“We all enjoy the outdoors,” says Gary. “We love to go to the Keys and fish. We like to head out west in our RVs, we like to play golf and do things — those are our passions.”

For the Jensens, sometimes working is playing — and like the Matters, it means playing outdoors.

“We used to argue about who would be the lucky one to pump gas (into a boat) or dip shrimp for a (fishing) customer, because it is just so damn beautiful here,” Dave says.

But for any of them — for Dave, John or Jim Jensen, or for Gary, Stewart, David, Tom or John Matter, and probably for the others, as well — there’s something even better than the paradise of sur-blanked beaches and golf courses and the vast reaches of salt or fresh fishing waters that surround residents of the Sunshine State: that family, of course.

“We have a unique, or at least a rare combination of personal and professionals,” explains Gary Matter. “If you saw us, you would think we are best buddies.”

When brothers working together works like that, nothing is better, acknowledges Dave Jensen.

“We all know we have each other’s backs,” he says.

But what about Cain and Abel? What advice does he have for other siblings (and we know they’re out there) who might be considering a business venture together?

He shows no hesitation. “Go for it,” Dave says.

After all, if it doesn’t work you can always use the headlock maneuver.
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.

■ The Collier Building Industry Association holds a mixer from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 20, at EBL Interiors, 1482 Rail Head Blvd. $15 for CBIA members, $25 for others. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbia.net. No walk-ins.

■ The Collier County Medical Society’s 2014 Women Physicians Winter Luncheon is set for noon Friday, Feb. 21, at Brio Tuscan Grille at Waterside Shops. $23 per person, with each member allowed one guest. Call 435-7727 or visit www.ccmsonline.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 Women’s Council of Realtors-Naples on the Gulf will hear from Robert Wiley of the Collier County FEMA office with an update about flood insurance at its meeting beginning at 11:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 21, at Vineyards Country Club. $25 for members, $28 for others. Sign up at www.wcncnaples.com.

■ The Public Relations Society of America, Gulf Coast Chapter holds its next luncheon meeting Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Hilton Naples. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Cost is $27 for PRSA members, $31 for others. To sign up or for more information, visit www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

■ The Council of Hispanic Business Professionals meets at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 26, at McCormick & Schmick’s in Mercato. Guest speaker will be Collier County Commissioner Tim Nance.

■ The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation holds its first President’s Club social from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, at Quail West in Naples. Stock Development hosts the evening, which will hors d’oeuvres and wine while touring four model homes. The President’s Club is a group of senior-level executive and business owners who are committed to leadership roles with the chamber. For more information, call 992-2043 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

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Homebuilder D.R. Horton hosts a grand opening of its lakefront Madison model home in Chiasso at Fiddler’s Creek from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided from 1-3 p.m.

The one-story Madison has three bedrooms plus den, formal living and dining areas and four baths in 3,246 square feet of air-conditioned living area. The bedrooms are situated in separate corners of the home to ensure privacy, and the den is large enough to accommodate an alternate fourth bedroom. There is also an outdoor kitchen and a two-car garage.

Upgrades in the new model include cherry wood cabinets with a chocolate glaze in the kitchen and baths, and granite countertops throughout the home. The living areas have Travertino tile laid on a brick pattern; the den has Crystal Cove wood flooring. Ceiling fans and whole house plantation shutters also are included in the model.

The base price for the Madison is $586,990.

In the Veneta section of Fiddler’s Creek, Chiasso has 59 single-family home sites. Five floor plans are available, ranging from 2,583 air-conditioned square feet to 3,522 air-conditioned square feet.

In addition to the Madison, one other fully furnished model is currently open for viewing. The Washington encompasses 2,788 air-conditioned square feet and has three bedrooms plus den, 3½ baths and a great room as well as formal living and dining rooms. The model was built with an optional three-car garage.

Base price of the Washington is $568,990.

The entrance to Fiddler’s Creek is off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. Amenities include the 54,000-square-foot clubhouse, a lagoon-style swimming complex, tennis courts, tot lot and casual and elegant restaurants.

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Clive Daniel Home welcomes Jacques Wayser of French Heritage elegant French furnishings from 3-5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27. Mr. Wayser will present products from his Avenue and Maison lines and explain their origins. Many of the pieces are entirely bench-made using centuries-old techniques.

The afternoon will also feature models from Escapes Paris, a new boutique at Waterside Shops, strolling through the showroom in French couture with a causal feel to fit Naples’ clientele. A drawing will be held for a fragrance gift, and Saks Fifth Avenue will present beauty tips with French cosmetics and gifts for guests as well as a drawing for a “pretty party.” One guest will win a travel voucher from Betty Maclean Travel.

“This will be the ideal opportunity for Francophiles to gather in a beautiful setting of French furniture, food, fashion and cosmetics,” says Kris Kolar, Clive Daniel Home vice president of merchandising and interior design. The furniture showroom will host a trunk show of 50 pieces from French Heritage’s Avenue and Maison collections through Sunday, March 9.

Clive Daniel Home is at 2777 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday-Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 231-7879 or visit www.CliveDaniel.com/events.

Discover a host of design inspirations for your home with one stop at the Miromar Design Center, where the 2014 Designer Dream Rooms remain in place through Saturday, March 8. Included is a bedroom designed by Triveni Armenti at the Heirloom Interior Design Showroom, above, that exudes sophisticated glamour and incorporates pieces in gold and black finishes from the Celere Kemble Collection.

There’s also a dreamy luxury spa bath at Richlin International and an amazing outdoor living room at Jardin De Ville, left, that seamlessly blends indoors and out. The center is at 10800 Corkscrew Road, I-75, Exit 123, in Estero. For a complete list of stores and events at the design center, visit www.miromardesigncenter.com.

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Vanderbilt Country Club fitness center completed

BCBE Construction has completed a new 5,000-square-foot fitness center at Vanderbilt Country Club, a project that also involved Humphrey Rosal Architects, Club Design Group interior designers, mechanical engineers Energy Concepts of Southwest Florida, Community Engineering Services civil engineers and the Vanderbilt Community Association board members.

The center has a maximum capacity of 196 people and includes an exercise room with state-of-the-art equipment, men’s and women’s locker rooms, comfort suites and an aerobics studio. Residents will be able to participate in golf fitness programs, cardio and strength training classes as well as a variety of aerobics classes.

BCBE Construction continues with the renovation of the main clubhouse at Vanderbilt Country Club, a private bundled golf course community on 320-plus acres. The community is designed for 800 estate homes, villas, carriage homes and condominiums. For more information, visit www.vanderbiltcountryclub.com.

Builders Care receives donation from Minto

Minto Communities is donating $100 from each home sale at its new Bonita Isles community in Bonita Springs to Builders Care, the nonprofit charitable arm of the Lee Building Industry Association. The association provides emergency repairs and construction services to elderly, disabled and economically disadvantaged people who are unable to obtain home repairs through traditional means.

To date, Lee BIA Builders Care has put more than $2.4 million in construction services back into the community at no cost to homeowners in need.

Minto recently donated $2,200 to the cause. The funds will provide wheelchair ramps, handicap accessibility, widened doorways and roof and air-conditioning repairs, among other things. In addition, the developer is donating its services and resources to complete a large residential renovation project for a qualifying homeowner in Lee County.

Builders Care enlists the volunteer services of Lee BIA members and leverages grants and donated materials to provide construction and remodeling services to qualified homeowners throughout Lee County. Certified Building Partners include Stock Development. Major supporters include Cape Coral Plumbing, Ferguson Enterprises, Harbor Springs Building Company, Nilles Design Group, Priority Marketing of Southwest Florida, Sunset Air and The Aubuchon Team of Companies.

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Iron Star has begun construction on its Villa Grande and Casa Bella models in Fairgrove at Talis Park. The Italian Renaissance designs in Fairgrove honor the more traditional view of Naples’ architecture and are joined by a Spanish eclectic style.

Seven resident-ready homes are available and include furnished models, unfinisihed residences and residences in varying stages of construction, allowing buyers to choose when they wish to engage in the buying process and the degree to which they prefer to be involved with feature and finish selections.

Iron Star's fully furnished La Villa Sul Verde model has an interior designed by Charlie Hansen and Rebekah Errett-Pikovsky of Clive Daniel Home.

In the great room, white beams suspended from the soaring 28-foot ceiling provide detail that complements a wrought iron and wood chandelier. The ceiling detail continues in the double-island kitchen that features white perimeter cabinet, grey-toned marble backsplash extending to the ceiling, island bases finished in weathered grey, quartz countertops with grey veining and stainless steel Viking appliances.

The La Villa Sul Verde’s 3,506-square-foot floor plan includes three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a formal dining room, a spacious pool deck with a covered lanai, outdoor living area and a pool with fire bowls, a negative-edge spa and an open-air cabana with a fireplace. The La Villa Sul Verde model is priced at $1.995 million.

Under way soon
Iron Star expects to begin construction of its Villa Grande and Casa Bella residences in Fairgrove this spring.

The Villa Grande will offer 3,766 square feet to the residence's 3,175 square feet of living area that includes a great room and a three-car garage, one of the guest bedrooms is in a detached cabana that opens to a lanai, multiple seating areas, an outdoor living area with a covered lanai, outdoor kitchen and bar, a pool with fire bowls, a negative-edge spa and an open-air cabana with a fireplace.

The Villa d'Este model will be priced at $1.895 million.

The Casa Bella is a 3,137-square-foot, three-bedroom, four-bath residence with a massive great room, dining area and kitchen space, as well as a den, a three-car garage, a spacious covered lanai with a fireplace and a custom-designed pool and spa. The kitchen includes counter-height bar seating, a café area and a breakfast nook.

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Harbourside Custom Homes’ first Villa d'Este model in Fairgrove at Talis Park sold the day it opened. A new Villa d'Este model is expected to open this month.

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while the study will have wood flooring.

The Villa d'Este is priced at $1.895 million with furnishings and options.

Harbourside has begun construction of its 2,767-square-foot Aviano model and expects the residence to be completed by third quarter of 2014. The model will be priced at $1.25 million.

Harbourside also expects to break ground on its 3,935-square-foot Casa Arianna in March. The great room floor plan includes four bedrooms, five full baths, a formal dining room, a spacious island kitchen with a breakfast nook, a study, a craft room, a split three-car garage and a large outdoor living area overlooking Talis Park’s Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed golf course. The Casa Arianna is priced at $1.995 million.

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Iron Star Luxury Homes’ furnished La Villa Sul Verde model in Fairgrove at Talis Park is open for viewing and available for purchase.

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Harbourside Custom Homes’ Villa d’Este model in Fairgrove. Vogue Interiors’ Leslie Gebert and Sheila Herrera are bringing a light, sophisticated look to the residence's 3,175 square feet of living area that includes a great room and three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a study, a formal dining room, a kitchen with a wrap-around island and raised bar, an outdoor living area with a covered lanai, multiple seating areas, an outdoor kitchen, a fireplace, a pool and spa, and a three-car garage. Flooring throughout the living areas will be 12-by-24-inch porcelain tile with shades of taupe, pendent from the soaring 28-foot ceiling.

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Tiburon's Marsala neighborhood is nearly sold out: Only one home is available in the popular single-family estate neighborhood by WCI Communities in North Naples.

The available Cortez design has four bedrooms, four baths and a den in 3,822 square feet of living space. In its own wing, the owner’s suite includes dual walk-in closets, his-and-her vanities, a large garden tub, comfortable sitting area and private access to one of the home’s two lanais.

While the Cortez features formal dining and living rooms, the open kitchen-great room floor plan is enhanced by three sets of sliding glass doors leading to the outdoor living area.

The home also has a summer kitchen, swimming pool and three-car garage within 3,600 total square feet. Scheduled for completion in spring of 2014, the Cortez home is priced at $1,190,510.

In addition to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Tiburon is home to the Tiburon Golf Club and a members-only fitness and health club. For more information, call (800) 889-7922 or visit www.Tibu-ronWCI.com.

Lennar Homes will showcase four models in Fiddler's Creek

Lennar Homes will showcase several model homes in Fiddler’s Creek during the Colliers Building Industries Association Parade of Homes March 7-9.

The Florence coach home model has three bedrooms and two baths in 1,741 square feet of living space. The open design, with a living room, dining room, dining nook and covered patio all served by an angled kitchen, makes the Florence ideal for family gatherings or large social occasions. The Florence is a single-story design and has a two-car garage.

The Verona is a two-story coach home design with a three-car garage. It has 2,110 square feet of living space, with three bedrooms and two baths.

Also open in Fiddler’s Creek is the Bougainvillea estate home model, with three bedrooms plus den and three baths and a total of 2,800 square feet of living space. The dining room, great room, nook and wraparound lanai are all served by an island kitchen. The master suite is separate from the guest bedrooms and has its own access to the lanai.
Live large in Lutgert’s new villa at Grey Oaks

The Lutgert Companies has completed the Fabiana model in the Marsh Wren neighborhood of Grey Oaks. The model recently sold and will remain open for viewing through March. Construction is under way on another Fabiana model.

Overlooking the community’s golf course and lake, the 3,516-square-foot villa has three bedrooms with study and 3½ baths. The home was designed and decorated by senior designer and co-owners Natalie Sorrentino and Jill Cotton of Winter Park-based SOCO Interiors.

"The approach for the Fabiana villa was to be clean and transitional with a color scheme of taupe, cream, spa blues and espresso," Ms. Sorrentino says. "Instead of using heavy crown moldings, we allow the casing and base to be interesting and different. By using straight-cut travertine in the main areas, the linear grain was shown. Adjacent to the great room, the open kitchen has espresso- and taupe-colored cabinets with a linear glass decorative backsplash. The great room features dueling sofas and a writing desk. The exteriors display a touch of the Mediterranean."

To the right of the front entryway, square columns define the dining room that has seating for eight and a view of lush flora through an expansive window.

The kitchen is open to the great room and planned for cordial entertaining and functionality with two islands, one serving as a breakfast bar with marble counter and four stools, and a separate prep island complete with a sink and clad in quartz. Other highlights include a tray ceiling, custom cabinets with full extension drawers and under-cabinet lighting, Viking appliance package, wine cooler and Kohler sink and faucets.

Positioned left of the entryway, the study has dark wood flooring, five panel windows that draw in natural light and a custom wood ceiling. The master suite has a soaker tub, his- and-her closets and private access to the outdoor living area. A custom mirror in a sunburst pattern hangs above the bed and floor-to-ceiling windows draw in the golf course panorama.

Planned for sustainability and energy efficiency, the Fabiana is LEED-registered and has received the Florida Power and Light BuildSmart energy-efficient certification. Other energy efficiencies include Andersen impact-resistant and insulated glass in doors, windows and WinDoor sliders; a high-efficiency, multi-zoned air conditioning system with outside air intake, dehumidifier and linear diffusers; a tankless water heater and hot water recirculation; paperless drywall; spray foam roof insulation, including loggia and garage; and block walls with high-efficiency rigid board insulation.

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A friend told Canadian actress Donna Garner that "Once" was going to hold auditions for the first national Broadway tour. He thought she should try out for it, but she didn't think there was a role that would be right for her.

But when he showed her the list of parts, she noticed one was for a woman between 40 and 50 who could play piano and accordion. Ms. Garner fit the age range and was a professional pianist. Though she can play a number of instruments, she did not, however, know how to play the accordion.

So she immediately went out and rented a blue Hohner and set about teaching herself how. She was in final rehearsals for "The Full Monty" in Toronto at the time. "I had eight days before the audition," she recalls. Every minute she wasn't on stage rehearsing, she'd be in a dressing room back stage, figuring out the accordion. "I tortured my cast-mates with my accordion," she says.

Before she went to a call back audition in New York City, she bought a 1960s Silvertone accordion and had a professional lesson, "just to see if I was doing everything right."

She was. And she got the role. "I worked out. I guess I did OK," she says.

Winning accolades

"Once" started out as a 2006 movie. Set in Dublin, it tells the story of an Irish man, identified only as Guy, who plays on the streets and wants to make it as a musician. He meets a young Czech girl, identified only as Girl, who plays piano. She inspires his music and helps him make a demo.

Musician Glen Hansard played Guy in the movie; Maketa Irglova was Girl. The movie became a hit Broadway show, winning eight Tony Awards in 2012, including Best Musical. In addition, it was named Best Musical by the
It’s never easy being the third wheel, that lonely extra party at meals and get-togethers. Thankfully, I have friends such as Ethan and Melanie, the kind of good-natured, down-to-earth people who always make me feel welcome—even when I show up without a date. It helps, too, that they live a charmed life, the kind of existence I’d like to step right into: They bought their house at a good price when the market was down; he has a stable job; she’s able to stay home with their toddler. Even their dog is cute. They’re blessed with the kind of solid, peaceful life that makes me wish I’d hurry up and settle down.

And did I mention the food? Every time I’m over for dinner, we eat the sort of multi-course meal people used to serve before everyone started eating out—meals you read about in cookbooks before phoning-in for Thai. Grilled steak, scalloped potatoes, strawberry parfait. Most people I know never eat that way.

In fact, I didn’t know people still lived the way Ethan and Melanie live. In our over-hurried, stressed out world, I thought no one had a clean house or a well-behaved child, let alone a hot dinner on the table every night. It was, in short, my perfect fantasy.

Recently, toward the end of another one of those fantastic dinners, as the three of us sat around the table finishing dessert, the conversation turned toward celebrities: who we’d seen in what, who was looking terrible and, of course, who was hot.

“Oh, Hugh Jackman,” Melanie said. “He’s totally part of my celebrity threesome.”

I paused, dessert spoon midway to my mouth. “Your what?”

“Your celebrity threesome.” She looked at Ethan for confirmation, and he nodded.

“Everybody gets one,” he said. “The two celebrities you’re allowed to hook up with.”

“Even if you’re married?” I asked.

“Even if you’re married,” he said. “Like, mine’s Jessica Biel and Jennifer Aniston.”

“How about you?” Melanie asked me. “Who would your threesome be?”

Now this, I’ll admit, is not a question I’m asked often. Especially not at the dinner table.

And, dear reader, I’m ashamed to admit what came to mind: our own happy threesome. Not in the way you’re no doubt thinking (shame on you), but in a perfectly respectable way, one where Melanie cooks amazing dinners and Ethan does the dishes and I’d retire to their room and I’d retire to mine, and in the morning Melanie would have eggs and bacon on the table by the time I got up. We’d live in their sweet house with its affordable mortgage and nicely folded towels in the bathrooms, the subtle fragrance of scented candles wafting through the nicely decorated rooms, a little Yanni playing on the stereo.

Who wouldn’t want to be part of all that?

The next day Ethan sent a text to thank me for coming over.

“Hope that threesome talk wasn’t too weird,” he said.


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Creating kinetic art
Like the Sterns, Chicago-area artist Michael Brown sees the Naples National as a highlight of the art-festival circuit. This is his fourth year to have been juried into the show. "My experience has been wonderful," he says. "The weather has always been perfect, and everyone who comes is always happy and having a good time." Mr. Brown's optical photo art can enable the viewer to see the passage of time by simply taking a single step. His specialties are 3D images that can be viewed with the naked eye and lenticular printmaking, an exacting and time-intensive process that blends multiple photographs into one to create images that shift with the viewer's perspective. He describes his lenticular works as "kinetic art" and says they can depict the changing of the seasons as reflected in bucolic scenes, such as a gently wooded stream spanned by a wooden footbridge.

He describes the lenticular screen he uses in the print making process as having a "ribbed surface like corduroy;" It has the ability to refract light from angles, so what the viewer sees depends on where they stand, he adds. It's a method that was discovered about 100 years ago and is rarely used because of its expense and complexity, says Mr. Brown, who has been working with the process since 2006. "The whole thing just fascinated me — the ability to take photography to a place that it hadn't been before." To learn more about Mr. Brown and his art, visit www.michaelbrown.com.

Whimsy in life and art
The sense of fun that infuses Mr. and Mrs. Stern's artwork is also reflected in their approach to life. "We think that it's OK to have too much fun," she says. Marrying American antiques and no reproductions for their homes and the stores they opened in 10 stores. "It was quite amazing," she adds. "People may follow you for months and they'll wait until the show to make a decision." Not only that, she says. "I knew that I belonged here." With Oak Creek running along two sides and the Imperial River nearby, the property is home to mature oaks, palms, mangrove, tangerine and other trees and abundant wildlife. The old trees are the subjects of Mrs. Carlson's paintings.

"The Three Stooges" by Patti and Bob Stern
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"Giant Water Lily" by Julie Carlson
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"literally started the business," she says. Within six months, their creations were in 10 stores. "It was quite amazing," she says. "Bob and I are the American Pickers," says Mrs. Stern. The couple, married 28 years, discovered they shared a love of antiques when they were dating. Inspiration for their artistic approach sprang from Mrs. Stern picking up a window frame at an Ohio flea market in 1993. That eureka moment led them to open their first store in 1996. "It's got a wonderful reputation," she says. MARRYING AMERICAN ANTIQUES AND ARCHITECTURAL SALVAGE ITEMS WITH "A TOUCH OF WHIMSY," the Sterns create sculptures that mirror the human form. "Bob and I are the American Pickers," says Mrs. Stern.

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"Giant Water Lily" by Julie Carlson
Julie Carlson doesn't have to venture far to find inspiration for the floral designs, trees and botanical scenes she lushly depicts in her oil paintings. All it takes is venturing out her door and onto the verdant grounds that surround her home Bonita Springs home of 11 years. "When I stepped foot on this property, I knew I was connected to it without even seeing the house," says Ms. Carlson. "I knew that I belonged here."

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"When I'm out in the woods and walking around in nature, I can feel an immediate connection to something and know that I have to paint it; just like when I stepped on the grounds here."

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- **The Game’s Afoot** – By Gulfshore Playhouse Feb. 21-March 16 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

- **Good People** – By The Naples Players through March 1 in the Toby Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

- **The Apartment** 3A – By The Marco Players through March 2. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

- **Seminar: A New Comedy** – By Let’s Put On A Show Productions, through Feb. 22 at the Golden Gate Community Center. 398-0192 or www.letsputonashowproductions.com.

- **The Laramie Project** – By Theatre Lab at Florida Gulf Coast University Feb. 21-23 in the arts complex at FGCU. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. $7, 590-7541 or www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu.


- **The Hound of the Baskervilles** – By Theatre Conspiracy through Feb. 23 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3299 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.


- **Drowsy Chaperone** – By The Naples Players March 5-April 5 in Blackacres Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.


- **Chess The Musical** – By The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

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**Garden Tour** – The Naples Historical Society hosts a tour of The Norris Gardens at 10 a.m. $10. Reservations required. 263-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

**In Stitches** – The Neapolitan Chapter of the Embroiderers’ Guild of America holds its bi-annual show, “The Art of Needlework: An Exhibit of Contemporary Embroidery,” today through Feb. 22 at Moorings Park. Hours are noon to 4 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Feb. 21-22. $5 donation at the door. (773) 848-1736 or partucel@earthlink.net.

**Wine Throwdown** – Decanted Wines hosts the Ultimate Wine Throwdown from 5:30-7:30 p.m. $25 in advance, $35 at the door includes more than 25 wines and light appetizers, plus the chance to vote for your favorites. Reservations required. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 434-B141 or www.decantedwines.com.

**Cook’s Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads a class on northern Italian cuisine from 6-8 p.m. $60, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifenaples.com.

**Art Reception** – Thomas Riley Studio hosts a reception for American modern master Bud Laven and the exhibit “Deconstructed Turnings” from 6-9 p.m. 26 10th St. S. 594-1098 or www.thomastaylorstudio.com.

**Sweat the Small Stuff** – It’s trivia night at the Naples English Pub starting at 7 p.m. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 7-7277 or www.thenaplesenglishpub.com.

**Free Concert** – The chamber choir of the FGCU Bower School of Music performs a concert at 7:30 p.m. at the school. 590-7292 or www.fgcu.edu/cas/bsm.

**Look Who’s Laughing** – Gid Pool and Matt Price take the stage at Old Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island tonight through Feb. 22. 389-6901 or www.oldhookcomedyclub.com.

**Ha! Ha! Ha!** – Rich Voss takes the stage at Old Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island tonight through Feb. 22. 389-6901 or www.oldhookcomedyclub.com.

**Like a Rollin’ Stone** – The Naples Botanical Gardens presents the U.S. Stones: A Tribute to the Rolling Stones from 6:30-9:30 p.m. $7 for Garden members, $15 for others. www.naplesbotanicalgarden.org.


**Jazz It Up** – The Jeremy Stawski Trio performs from 9 p.m. to midnight in the lounge at The Ritz-Carlton Beach. 598-3380.

**Book Sale** – The Naples Art Association hosts its annual book sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. 585 Park St. 262-637 or www.naplesart.org.

**Book Signing** – Author James Sheehan signs copies of “The Alligator Man” at 4 p.m. at Sunshine Books, 577 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 393-0553 or www.sunshinebooksellers.com.

**After Hours** – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts an evening of guided excursions, learning stations, quiet zones and presentations from 5:30-9 p.m. as part of its monthly After Hours program. $12 for adults, $6 for children. 348-9515 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

**Art Festival** – Naples Art Association presents “Poetic Palettes from Paris and Beyond” through March. Meet the artists in the gallery from 3-7 p.m. Feb. 21-22 and 1:30-4:30 p.m. Feb. 23. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy-whatstuponasun.com.

**Gluten-Free Baking** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads a class in gluten-free baking from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 21. The fun includes games, arts and crafts and a farmers market. 274-7736.

**Blues, Brews & BBQ** – Ave Maria hosts a free concert with Little Eddie & The Fat Fingers and Deb & The Dynamics from noon to 4 p.m. in the Ave Maria Town Center. Food by Jonesez BBQ, a beer tent, local merchants and car show are part of the fun. 352-9032 or www.aveamaria.com.

**Mardi Gras Celebration** – Harold’s Place presents an afternoon of jazz from 1-5 p.m. 2555 Tamiami Trail N. 263-7254 or www.naplesharoldsplace.com.


**Smooth Jazz** – The Mark Vee Trio plays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Bay House Restaurant. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837.
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Barking mad, doggedly funny: ‘The Hound of the Baskervilles’

Wynne Harmon as Sherlock Holmes, Jason Parrish as Dr. Watson and Michael Satow as Sir Henry Baskerville.

“Never assume anything,” Detective Sherlock Holmes haughtily admonishes Dr. Watson early in “The Hound of the Baskervilles.”

And it’s good advice — one that journalists and scientists follow, too.

But here’s one thing you can safely assume: If you see “The Hound of the Baskervilles” at Florida Repertory Theatre, you will have a great time, laughing consistently throughout the show.

Arthur Conan Doyle might not recognize what’s been done to his tale, however, as it’s no longer serious and dramatic. Adapted for the stage by Steven Canny and John Nicholson, this “Hound” is manic, melodramatic and totally loopy.

It’s a master class in funny, incorporating every type of humor there is: witty lines, puns, funny walks, unusual costumes, obviously fake beards, strange accents, physical humor and sight gags. (For example, the Baskerville coat of arms is a paw print.)

Is it silly?

Yes. Decidedly so.

But it’s also smart.

Designer Robert F. Wolin has created a set within a set within a set, with a series of diminishing透视on arches. This not only echoes the show’s play-within-a-play, but has a telescoping effect, giving the stage an even more intimate feel.

The outermost arch, closest to the audience, contains a linked chain design and jagged triangles that suggest the teeth of a mad dog.

At the very top: a backlit silhouette of Sherlock Holmes in profile, complete with his deerhunter cap and pipe. (For example, the Baskerville coat of arms is a paw print.)

Mr. Harmon has played this role before and Bess.

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production of “The Gershwins’ Porgy and Bess,” Pitts and Bess.

Dr. Watson early in “The Hound of the Baskervilles.”

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“The Hound of the Baskervilles” is wonderfully wacky, delightfully goofy and 100 percent irreverent.

It might be a grand night for singing in the venue’s studio theater, where a Rodgers and Hammerstein revue is having a successful run, but in the main theater, it’s undeniably a grand night for laughing.

In the know: “The Hound of the Baskervilles”

>> When: Through March 5

>> Where: Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers

>> Cost: $45, $40 and $25

>> Info: 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org

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The play is actually about three different shows at once: a play called “The Hound of the Baskervilles,” though things keep happening to interrupt them. It’s in the genre of shows such as “The 39 Steps,” “The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (Abridged)” and “Shipwrecked! An Entertainment — The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (As Told by Himself).” It’s quick moving and zany, with minimal sets and props and actors breaking the fourth wall to speak directly to the audience.

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**WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20-26, 2014**

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**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)
You find yourself swimming in circles, looking for some way to get back on a straight course. But things get easier once you’re able to refocus your energies.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)
Your efforts in behalf of a colleague do not go unnoticed, let alone unappreciated. Meanwhile, arrange to spend more time investigating that troubling fact you recently uncovered.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)
Devoting a lot of time to a current career move means having less time for those in your private life. But once you explain the circumstances, they should understand and be supportive.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)
Organizing your many duties in order of importance should help you get through them pretty quickly. Additional information puts that still-to-be-made decision in a new light.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)
Lingering bad feelings over a recent misunderstanding should fade as reconciliation efforts continue. Meanwhile, vacation plans might need to be revised because of new developments.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)
Love dominates the Lion’s heart this week, with Cupid shooting arrows at single Leos and Leonas looking for romance. Partnered pairs also enjoy strengthened relationships.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)
“Getting to Know You” should be the single Virgo’s theme song as you and that special person discover more about one another. That workplace situation needs looking into.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)
You might be upset at having your objectivity questioned in the handling of a dispute. But it would be wise to re-examine your feelings to make sure you’re being fair with both sides.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 22)
A family dispute creates mixed feelings about how you hope it will be ultimately resolved. Best advice: Stay out of it and let the involved parties work it through by themselves.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)
A challenge to your authority can be upsetting, but your longtime supporters want you to defend your position so you can win over even your most adamant detractors.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)
Being unable to get involved in a friend’s problem calls for an honest approach. Provide explanations, not excuses. Another friend might be able to offer support for your decision.

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**DAD’S ACTING GENE**

By Linda Thistle

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None of the above is a word you expect to see in a review of “RoboCop,” which in simple terms is about a part-man/part-machine police officer programmed to find bad guys and bring them to justice. This easily could have been — and in the minds of some, no doubt, should have been — a mindless shoot ’em up, all action, no brain, “just provide visual effects and a high body count” type of movie.

Thank goodness it’s not.

Granted, the visual effects are plentiful and the body count is decent. More importantly, what’s also here is a surprising layer of depth and social commentary, demonstrating real care and thought given to a story in which none is expected. In 2028, Detroit cop, good guy and family man Alex Murphy (Joel Kinnaman) is unfairly shot down by his boss (Marie-ann Jean-Baptiste) because he got his partner (Michael K. Williams) shot. Alex, perhaps loyal and honest to a fault, recounts his side of the story, including details on a bad mistake.

Meanwhile, a company named OmniCorp has developed machines to provide law enforcement, but can’t get government approval to allow its product. So congrats, “RoboCop,” for being better than expected. The makers put quality thought and effort into the product. So congrats, “RoboCop,” for being better than expected.

It’s always a pleasant thing to write about Legos as we could ask for. Rated PG.

### The Monuments Men

*(George Clooney, John Goodman, Matt Damon)*

With WWII nearing an end, a squad of older, art-loving soldiers ventures to Europe to retrieve lost/stolen art. It’s a colossal bore that wastes the notable ensemble talent. It’s a colossal bore that

None of the above is a word you could ask for. Rated PG-13.

### The Lego Movie

*(Voices of Will Ferrell, Chris Pratt, Elizabeth Banks)*

An ordinary Lego figure (Mr. Pratt) is whisked off on an adventure when he’s thought to be the one who will rid Legoland of evil. It’s cute and silly as expected, but it’s also clever and witty. This is as good a movie about Legos as we could ask for. Rated PG.

### That Awkward Moment

*(Zac Efron, Miles Teller, Michael B. Jordan)*

Three dudes (Mr. Efron, Mr. Teller, Mr. Jordan) vow to stay single in New York City. Shortly after making this proclamation, however, they find women who don’t tolerate their games. It’s R-rated crude and funny, yet predict-able and trite. Decent, just nothing to run off to. Rated R.
Naples filmmaker will share stories about ‘Wind Across the Everglades’

Naples resident K.C. Schulberg remembers when his father and uncle, Stuart and Budd Schulberg, were making their celebrated film “Wind Across the Everglades” (Warner Brothers, 1958) starring Burl Ives, Gypsy Rose Lee and a young Christopher Plummer.

The area and ambiance left a lasting impression on the young Mr. Schulberg and have inspired him now to plan a new film set in Southwest Florida. The public can hear about it and see clips from the project when the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation welcomes Mr. Schulberg at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28, at Everglades Community Church. He will also share memories and stories of the movie industry from his youth.

A screening of “Wind Across the Everglades” will follow the program. Set in the early 20th century, the film follows a game warden (Mr. Plummer) who arrives in Florida in the hopes of enforcing conservation laws. He soon finds himself pitted against Cottonmouth (Mr. Ives), the leader of a fierce group of bird poachers. The film was loosely based upon the life and death of Guy Bradley, an early game warden who in 1905 was shot and killed by plume hunters in the Everglades.

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‘Warsaw: A Story in Song’ makes Florida premier with three shows

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The idea of a musical about an episode of Holocaust history might seem unusual, until one realizes that many successful Broadway shows have dealt with serious historical topics: Russian pogroms in “Fiddler on the Roof,” for example, and the French Revolution in “Les Misérables.” In dealing with a serious topic, a well-written story accompanied by a richly harmonic score can result in a remarkable, moving musical drama.

Such is the case with “Warsaw: A Story in Song.” Coming to Southwest Florida for two performances in March, the musical is based on the 1943 Warsaw Ghetto Uprising, the largest revolt by Jews in German-occupied Europe and a symbol of the indomitable human spirit.

The Collier/Lee Chapter of Hadassah and the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County are bringing the Florida premier of “Warsaw: A Story in Song” to Fort Myers and Naples on Saturday, March 8, and Sunday, March 9, respectively. The musical drama has been performed to sell-out audiences at numerous venues in New York and New Jersey, including the New York Musical Theater Festival and the Museum of Jewish Heritage.

“Warsaw” tells the story of a young...
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Jewish man, Roman, trapped inside the Warsaw Ghetto and separated from his Catholic fiancée, Ana. They struggle to reunite against overwhelming odds as Roman tries to support his family amidst a crumbling ghetto and Nazi occupation. He is inspired to join a small group of resistance fighters in their fight for freedom and dignity.

The story of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising has been told in books, films and art, but never before as a stage musical. Composer William Wade has a prolific output that includes ballets and operas as well as works and orchestrations as well as the musical "Alice," Lyricist John Atkins also wrote "Redemption" and "Monster.”

New York casting and stage director Jamibeth Margolis became part of the evolution of “Warsaw” when she was a script reader for the New York Musical Theater Festival. Intrigued by the score and music, she contacted Mr. Wade and Mr. Atkins in hopes of becoming part of the current production. They three have collaborated for seven years.

Ms. Margolis’ mother, Ida Margolis, is co-chair of the effort to bring the “Warsaw: A Story in Song” to Southwest Florida. The younger Ms. Margolis’ grandmother, Janet Moskowitz, was a Holocaust survivor who devoted her life to informing school children about her past in hopes of teaching tolerance and understanding.

The professional New York cast bringing the show to Southwest Florida includes actors who have appeared in Broadway shows such as “Phantom of the Opera,” “Cats,” “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Les Misérables.” Mark Sanders, one of the original cast members of “Warsaw,” lives in Lehigh Acres and has performed at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. Also appearing is Alex Crici of Naples, a student at Pine Ridge Middle School who received acclaim for his performance in “Les Misérables” with The Naples Players. Local audiences have three opportunities to see “Warsaw: A Story in Song”:

■ 7 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at Temple Beth El, 16225 Winkler Road in Fort Myers.
■ 7 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road in Naples.

General admission for the evening performances is $36 and the student admission is $10. Proceeds will benefit the work of Hadassah and Hadassah Medical Organization.

■ 1 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the St. Ann Catholic Church Jubilee Center, 525 Ninth Ave. S. in Naples.

Tickets for the matinee are $25 general admission and $10 for students. Proceed will benefit the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of Collier County and the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. This performance is dedicated to the memory of Ann Jacobson, who was a central force in the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue and the Holocaust museum.

For tickets or more information, call Ida Margolis at 963-9347 or email co-chair Rhonda Brazina at rfbraz@aol.com.

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Like a gourmet meal, ‘Murder with Ganache’ will leave you wanting more


This fourth entry in the Key West Food Critic Mystery Series is a bit darker than the first three. It’s just as enjoyable, but not so much in a laugh-out-loud way.

Restaurant critic Hayley Snow, an enchanting young woman striving to prove herself as an independent adult in her adopted home town, has a lot of bowling pins in the air at once. Can she juggle them all successfully?

Just when she needs some relief from the deadline pressures of her assignments with Key Zest Magazine, Hayley gets additional assignments, including one on the Hemingway cats, with almost immediate due dates.

What has complicated her life is her agreement to manage her friend Connie’s wedding. It’s just around the corner, and that means relatives and friends are piling into town and need Hayley’s attention.

Among the newly arrived are Hayley’s mother Janet and Janet’s beau, Sam; Hayley’s father and his second wife, Allison; and Allison’s teenage son from her first marriage, 15-year-old Rory, whose brooding teenage angst is on display. Is it just that he doesn’t want to be there? Or is something else bothering him?

Before we know what has Rory in such a distressed state, he disappears into Key West’s spring break scene. After frantic searching by Hayley, the other relatives and the police, Rory is discovered beaten up and unconscious. Worse, he is found to be the last person to have been seen with a teenage girl who has turned up dead.

Comatose Rory is soon the prime suspect in a murder case. When he regains consciousness, he cannot seem to remember much about what happened. Or is he just hiding the truth?

Stepsister Hayley cannot keep from leading her own investigation, often risking the wrath of the law enforcement professionals.

Rory’s predicament soon brings his irascible bully of a father onto the scene. One can readily understand how the tug of war between this man and his ex-wife Allison shaped Rory’s upbringing. It’s amazing that Rory can function at all.

Suddenly, the wedding is called off. A confrontation between Connie’s father, who unexpectedly shows up (even though they had been estranged), and her fiancé Ray leads to a meltdown of the lovers’ relationship. Ray’s parents, as well as all the

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other family members, are perplexed by the situation, but Ray won’t talk and Connie feels betrayed and lost.

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Lucy Burdette gives depth to this book by dissecting the modern family in all its divorce, remarriage, reshuffle, share kids, make nice, stay enraged, give up, try again glory and gloom. Hayley’s caring yet determined nature often provides the healing salve that lowers the anxiety level and heals torn relationships. The author’s background as a clinical psychologist clearly enriches her handling of this material.

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The constant charms in the Key West Food Critic Mystery books are, as one might expect, the attention to Key West and the attention to food — as nourishment, delight, art, business and social lubricant.

As Hayley’s endeavors have her on and off her motor scooters, she’s been familiar with its neighborhoods, establishments and institutions. We explore the Key West lifestyle, representative character types, its paradisical climate and even the friction that can rough up the island’s laid back cultural atmosphere.

Hayley is still a short-time resident of the island, and as we watch her internalize its nuanced flavors, we absorb them for ourselves.

Because writing about food — and the establishments that prepare and serve it — is Hayley’s occupation, readers learn a lot about that as well. The author takes readers into a gastronomical world that keeps them alternately satisfied and hungry.

One special feature of the books in this series is the appendix of mouth-watering recipes with which each concludes.

Sprightly and suspenseful, “Murder with Ganache” has a unique piquancy. Like a gourmet meal, it will leave you wanting more...

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‘At Home:
A Short History of Private Life’
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‘One Summer:
America, 1927’
By Bill Bryson (Doubleday, $28.95)

REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

Bill Bryson was born in Iowa in 1951. He moved to Britain, where he has lived for most of his adult life. In 1995, “Notes from a Small Island” became a bestseller on both sides of the pond and even triggered a celebrated television series. “At Home,” originally published in 2010, is being reissued in a special illustrated edition, while his latest book, “One Summer: America, 1927,” makes its debut. This is a cause for celebration.

Shortly after Mr. Bryson moved into a former Church of England rectory in rural Norfolk, he went into a rooftop space in search of a leak. Since Victorian structures often are a collection of architectural bewilderments, he was not surprised to find a secret space in the attic. This experience inspired “At Home,” a fascinating excursion into the history behind the place we call home. "At Home" features the room-by-room journey of discovery of his Victorian parsonage. Mr. Bryson takes the reader into the kitchen for a discussion of nutrition and the spice trade, and the bedroom for an account of sex, sleep and death. It is an intriguing, lively narrative that will cause you to see your dwelling in an entirely new light.

In his new book, “One Summer: America, 1927,” Mr. Bryson writes that there certain seminal years when historical events seem to almost overwhelm, and 1927 was one of them. He focuses on such happenings and personalities as Charles Lindbergh and his trans-Atlantic flight, Queens housewife Ruth Snyder and the murder of her corset-salesman husband, the antics of cigar-chomping Al Capone, baseball legends Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig, the flooding of the mighty Mississippi, and much more.

“At Home” and “One Summer” represent exceptional historical writing and are highly recommended.
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We are still listening

Since I began as president and CEO of the SWFL Community Foundation, I kicked off my listening tour talking to donors, nonprofit leaders, community leaders, residents, friends and neighbors to get a wide variety of perspectives on community needs and solutions. As a stakeholder in the SWFL region, our board of trustees and I continue our promise to do our work in the 5-county region, and to listen before acting. We won’t do something “about you, without you.” We want to be involved, to support the causes and be part of the effective solutions. Please join the conversation by attending our round table discussions on issues, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, attend our art receptions, stop by our Community Hub, or email me at iamlistening@floridacommunity.com —Owen

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Scholarship Season Kicks Off with a Slam Dunk

With an eye on increasing the number of high school seniors filling out the all-important FAFSA form for free federal financial aid, the game-changer for students who otherwise couldn’t afford a college education, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s (SWFLCF) FutureMakers regional call-to-action is off to a raving start. The FutureMakers partners along with the Florida College Access Network have been huddled for months preparing for this year’s graduating seniors scholarship and FAFSA season.

It was just a year ago that the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s 3-D research

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“That’s how everyone should feel when giving away money, contributing to the Foundation, and nonprofit organizations—happy!” she says with a bright smile. “But what is really behind the joy of distributing much-needed funding is the how and why, and the significant shift in the Foundation’s approach to solving regional issues.

In the past, the Foundation would put out a request for proposals to nonprofits, the agencies would apply, the Foundation would receive and review proposals, do its due diligence, issue checks and enable the organizations to go on and do their good works. “The Foundation was involved in the very beginning and the very end of the funding process, but not so much in the middle,” Owens says. With a desire to give more than grant money but rather to pack a bigger punch with grants that offer measurable community impact, the Foundation turned their process of grant selection into a big conversation. Agencies now submit letters of interest, detailing their ideas and ambitions. The Foundation brings these agencies together in what Owens affectionately calls a “compassionate shark tank.”

“Not-for-profits with similar causes, solving similar problems, come in and give 15-minute presentations about their ideas,” Owens says. “They hear each other’s proposals. For the first time, in many cases, they are able to hear what other organizations are doing and hear what they have in common. Relationships develop. We’re doing similar things, maybe we could work together.”

These compassionate-shark-tank sessions help develop ideas and give way to more organic and more robust conversations. It’s almost like geography converges and symbiotic goals to get事情. Agencies now submit letters of interest, detailing their ideas and ambitions. The Foundation brings these agencies together in what Owens affectionately calls a “compassionate shark tank.”

Regional collaborations

After further review of proposals, the Foundation determines and determine what collaborations will have the most impact in the region, then forms grant recipients up into “teams” grouping similar nonprofits with similar missions together to meet with each other throughout the year, to learn from each other, and to evaluate their work and see how they can collaborate.

“Savvy donors want to see data and measurable, impactful results,” Owens says. “They give us their time and money and they want to know what has been done to make a difference.”

In previous years, the Foundation had funded up to 30 organizations in a year, but this time the Foundation funded 15 organizations, because “a person can only be so fully funded the projects,” says Owens, explaining that if a project required a $50,000 grant, the Foundation wanted to give the full $50,000 rather than giving $30,000 to multiple endeavors, to help bring funded projects into realization.

The strategy to help nonprofits “come together” may sound like cueing up a mermaid song but Owens says the Foundation found its inspiration by listening to donors and nonprofits committed to making change and craving a more transparent conversation.

Rather than being there at the beginning with funding and the end seeking a return on investment, “We want to walk alongside nonprofits throughout the whole cycle,” says chair of the SWFLCF board, Joe Mazurkiewicz leads the vision of the Foundation. When he looks to the fruition of impact grants, he sees collaborations among nonprofit stakeholders, “You learn more, so he sees funded projects finding sustainability.”

“By its nature, measuring outcomes, rather than measuring outputs,” Mazurkiewicz says.

FutureMakers described the Foundation as a gathering point for organizations to have open dialogue, as if gathering around the water well, to discuss the best game plan to achieve sustainable solutions for Southwest Florida.

Compassionate shark tanks

He describes the compassionate shark tanks as a gathering of nonprofit professionals to explore projects from the perspective of a business mind to solve community needs.

Pat Nemazie of Grace Community Center was impressed with the shark tank sessions. The community center was able to hire three special-needs adults as a result of their $30,000 grant from SWFLCF. Before that grant, the largest gift Nemazie had received in her four years with the foundation was an amount generous enough to purchase a refrigerator/freezer.

Nemazie described the process of applying for grants as “new to me,” but says, “The Foundation had a genuine interest in what we were doing. More than filling out grant applications, the Foundation was interested in our project, they wanted to know what we were doing and what we wanted.”

Nemazie says there was an openness to the grant selection process. It was not a ten-step process. She felt it was part of the Foundation. And she felt its support.

Grace Community Center is putting its $30,000 grant toward its Exceptional Entrepreneurs Program. “We are creating opportunities for specialty high school students who are not able to hold a job to be productive members of society through worm farming,” Nemazie says.

The program will farm composting and fishing worms, as well as sell worm waste as an organic pesticide.

“The biggest connection we made through the Foundation, the Hendry County Library wants to help us sell our worms,” Nemazie says. “Their program was totally different from ours, but because the Foundation let you see what everybody was applying for, the library said they would help us sell our worms because their area’s a big fishing community.”

The relationship was a big one made through the Foundation goes beyond our program.” As impressed as Nemazie was with the shark tanks, now the word, Joy Mahler, CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast, has been most impressed with the tribes.

BBBS received a $45,000 grant from SWFLCF to help with their Decisions to Win Dropout Prevention Mentoring Program in Lee County high schools. The money will also go to expand the program. “Our vision is to help every child,” Mahler says. She describes the Foundation’s grant selection process with words like “innovative,” “enthusiastic” and “fresh.”

“I have found the tribes to be extremely helpful,” Mahler says. “We come together and share ideas and we are all on the same page.”

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It's a busy week for antiques and collectibles sales on the east coast of Florida; but collectors still will want to visit Venice and Arcadia:

■ West Palm Beach Antique & Flea Market — This fun market is 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays on Narcissus Avenue, north of Banyan Boulevard in West Palm Beach, (561) 679-7473.


■ A.B. Levy's auction — Featuring the estate from 601 N. County Road, Palm Beach, with jewels, porcelain, glass, silver, Fabergé, fine art and Chinese works of art. It's 1 p.m. Feb. 23-24 at the Flamingo Building, 1921 S. Dixie Highway, West Palm Beach. Preview items at 211 Worth Ave., Palm Beach; (800) 473-0414 or ablevys.com

■ The 23rd annual South Florida Political and Historical Collectibles Show — Dealers from across the country will sell and trade political items such as campaign buttons, ribbons and posters 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 22 at the West Palm Beach Elks Club, 6188 Belvedere Road, West Palm Beach (just east of Jog Road on the south side). Admission: $3. Free appraisals on political items will be given with price of admission; (561) 707-3090.

■ Arcadia Antique Fair — More than 100 dealers set up along Oak Street in Arcadia starting at 8 a.m. the fourth Saturday each month. Next fair is Feb. 22. It’s an easy drive from just about anywhere to shop and have lunch. Info: (863) 993-5105 or arcadiaantiques.com.

■ The Venice FL Antiques Show — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 22 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Feb. 23, Venice Community Center, 326 S. Nokomis Ave., Venice; $7; allmanpromotions.com.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Collectors’ tastes skewing to newer artful items

BY KIM AND TERRY KOVEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Collectors and collections are getting younger. So the old 1950s favorite, Chipendale furniture, has now been replaced by 1950s Eames pieces. And 18th-century English Staffordshire ceramics are not as wanted as much as Ohio-made 20th-century Rookwood pottery. Many auction galleries are holding special auctions that feature furniture, glass, pottery, jewelry and even toys made after 1950. A unique table made by Judy Kensley McKie (b. 1944) sold at a 2012 Rago auction for $23,750. The artist started making furniture soon after she graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in 1966. She wanted to furnish her home, so she taught herself how to make one-of-a-kind pieces. By the 1980s, she was receiving national awards for her work. Her tables were made of carved and painted wood, bronze, marble and even plastic. Many resembled animals, including horses, bears and rhinoceroses. They are imaginative, often humorous and very usable. McKie is one of many studio artists who have been working since the 1950s and whose works are now included in museum collections. Collectors should look for quality in the almost-new as well as the old when going to sales.

Q: I have a sterling-silver bracelet and earrings that were made in Denmark. Each earring is shaped like two leaves, and the bracelet is made of links of two leaves each. The back is marked “Sterling ASK Denmark.” Can you tell me who made it and what it’s worth?

A: The mark actually is “A&K.” It was used by Aarre & Krogh of Randers. “Arizona” is the name of this unusual side table made in 1986. Not old enough to be a legal antique, it was important enough to sell for $23,750 at a 2012 auction of 20th-century art and antiques held at Rago Arts & Auction Center of Lambertville, N.J. The table is 29 inches high and is made of painted wood, granite and copper. It is marked “ASK” for the artist Judy Kensley McKie. “Sterling ASK Denmark.” Can you tell me who made it and what it’s worth?

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Jutland, Denmark. The company was in business from 1949 to 1990. It’s known for modernist designs of stylized leaves and flowers. Your set could sell for $200 to $250.

Q: My wife’s estate included a one-liter Lalique perfume bottle that has two birds on the stopper. It is 9 inches tall and 6 inches wide and still is filled with perfume. Can you give me a value?

A: The perfume bottle was designed in 1947 by Marc Lalique for Nina Ricci’s fragrance “L’Air du Temps.” The clear glass bottle has fluted sides and a frosted stopper with the fragrance’s iconic figural doves in flight. This 9-inch bottle is a “factice,” a store display bottle. A few L’Air du Temps perfume bottles the size of yours have sold at auction for $200 to more than $500.

Q: I inherited a large neon clock from my uncle, who was a meat inspector in Los Angeles in the 1950s. It was made by the Glo-Dial Corp. and has the words “Hungarian Salami” around the dial. It has green neon lighting and is 32 inches across. The patent number is 1994950. Can you tell me the history and value of this clock?

A: The Glo-Dial Corp. was in business from the 1930s until the 1950s or later. Charles Hoffritz, who founded Glo-Dial in Los Angeles, was granted a patent for an illuminated clock dial in 1934. The dial in the 1950s. It was made by the Glo-Dial Corp. and has the words “Hungarian Salami” around the dial. It has green neon lighting and is 32 inches across. The patent number is 1994950.

Q: Years ago, I bought a box full of dinnerware made with rice carefully imbedded and baked into the porcelain. The rice pieces are translucent when the piece is held toward the light. The dishes are white with blue designs and blue dragons in the middle. The bottom of the dishes are marked “Made in China,” and there are Chinese characters above the mark. Can you tell me something about these dishes?

A: Although this type of porcelain is sometimes called “rice” porcelain, it’s not made with rice. The porcelain is pierced to make rice-shaped holes before the first firing. Later the holes are filled with glaze and the piece is refired, creating the translucent rice-like appearance. “Rice porcelain” was first made in China in the 1800s, but the technique may have originated in Persia more than a thousand years ago. Rice porcelain also has been made in modern times. The words “Made in” on your dinnerware indicate that your dishes were made after 1915. A 20th-century rice porcelain dinner plate sells for about $10 to $15.

Tip: Do not store scrapbooks or other paper items on unlined wooden shelves. The acid in wood is harmful to paper, textiles and many plastics. Line the shelves with acid-free paper.

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Fort Myers Film Fest to open with award-winning Sundance film on Alzheimer’s breakthrough

The opening-night film for the fourth annual Fort Myers Film Festival, “Alive Inside: A Story of Music & Memory,” is an award-winning independent film about music therapy with Alzheimer’s patients.

Last month, the film drew the Sundance audience award for U.S. documentaries.

“Alive Inside: A Story of Music & Memory” reveals a music-based breakthrough that has already transformed lives. Spearheaded by social worker Dan Cohen and captured on camera over the course of three years by filmmaker Michael Rossato-Bennett, it shows viewers how songs from a patient’s past can awaken memories and emotions that have been asleep for years, sometimes decades.

Within a moment of hearing “I Get Around” by the Beach Boys, Alzheimer’s patient Marylou jolts back to life, dancing around the living room and expressing a euphoria her husband hasn’t witnessed since her illness took effect. Countless instances in the film provide proof that music stimulates activity in dementia-affected parts of the brain and transforms the quality of life of those often left to languish in silence.

Through revealing conversations with renowned neurologist Oliver Sacks and musician Bobby McFerrin, as well as powerful firsthand experiments conducted by Mr. Cohen in nursing homes, this groundbreaking documentary demonstrates how connecting the elderly to the music they love not only combats memory loss but also supplements a broken health-care system often indifferent to interpersonal connections.

Director Mr. Rossato-Bennett is the founder and executive producer of Project Media, a documentary production company dedicated to inspiring conversations that investigate issues related to our cultural consciousness. “Alive Inside: A Story of Music & Memory” is Mr. Rossato-Bennett’s first feature-length offering.

The Fort Myers Film Festival will be held March 19-23 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center, Alliance for the Arts and Broadway Palm Theatre, with parties and dinners at Twisted Vine Bistro, a filmmakers lodge at Firestone, and break-fast panels at Bennett’s Fresh Roast and...
other select venues.

Opening-night festivities begin at 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall. The event will begin with the red carpet rolling out, paparazzi snapping photos, drinks, mingling and musical entertainment. The movie starts at 7 p.m. Tickets are $19 for general admission. VIP packages that include a backstage after-party with music, dancing, open bar and a chance to meet with filmmakers are $99. Tickets are available at www.bbm annotah.com.

Film programming runs Thursday-Sunday, March 20-22, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. Films are $6.

The festival wraps up with a champagne and dessert awards ceremony hosted by Chad Oliver Sunday, March 23, at the Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers. An after-party at the theater features a performance by Al Holland. Tickets are $15.

For more information on all the films and events, visit www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com.

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  Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner?
  Martin and Louisa host a disastrous dinner party, the new nanny walks out, and Morwenna advertises for a lodger.

• FRIDAY, FEB. 21, 10:30 P.M.
  American Masters
  Jeff Bridges: The Dude Abides
  Jeff Bridges has been plying his craft most of his life, creating memorable characters in notable films including “Heaven’s Gate,” “Starman,” “Jagged Edge,” “The Fisher King,” “Fearless,” “Wild Bill,” “The Fabulous Baker Boys,” “The Big Lebowski” and “Crazy Heart.”

• SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 10:30 P.M.
  Keeping Up Appearances
  Hyacinth Bucket is a character with few, if any, saving graces. Long-suffering husband Richard is at her mercy.

• SUNDAY, FEB. 23, 9 P.M.
  Masterpiece Classic
  Downton Abbey, Season 4, Part 8
  Lady Rose meets the Prince of Wales and faces a dilemma. Trouble also plagues Cora’s mother, her brother, Edith and almost everyone else at Downton Abbey.

• MONDAY, FEB. 24, 8 P.M.
  Antiques Roadshow: Baton Rouge, 2
  Highlights include a Louisiana political poster appraised for $3,000 to $4,000; three paintings by New Orleans artists and Newcomb pottery founders William and Ellsworth Woodward; and a NASA photograph collection.

• TUESDAY, FEB. 25, 8 P.M.
  American Experience: Triangle Fire
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• WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26, 8 P.M.
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‘Reign’ actress rules on TV, films and web

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I am so into the CW show “Reign,” and I wondered about the actress who plays Clarissa. Can you tell me what else she has been in?

A: Toronto native Katie Boland, 26, has been professionally acting since she was 9 years old, and is known for her roles on “The Zack Files,” “Terminal City,” “The Master” and a ton of other stuff. Right now at www.hulu.com, you can catch Katie in the li-part Web series “Long Story Short,” which she wrote and stars in, and co-created and co-produced (with her mother, Gail Harvey, who also directs the series).

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Q: I want to thank you for the chance to interview you. Is there anything else you would like to add?

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Outer Critics Circle and the New York Critics Circle and also received the Drama Desk Award.

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Ms. Garner’s character, Baruska, is Girl’s mother. “I love this character,” she says. “She’s a real earthy mother, taking care of and protecting her family … She’s watching her daughter raise her own daughter, and is just subtly hoping her daughter makes the right choices. She’s wise sometimes, she’s funny sometimes, she’s bold sometimes … She’s got a ton of fire and substance to her.”

Ms. Garner seems tailor made for the role. Not only does she have the acting experience, she’s studied opera, so she’s comfortable singing in other languages. And she’s also versatile in playing various instruments. (In “Once” she also plays concertina and fiddle in addition to accordion.)

The musical has a minimalist set: an Irish pub, with chairs scattered around. The actors are also musicians, playing their own instruments, which include fiddles, cello, mandolin, ukuleles and acoustic guitars.

In addition to playing instruments on stage, the actors move in stylized ways, turning, twisting, stomping, all while playing their instruments. Choreography is by Steven Hoggett (“Black Watch,” “American Idiot” and “Peter and the Starcatcher,” among others).

“There is an old saying in musical theater that when your emotions are high, you’re compelled to speak, and then when...”

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your emotions get to a higher level, you’re compelled to sing, and then when it goes to a higher level again, you’re compelled to move,” Ms. Garner says. “That’s what happens in this show. The movement is directly related to the emotion of the moment.

Sometimes the movement is beautiful and graceful, sometimes it’s ugly and brusque or sudden. It depends on the emotion of the moment.”

Non-traditional love story

“Once” is a love story, though perhaps not a love story in the traditional Hollywood sense, Ms Garner says. “There are a lot of different kinds of love, and not all of it involves consumption,” she says. “The love that we see in this show comes out of a real mutual respect, trying to help each other achieve a higher level of understanding about their own lives.”

And it’s not just Guy and Girl, she says. “Every character on stage is working through something painful that happened in their life, and trying to improve their own experience of relationships,” she says, which is why the show rings with so many different ages and types of people.

It also talks about death and recovering, grieving, and about the search for love. “It talks about relationships and the choices that sometimes we have to make for reasons other than our heart. It talks about being true to one’s self and following the path that you really need to follow, rather than what might be an easy path, or the path that other people are expecting of you.”

Above and below: Stuart Ward and Dani de Waal

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The constant charms in the Key West Food Critic Mystery books are, as one might expect, the attention to Key West and the attention to food — as nourishment, delight, art, business and social lubricant. As Hayley’s endeavors have her on and off her motor scooter, zipping all over the island, we become familiar with its neighborhoods, establishments and institutions. We explore the Key West lifestyle, representative character types, its paradisical climate and even the friction that can rough up the island’s laid back cultural atmosphere. Hayley is still a short-time resident of the island, and as we watch her internalize its nuanced flavors, we absorb them for ourselves.

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■ Alberto's on Fifth, 668 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 430-1060
With its menu of Northern Italian cui-
sine — not the heavy, marinara-drenched fare that dominates Italian restaurants in Southwest Florida — Alberto’s is a breath of fresh air. Chef-owner Alberto Varetto hails from Ternino and presided over the kitchen of the venerable Sale e Pepe on Marco Island for more than 10 years. You’ll find no mass-produced pasta here. Only freshly made brodini of pappardelle and tagliatelli are good enough to be laced with Varetto’s ragouts; only hand-folded enve-
lopes of agnolotti, raviolini and tortelloni are worthy of being stuffed with meats, cheeses and herbs. Flavor pairings such as sea-
lopes of agnolotti, raviolini and tortelloni are well conceived. A New York strip was perfectly grilled to medium-rare yet achieved a crusty exte-
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■ Boulder Road Café, 325-9499
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■ The Chapel Grill, 817 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 206-4310
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■ Restoratives Café, 20461 S. Tamiami Trail, Estero; 949-6715
This breakfast and lunch spot derives its name from the French origin of the term “restaurant,” referring to the restorative powers of food — specifically the soups of an 18th century Parisian chef named Bou-
langer. Chef Jay Gillmore, who trained at Le Cordon Bleu in Orlando and has worked at numerous Southwest Florida restaurants, launched this artsy little café in August with his brother, Tim. With its chalkboard menu, rustic lumber and impressive wall of locally produced paintings, Restoratives has a do-it-yourself vibe backed by rock music that nonchalantly suggests this place has more hipster cred than your typical diner in the 290. Soup is definitely a good way to go, based on our basil tomato-herb

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From the luxe atmosphere to the expansive wine program to the extraordinary twists on Italian cuisine, Angelina’s Ristorante set the bar high when it opened in 2008. Although it’s categorized as Italian, the label is far too reductive to accurately reflect the restaurant’s aspirations and its status as one of Bonita Springs’ finer dining experiences.

Despite a number of staffing changes over the years and a distracting side project (Agave in Naples), the restaurant today maintains the high standards it initially set out to achieve. Injecting some new interest was the recent appointment of consulting executive chef Sarah Gruenberg. A runner-up in TV’s “Top Chef: Texas” competition in 2012, Ms. Gruenberg was part of the James Beard Award-winning team at Spaglia in Chicago, where she became executive chef in 2010.

All this talent, fine food and tony atmosphere comes at a price, of course. One can find ways to economize; the selection of flatbreads called pizzettes ($3-$5) paired with a small pasta course ($6-$16) could suffice for a meal along with one of the few glasses of wine offered for less than $10.

But the temptations to abandon frugality are almost too irresistible. The wine list has earned Wine Spectator’s “★ ★ ★ ★ ★” (Superb). With nary a drop of marinara, the carne cruda ($18) also is something you don’t see on a lot of menus: steak tartar. This was prime dry-aged beef, so it had lots of flavor. Rearranged with the accoutrements — shards of Parmigiana Reggiano, truffle shavings, a lemon spritz and leafy sprouts — was key to keeping the visibly marbled, nicely chilled beef front and center.

Angelina’s serves a proper pasta course in a small range of freshly made noodles or a few pockets filled with fettuccine, gnocchi or seafood. We thought adding a fourth course might prove too filling, so we upgraded a pasta dish to entree status, which patrons can do with any of the half-dozen choices.

It was a difficult choice. The lobster with tagliatelle sounded sublime, as did the corzetti, or Ligurian pasta curls, with crab and pesto. Ultimately, the rustic agnolotti stuffed with slow-roasted goat ($28 as entrée) won us over. The meat filling was incredibly tender within the sheer envelopes of pasta, and it was nicely paired with a complex balsamic-based gravy that we sopped up with extra bread. Wild mushrooms added toomhume texture and woody notes to the mix.

We could have been well satisfied with an entire meal of pastas, but there were eight entrees to choose from — and they were not the typical piccata, Parmigianas and Marsalas you find in 99 percent of the Italian restaurants in Southwest Florida. Think whole snap peas in salted water, or brown-butter seared black grouper with artichokes and olives. With nary a drop of marinara in sight, Angelina’s seems more pan-Mediterranean than classically Italian. Heavenly for that.

I know it’s uber-trendy right now, but the scallop dish ($29) had me at “pork belly.” In fact, this dish hit several buttons for me, starting with thick, buttery scallops perfectly bronzed. The sizeable hunk of pork was slowly roasted to yield a crisp crust, tender meat and gelatinous fat. A citrus “marmalada” provided a zesty contrast to the sweet shellfish. The brussels sprout leaves scattered like rose petals over the dish left me craving whole sprouts while realizing the funky little cabbages would have totally overwhelmed the delicate seafood. Clearly, the chef understands how to balance the flavors on a plate.

Another canny decision is presenting desserts on a tray — much more tempting than a printed list. There’s a little sticker shock when the tab comes, but it’s not what you’d expect; each of our desserts cost just $3.50. The pumpkin cheesecake was whipped to featherlight lightness, and the chocolate-dusted mint panna cotta was refreshingly original.

In fact, that’s what elevates Angelina’s above 99 percent of the Italian restaurants out there: It’s refreshingly original.

In the know
Angelina’s Ristorante
2401 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 950-3187
Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Hours: 4:10 p.m. Monday-Saturday; 4:10 p.m. Sunday
Reservations: Strongly suggested
Credit cards: Accepted
Price range: Appetizers, $9-$20; entrees, $25-$50
Specialties of the house: Italian; contemporary continental
Volume: Mostly moderately low
Parking: Attached lot, valet available
Website: www.angelinosofbonitasprings.com

Hooray for that.

Over decades, Angelina’s has a whipped texture. Light toppings of zucchini blossoms, San Marzano tomatoes and baby zucchini. Dabs of super-creamy mozzarella added until the first course arrived. We started with one of the aforementioned pizzettes, “fiori de zucca con burrata” ($13). We loved the fresh, light toppings of zucchini blossoms, San Marzano tomatoes and baby zucchini. Dubs of super-creamy mozzarella added just the right touch of melted dairy without weighing down the delicate cracker crust. Flatbreads are as about as simple as salt and pepper in restaurants these days, so it’s nice to see Angelina’s going the extra mile to offer interesting toppings. The carne cruda ($18) also is something

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Pelican Bay is home to many distinctive neighborhoods, comprised of magnificent single-family ocean homes, traversing high-rises and a wide spectrum of coach houses and villa enclaves. It is set amid hundreds of acres of natural habitat, with large dunes and powerlines. Discover all of Naples finest amenities here. Private golf and club memberships.

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North Naples boasts beautiful beaches, fine dining, shopping and essential businesses. Single-family homes, villas and towering high-rises dot the landscape. Public and private golf courses, water sports, tennis and more.
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Fiddler’s Creek
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