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Tanned, rested and ready to head back to Tallahassee

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THE 44TH GOVERNOR OF THE SUNSHINE State looks like a man who just escaped from a picture of himself.

But Charlie Crist is as real and crisp as a new bill, a suntanned flash of good-natured ambition in a white dress shirt with yellow-striped tie over dark trousers, reaching to shake hands.

His hair is still silver, his teeth are still white, his tan is still deep and his smile — engaging and seemingly amused as he stands near the bar of The Francis in in downtown Sarasota — suggests that he's having a really good time.

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▲ Former Gov. Charlie Crist is running to be Florida's governor again.

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Lawmakers open path to college for undocumented students

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Faviola Vargas grew up in Naples, went to Golden Gate High School and, along with many of her peers, made plans to go to college in Florida. She considered becoming a criminal investigator — until her education came to an abrupt end after high school.

Ms. Vargas was brought to the United



VARGAS

States when she was 8 years old by her parents, who migrated here illegally from Mexico. Because they are undocumented, so is she — meaning she would be forced to pay out-of-state tuition for college, a crushingly high cost.

The Florida legislature, with the support of Gov. Rick Scott, this month voted to change that. The new rule, expected to go into effect July 1, will potentially open the door to thousands of students who had largely been shut out of the state college system. It requires that Florida colleges and universities charge in-state tuition for undocumented students who meet certain

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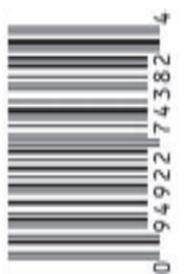
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COMMENTARY

The ascending nation



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It's not our Navy, Army or Air Force. It's not this religion or that one, this language or another, this book or a different book that touches all of us.

It's not a single defining anthem or pledge, a proclivity to adventurism, or even a momentous historic event — the 1776 signing of the Declaration of Independence, say, or the Civil Rights Act of 1964 — that ties Americans together as surely as mountain climbers working the same rope to some remote summit.

It's not even a single geographic location. Instead, it's our teachers.

They touch every American child, which is part of the reason we become Americans temperamentally, not just legally.

About 55 million children are now enrolled in K through 12 schools across the 50 states. More than 49 million of them are public school students, including almost 2.7 million in the Sunshine State. They spend the majority of their days in the care of teachers who will literally mold the future of the United States.

Teachers do that with the help of parents, of course — or without much help from parents.

Some parents pull disappearing acts that can rival a magician's. They drop their children at the door of a kindergarten class on the first day of school in August and come

back to retrieve them six years later, on the last day of school in May, when their children finish the fifth grade.

That's not an exaggeration. I just spent six years watching my youngest son move through elementary school (which, by the way, not only invites but begs parents and others to participate in all the fun), and that level of parental participation is literal, in some cases.

Responsibility is a heavy backpack, and it makes me anxious that teachers must shoulder so much of it.

But I'm not anxious because of the teachers. As a species, as a single great fraternity, teachers are up to the task.

I'm anxious because if we Americans are mountain climbers of some sort — if we're the ascending nation, to use a high-aim metaphor — then we are also blind mountain climbers, like Erik Weihenmayer.

Mr. Weihenmayer has an excuse, however. We don't. In his case, he lost his sight at 13 to a disease we don't have, retinoblastoma, and went on to ascend Mt. Everest, along with the highest peaks on each of the world's continents.

Without seeing, he understands vividly what it takes to climb the mountain.

As a nation we have perfectly good eyes, yet we continue to ignore what's going to take to climb that mountain — perhaps because we don't understand it (that's the charitable view, which ignores greed and narcissism).

The solution is already part of our gear bag, like a climber's carabiner that will clip to the rope.

It's going to take an unprecedented

championing of teachers for which we've demonstrated little appetite, so far.

As Americans, we do have an appetite for complaining about our problems, however. And that's a good thing. It's a form of participation, like voting.

Then we get tired of complaining and fall back on one of our favorite mantras: "We're not perfect, but we're still the greatest nation on earth."

That mantra is not good enough, though.

In public schools, teacher-student ratios are not good enough, either, for a very simple reason: We don't want to pay to fix them.

It's not that we couldn't, it's that we won't.

But if we did — if we suddenly decided to wage a war on mediocrity — if, community by community, we determined that creating student-teacher ratios of 5 to 1 or even 10 to 1 in each public school was worth the cost (instead of more than 20 to 1, which has been the case in my son's classrooms), we would change American society in a single generation.

We could reduce the immense cost of jails and health care for addictions right off the bat, while powering-up American inventiveness and creativity. Children respond to attention like flowers to sun and water.

It would take three steps:

Step I: Double the pay for teachers, whose median salary in Florida now is about \$45,700 per year, roughly the same as that of long-haul truck drivers.

Step II: Double or triple the number of teachers, so that each works closely with a few students each year.

Step III: Supply, supply, supply. Provide ample schools and generous materials.

You'd be right to call that a utopian solution. But unlike other utopian solutions, this is a possible solution. This is a matter of will, not resources.

I make that judgment based on our history: Whenever we've needed to pay for something essential, we have.

The obvious example is World War II.

Coming out of the Great Depression, we spent \$341 billion between 1941 and 1945, the equivalent of \$3.6 trillion today. The subsequent costs may have been even greater.

By comparison, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will end up costing us between \$4 to \$6 trillion, according to Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

Caring for those who fought these wars — less than 1 percent of us — will cost us dearly for decades to come.

Meanwhile, we spend about \$10,600 per student each year in American public schools, according to the Department of Education — about \$519.4 billion.

A billion, as you know, has to be multiplied 1,000 times before it equals a trillion, which is what we spend, in multiples, on our wars.

So why not spend those multiples on our future?

Teachers, after all, are the lead climbers in our trek to that still undiscovered country.

Let's give them all the rope they need to reach the summit, and raise the flag of our trusting children. ■

— A version of this column originally ran on May 29, 2013.



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OPINION

Rove is right



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Special to Florida Weekly

It was inevitable that attacks on Hillary Clinton would be deemed sexist. We now know that they will be called ageist, too.

A report in the *New York Post's* Page Six that Karl Rove told a recent conference that Hillary Clinton might be brain-damaged after a 30-day hospital stay during her illness at the end of 2012 caused a volcanic eruption of denunciation aimed at the Republican strategist. Rove was accused, among other things, of dealing the age card from the bottom of the deck.

Rove denies saying "brain damage," and the Page Six report didn't put quote marks around that phrase. He tells me he's not sure whether he actually said she was in the hospital 30 days (it was three), but regardless, he meant to refer to the entirety of the 30-day episode when she was dealing with a virus, a fall and a subsequent concussion and blood

clot between her brain and skull.

If we take Rove's interview on Fox News the day after the Page Six item as the best explanation of his view, his basic points are unassailable — the state of Clinton's health will play into her decision whether or not to run, she will have to be completely open about the 2012 episode and all of this will be filtered through the fact that she will be 69 if elected and 77 if she serves two terms.

Even if you take at face value everything we've heard about Clinton's condition in December 2012, it was frighteningly serious. The clot, according to *The Washington Post*, "can cause permanent brain damage, coma or death if not detected and treated in time."

News accounts say it was caught early, and Clinton is performing as ably as ever. But politicians have a long history of lying through their teeth about their health — see Woodrow Wilson, John F. Kennedy and Paul Tsongas, for example. So Clinton will have to provide a full accounting of the 2012 incident and her overall health.

And as for her age, of course it will be an issue. The problem with being an old candidate in American presidential

politics is that people use it against you.

U.S. News & World Report had an item in April 2008 titled "Obama Campaign Plans to Hit at McCain's Age." The Bill Clinton re-election campaign in 1996 feasted on contrasts between the new and old in its lopsided bout with the septuagenarian Bob Dole.

Of course, age is hardly dispositive. Ronald Reagan was the oldest president at age 70 in 1981 and embodied an invigorating optimism despite his years. But age was an issue for him in 1980 and 1984.

Hillary can potentially trump all this with openness about her medical records, and with an energetic and future-oriented campaign, should she run. Her supporters, in the meantime, hope to deflect any questions with cries of ageism and sexism. It will be a nice change of pace to move on from racism as the Democratic rejoinder of choice to other "-isms" neglected during the past eight years.

But Rove is right: Hillary will have to deal with these questions. ■

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

William Worthy and Vincent Harding: Thank you and goodbye



amy GOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

The world lost two remarkable men in May, two African-Americans who helped shape modern history, yet whose names and achievements remain too little known. William Worthy, a journalist, died at the age of 92. Civil-rights activist Vincent Harding was 82. Each was a witness to some of the most pivotal events of the latter half of the 20th century. They led their lives speaking truth to power, working for a better world.

William Worthy became a journalist, working for both CBS News and the Baltimore Afro-American. He reported from the Soviet Union and would go to North Vietnam. As a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University, he ignored a U.S. ban on traveling to communist China. As a result, the State Department refused to renew Worthy's passport. He would later travel to Cuba after the revolution there, where he interviewed Fidel Castro. Upon his return, he was charged with entering the U.S. without a passport. He challenged the charges and was eventually cleared. The federal appeals court opinion stated, "It is inherent in the concept of citizenship that the citizen ... has a right to return, again to set foot on its soil." U.S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy chose not to appeal to the Supreme Court, Worthy said, because "he and his brother [President John F. Kennedy] were sick and tired of the case. They had had enough embarrassment over it." He was represented by a young ACLU lawyer named William Kunstler, who later noted that the victory in this case

inspired him to continue in his path as a pioneering constitutional attorney.

In 1981, Worthy and colleagues went to Iran, after the revolution that deposed the U.S.-backed Shah, and after the U.S. Embassy hostages had been released. He obtained copies of paperback books that contained reproductions of CIA documents that had been shredded as the U.S. Embassy was overrun, but later painstakingly reconstructed. The 11 volumes were widely available in Iran, and as far away as Europe — but they were strictly banned in the U.S. Worthy's copies were confiscated from luggage he shipped, but officials missed a volume in his carry-on luggage. After The New York Times refused to run a story on the CIA documents, investigative journalist Scott Armstrong at *The Washington Post* ran them on the front page. Armstrong told me: "There were documents in there that were unlike any other documents I've ever seen ... it was an extraordinary insight into the history of overthrowing (Mohammad) Mosaddegh, the popularly elected leader of Iran; reinstalling the Shah, the CIA's role in that; and then the cooperation that the CIA gave with SAVAK, the dreaded secret police of Iran. (They) essentially put a lie to every defense that had been given for the U.S. role in Iran over a 30- or 40-year period." Worthy sued, and the U.S. government was forced to return the documents and pay him \$16,000.

Vincent Harding was a close friend and advisor to Martin Luther King Jr. Harding told us on "Democracy Now!," "King saw the natural connection between what was happening to the poor in the USA, why young men and women were rising up in anger, frustration, desperation, saw that action as deeply related to the attention that the

country was paying to the devastation it was doing in Vietnam." It was on April 4, 1967, one year to the day before King was assassinated, that he delivered a speech drafted by Harding, a powerful statement against the war in Vietnam. Harding said of the speech, "That draft essentially became the speech, sermon, call, cry of the heart that he put forward." King said that day at New York's Riverside Church, "I could never again raise my voice against the violence of the oppressed in the ghettos without having first spoken clearly to the greatest purveyor of violence in the world today, my own government."

Vincent Harding sought to reflect in his speechwriting King's enduring concerns: "He was calling us to a way that was very difficult, a way beyond racism, a way beyond materialism and a way beyond militarism." Harding continued for decades after King's death to fight against those very problems, as the first director of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Center (now known as the King Center) in Atlanta, then as professor of religion and social transformation at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

These two men, William Worthy and Vincent Harding, saw immense social upheaval, revolution, struggle and loss. They dedicated their lives to challenging those in power, and to the pursuit of justice and equality for all. ■

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Who really gains when you give?



A friend of mine takes his dog to a local care facility every week to visit the residents. "I knew it would be great for everyone else," he says, "but I didn't realize how good it would be for me."

Precisely.

That's the half of the equation that people rarely consider when they focus on someone outside themselves. Doing so makes you not only a better person, but a better businessperson, boss, co-worker, employee, vendor, customer.

How? For me, it happens in four ways:

1. Perspective

Volunteering forces you to see a situation from another person's point of view, someone who is facing challenges quite different from your own. That puts new demands on your listening and problem-solving skills, which leads to your discovering new solutions, things you likely never apply to your own business challenges.

So getting beyond your own perspective is a huge gain.

2. New skills and knowledge

Pick up a hammer for Habitat for Humanity and you'll come away with a whole new confidence. Suddenly that minor household project seems not so intimidating. Sure, it might not come out perfect this time, but

you did it! You took on something you never thought you could. At the same time, you've gained new knowledge and, like new skills, these ideas will find their way into other areas of your life.

As a result, I rarely look at a challenge without borrowing from some other challenge in my life, and often, that can be traced back to some kind of volunteer work I've done. The new skills and knowledge are a part of me now, ready to serve whenever called upon.

3. New people

When I first volunteered in this community, I never thought there'd be a social aspect to it, but now some of my best friends have come from volunteering. What's more, very few of them have anything at all to do

with my industry, my background or my day-to-day life. Indeed, if there were any one advantage that spills over to all the other advantages of volunteering, it would be the discovery of new people.

New people give you new perspective, introduce you to new skills, expose you to new ideas and inspire you to new heights. And when some of them become friends, as inevitably some will, they enrich your life in ways too numerous and diverse to imagine without them.

4. Rejuvenating the spirit

A wise person said, "Life is not about getting and having, but about being and becoming." Before I started volunteering, I thought the "having" part was a good way of measuring the "becoming" part. In reality, however,

the two have very little to do with each other.

In the same way, I thought making a difference only mattered if I made a *big* difference. But then I spent a day sorting and folding clothes at a local thrift shop and I discovered a simple truth: It doesn't matter what you volunteer for. Virtually any activity that helps others will have its rewards for you — because volunteering feeds the soul like nothing else.

When you stuff envelopes, fold clothes, sort pieces of paper, etc., you are actually building valuable organizational aptitude that is likewise useful in managing your garden, planning a vacation or, say, establishing a work schedule for your employees.

Of course, this doesn't occur to you at the time, but trust me, it's happening. And not just on the mundane level, but on the big picture life-level.

5. Getting down to business

When you give of yourself, you see yourself through the eyes of others, which naturally translates into a deeper insight into self. Take a pet to a retirement community, pick up a hammer, fold clothes at a thrift shop — whatever you choose, you will discover the joy of transforming the lives of others. And as you do, you will transform your life — and your business life — as well. ■

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CRIST

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So good a time, in fact, that he's hoping to achieve an American first: winning a second spin at the gubernatorial wheel, after switching political parties — after serving as a Republican governor from 2007 to 2010, when he lost a U.S. Senate race as an Independent, then drifting into political purgatory before becoming a Democrat in 2012.

It's never been done before. Come Nov. 4, that would make him the 46th governor of Florida, where 19 million citizens face a range of stiff economic and environmental challenges.

First, though, he has to win the Democratic primary on Aug. 26. And then he has to perform the hat trick: defeating incumbent Republican Gov. Rick Scott on Election Day.

Recent polls show the two men running close, with the edge going to Crist. Money will play a role, of course, but nobody knows how much.

In public terms, Gov. Scott's "Let's Get to Work" committee had raised \$27.8 million by the end of the first quarter, in March. The Crist committee reported \$5.3 million in its coffers.

In personal terms, Gov. Scott spent \$73 million of his own money to win his first race in 2010 by about 1 percent, records show. Four years earlier, Gov. Crist had entered his first gubernatorial race with a net worth of about \$425,000. He won that one by seven percentage points.

"I don't know what my net worth is now," he says, "but it's gotten better." Probably not better than Gov. Scott's reported \$83.7 million net worth as of last July, however.

"The unanswered question in this race is, 'What will Charlie look like after Scott spends \$100 million trashing him?'" says Lucy Morgan, a Pulitzer-prize winning reporter and *Tampa Bay Times* columnist who covered the state capitol for years.

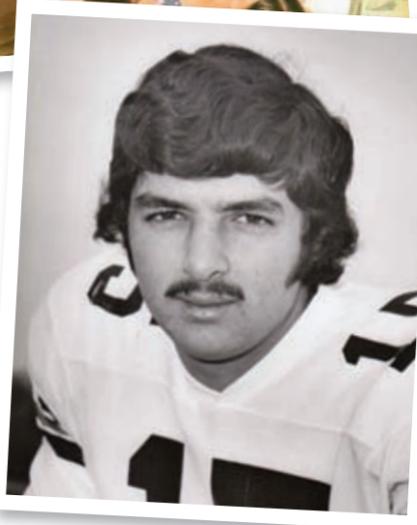
"He's spent a lot of money already and it doesn't seem to have stuck. Every bad thing I know about Charlie has been written and published somewhere, and it doesn't seem to stick. If ever there was a Teflon candidate, he's it. I know it was said for years about Ronald Reagan, but it's him."

The flip-side of the Teflon coin, however, may be that nobody knows exactly who the candidate is. And that has led people to ask questions that have



COURTESY PHOTOS

Charlie Crist hits the campaign trail with a rich Florida history. Clockwise from below: A younger Crist in the family boat, about 1975. Now, he says, his favorite place to be is on Tampa Bay in his 25-foot open fisherman. With his father, Dr. Charles Crist, he enjoyed both fishing and hunting. At his high school graduation, 1974, with his mother, Nancy. And Charlie Crist as a quarterback at Wake Forest University, about 1976.



dogged the candidate for years.

Is Charlie Crist a chameleon? Is he weak, or a closet homosexual, or unethical? And perhaps the hardest question of all those posed repeatedly by the dismayed critics in his former political party: Did the governor sell out his party, not to mention his friends and even his beloved parents and sisters (all Republicans), when he committed the following political sins?

A. As Republican governor in 2009, he let himself be hugged by a Democratic president in front of the world, before gladly accepting the president's "stimulus" money for Floridians.

B. As a candidate in 2010, he quit the GOP to run for the U.S. Senate as an Independent, against Tea Party favorite and Republican nominee Marco Rubio.

C. He became a Democrat in 2012 — and to add insult to injury, he did it in front of the president at a White House Christmas party.

The hug that led to the conversion

Gov. Crist is an author. His 2013 memoir, "The Party's Over: How the Extreme Right Hijacked the GOP and I Became a Democrat," takes on the big questions, providing answers that have already been challenged in some quarters.

A *Washington Post* opinion blog appearing earlier this month, for example, targeted Gov. Crist's assertion that moral courage led to his party switch: "Charlie Crist didn't leave the Republican party because of racism. He left it because he couldn't win a primary," the headline asserted.

But that's an arguable point, and it comes down to what observers, critics and Gov. Crist alike have taken to calling, "The Hug."

When President Barack Obama made his first trip out of Washington to promote his stimulus plan in 2009, he chose the location hardest hit by foreclosures and unemployment in the United States — in Florida, on the southwest coast.

He also asked Gov. Crist to introduce him there, at a time when most Republicans were distancing themselves from everything Democratic.

But the governor agreed, in part to save the jobs and homes of cops, firefighters, teachers and construction workers, he says.

It happened on a clear morning at the epicenter of economic disaster, in

Fort Myers. As the president walked out to the podium at the downtown Harborside Event Center, he took the governor's hand.

Then he pulled Gov. Crist into a momentary embrace.

"I didn't think a thing about it as it was happening," he writes in his memoir. "But that simple gesture ended my career as a viable Republican politician. It changed the rest of my life. Reach, pull, release — just like that."

In the bar at The Francis, Gov. Crist pauses to hail the waitress.

"I'd like some more water, please, Miranda," he says politely. "It's really good water." He smiles. She smiles back. The best revenge is another vote won.

"Fast forward to not quite a year later," he continues. "In May, I

announce I'm running for the Senate. Marco Rubio is already in the race. Rubio starts sending out literature for his campaign with a photograph of me and the president hugging."

Now Gov. Crist pauses, grows grim. "So there I am, hugging the new *African American* president."

On Sen. Rubio's part, spotlighting that moment may have been a brilliant if cynical political play on race and politics, a knockout blow that required no debate, no argument, and no words. American politics is a whimsical and funny creature.

"It's not a joke, though," Gov. Crist says sharply. "He didn't just put it on the letterhead of his literature, he put it on the outside of the envelope. He's sensitive to this race issue because he should be. Because he used it. For political effect."

His anger is evident only in a faintly rising voice. Restraint is typical of him.

"He is unfailingly nice — he never loses his temper in public. And I doubt in private," says Ms. Morgan.

"I've had many off-the-record conversations with him over the years — I've seen him not happy — but he just doesn't lose his cool. I can't think of any other politicians I've ever known like that."

Something of a historian, Gov. Crist points out that the same thing happened to his favorite governor, LeRoy Collins, who served from 1955 to 1961.



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President Barack Obama and Florida Gov. Charlie Crist embrace during a town hall meeting to discuss the economy on Feb. 10, 2009, at the Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

He was also a Cumberland Law School graduate, a Democrat and a staunch segregationist who later flip-flopped and embraced civil rights.

When Gov. Collins ran for a senate seat in 1968, his opponent beat him by widely distributing a photo of the former governor with an African American: in that case, walking beside Martin Luther King Jr. in Selma in the early 1960s.

But unlike Gov. Collins, after Gov. Crist lost his 2010 senate race, he made his way to a Christmas party at the White House, in December 2012.

There, everything changed.

Will Prather, who operates dinner theaters in Florida, Pennsylvania and Arizona and now serves on Gov. Crist's finance committee, was there to see it.

"So we're at the Christmas party, and in typical Charlie fashion he's working the rope line with his wife, Carole," Mr. Prather recalls.

"He's trying to get the president's attention, and I help him. I say, 'Mr. President, it's Charlie Crist.' And he has his voter registration papers all filled out. Right there in his hand. He just has to sign."

So he does, with the leader of the free world looking on.

"He got a fist pump from the president," Mr. Prather says.

The making of Charlie Crist

That White House moment was born long ago, in a world that remains a deeply influential part of Gov. Crist's current being and behavior — the world of his parents, Charles and Nancy.

Nearly everyone who knows him acknowledges that. It's something he admits, as well.

"My father is my hero," the governor says.

"Dad is our hero. We all say that," concurs his youngest sister, Catherine Crist Kennedy, a 49-year-old associate vice president of Academic Affairs at St. Petersburg College.

"We attribute so much of what we all have to Mom and Dad. We all feel that Dad is the smartest man we know. He is a sponge. He and Mom are always reading. He's ingrained that in us."

His parents' values remain his own, Gov. Crist says. "I was a Republican because my parents were Republicans. Same reason I'm a Methodist. Mom and Dad are."

Born in Altoona, Pa., Gov. Crist, 57, came to St. Petersburg at the age of 3. His parents had decided to do a medical residency there. His father, now 81, is a doctor who still practices medicine full time.

The Crist family grew to four children: Margaret, Charlie, Elizabeth and Catherine, all of whom still live near their parents, with their own families. Margaret is an educator, like Catherine, and Elizabeth is a medical doctor.

They were public school children.

Charlie attended Riviera Junior High and St. Petersburg High School, where he became the starting quarterback on the football team.

Like the boating, fishing and hunting Dr. Crist shared with his son into adulthood, he also shared his son's football experience, becoming the pro bono team doctor. Overt racism remained a fact of life in those days, Gov. Crist says, and the team had many black players, so nobody else would do the job.

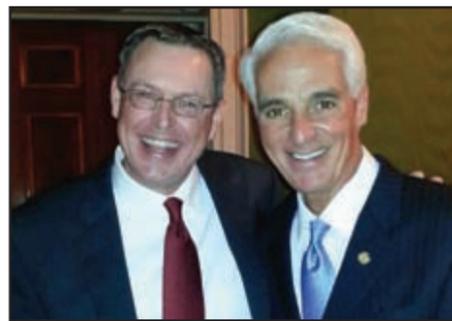
The family attended the Methodist Church on Sundays, and life in the Crist household was loving and secure.

"We had dinner every night at 5 p.m.," recalls Catherine Kennedy. "Conversations were lively. All of us had responsibilities and chores. We didn't want for anything, but we weren't given everything, either."

Respectful behavior was expected both inside and outside the home.



Charlie Crist with wife Carole.



Gov. Charlie Crist and Will Prather at a White House Christmas Party in December 2012. Gov. Crist signed the voter registration papers that made him a Democrat that night.

"When Charlie was little, he used some bad language in school once, and they had to call home. It was really serious," his sister says.

Dr. Crist would take Charlie and the girls on house calls, too, she remembers.

"Everything was a teaching moment for Dad. If a homeless person walked in front of the car, when some other people might have made fun of him, I can remember him saying, 'That is somebody's son, or brother or father.' It was always instilled in all of us that you treat everybody with respect."

The family would sit out on a screened porch to watch the magnificent evening skies settle in summer over Tampa Bay. There was music in the house — recorded classical, and the live banjo of Dr. Crist, along with guitar (Charlie and Margaret) and piano (Elizabeth).

As adults, Catherine and Charlie can discuss and share anything, she acknowledges, and frequently they stood in as dates for each other on social occasions. He had graduated from law school by then, and she had returned from completing her undergraduate work at Emory University in Atlanta.

But her brother was suffering, she remembers, a young man stung by divorce. It had been a long and winding road to that point.

Becoming the man in full

In his senior year at St. Pete High, Charlie Crist suffered a significant leg injury when a linebacker tackled him behind the line, he recounts in his book. That reduced his chances for a football scholarship, so he went to Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, N.C., and walked on as a quarterback.

At just over 6 feet and carrying about 180 pounds, he was 20 pounds heavier and an inch taller than he is now.

He started junior varsity games against Duke, North Carolina and N.C. State, he remembers, before giving up the far north (anything north of Atlanta) for a return to Florida, and FSU, where he graduated in 1978.

"You go north of Atlanta, and you don't see the sun for five months," he says. "I never knew that until I went to Wake Forest. And I didn't like it."

People he met in both universities, especially in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity at Florida State, remain his lifelong friends. And most of them are Republicans, like all of his family members.

Will they support him now that he's a Democrat?

"I think they will," says Lucy Morgan. "I haven't looked, but I think they'll give him money.

And if they feel they can't do that, they'll find some other way to help him."

As for his Republican family members, says Catherine, "Of course I'll vote for him. We all will."

At FSU, Charlie became vice president of the student body, in his first taste of a public role.

Then with a close friend, now Judge Cory Ciklin of the Fourth District Court of Appeal in Palm Beach County, he made his way to law school.

Old friends matter: Gov. Crist appointed Judge Ciklin to the Fourth Circuit in 2008. Their friendship was born in politics, at FSU. And so was the governor's first marriage.

"I came to Charlie in an odd way," the judge recalls. "A woman named Amanda Morrow was my running mate when I ran (unsuccessfully) for student body president in my junior year at FSU. And unbeknownst to me she was dating some guy named Charlie Crist."

Ms. Morrow would soon become Gov. Crist's wife, and Cory Ciklin would later transfer from Samford University's law school back to FSU, leaving Charlie in Alabama to finish his law degree, and to end a young marriage that lasted only a year.

Finally, Gov. Crist came back to Florida to pass the state Bar exam — on his third attempt, while working in St. Petersburg in his first job, as counsel for Minor League Baseball.

Putting questions to rest

One of the longtime rumors about Gov. Crist suggests that he may be gay — something far from the truth, Mrs. Kennedy asserts.

"He had several very serious girlfriends (after his first marriage ended). They were exclusive relationships that lasted for years. It's hard, because the family loved all of them. They were beautiful, smart, independent women. They had their own careers."

But her brother avoided marriage.

In those years he'd started as a state senator from Pinellas County, later becoming an aide to Sen. Connie Mack III, during his 1988 campaign.

"He was truly my mentor," Gov. Crist says now — a fiscal conservative, something of a social moderate, and a man who could get along with everybody.

Gov. Crist also lost his first U.S. Senate run against Bob Graham in 1998, then was appointed as the state education commissioner by Gov. Jeb Bush in 2000, before winning an election to become the attorney general of Florida under Gov. Bush in 2002.

In none of those positions did the expectation of marriage play a role. But public expectations change.

Lucy Morgan asked him about it once.

"He was attorney general and I asked him why — why he hadn't married," Ms. Morgan recalls. "I said, 'Charlie, you need to be married to become governor.'"

"And he said, 'I made a mistake once, I don't want to do it again. For many reasons.'"

But things were different when he met Carole Oumano Rome. He abandoned the old caution.

A Georgetown University graduate and a business owner from New York, she had two daughters and was in the process of divorce, his sister recalls, but none of that mattered.

"That's when we knew Charlie had found the right woman," Catherine

Kennedy says. "It was immediate with Carole."

Mrs. Crist did not respond to requests seeking her comments for this story.

Back in the fray

Meanwhile, Gov. Crist's political career, which spun off the track in 2010, has regained its momentum.

After his loss to Marco Rubio, he went to work for Morgan & Morgan, the broadly advertised law firm with the slogan, "For the people."

Many of those people appear to want him return to Tallahassee as governor.

And if they aren't sure, he aims to convince them one person at a time, leading with his patent smile and attentive interest.

"I am an optimist," he says, when asked why he hasn't grown cynical about the political process. "I'm idealistic. I was idealistic when I was a boy. I have a deep faith and belief in God, and in good. There's a quote. It's by Edmund Burke: 'All that is necessary for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing.'"

Rich Segall, a Charlie Crist donor who has come to the Francis with his wife, Claire, for a fund-raising dinner, says he thinks the Republican-turned-Democrat is positioned to do a lot more than nothing.

"I find him honest and straightforward and personable. Look, I think fiscally most of us are somewhat conservative. So is he. On the social issues I believe in, he clearly, very strongly, has ideas that are quite in line with my own. So I think he'll appeal to moderate Republicans, and to Democrats alike."

On the issue of flip-flopping, Mr. Segall sees the Crist transformation as a strength, not a weakness.

So does Pinellas County Commissioner Ken Welch, who has worked with Gov. Crist on various issues for years.

"Is he a change-his-mind guy?" the commissioner asks rhetorically. The answer is yes, on occasion.

"The flip side of that is, when you learn, and you gather more facts and the science or the environment changes, the intelligent thing to do is to evolve with that new information."

Among the issues, the commissioner says: the current state government's

dismissal of Medicaid expansion dollars, and an aggressive environmental policy that confronts the effects of global warming, especially in such regions as South Florida or Pinellas County.

"The time to deal with it is not 50 years from now, but now. You gotta have that in your leadership," he insists.

Gov. Crist argues his own case this way, when faced with the flip-flop question — which is, after all, not just about politics, but about character.

"I would tell your readers this: Charlie's the same guy. I haven't changed. The only thing that's changed is my party registration, because my former party was hijacked by the extremists of the party."

"But I am still a fiscal conservative, I don't want to waste your money. Or mine. I am a social moderate. I always have been. For me, it's never really been about right versus left. It's always been right versus wrong. If I see a wrong, I try to right it, whether I'm attorney general or governor or commissioner of education. I'm still that same person."

That same person is also still a salesman, which is true of every politician.

"If you want to know more," he says, grinning, "buy my book. If you have time. Buy the book. Read it." ■



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Healthcare Network of SWFL a gateway to care for everyone

BY MIKE ELLIS
Special to Florida Weekly

There is a lot of confusion about how the world of healthcare is changing around us, but here is what is important to know: More people have more options for affordable primary care services. Community health centers such as Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida are expanding into more neighborhoods where people live and work, thanks to the Affordable Care Act.

Health centers have been around for more than 45 years and are the family doctor to more than 22 million people, according to the National Association of Community Health Centers. Here in Collier County, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida serves approximately 40,000 people a year, 30,000 of whom are children. The care provided is both excellent and affordable. This is good news for working families who struggle with medical debt, or the millions of people who forgo healthcare or filling a prescription because they are worried about cost.

AARP The Magazine has cited health centers as the No. 1 option “for good healthcare when you’re uninsured.”

But health centers such as Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida are also providers of choice for people who are insured and value having an affordable healthcare home.

Good healthcare starts with having a caring team of caring professionals on your side. As CEO of Healthcare Network, every day I witness the value we bring to patients’ lives. When people have a place to go for regular care, they use it and stay healthy and out of hospitals. I see the patients who

are controlling their diabetes; the gentleman whose life was saved by a simple test; and the relief in a mother’s eyes because she did not have to choose between putting food on the table and getting her child immunized.

I am proud of our record and accomplishments.

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Public health improves when the gateways of affordable primary healthcare open to more people. This is what we mean when we talk about transforming our healthcare delivery system, and shifting the emphasis from disease management to prevention.

As someone who works on the frontlines of healthcare, I invite you to visit a Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida location in your own backyard, where the work of transforming healthcare has already started — for the good health of everyone. ■

— Mike Ellis is the CEO of Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida. For more information, call 658-3000 or visit www.healthcareswfl.org.



New health center considered for acreage in Golden Gate

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The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida has acquired 5 acres of property on the northwest quadrant of Green and Collier boulevards.

“Studies show the Golden Gate area is sorely in need of managed, comprehensive healthcare services,” says Mike Ellis, CEO of the network. “The Healthcare Network acquired the land from the Wynn family at a very favorable rate, and we are now in the process of establishing the highest and best use of the property,” he adds.

One of 1,200 National Health Centers in the United States, the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida has a 37-year history of serving Collier’s working poor. The agency oversees the Marion E. Fether Medical Center in Immokalee and partners with the

University of Florida College of Medicine to operate the Isabel Collier Read Medical Center, also in Immokalee. It is also a partner in the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center and provides pediatric, women’s health and family services at nine smaller clinics in the Naples and Marco Island communities. Its Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a rolling pediatric unit, caring for over 2,000 children a year.

Mr. Ellis says Golden Gate’s central location and population base provide a natural venue for a health center. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Golden Gate City has the largest concentration of people per

square mile within Collier County — 6,100 people per square mile, compared to 1,500 people per square mile in the city of Naples.

“These hard-working middle and lower class families are the backbone of the service industries that sustain the greater Naples community,” Mr. Ellis says. “Healthcare Network currently has a pediatric clinic in Golden Gate but the need extends far beyond children.”

A 2012 professional needs assessment study showed Golden Gate City has significant gaps in primary healthcare for children and adults including prenatal care, behavioral health, vision, hearing and dental care. The study also found critical need for preventive care education to address unhealthy lifestyle conditions including childhood obesity, hypertension, asthma and diabetes.

Mr. Ellis notes that without access to healthcare, the medically underserved postpone necessary care and forego preventive care such as childhood immunizations, well-baby visits, mammograms and routine check-ups. With no regular doctor and limited access to prescription medications, these families are more likely to use emergency rooms for primary care and be hospitalized for health conditions that could have been avoided, he says.

Other benefits of a healthcare center in the area include expansion of research and training opportunities through academic partnerships similar to those already established with FSU, UF and the David Lawrence Center.

For more information about the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, call Kaydee Tuff at 658-3116 or email ktuff@healthcareswfl.org. ■



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BY CHUCK SHEPHERD
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Prom draft

A week before the National Football League held its 2014 Draft Day in May, a large contingent of junior and senior boys staged their own draft day at Corona del Mar High School in Newport Beach, Calif., “dividing up” the available girls to ask to the upcoming prom. As in the NFL, the drafters “scout” the draftees, and a “rule book” notes the draft’s boundaries (e.g., this year, sophomore girls are eligible). The girls, of course, can decline the

invitation, but the draft, as in the NFL, is designed to discourage a selected girl from being “poached” by “competing” boys. Obviously, many in the community expressed horror at the draft, with the principal denouncing it and urging parents to rein in their sons, but one of the drafted girls wrote that the whole thing was just “fun” and “is not, was never, and will never ever be used to objectify the girls.”

Can’t possibly be true

■ The downfall of Russia-sympathizing Ukrainian president Viktor Yanukovich in February (which eventually provoked Vladimir Putin’s retaliation against Ukraine) accelerated when his countrymen learned of his startlingly opulent lifestyle (e.g., gold toilets, a private zoo) — including catching a video glimpse of a nude portrait Mr. Yanukovich had commissioned of himself by artist Olga Oleynik. Mr. Yanukovich, a not-particularly-buff 63-year-old man, was portrayed reclining and with an undersized male endowment. (Ms. Oleynik told Agence France-Presse news service that she had done a similar portrait of Mr. Putin — more generously endowed — but was “afraid” to show it in public or to disclose whether it was actually commissioned by Mr. Putin.)

■ Skylar King, 28, filed a lawsuit in Clayton, Mo., in April against dentist Mark Meyers (and his Same Day Dentures clinic) for a 2009 session in which Mr. Meyers somehow obtained

Mr. King’s consent to extract all 32 of his teeth and provide dentures, promptly after obtaining \$5,235 on Mr. King’s mother’s credit card. Mr. King, who was seeking treatment for an abscessed tooth, said Dr. Meyers warned that he was at risk of “fatal blood poisoning” unless all teeth were yanked. Dr. Meyers insisted that Mr. King actually requested the procedure, even though X-rays revealed that at least 28 of the teeth were treatable.

■ As of late March, the Sainsbury’s supermarket in Basford, England, still had an operational ATM on an outside wall even though its screen and controls were only 15 inches off the ground, forcing customers to bend over or kneel down to get cash. A Sainsbury’s spokesman, shown a photo by a reporter of a user squatting “incredibly uncomfortabl(y),” said no one had complained, but that the store would look into moving the machine. The only explanation offered for the placement was that the store is located on a hill.

Unclear on the concept

■ Wellma “Tootie” Shafer, 46, was fired as a cashier at the Last Chance Market in Russell, Iowa, after a customer reported her engaging in “sexual” banter at the register. Her boss, Rick Braaksma, explained, “We cannot ... talk about adult situations in front of other customers,” and when Ms. Shafer sought unemployment compensation, Mr. Braaksma challenged her application. However, among the items Last Chance sells are Wake the F— Up Coffee, The Hottest F—ing Sauce (noted, the label states, for its “ass-burning quality”), and The Hottest F—ing Nuts (all product names using the explicit “F word”), and a

state administrative judge granted Ms. Shafer benefits, showing (according to an April *Des Moines Register* report) little sympathy for the store’s contradictory policy.

■ Refresher Course on Buddhism Needed: An unnamed 40-year-old man was charged in Briec, France, in May for a February incident in which his cat knocked over his statue of Buddha, demolishing it. The man apparently so reveres Buddha that, enraged, he tortured the cat by tossing it into his washing machine and setting it for a cycle at the equivalent of 104 degrees F.

The continuing crisis

■ Brazilian authorities told reporters in April that villagers in remote Ayopaya, needing to recover three motorbikes stolen by two men, tied them to a tree of woe for several days until relatives came up with compensation. The tree was a permanent host for ants that produce a venom with anti-inflammatory properties used to treat arthritis, and though relatives paid up three days later, both men required hospitalization, one with kidney failure.

■ Underreported among the 24-hour news saturation in April on the sinking of the South Korean ferry

en route from Incheon to the recreational island of Jeju is that a primary attraction on Jeju is “LoveLand,” a theme park with bold, uninhibited sexual structures, and a traditional honeymoon destination. Visitors enter through giant spread female legs, and most park mascots are anthropomorphic figures representing the male and female sex organs. The park contains 140 sculptures of humans in sexual positions and of phallus statues and stone labia — and, reportedly, something called a “hands-on masturbation cycle.” ■



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Community Foundation awards \$456,000 in student scholarships

The Community Foundation of Collier County has awarded 57 scholarships totaling more than \$456,000 to students enrolled in accredited high school, trade school, community college and university programs for the 2014-15 academic year. The majority of the scholarships are designated for students who currently attend schools in Collier and Lee counties.

Scholarships were awarded through 22 funds administered by the foundation and established by generous local individuals, corporations and organizations seeking to assist students in pursuing higher education. Most of these funds focus on students' achievements, financial hardships and academics; all express a deep belief in the power of education to help young

people achieve their dreams.

A selection committee appointed by the foundation evaluated the scholarship applicants.

"The talent and potential represented by this year's scholarship recipients is impressive," says Annette Kirk, grant and scholarship coordinator for the foundation. "We are thrilled to support these students and grateful to the donors whose contributions make these awards possible every year."

This year's scholarship award amounts range from \$500 to \$15,000. Some are renewable, providing students with a "full ride" — financial support for multiple years to ensure college completion.

Arletys Gomez, the recipient of a schol-

arship from the Jubilee Scholarship Fund-Grace Place, will begin her studies at FGCU this coming fall. "Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to attend college without the added stress of financial burdens," she wrote to the foundation. "Thank you for continuing to believe in the importance of achieving a higher education, and the future impacts it will have upon the community. I hope one day to be able to help other students achieve their goals, just as much as you all have helped me."

Since 2008, the Community Foundation of Collier County as awarded more than \$1.1 million in college scholarship funds. President and CEO Eileen Connolly-Keesler says that while the scholar-

ship cycle for 2014-15 has come to a close, students should be preparing for next year by gathering official transcripts, requesting letters of recommendation and writing strong personal statements to accompany their applications.

"It is never too early to start the process," she stresses. "If a student dreams of a college degree, they should be planning now to finance that dream."

For a complete list of the newest scholarship recipients and the high schools/institutions they currently attend, and also for details about the application process for awards for the 2015-16 academic year, visit www.cfcollier.org. ■

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State Sen. Garrett Richter, third from left, with Nestor Prime, Faviola Vargas and Andy Martinez in Tallahassee.

STUDENTS

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criteria, such as attending a high school in Florida for at least three years.

For a student at Florida Gulf Coast University, in-state tuition for a typical 120-credit hour bachelor's degree comes to about \$24,500, while out-of-state students pay \$100,600. At Edison State College, those figures are \$11,000 and \$61,000. Such disparities left little choice for people like Ms. Vargas, who graduated in 2010.

"I knew my friends who were really close to me were going to go (to college) and I was going to be left behind," she says.

While the new rule makes college a

realistic possibility, a student's undocumented status still begets financial challenges. For instance, those students are not eligible for the federal loans or state aid that many students rely on to help not just with tuition but also with books, supplies, gas, housing and other expenses.

"There are still a lot of unknowns with this," says Marc Laviolette, director of admissions at FGCU. "One of their major hindrances will be their ability to get federal or state financial support." He adds that administrators at FGCU, which supported the measure, expect it will cause a bump in enrollment but cannot be sure at this point how much.

It's not clear whether the rule will apply retroactively to students such as Ms. Vargas, who is 22 and four years out of high school. The bill requires that current high school students apply to

college within two years of graduation. "If I qualify I will definitely continue my education," says Ms. Vargas, who hopes to study criminology with a minor in psychology.

Jose Bautista also graduated in 2010, from Lely High School in Naples. He planned on college but instead went to work, recalling that his immigration status left guidance counselors as well as admissions representatives from local colleges at a loss.

"We were trying to figure out what I'm going to do next," he says. "Once I told them I was undocumented, they didn't know exactly what to tell me."

Ms. Vargas and Mr. Bautista are volunteers with the Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project, an advocacy group for the local migrant community. Members traveled to Tallahassee along with other activists to support passage of the in-state tuition bill (House Bill 851).



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Faviola Vargas, an undocumented migrant who could not afford out-of-state tuition for a Florida college when she graduated from high school four years ago, volunteers with the Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project.

in the know

The Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project started the Launchpad Initiative to serve as a resource for information and guidance on the in-state tuition bill and its implications for Southwest Florida students, youth, parents and educators.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/LaunchPadInitiative and www.collierstoriesmatter.org.

Activists have long sought tuition equity for undocumented students (with the first such bill being introduced in Florida in 2003). They point out that taxpayers' investment in a high school student may be squandered if that student suddenly reaches an educational dead end.

"If you want to put it into economic terms, they will continue advancing and continue being productive in society" if they can continue on to college, says Grey Torrico, who started Neighborhood Stories.

Early in his term, Gov. Scott strongly opposed passage of an in-state tuition bill; he changed his stance this year in what some viewed as pandering to Hispanic voters to prepare for an upcoming election. But other provisions in HB 851 include ending automatic annual tuition increases based on inflation, a measure he has always supported.

"It doesn't matter what country you come from, what ZIP code, what family, we want you to have a shot at the dream," the governor told a group of reporters after the state Senate passed the measure on May 1, a day before the House of Representatives approved the final version.

Pending Gov. Scott's signature, Florida is the 21st state to approve in-state tuition for undocumented students. ■

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The program is open to all children under the age of 18, whether they are enrolled in a summer school program or not. Here are this year's dates and locations:

■ **June 16-July 24**

Meals served Monday-Thursday

Eden Park Elementary, Immokalee (377-9200) - Breakfast, 7:40-8 a.m.; lunch, noon-12:30 p.m.

Highlands Elementary, Immokalee (377-7100) - Breakfast, 7:45-8:05 a.m.; lunch, noon-12:45 p.m.

Poinciana Elementary, Naples (377-8100) - Breakfast, 7:40-8:05 a.m.; lunch, noon-12:30 p.m.

■ **June 9-Aug. 1**

Meals served Monday-Friday

Big Cypress Elementary, Naples (377-6300) - Breakfast, 7:45-8:30 a.m.; lunch, noon-12:45 p.m.

Calusa Park Elementary, Naples (377-6400) - Breakfast, 8-8:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Golden Gate High School, Naples (377-1600) - Breakfast, 7:15-7:45 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Immokalee High School, Immokalee (377-1800) - Breakfast, 7:05-8:05 a.m.; lunch, 11:10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Manatee Elementary, Naples (377-7600) - Breakfast, 7:30-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Mike Davis Elementary, Naples (377-7900) - Breakfast: 7:45-8:30 a.m.; lunch, noon-12:45 p.m.

Parkside Elementary, Naples (377-8900) - Breakfast, 8:15-8:45 a.m.; lunch, 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Pinecrest Elementary, Immokalee (377-8000) - Breakfast, 7:40-9:30 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Village Oaks Elementary, Immokalee (377-8600) - Breakfast, 8-9 a.m.; lunch, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. ■



Garden must close so it can grow

Naples Botanical Garden closes Monday, June 2, through Thursday, Oct. 23, so that crews can complete construction of the Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center and three new gardens.

The Garden received a \$500,000 grant from the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to assist with construction of the visitor center. Along with several other significant campaign contributions, the grant allowed general contractor Manhattan Construction to break ground in early August 2013 on the \$15 million project.

Designed by Lake|Flato Architects of San Antonio, Texas, the center will serve to increase the number and variety of lectures, exhibits, events and educational symposiums at the Garden and will also provide enhanced dining, ticketing and retail space. The center's Fogg Café will be operated by D'Amico & Partners.

The LaGrippe Orchid Garden, the Charismatic Garden and Kathryn's Garden have been designed by renowned landscape architect Ray-

mond Jungles.

During construction, the Garden will host a series of four special workshops/tours led by Garden staff members. Admission to each is free for Garden members, \$5 for others. Here's the schedule:

■ **9-11 a.m. Saturday, June 7** - "Natural Areas: The Wild Side of the Garden," led by Chad Washburn, director of education and conservation.

■ **9-11 a.m. Friday, June 13** - "The National Plumeria Collection," led by Hetty Ford, coordinator of the Garden's plant records.

■ **8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 12** - "Natural Areas: The Wild Side of the Garden," led by Brian Holley, executive director.

■ **8:30-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 16** - "Orchids of the Garden," led by Nick Ewy, associate director of horticulture.

Throughout the summer, the Garden website will be updated with construction photos, videos and progress reports. For more information or to reserve a spot at a workshop/tour, call 643-7572 or visit www.naplesgarden.org. ■



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■ The **41st annual Eagle Open** sponsored by the Marco Island Eagle tees off Saturday morning, May 31, at Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club. Registration is \$110 per golfer, \$400 for a foursome. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100. Proceeds benefit the Marco Island Noontime Rotary Club and Sunshine Rotary Club. For more information, call Debra Shanahan at 248-7419 or email debras34145@gmail.com.

■ The **Franklin Templeton Shootout** summer series of golf tournaments continues on the following Saturdays: 9 a.m. June 14, Pelican Preserve; 9 a.m. July 12, The Colony; 9 a.m. Aug. 16, Raptor Bay; 9 a.m. Sept. 27, Hammock Bay; and 1 p.m. Oct. 18, Tiburon.

Each tournament features each team playing six holes of modified alternate shot, six holes of better ball and six holes of scramble, in a format modeled after the PGA Tour's Franklin Templeton Shootout, which is played in December at Tiburon Golf Club. Points are awarded after each event. The entry fee is \$59 per player, per event. A portion of entry fees will benefit CureSearch for Children's Cancer, which funds the Children's Oncology Group.

Each participant receives a \$20 gift card and a 45-minute practice certificate at the PGA Tour Superstore in Naples. New this year is a ladies division presented by Chico's. For registration or more information, call 254-9770 or visit www.franklintempletonshootout.com.

■ The **Naples Pathways Coalition** hosts the annual NPC Liberty Ride from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 5. The starting point, along with burgers and hot dogs, will be at The Bike Route. Routes are TBA. Visit www.naplespathways.org for more information.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** hosts its summer golf tournament on Friday, Aug. 1, at Tiburon Golf Club. The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m., and the game will be followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. Raffle prizes are being solicited, and sponsorship opportunities are available. To register or for more information, call 436-6100 or visit www.cbina.net.

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■ The **Naples Orchid Society** invites the public to its next meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Thursday, June 5, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Member Bill Overton will offer instruction on how to repot cattleyas. Members can bring plants from home for judging by their peers. Beginning at 7:30 p.m., guest speaker Louis Del Favero will present a program about orchid species cultivation. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a plant raffle. Attendance is free. For more information about the society, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** holds its next luncheon at 11 a.m. Friday, June 6, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. Nurse Terry McMullan will discuss surviving challenges. Lisa Daniels will present a mini fashion show of casual wear, and vocalist Ginny Williams will entertain. Cost is \$23. For reservations, call 254-0584. For more information, visit www.cwcf.net.

■ The **Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Club on Naples** invites all Gamma Phi Betas to the "Summer Lunch Bunch" get-together at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 9, at Bravo! Cucina Italiano at Mercato. For reservations or more information, call 594-8420.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 780 Harbour Drive in Naples. The next meeting is June 10. Admission is free, and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

■ **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkin's, 3585 Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The next meeting is June 12.

Pilot International is a service organization that focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities. Guests and new members are always welcome at meetings. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have moved to the area within

the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking and conversations over 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.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is June 19. Call 963-4670 for location.

■ **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 Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Pamela Houze at (214) 355-6069.

Collier Communicue Club: 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the

North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

Marco Island Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Elckam Circle, Marco Island. E-mail Chris Pritchard at colliertoastmasters@gmail.com.

Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club: 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday in Moss Hall at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

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 776-5398.

Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club: Noon on the second and fourth Friday at the American Cancer Society, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. Call Kathy Feinstein at 594-0900.

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) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership. ■

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American Hospital Association President and CEO Rich Umbdenstock put it this way: "National Hospital Week is our opportunity to thank ... physicians, nurses, therapists, engineers, food service workers, volunteers, administrators and so many more. A community's health depends on its hospital, and the extraordinary efforts of these individuals ensure that communities have access to care 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

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I attended a meeting of our infection control committee at which Georgine Krue-delbach, R.N., reported marked improvement in several important areas, including our immunization program for colleagues and our use of IT partner Cerner's screening tool for tuberculosis. Our incidence of hospital-acquired infections — from urinary catheters, respirators and implants such as pacemakers or central IV lines — is also trending downward. These parameters, along with our success in avoiding post-operative infections, were among the reasons we recently received an A grade from Leapfrog and were ranked among the top 10 percent of hospitals in the nation by the Society of Thoracic Surgery.

We have also just received a Platinum award from the American Heart Association's Fit-Friendly Workplace program.

Enjoying hospital week, preventing infections and being recognized by leading institutions such as the AHA are examples of "having fun and doing the right thing," a phrase I remember from my youth. We have an enjoyable and highly competent team, one with which I am extremely pleased and proud to be associated. ■

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

Longevity gene may boost brain power, stall dementia

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Scientists showed that people who have a variant of a longevity gene, called klotho, have improved brain skills such as thinking, learning and memory regardless of their age, sex, or whether they have a genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease. Increasing klotho gene levels in mice made them smarter, possibly by increasing the strength of connections between nerve cells in the brain. The study was partly funded by the National Institutes of Health.

"This could be a major step toward helping millions around the world who are suffering from Alzheimer's disease and other dementias," said Dena Dubal, M.D., an assistant professor of neurology, the David A. Coulter, Endowed Chair in Aging and Neurodegeneration at the University of California San Francisco and the lead author of the study published in Cell Reports. "If we could boost the brain's ability to function, we may be able to counter dementias."

As people live longer the effects of aging on the brain will become a greater health issue. This is especially true for dementias, a collection of brain disorders that can cause memory problems, impaired language skills and other symptoms. With the number of dementia cases worldwide estimated to double every 20 years from 35.6 million people in 2010 to 65.7 million in 2030 and 115.4 million in 2050, the need for treatments is growing.

Klotho is the name of a Greek mythological goddess of fate, "who spins the thread of life." People who have one copy of a variant, or form, of the klotho gene, called KL-VS, tend to live longer and have lower chances of suffering a stroke whereas people who have two copies may live shorter lives and have a higher risk

of stroke. In this study, the investigators found that people who had one copy of the KL-VS variant performed better on a battery of cognitive tests than subjects who did not have it, regardless of age, sex or the presence of the apolipoprotein 4 gene, the main genetic risk factor for Alzheimer's disease.

"This study shows the importance of genes that regulate the multiple aging processes involved in the maintenance of cognitive function," said Suzana Petanceska, Ph.D., program director in NIA's Division of Neuroscience. "Understanding the factors that control the levels and activity of klotho across multiple organ systems may open new therapeutic avenues for prevention of age-related cognitive decline and dementia."

The investigators tested a variety of cognitive skills, including learning, memory, and

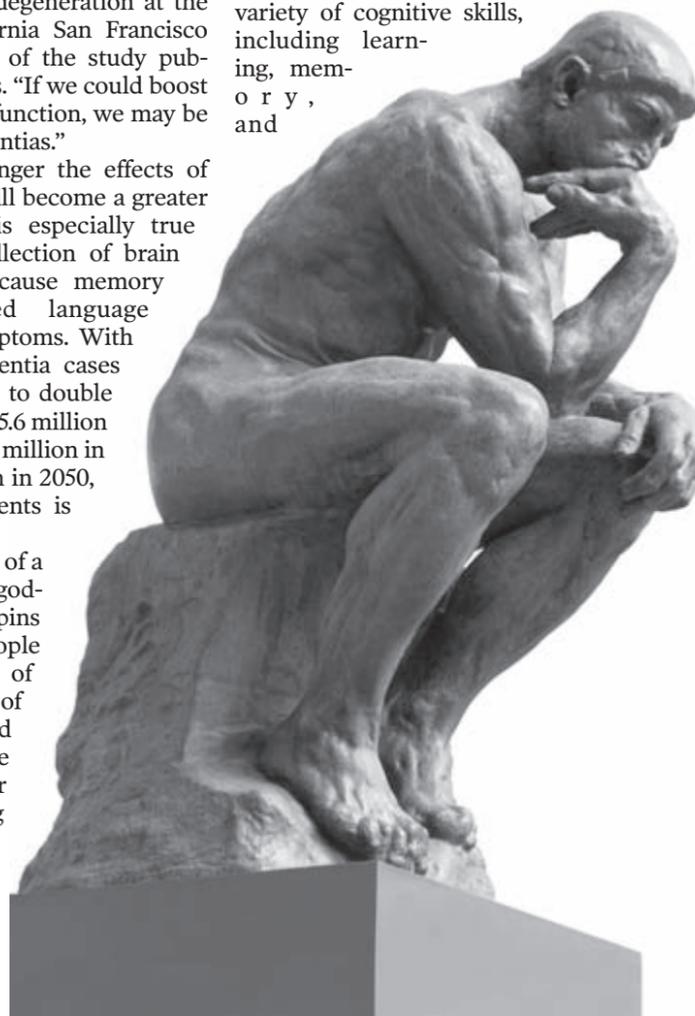
attention. More than 700 subjects, 52 to 85 years old were tested as part of three studies. None had any sign of dementia. Consistent with previous studies, 20 to 25 percent of the subjects had one copy of the KL-VS variant and performed better on the tests than those who had no copies. Performance on the tests decreased with age regardless of whether a subject had one or no copies of the KL-VS gene variant.

The klotho gene provides the blueprint for a protein made primarily by the cells of the kidney, placenta, small intestine, and prostate. A shortened version of the protein can circulate through the blood system. Blood tests showed that subjects who had one copy of the KL-VS variant also had higher levels of circulating klotho protein. The levels decreased with age as others have observed. The researchers speculate that the age-related decrease in circulating levels of klotho protein may have caused some of the decline in performance on the cognitive tests.

"These surprising results pave a promising new avenue of research," said Roderick Corriveau, Ph.D., program director at NIH's National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. "Although preliminary, they suggest that a form of klotho could be used to enhance cognition for people suffering from dementia."

To test this idea the researchers genetically engineered mice to over-produce klotho protein. The klotho-enhanced mice lived longer and had higher levels of klotho in the blood and in a brain area known as the hippocampus, which controls some types of learning and memory. Similar to human studies, the klotho-enhanced mice performed better on a variety of learning and memory tests, regardless of age. In one test, the mice remembered the location of a hidden target in a maze better, which allowed them to find it twice as fast as control mice.

For more information about dementia, visit www.nia.nih.gov/health/topics/dementia. ■



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NCH invites cancer survivors to celebrate at ice-cream social

The NCH Healthcare System invites cancer survivors to the 2014 Celebration of Life ice-cream social from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, June 1, in the Telford Auditorium at the NCH downtown campus, 350 Seventh St. N.

Hematology and oncology specialist Dr. Joel Grossman will present "Survivorship During and After Cancer," and Steve Belcher of the newly formed local chapter

of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will discuss "Cured Until Further Notice." Cancer survivors, their families, and friends will be offered information from local cancer-related organizations while they enjoy free ice-cream treats and other healthy refreshments.

Registration is required. Call 624-4989 by Thursday, May 29. ■

Free program will focus on 'brain attacks'

IberiaBank and Physicians Regional Healthcare System present a free program titled "Brain Attacks" by Drs. Eric Eskioğlu and Brian Mason at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the bank branch at 2180 Immokalee Road, Naples. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

The National Stroke Association reports that stroke is the nation's third leading cause of death and that more than 750,000 Americans experience a new or recurrent stroke or brain attack each year.

Drs. Eskioğlu and Mason will discuss the latest life-saving technology and innovative treatment options for acute stroke, brain aneurysms and other brain and carotid artery diseases. Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge is the only certified comprehensive stroke center between Sarasota and Miami, and Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard holds a primary stroke center designation.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 593-2021. ■

Learn about alternative pain management

Holistic Health Solutions invites the public to a free seminar by Ursula Kaiser about alternative pain management at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at the Inn of Naples, 4055 Tamiami Trail N. Ms. Kaiser will demonstrate PEMF, pulsed electromagnet-

ic field therapy, for treatment of migraines, osteoporosis, MS, knee pain, back pain and more.

For reservations or more information, call Holistic Health Solutions at 566-1210 or email holistichealthsolution@gmail.com. ■

Six-week 'spiritual intensive' program set

Do you find yourself constantly distracted and too stressed to enjoy life? Are you squandering the present moment worrying about past events you cannot undo or future events beyond your control? You have a lot of company, and perhaps the spiritual teachings of Eckhart Tolle, best-selling author of "The Power of Now," can help you as they have helped millions of people over the years.

Learn more this summer at "The Depths of Who You Are," a six-week spiritual intensive facilitated by Naples resident Linda Allen, a 13-year student of Mr. Tolle's teachings and a 40-year practitioner of meditation. Sessions will include guided meditations and the viewing of some of Mr. Tolle's videotaped presentations.

Classes meet from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays, July 10-Aug. 14, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way. Registration is \$25 for the series. Attendance is limited to the first 40 who sign up. For more information, call Donna

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PET TALES

Fleeing flames

Pack a bag for your pet and yourself in case you have to evacuate during a disaster

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Melissa Duffy was driving away from her home in Carlsbad, Calif., when she glanced in the rearview mirror and saw that the horizon was black with smoke. It was the Poinsettia fire, one of 11 fires raging in San Diego County just two weeks ago. She went back, loaded up her three dogs and went to a friend's house.

Wildfires have also broken out recently in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. Fire season in the western United States is beginning weeks earlier than usual this year, and the National Interagency Fire Center predicts above-normal fire hazards through August in much of the West. If you live in a dry or drought-stricken area, be prepared to evacuate quickly with your pets.

Ms. Duffy grabbed her dogs' medications and food. One of her dogs is on a strict medical diet, and two require regular medication. She keeps a first-aid kit and leashes in the car.

Many people who live in areas prone to earthquakes, floods or fires keep a "go bag" at hand. It should contain important documents, including copies of your pets' vaccination records; a supply of food and water for at least two or three days (a week or more is better); medications for your pets or yourself; a change of clothes; and a favorite toy for your pet to help him feel at home wherever you land. Cat owners may want to have



Keeping a crate in the car and teaching a pet to ride comfortably in it can expedite an evacuation.

a disposable litter box and litter easily available if they need to grab and go.

Those are the basics. Dog trainer Liz Palika, who lives in fire- and earthquake-prone Southern California, has an extensive go-bag that she keeps right inside the garage door so it can be reached even if her house collapses. In addition to the above items, it contains dog bowls, poop bags, camping gear, a first-aid kit, flashlight and batteries, a hand-cranked radio and truck keys. Store items in a large duffel bag or even a large trash can if it will fit in your vehicle.

Ms. Palika has another smart hint:

"Take photos with your smartphone of your prescriptions, pet prescriptions and pet shot records. Organize those on your phone into two files: yours and your pets'. Back them up on a memory card. Keep them on your phone, but put

the memory card with your first-aid kit. When anything changes, update it."

Know where you can go, and have more than one backup plan. Ms. Duffy was able to get back home from her friend's house, but later woke up to sirens and the smell of smoke and had to leave again.

"Our first two 'go-to' friends were also threatened, so we had to find somewhere else to go," she says. "Four friends offered us their homes, and since we have three dogs, I would rather go there than to a hotel or shelter."

Some disaster shelters now allow pets, but it's not something you can count on. Keep a list of local pet-friendly hotels on your smartphone if you don't have friends or relatives who can take in pets. And if all else fails, ask if a hotel will waive its "no pets" rule. Many will when disaster strikes.

Keep pets restrained when they are in a strange place. A craigslist ad for a lost dog noted that the yellow Lab ran off from the home where the owners were staying after they evacuated from the fires. He was microchipped but wasn't wearing his collar.

Exchange keys with neighbors so you can care for each other's pets if one family isn't home when disaster strikes. Have a plan for communicating via text, Twitter or Facebook that a pet is safe. Even if disaster never strikes, you'll rest easier knowing that you and your pets are prepared. ■

Pets of the Week

>>**Buddy** is a handsome, 4-year-old domestic shorthair who gets along with everyone. He purrs to the touch and loves to be held.



>>**Lacie** is a 45-pound, 3-year-old black mouth cur mix. Calm and gentle, she's a bit shy at first but warms up quickly. She loves going for walks on her leash.



>>**Otis** is a great Dane/Siberian husky mix who is about 18 months old and weighs about 75 pounds. He is friendly and affectionate, walks well on his leash, sits and offers his paw.



>>**Tessa** is a lovely, well-mannered 1-year-old, blue-eyed beauty with medium-length hair. She enjoys being held and petted and will make a wonderful forever companion.



To adopt or foster a pet

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

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Here's to making this the summer of hats



Last week I had the pleasure of stopping by a delightful spring soiree at a fancy country club for a lovely ladies event themed "Hats Off To You." Most everyone wore their most festive hats, complete with ribbons, bows and posies. It got me thinking that we really should wear hats more often, especially in the months coming up.

Summer in Southwest Florida can be brutal. It's still only May, and already we've seen temperatures in the mid-90s, which does not bode well for, say, August, a month in which I highly doubt I will ever leave the comfort of my home unless it's (heaven forbid) on fire.

So, if we're destined to be hot and uncomfortable for the next few months, perhaps we could at least try to pretty things up — by placing hats upon our heads. Not only can hats be fun and fashionable, they can perform an important function by keeping the merciless, burning, searing heat of the sun off of our poor, sweaty faces. Also, our hair goes on strike in the relentless heat and humidity, so it's best to cover it up with something merry and gay.

And I say the bigger and more colorful the hats, the better. Let's just go all out, Kentucky Derby style. If you look at vintage photos of Florida ladies in the

1940s and '50s, they were all about hats. A lot of them also wore lace gloves. Perhaps the gloves soaked up the palm sweat since they didn't have central air-conditioning back then? But also, just like hats, gloves are pretty (as long as they're lace, though — we must think ventilation).

While we're at it, I vote that we bring back crinoline under our dresses and skirts. Not only will a fluffy meringue of crinoline look adorable with our hats and our gloves, it will eliminate the need for Spanx, and no one — I tell you NO ONE — should be wearing Spanx during a Southwest Florida summer. Lycra in sweltering weather like this could land a girl in the ER from fainting — yet another great reason for that hat, to cushion your head when you swoon in 450-degree temperatures.

With that, let's raise our mint juleps and make a toast to bringing back the pretty and practical fashions of old Florida, and adding some class and sass to a long hot summer while we're at it.

Get your grape on

This soiree sounds not only fabulous, but it takes place in the air-conditioned comfort of the Royal Palm Ballroom at the Hilton Naples. The Grape Celebration is

a night of fine wines, hors d'oeuvres, live music and dancing hosted by the Friends of the Foundation to benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation. It's happening this Saturday, May 31.

Tickets are still available for \$85. Call 325-2978 or go to www.friendsofthefoundation.com to make your reservation.

The Friends of the Foundation was formed last year as a way to introduce "the next generation of philanthropists" to NCEF, founders of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. The committee — led by Brandie Dixon LaFond and comprised of Michael DeLuca, Edee DeLuca, Sandra Edwards, Shelley Hobbs, Kylene Moran, Matthew Pietzak, Andrew Porio, Brian Roland, Nicholas Steege, Kristin Vaughn and Nicholas Whchocki — has organized some great events already, and The Grape Celebration promises to be another.

And if you find yourself thirsty for even more grape goodness next week, plan a trip to Marco Island for the Glory of the Grape on Sunday evening, June 8, at CJ's on the Bay. It's the fourth annual wine tasting and live auction to benefit the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce. Guests will enjoy fine wines, cheeses and desserts as they bid on a bounty of summer-inspired items. Tickets are \$50. Call the chamber at 394-7549 for yours. ■

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



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Beyond the barricade

Florida company's barriers found on roadways nationwide

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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Bob's Barricades Inc. has been in the booming business of roadway barriers — the kind that can help you navigate complex construction scenes on highways and byways — for more than 40 years, ever since Richard Nixon was president, the country was limping out of Vietnam, and Elton John was singing “Philadelphia Freedom.”

If you drive virtually any of the main roads on the east or west coast, you can't miss them, sometimes literally.

“Bob's Barricades,” they say simply and memorably, also listing an 800

number. There are cones (orange and white), sawhorses (orange and white), drums (orange and white), and flags (orange).

There are also electronic signs that indicate direction or speed limit; electronic billboards that use radar to show you your own speed; and various barricade types with yellow-blinking lights and signs that say, “SLOW” or “STOP” or “WORK AHEAD.”

There are light towers for night construction, vests and work-scene ribbons and even something called a French barricade that looks like a silver bike rack.

All of them are for rent by contractors doing roadwork, or event organizers, or anybody else in the traffic control business.

The price? About 14 to 20 cents per day for the traditional barriers, says the company's co-owner, Happy Alter.



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The price was actually higher years ago, until the recession hit — an economic earthquake that knocked some of Bob's competition, three other companies, either out of business, or out of the Sunshine

State, notes Mr. Alter.

“Up until the last six or seven years, the work was plentiful and the prices could cover your overhead, gas insurance, salaries and trying to get people increases,” he says. Not so much now.

But judging by the number of Bob's Barricades visible on the state's roads, Bob's has successfully weathered the recession. And a lot of other things.

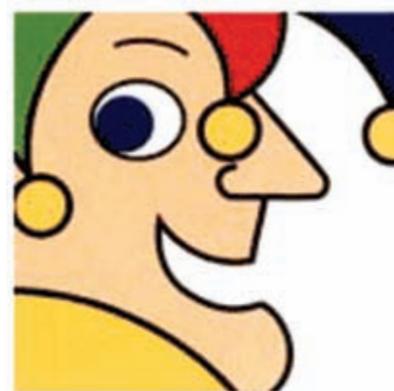
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Hire a professional to help you navigate the Social Security labyrinth



Aging creates physical, emotional and financial challenges. Layer on top of those challenges the additional burden of understanding the various possibilities for benefits under Social Security and having to make decisions on how to best proceed. It's not easy for most of us, especially for the financially unsophisticated. The challenges are exacerbated for those who are in tight financial situations prior to age 66 and who will have to choose between taking a lesser payment by starting retirement earlier (as the money is needed) or taking a larger payment at a later age.

My interest in my Social Security benefits was piqued whilst listening to a morning radio talk show. An advertiser for a retirement consulting services firm (Grace Financial Services) posed a simple question: Do you understand the options you have for taking Social Security? If not, call them. And so I called Grace Financial Services.

There were some very interesting/eye-widening facts that I discovered. I decided then that a 10-minute phone conversation would not suffice. I realized that the decision I would make should not be taken lightly, as the difference in one plan versus another

was hundreds of thousands of dollars. I would not want to make a decision about my Social Security until I had consulted with a new breed of retirement specialist: retirement income certified professional, or RICP. I also decided after that initial phone consultation that I would not take a recommendation from a sole RICP professional but would make a decision after visiting with several RICP professionals as there is some degree of comfort when several professionals sing the same song. Finally, I realized that I would take these recommendations to my accountant to run the various Social Security payouts alongside probable retirement income streams. (My next steps are merely offered as suggestions for inclusion in your game plan; there might be many more steps applicable to your situation.)

What follows is intended to motivate you to explore your Social Security in much greater detail.

■ Will Social Security be there for everyone who is currently paying into the system?

It depends upon your age and if the federal government moves to solve its large fiscal deficits. If you are 60 or older, it is a safe assumption that you will get benefits — much safer than for those who are 30. The federal government's deficits from Social Security and other entitlement programs are on steep growth tracks related to demographics and, for Medicare, rising health-care costs. Benefits for future

(now much younger) recipients face the risk of curtailment.

■ What size are payments?

The average individual payment in 2014 is \$1,294; for a couple, it is \$2,111. The largest payment that can be received is \$2,642 even if you earned hundreds of millions over your lifetime.

■ To what payment stream are you entitled?

You need to consult with the Social Security Administration, but make an appointment armed with additional facts about your circumstances and your preferences for earlier or later payment streams.

If you are taking your benefits at full retirement age or at an early retirement age or at a delayed age. Early retirement age is 62; delayed retirement age varies depending upon the year you were born. If you take your benefit earlier, then you get a lesser benefit amount for the entirety of your Social Security payments. If you take a delayed retirement, you get an increased payment for the entirety of your Social Security payments.

Full retirement age has undergone revisions in an attempt to reduce the federal government's financial liability since we're living longer. Regardless of the reasons, for those who were born between 1943 to 1954, full retirement age is 66; for those born earlier, full retirement age is lowered by two-month increments to 1937 and earlier

and 65 is the retirement age (www.ssa.gov/retire2).

There are intricacies to figuring your Social Security payment options.

For instance, if you delay your Social Security to age 70 and you live another 35 years, then you would likely collect hundreds of thousands of dollars of increased benefits.

Many of Social Security's complexities relate to spousal benefits, for those who are currently a spouse; widowed and not working; widowed but still working; divorced but the former spouse is now deceased; divorced and not working; and divorced but still working. Each of these five spousal circumstances has a different formula and approach.

For example, if your ex-spouse dies, and you were married for 10 or more years, you become eligible for divorced "survivor benefits," which are worth up to 100 percent of what your ex-spouse was due. Survivor's benefits are available to divorced spouses as early as age 60 (50 if you're disabled and remarriage conditions apply.)

Social Security is not something you want to navigate without several experts' counsel and your accountant's review. ■

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BARRICADES

From page 1

The original Bob

Mr. Alter and a man who now lives in Toronto, Alan Chesler, have owned the company for 39 years.

They bought it in 1975 from James Alter, who himself had purchased it from the original Bob.

That's right, there really was a Bob, says Mr. Alter, and he probably had no idea how much work it would ultimately be to put out road barriers and maintain them.

"Bob Brownlee was his name. He was a Miami-Dade police officer, and he started putting out some wooden things on his free time," recalls Mr. Alter.

He'd built them in his backyard. Those barricades had his name and his telephone number printed boldly along the bottom.

That was about 1968. Mr. Brownlee sold the company at a decent profit and (before we consign him to the mists of time) went on to open a couple of other, competing, barricades companies that did OK, according to old news reports. In 1992, a story out of Fort Lauderdale indicated that Bob, who was 53 at the time and quite solvent, was opening yet another company simply because he was bored in retirement — this one called ABC, for Another Barricade Company.

A telephone receptionist at that company said recently that it hadn't really been ABC "in 10 or 15 years" and she had no idea what had ever happened to Bob Brownlee.

Bob Brownlee's genius appears to be alive and well, however — and it may be simply that he lent his name so visibly to the company that still carries it.

The company now

Happy Alter's genius, meanwhile, may be in adjusting to 40 years of changes, and remaining a tenacious, hands-on businessman who could probably be called a "work-a-holic."

"I've personally hired every manager or executive we have, and some drivers as well," he says. "They come from different industries, and we put them through the Bob's Barricades University (also known as the school of hard-working life)."

His company provides more than just equipment — it provides labor, too, "to handle the most intricate of flagging operations," the company website explains. Or to do other things, like work art festivals or athletic events or parades or concerts or road closings for film crews or even help design construction sites and road work.

Everybody knows Bob's and everybody seems to call the company.

"We have the largest fleet in the world," Mr. Alter says, describing his cache of ready-to-be-delivered-and-serviced barricades in 11 districts throughout Florida, and in Arizona. "And we have the night owls."

He got that idea for servicing his barricades while watching an LSU football game at his former mother-in-law's house, based on a goal line defense the team had, he explains.

"I looked up from the TV, and she had all these owls around everywhere," he recalls. Night owls. So, he created a night service crew that would check the barricades everywhere, after work hours, to ensure they were upright and properly positioned, he says — which could be even more important than a goal-line defense. It not only saves lives along highway worksites during the day or night, but also allows contractors to defend themselves against lawsuits from drivers who crashed because they missed detours, by documenting that those detours were well marked and well maintained.

Florida Department of Transportation work sites are often where you can see Bob's Barricades, but that's not because the DOT hires the company directly, says Debbie Tower, a spokeswoman.

"When we bid a job, we hire a prime contractor, and they hire the subs. There is competition for Bob's, and sometimes they hire others."

Most people can't remember the competition, however. But they can sure remember Bob's.

Happy Alter his own self

When Mr. Alter and his friend and business partner, Alan Chesler, started out, they had only a handful of employees and enough money to buy the business. Mr. Alter, who had arrived in Miami at the age of 10, attended Miami schools and graduated from the University of Miami.

He was a successful horse trainer. He'd grown up around horses, and as a teenager begun to ride and train them, learning from a local master and eventually making money as a trainer. He still has horses, he says, but other people train them — he had to give that up because the business is so demanding.

Here's how he tells that story: "I trained police horses for many years early in the morning... and race horses. I won millions of dollars and had some world record breakers and great one-winners, but I had to give it up — the work was so intense.

"Our customers, road and underground contractors and the (Miami) Dolphins work we do and the Disney work we do and the University of Miami work we do, and the Super Bowl we do (in Arizona) — I had to give up training and horses and turn them over to other people. You know why? Because our customers value

the fact they can speak to the owner of the company when they need to."

But the horses led him to friendships with some famous people, who in turn taught him lessons he used in the business and in life, he says.

Heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, for example, befriended him after Ali had won an Olympic gold in boxing and was training at the Fifth Street Gym in Miami, for a famous fight against Sonny Liston.

That they became close friends and Mr. Alter a part of Ali's glory-days entourage is documented, and so is the fact that Happy Alter — whose parents named him Happy because (he said they said) he was the happiest baby they'd ever seen — reached the big times as a horse trainer: the Kentucky Derby.

In 1987, for example, he was "the charismatic mouthpiece for a four-legged athlete named No More Flowers," at the Derby, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that May.

Once, Mr. Alter recalls, he and Ali were standing in a hotel lobby watching women walking by when the famous businessman Lee Iacocca, who engineered the Ford Mustang and later (in the 1980s) resurrected the Chrysler Motor Company, walked in with a couple of wingmen and spotted Ali.

Mr. Alter, who recognized the corporate star, told the fighter who he was.

"Iacocca said, 'Good to see you, champ,' and Ali introduced him to me. I only had a second, so I said, 'Mr. Iacocca, what can you tell a young man in business?'"

"He said, 'Get a Regal pad (a yellow pad) and carry it everywhere. Write down the to-dos you plan to accomplish each day, and when you've finished one, put a line through it. Then start the next.'"

Mr. Alter still does that, more or less, and now the company has as many as 1,100 workers, Mr. Alter says, depending on the jobs and the demand.

Although he won't say how much his company is worth — "Because it's a private business, I can't do that," he explains — the business data firm InsideView lists an annual revenue of about \$35 million for Bob's.

It's still a family business, too. Mr. Alter's brother, Joe Alter, appears on the company website as a senior vice president, and when one of Mr. Alter's four adult daughters recently married Mr. Chesler's nephew, and produced a grandchild, those ties "brought our family friendship into family blood."

They base Bob's in Broward County's Sunrise, near where Mr. Alter lives with his girlfriend and his twin boys, now 8 years old, he says. It's an appropriate location given the many and lengthy road construction projects that have occurred over the years on the east coast.

Most recently, for example, the company completed its contract work on

the biggest single road construction job every undertaken in Florida, the I-595 roadway corridor improvement in Fort Lauderdale.

That's why Mr. Alter can repeat this comment, which appears in various print and online venues: "When you think of tissue, you think of Kleenex; when you think of barricades, you think of Bob's."

His company and its distinctive name, inscribed on an orange and yellow barrier, has become a cultural icon of sorts, like the golden arches of McDonald's.

"The road to the pearly gates is lined with Bob's Barricades," writes one Yahoo blogger. "The secret to a happy marriage is lined with Bob's Barricades. The better way to make a Caesar salad is lined with Bob's Barricades, and croutons. The road to Satan has no Bob's Barricade's. The life of crime is no place for Bob's Barricades. Bernie Madoff did not adhere to the philosophies embodied by the spirit of Bob's Barricades."

Where you can see them

For those living in the Department of Transportation's District One, it's almost impossible to drive around without running into Bob's Barricades, literally or figuratively.

District One includes 12 counties, which suggests how much opportunity there is for Bob's, or the relatively anonymous competition, even in one region of the Sunshine State: Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Lee, Manatee, Okeechobee, Polk and Sarasota.

In the state highway system which weaves that warren of counties together, there are 1,866 centerline miles, 5,842 lane miles, 907 fixed bridges, and 19 moveable bridges, the DOT website points out — most of them probably festooned with Bob's Barricades at one time or another.

District One also includes about 2.7 million residents who travel a total of 34.7 million miles on its state highways, every day.

In Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties alone, drivers will inevitably see Bob's Barricades at current worksites on I-75.

But they may also spot them around projects on State Road 776 in Charlotte; State Roads 29 and 82 in Collier; and in Lee on State Roads 80, 82, 31 and 739 (Metro Parkway).

So somebody is bound to run into a Bob's Barricades from time to time.

Indeed, the company maintains a warehouse for broken and mauled barricades that employees refer to as "the hospital."

It's a dangerous world out there, if you're a Bob's Barricade.

In the words of restaurateur, writer and blues musician Tommy Lee Cook, who spends a lot of time traveling the region's roads, "A Big Mac has a longer shelf life than a plastic Bob's Barricade."

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UF report: Few surprises as consumer confidence drops in May

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Consumer sentiment among Floridians fell in May by two points to 78, according to a new University of Florida survey.

"While the decline was significant, the overall index at 78 is well within the range we have been seeing for the past year," says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research. "Much like other economic indicators, consumer sentiment seems to be stuck in a relatively narrow range; the index is neither trending down or up," he adds.

Of the five components making up the index, two increased, two decreased and one remained unchanged. Survey takers' overall perception that their personal finances are better now than a year ago rose two points to 71, only one point below the post-recession high achieved in March. Their expectation of better finances a year from now remained unchanged at 78.

Respondents had a gloomier assessment of the U.S. economy, especially among those under age 60 and those with slightly higher incomes. Their confidence in the nation's economic conditions for the coming year fell four points to 74; it dropped five points to 76 when they considered its performance over the next five years.

Finally, expectations of whether it is a good time to buy big-ticket items, such as automobiles, rose three points to 89.

Consumers should expect mostly modest changes in June, Mr. McCarty says. The unemployment rate in Florida declined again in April, down to 6.2 percent, only slightly better than 6.3 percent in March, which nearly matches the nationwide rate.

Professional and business services continue to create the most jobs, followed by leisure and hospitality, according to Mr. McCarty. "Most major employer categories, in fact, showed increases with the exception

of manufacturing," he says.

Construction also continues to add jobs. That trend, however, could slow if the housing market declines as expected in coming months.

The median price of a Florida single-family home rose by \$2,000 to \$175,000 in April, as UF economists expected; however, those price gains have slowed lately. Policy changes by the Federal Reserve, Federal Housing Administration and Fannie Mae could boost higher interest rates and hinder housing price gains even more.

"The more immediate driver of the slowdown in housing is that prices have largely returned to their trend price, removing the effect of the housing bubble," Mr. McCarty says. "We are now at a more sustainable housing price level, but if prices increase too rapidly they will become unaffordable for a large demographic who, though employed, have lower-paying jobs than they had before the recession. In some markets, this has already happened."

Many economists expect a correction in the stock market soon, although they disagree over when it will happen.

"We are past the duration of an average bull market," Mr. McCarty says. "Florida investors should expect a pullback in the stock market as a natural part of the business cycle."

Inflation rose in April to a level more consistent with a growing economy. Florida gas prices fell during May but are expected to increase to almost \$4 per gallon before tapering off after Labor Day.

Conducted May 1-22, the UF study reflects the responses of 402 individuals, representing a demographic cross-section of Florida. The index used by UF researchers is benchmarked to 1966, which means a value of 100 represents the same level of confidence for that year. The lowest index possible is a two; the highest is 150.

Details of the May survey can be found at www.bebr.ufl.edu/cci. ■

Chamber voices support of several projects

The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce has recently come out in support of several projects that it feels will have a positive impact on Collier County and Southwest Florida. The following is a summary of those projects:

■ **The Emergent Technologies Institute at FGCU:** The institute will advance economic development and job growth, while focusing on necessary workforce development. The chamber sent a letter to the Florida legislature urging approval of the university's request for funding to complete construction of the institute building on a tract of land midway between the FGCU campus and Southwest Florida International Airport.

■ **The artificial reef project:** One of the largest master planned artificial reef projects in the western hemisphere is underway in the Gulf of Mexico waters off Collier County. Conservative estimates anticipate an economic boost by some \$30 million through increased tourism and conservation. The 36 reefs

will be funded by private donations and a \$1.3 million BP grant awarded to the city of Naples, the city of Marco Island and Collier County.

■ **Fire district consolidation:** The chamber supports recently approved legislation allowing for the question of mergers between the East Naples and Isles of Capri and East Naples and Golden Gate fire districts to be placed on the Aug. 26 and Nov. 4 ballots, respectively. The chamber also supports recently adopted policy changes providing for the sharing of resources and other cooperative measures between the city of Naples and the North Naples Fire District.

■ **Blue Zone:** The chamber joins local healthcare professionals in the initiative to facilitate healthy choices through positive changes to our physical environment as well as through public policies and social networks.

For more information about the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, call 262-6376 or visit www.napleschamber.org. ■

Passenger numbers up at RSW

During April, 865,554 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport, an increase of 6.1 percent compared to April 2013. Year-to-date, passenger traffic is up 4 percent from the same period last year.

The traffic leader in April was Delta with 171,831 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. Rounding out the top five airlines were Southwest (149,662), JetBlue (110,033), United (92,100) and

US Airways (82,260).

RSW had 8,045 aircraft takeoffs and landings in April, and more than 2.9 million pounds of air freight moved through the facility in the same period.

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Buffett and Munger in Omaha

It's estimated that more than 30,000 Berkshire Hathaway shareholders gathered in Omaha earlier this month to listen to Chairman Warren Buffett and his partner, Charlie Munger, answer their questions for five hours. Here are some nuggets from the annual meeting:

- On disclosure of executive compensation: When asked why Berkshire Hathaway doesn't publish compensation amounts for more than three top executives, Buffett explained that he thinks it would be counterproductive. He suggested that one reason CEO pay levels have gotten to such ridiculous levels is that CEOs can see what their peers are earning, which helps them secure higher payments for themselves. It's a vicious circle. Munger added that envy is doing our country a lot of harm.

- On adapting to change, such as the possibility of self-driving cars: Buffett and Munger explained that it's always smart for a business to consider what might come along and mess up its business model. They see all their businesses as subject to change, and cited GEICO as a classic case. It began in the 1930s, origi-

nally communicating with customers by mail. Then it shifted to phones, to the Internet and to social media. If self-driving cars become commonplace, they see that as being great for society but very bad for the auto insurance industry.

- On Berkshire Hathaway's business model and future: They like that their conglomeration of businesses lets them take income from one business, such as candy, and invest it in another that's growing faster, such as energy. They remain on the lookout for more big purchases, and are ready to spend tens of billions of dollars, though they like to keep \$20 billion in reserve.

- On marriage: Munger said the way to get a good spouse is to deserve one, noting that the same is true of business partners.

We'll offer a few more gems next week. In the meantime, read Buffett's educational (and often entertaining) annual letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. And if you'd like to attend next year's meeting as a shareholder yourself, visit the company website for more info on the company and the meeting. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Phantom Income

My dumbest investment happened some 30 years ago, when I bought into a limited partnership focused on thermal energy. It was claimed that I'd quadruple my money, so I put \$5,000 into it. The company didn't generate income, but I got stuck with "phantom income" of \$15,000 that I had to pay taxes on. Don't ask me to explain. And I was a stockbroker.

— JJ., online

The Fool Responds: We'll explain. Phantom income isn't common, but it does happen on occasion, in investments such as limited partnerships. Backing up a bit, understand that at a traditional corporation, the company is taxed on its income. Partnerships, though, are "pass-through" entities, where income flows directly to partners, who are then taxed. A K-1 form generally arrives annually, detailing a partner's share of the partnership's income or loss.

Sometimes the income isn't actually received by the partners, though, as it might have been reinvested in the business. Still, they're on the hook for its taxes. Zero-coupon bonds and forgiven loans can also generate phantom income. Learn much more about partnerships before investing in any. They can be tricky. ■



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I began as a modest family gum business in Brooklyn in 1938. Today I'm an iconic American sports-related company offering products tied to sports and athletes Americans love. I introduced Bazooka gum in 1947 and later became known for other candies. Beginning in 1949, I packaged my gum with free cards featuring baseball players, and started an annual baseball card series in 1952. Cards for hockey, basketball and football followed in the '50s. I've created a lot of pop-culture-based collectible cards, too, such as my "Wacky Packages" line. In 2012 I launched some apps for sports fans. Who am I? (Answer: Topps) ■



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Some of the stocks your newsletters have recommended have lost a lot of their value. Why haven't you sold?

— T.N., Mobile, Alabama

Most of our premium services have at least a few recommendations in the red, just as any investor isn't likely to avoid every stock dip. If you look at the list of recommendations from our "Million Dollar Portfolio" (MDP) service, you'll see some stocks in the red by 20 percent or more, along with a bunch that are up more than 100 percent.

Portfolio components can vary widely in performance, which is why money should be spread across more than a few holdings. A few big winners can more than make up for losers.

Not every fallen stock is a loser, though. Many simply require patience through a temporary slump. One MDP pick, Tile Shop Holdings, was recently down around 20 percent since being recommended. Yet our analysts still expect great things from the company. It has faced some questions about its governance recently, but it's making promising changes. It's also aiming to open 20 new stores in 2014, bringing its total to 108.

A year or so ago, two companies in the same industry had similar stock prices. But over the past year, one rose while the other fell. What's going on?

— F.R., Hygiene, Colorado

No two companies are exactly the same, even if they're in the same industry. Different companies will have different performances, assets, debts, competitive advantages and prospects. Their profit margins will likely vary, as will their sales and earnings growth rates. Also, either or both might be over- or undervalued right now, and may be headed up or down. The similar prices were just a coincidence. ■

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Name That Company

I was founded in 1976 by two guys in a garage who dreamed of easy-to-use personal computers for homes and offices. One of them left me for a while and established Pixar (which Disney now owns). I was written off by many in the mid-1990s, but after my founder's return I launched new products, some of which created new markets. My music-related revenue is on track to eclipse that of my laptops soon, and phones generate the



bulk of my sales. My stock went public in 1980, and it has grown more than 180-fold since then. Who am I?

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The Motley Fool Take

eBay: Buy It Now?

There aren't many business models lovelier than eBay's (Nasdaq: EBAY). Whereas traditional retailers have to build and support brick-and-mortar stores, eBay does not. While even Amazon.com has to stock massive distribution centers, eBay does not.

Instead, eBay maintains a huge online marketplace, where millions of items are sold by auction or fixed price. Its customers carry the inventory, helping it keep costs low. Its network size gives it a competitive advantage, too, as sellers favor eBay because that's where millions of buyers are, and vice versa. Better still, eBay owns PayPal, an electronic money-transfer business that has posted transaction volume growth of more than 20 percent year over year for 17 quarters in a row.

In its last reported quarter, the company topped earnings expectations as it tacked on 4.7 million new buyers for a total of 147 million active buyers. PayPal gained 5.8 million new accounts, for a total of 148 million active registered accounts. With billions in eBay's coffers, some investors hope that the hefty cash generator will make some profitable purchases.

eBay's stock is appealing, sporting a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio recently near 15. It's not without risk, though, as both PayPal and eBay's e-commerce business are facing competition, and eBay Marketplace's growth rate has been slowing. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Amazon.com and eBay.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **SCORE Naples and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** present "Coaching for Success for Breakthrough Performance," a workshop by Vincent Izzi, a SCORE board member and retired IBM executive, from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 31, at chamber

headquarters, 2390 Tamiami Trail N. Call 430-0081 or email info@scorenaples.org for registration or more information.

■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** meet for a pancake breakfast from 7:45-9 a.m. Tuesday, June 3, at IberiaBank, 23250 Via Villagio in Estero. Guests are asked to bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Bonita Springs Assistance Office pantry. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ Members of the **President's Club of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** will gather from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at FineMark National Bank & Trust, 10010 Coconut Road, Bonita Springs. Chef Lisa Fidler will prepare hors d'oeuvres to accompany a selection of beer and wine. RSVP

required by May 30. Call 992-2943 or visit www.bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **The Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual Glory of the Grape fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at CJ's on the Bay. Tickets are \$50. Sponsorships and donations for a live auction are being accepted. Call 394-7549 for reservations or more information.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** invites members and guests to its next meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the Hilton Naples. The program will be a panel discussion about "What is the Value of Your Business?" Panelists will include Dan Regelski of the Small Business Development Center at FGCU, Trisch Garthoeffner of Anchor Business Valuations, Susan Moyer of Cadeau & Company and Bonnie Bolton of JP Mor-

gan Chase Bank. Tim Cartwright of the Tamiami Angel Fund will moderate. \$25 for members, \$30 for others. RSVP is required by June 6. Visit www.aboveboardchamber.com. For more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the Hilton Naples. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org.

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410 or Natalie Anguilano at 643-3600, or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com. ■

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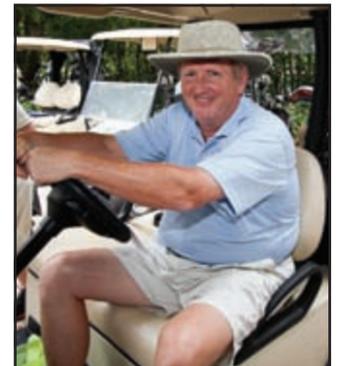
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WEEK OF MAY 29-JUNE 4, 2014

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Numbers indicate a robust market is continuing

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples area real estate market continues to show signs of growth as summer approaches, with noteworthy performance in April as reflected in the latest numbers from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).



April closed sales are the highest for any month year to date. Both pending and closed sales in April exceed 1,000 units. Closed sales activity in the \$1 million and above category remains strong, with a 25 percent increase from 714 units in the 12 months ending April 2013 to 951 units for the 12 months ending April 2014.

According to Brenda Fioretti at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Florida Realty, the increase in pre-summer sales activity is not solely a result of seasonal residents shopping during a winter visit. "The sales in April, and the pending activity we are seeing today, are from serious buyers, not shoppers," she says. "Homeowners who list now can expect fewer lookers and more offers over the summer."

NABOR President Pat Pitocchi, corporate trainer at Downing-Frye Realty, adds that April statistics show median closed prices in all neighborhoods have increased by double digits. Even as product from new construction enters the market, prices for existing homes in April shot up 14 percent overall. "This is a good sign that homeowners contemplating selling don't have to wait until the winter season to put their home on the market to see a good return," she says.

There are five key indicators that signal the uptrend in the market is continuing, says Cindy Carroll of the real estate appraisal and consultancy firm Carroll & Carroll Inc. "Pending sales are up, closed sales are up, median closed prices continue to climb, days on the market are decreasing and inventory is decreasing," she says.

In addition, many people prepared to buy a home in Naples this past season were unable to because harsh winter conditions affected their ability to sell a home up north. "As these northern homes sell, we'll start to see an increase in sales," Ms. Carroll predicts.

New construction is becoming an integral part of the Naples real estate market. Data compiled from the U.S. Bureau of the Census shows 4,290 single and multi-family housing units permitted in Collier County from 2012 to 2013.

"Our agents are showing buyers new construction homes," says Phil Wood, president and CEO of John R. Wood Realtors. "There isn't enough existing home inventory to go around," he adds. "But not even new construction can keep up with the current level of demand."

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Christopher Braun of Downing-Frye Realty has the listing for \$3,595,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 572-2200, email chris@allnaples.com or visit www.allnaples.com. ■





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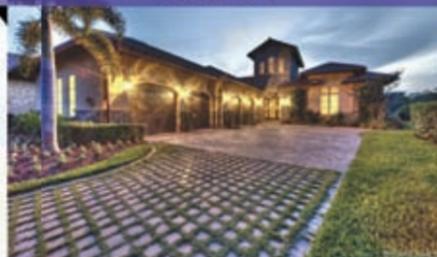
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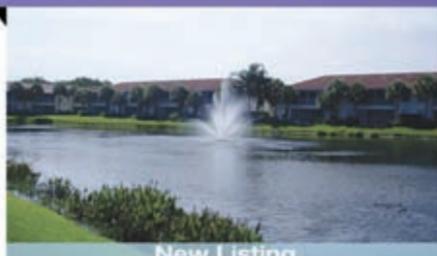
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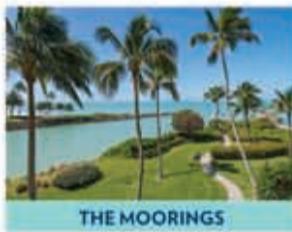
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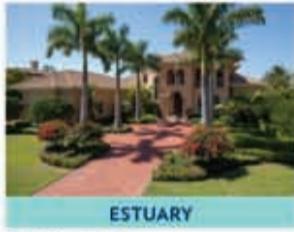
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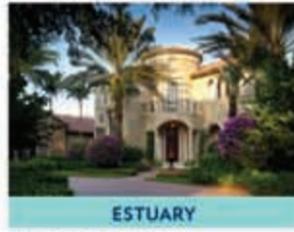
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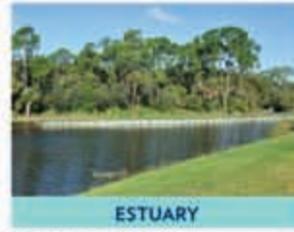
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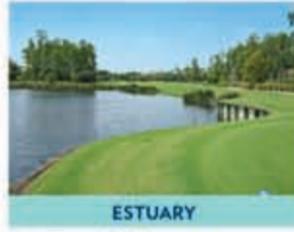
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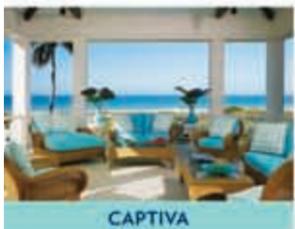
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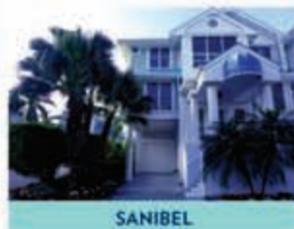
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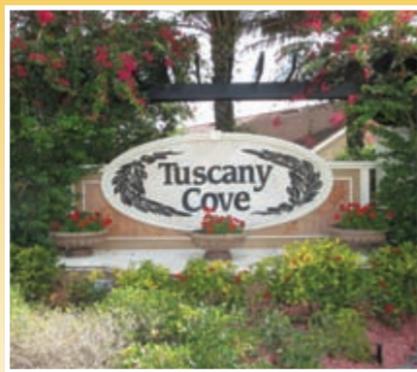
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A great real estate season has led to a high demand for additional home watch companies in Southwest Florida this season.

“Local law enforcement and area experts agree that seasonal residents should not give their keys to just anyone,” said Diane Pisani, founder of Your Home Watch Professionals. She suggests asking these questions before hiring: Is the home watch company a real business that is incorporated and insured? Who will be making the actual visit to the home? Has the person been professionally trained? And does he or she know how to handle an emergency?”

Your Home Watch Professionals provides an affiliation list of home watch businesses that are trained, tested and trusted. Ms. Pisani also offers free seminars and fee-based training courses to individuals who are interested in starting their own home watch company.

“My goal is to make sure that home

watch companies know what they need to know. I have heard so many horror stories from home owners who hired unqualified companies to watch their homes — from leaks that cost thousands of dollars to fix, to utter neglect.”

The government does not regulate this industry at this time, so it is up to the homeowner to check credentials and training, as all home watch companies are not the same.

For the seasonal resident, YHWP is a resource to find a home watch affiliate company that is trained, tested and trusted. Visit www.YourHWP.com and enter a ZIP code.

For individuals interested in pursuing the home watch profession, YHWP will conduct free informational seminars at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, May 29, and at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 31, at its headquarters at 5405 Taylor Road, Naples. The next fee-based home watch training workshop will begin on Wednesday, June 4. Sessions cover business funda-

mentals, making a proper home watch visit, documentation and forms; guest speakers discuss insurance, air conditioning, plumbing, disaster recovery and more.

Reservations are required for the informational seminars and for the workshop. Contact Ms. Pisani by calling 707-4296 or emailing Diane@YourHWP.com. ■

NABOR

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The NABOR report for April provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary.

To view the entire report, visit www.NaplesArea.com. Here are some highlights:

■ Overall closed sales increased 4 percent, from 9,385 sales in the 12 months ending April 2013 to 9,763 sales in the 12-months ending April 2014.

■ Closed sales for single-family homes in the \$2 million and above market increased 56 percent, from 25 in April 2013 to 39 in April 2014.

■ The overall median closed price increased 14 percent, from \$219,000 in the 12 months ending April 2013 to \$250,000 in the 12 months ending April 2014.

■ The overall median closed price of homes \$300,000 and under increased 13 percent, from \$149,000 in the 12 months ending April 2013 to \$168,000 in the 12 months ending April 2014.

■ The median closed price for condominiums in the \$2 million and above market increased 8 percent, from \$2,700,000 in the 12 months ending April 2013 to \$2,922,000 in the 12

months ending April 2014.

■ The overall average days on market was 93 for April 2014.

■ Overall pending sales increased 3 percent, from 10,678 in the 12 months ending April 2013 to 10,987 in the 12 months ending April 2014.

■ Overall pending sales increased 13 percent for homes \$2 million and above, from 48 contracts in April 2013 to 54 contracts in April this year.

■ Overall pending sales decreased 12 percent in the \$300,000 and under segment, from 762 in April 2013 to 672 in April this year.

■ Inventory of condominiums decreased 24 percent, from 2,553 units in April 2013 to 1,951 units in April 2014.

■ Inventory of condominiums in the \$2 million and above market decreased 47 percent, from 64 in April 2013 to 34 in April 2014.

■ Inventory of single-family homes increased 2 percent, from 2,167 units in April 2013 to 2,206 units in April 2014.

“Many seasonal residents who wanted to buy this winter but didn’t find anything during their visit have asked our residential agents to contact them when something new comes on the market,” says Tom Bringardner Jr., president and CEO of Premier Commercial. “With a ready and eager buyer base in place, and 71 percent of home sales still made in cash, homeowners who list with a professional Realtor should have little trouble finding a qualified buyer this summer.” ■

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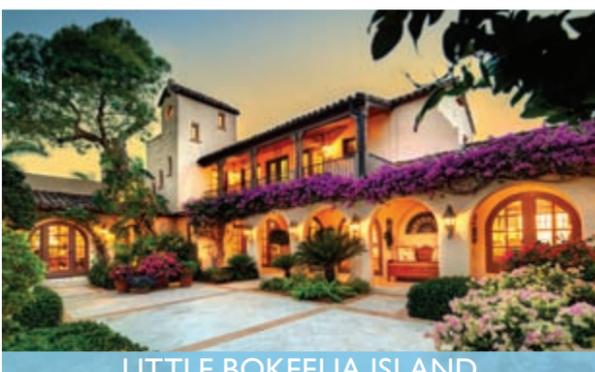
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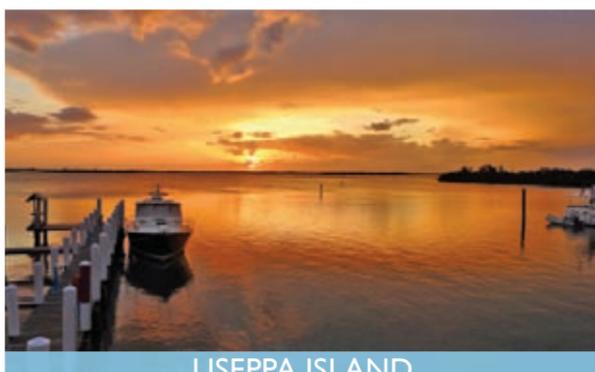
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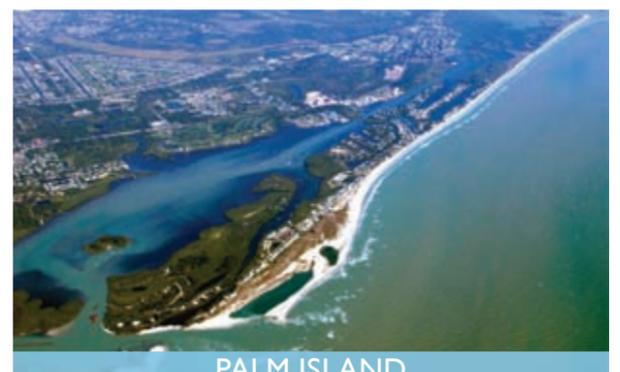
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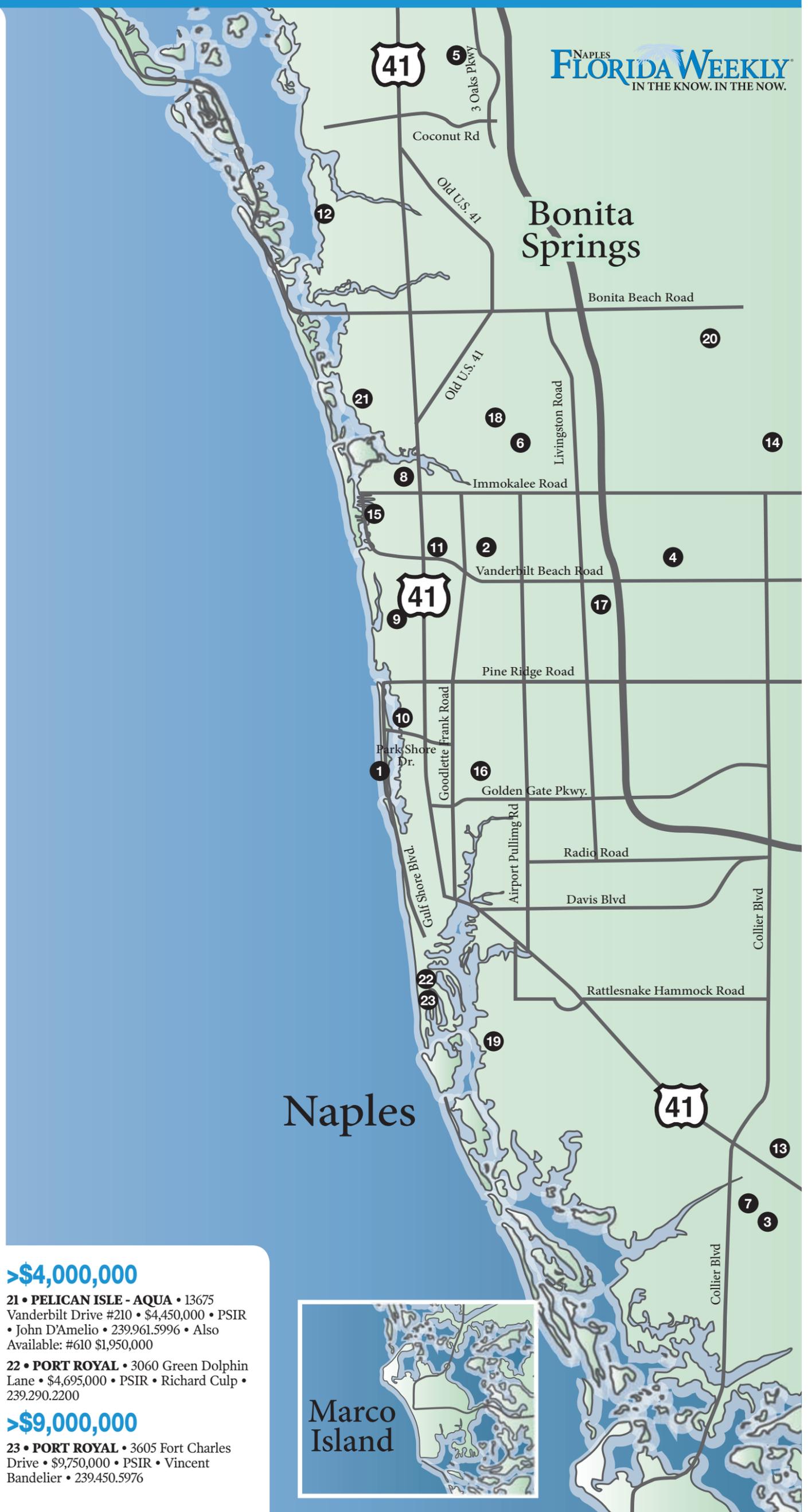
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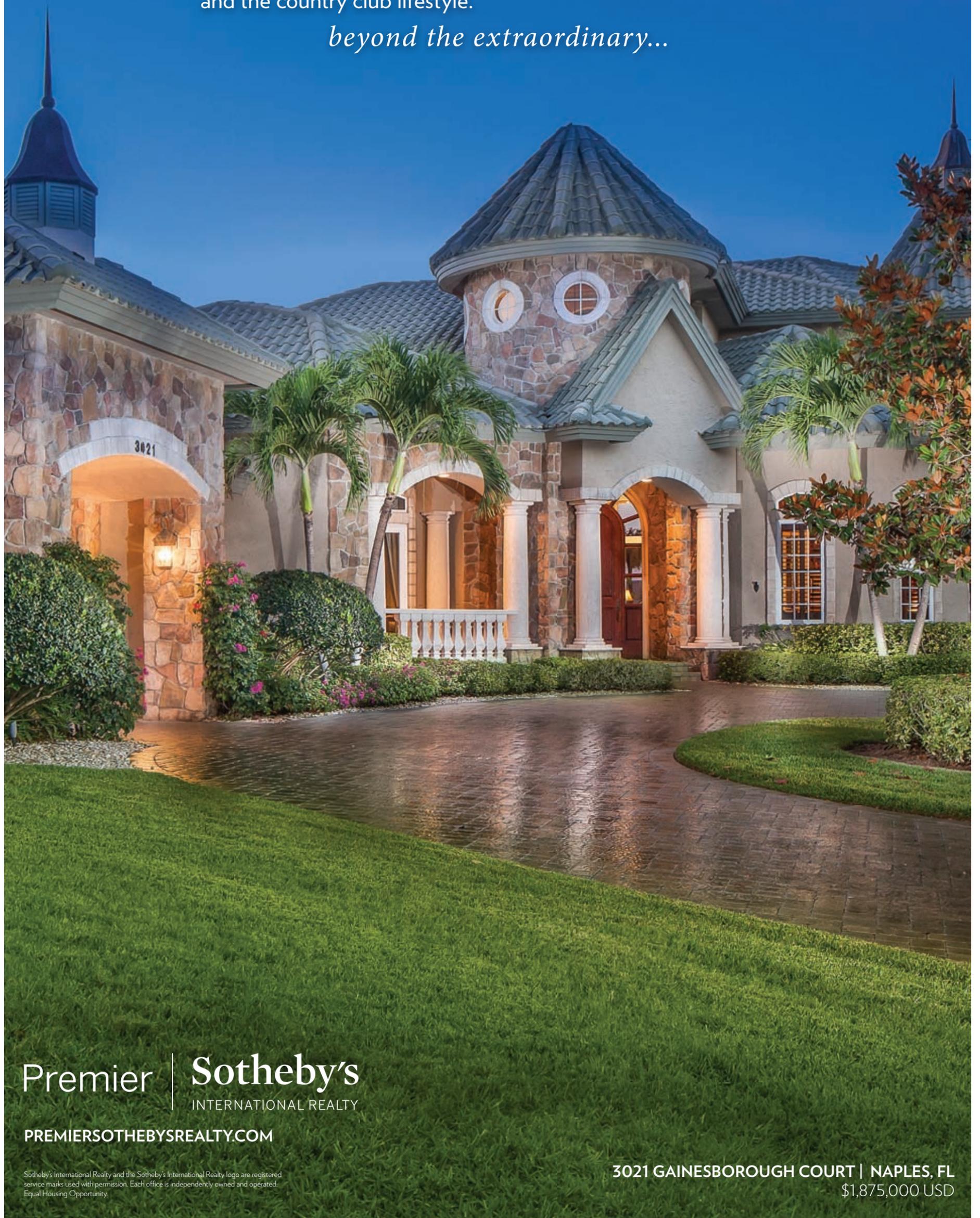
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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

BY NANCY STETSON
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IN SOME WAYS, ARTISTS ARE LIKE SHARKS: They have to keep moving in order to stay alive. They keep moving creatively, keep pushing themselves, keep advancing. When we write about a particular artist for a feature story we capture him or her at that one moment in time. This week, we track down some of the people we've reported on in the past to see what they're doing now, at this moment in time.

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Florida Weekly has covered them in the past. Now we catch up with the latest on these artists.

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Book critic Phil Jason enjoys a tension-filled romance by Naples author. **C15** ►

Ringling exhibit explores the work and the minds behind fine art forgeries

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The works may look familiar, but they are not what they appear to be.

The exhibition "Intent to Deceive: Fakes and Forgeries in the Art World" examines the careers of five of the most notorious art forgers from the 20th century to the present. Pieces produced by the five talented con artists are on display through Aug. 3 in the galleries of the Ringling Museum of Art, 5401 Bay Shore Road, Sarasota.

The forgers created imitations of works by world-renowned artists, including Pablo Picasso, Charles Courtney Curran, Henri Matisse, Amedeo Modigliani, Honoré Daumier and Philip de László.

"Intent to Deceive" will provide exhibit visitors with a glimpse behind the curtain of the dark side of the art world," said Steven High, executive director of the Ringling Museum of Art. "This exhibition tells an important story that we are excited to share."

There are 60 works of art in the show, including some of the original pieces copied by forgers. The exhibition also features some of the tools the forgers used to create their imitations.

"This exhibition is unique because it is organized around the individual forgers in an attempt to explore what motivated them to produce their deceptions," said C

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

A lesson on love in the most surprising place



When I meet up with my single girlfriends, the discussion always starts the same way: “Why can’t I find someone?”

We rant against the pain of dating and rail against the injustices of being single. Then we move on to dissect our friends’ relationships, and more often than not we wind up agreeing that those relationships are, well, kind of a drag. The discussion always ends in the exact opposite place of where we started: We decide that we don’t, in fact, want a relationship.

Which is a good way to get through the single life. How much easier is it to carry the banner of self-chosen isolation than to admit we might actually be missing out? I’m certainly guilty.

Long ago, I decided that being single is the best choice for me. Sure, I’d have men come and go, but who needs a steady partner? Of course, just when I think I have everything figured out, I realize I’ve gotten it all wrong.

My mother had surgery this past week — nothing complicated, nothing too worrisome, just enough to bring us to the outpatient surgery center for a few hours. In hospitals, I’ve noticed, we are at our most vulnerable. (Where else could you wear a



cotton gown open in the back and still be considered fully dressed?) I mean the patients, of course, but the loved ones, too. In the family waiting room, it was impossible for me to ignore the depth of emotion on all sides. Many of the surgeries scheduled that day were for young children — I had seen them arrive, and I waited alongside

the parents.

I tried not to peer into their worry. Like the thin curtains that separate patients, the distance between us served as a functional barrier that we silently agreed to observe. So I ate the sandwich I’d brought, checked emails and read my book, pretending not to see the couple across from me as they

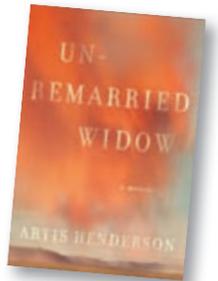
cried quietly together. The husband held his wife’s hand and every so often he’d reach over to pull her in for a hug. I was still there when the doctor came out to tell them everything had gone well, that their baby was doing fine, and to see the way they carried each other in their relief.

When my mother came out of surgery, I sat with her in the post-op area while she sipped ginger ale through a straw. The nurses wheeled an older man into the space next to us, and through the curtain I could hear his wife come in. She spoke lightly, with the easy intimacy of long-married couples, as if this hospital visit were just another part of any regular day together.

“I heard a new joke,” she said. “A skeleton walks into a bar. The bartender asks, ‘What can I get you?’ The skeleton says, ‘A beer. And a mop.’”

The husband chuckled, and his wife laughed with him. I thought of this life we’re given, the hard parts and the grace, and I thought — despite my tough-girl talk — how nice it would be to share that with someone. ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.



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Opera Naples announces music director

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Opera Naples announces the appointment of Maestro Ramón Tebar as music director, effective immediately. He also serves as music director of the Florida Grand Opera, artistic director of the Palm Beach Symphony and music director of the Dominican Republic's biannual Santo Domingo Festival.



TEBAR

When he was named to his position with the Florida Grand Opera in 2011, he became the first Spanish conductor appointed to an American opera company.

Mr. Tebar began working as a pianist and assistant conductor in his hometown of Valencia in Spain when he was 15 years old. He went on to become assistant conductor with the Joven Orquesta Nacional de España, while at the same time graduating with honors in piano and chamber music.

Since his arrival in the U.S. in 2005, he has been part of the musical staff of Palm Beach Opera and Cincinnati Opera, producing more than 40 different operas, while maintaining a full schedule in Europe, the Caribbean and South America.

He has served as a guest conductor for organizations including Italy's Orchestra Teatro Regio di Torino and the Spoleto Festival Orchestra, Spain's Festival de Opera de a Coruna, Germany's Kolner Philharmonie, the Netherlands' Het Concertgebouw, Russia's St. Petersburg Sym-

phony and Orchestra de Rouen Haute-Normandie, to name a few.

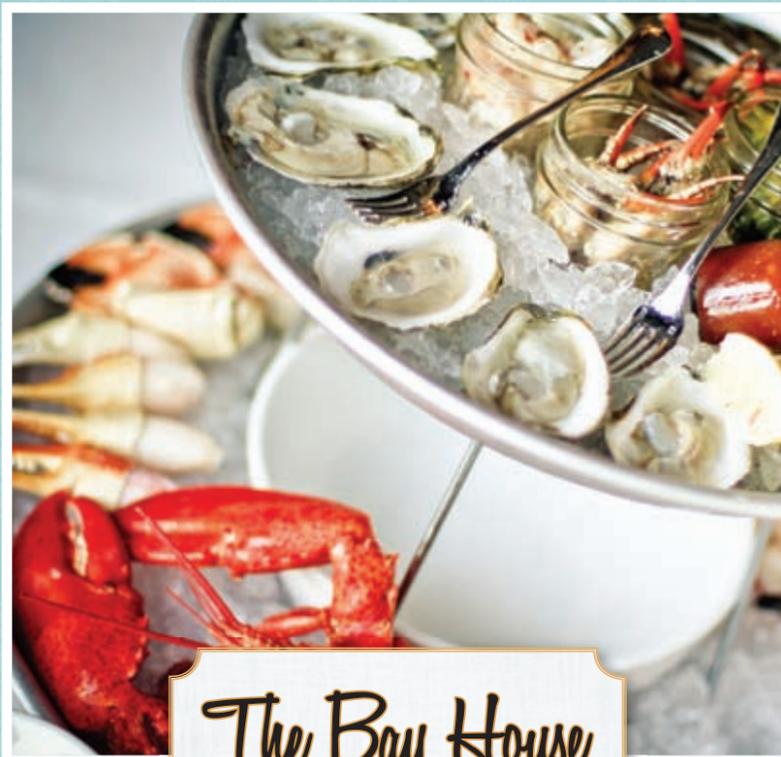
He has conducted many internationally renowned artists, including tenor Ben Heppner, violinist Joshua Bell, soprano Maria Guleghina and cellist Gautier Capuçon. In addition, he remains in collaboration with many of the world's most famous vocal artists — among them Montserrat Caballé, Angela Gheorghiu, Roberto Alagna and Joseph Calleja, performing with them from Buenos Aires to Amsterdam, San Juan to Moscow. Orchestral conducting occupies a good part of his annual activities in his native Spain as well as the Netherlands. He will make his Vienna State Opera debut in Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" in winter 2016.

Mr. Tebar currently lives with his family in Miami.

"We are thrilled to have Maestro Tebar's international experience, guiding and implementing our upcoming programming," says Jerry Goldberg, chairman of the board of directors for Opera Naples. "As we become more firmly rooted in this community and grow in stature, it has become increasingly apparent to our board that the time has come for us to draw more extensively upon the great diversity of talent available worldwide. We're confident that this decision will invigorate our programming with fresh, innovative and creative performances, and facilitate bringing internationally recognized soloists to Naples."

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Terry Teachout

>> TERRY TEACHOUT

I originally wrote about *Wall Street Journal* theater critic Terry Teachout in January 2009, in "America's Drama Critic: Terry Teachout." In addition to covering theater in New York City, he travels around the country, reviewing regional theater — the only critic employed by a major newspaper to do so. He came to Fort Myers 5½ years ago to cover "Dancing at Lughnasa" at Florida Repertory Theatre. He raved about it.

At that time, Mr. Teachout had just finished writing "Pops: The Life of Louis Armstrong," which was released to critical acclaim that fall. Since then — in addition to returning to Florida Rep every year — he has written the libretto of the operas "The Letter" (2009, Sante Fe Opera), "Danse Russe" (2011, Philadelphia Center City Opera) and "The King's Men" (2013, Louisville's Kentucky Opera). His "Satchmo at the Waldorf," a one-man, two-character play about Mr. Armstrong, is currently playing off-Broadway. He's also written another biography, "Duke: A Life of Duke Ellington," which was released by Gotham last October 2013.

In early May it was announced that the critic had won a \$250,000 Bradley Prize from the Milwaukee-based Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation, which supports conservative think tanks, scholars and causes.

He's done all this while reviewing approximately 250 shows a year, writing columns and blogging.

Does this man ever sleep?

>> AUSTIN KLEON

In May 2012, I wrote about Austin Kleon in "What They Don't Teach You About Being Creative." His book titled "Steal Like an Artist: 10 Things Nobody Told You About Being Creative" had just been published. (I also wrote about his blackout newspaper poems in the same issue.)

"Steal Like an Artist" was a *New York Times* bestseller



Austin Kleon

and went into multiple printings. He followed it up with "Show Your Work! 10 Ways to Share Your Creativity and Get Discovered," which came out earlier this year. Written in the same style as "Steal," it offers suggestions such as "Think process, not product," "Share something small every day," and "Tell good stories."

In March, Mr. Kleon went on a 20-city tour from New York City to Los Angeles to promote his book and gave a keynote speech at SXSW. He was also featured online at Fast Company magazine, with a video and two articles.

And he's still blogging at www.austinkleon.com.

"Get your work out there," he says in an online video, "because it's not doing any good for you sitting in a drawer."

>> GABRIEL CAMPANARI

I wrote about Gabriel Campanari and his book, "The Art of Urban Sketching" in July 2012. The book went on to multiple printings, spearheading a national interest in the art form.

Mr. Campanari has a blog, "Show and Tell," at gabicampanari.blogspot.com, and his work continues to be printed in the *Seattle Times* (and online at seattletimes.com/seattlesketcher). His publisher, Quarry Books, has decided to publish a series of books by Mr. Campanari, starting with "The Urban Sketching Handbook: Architecture and Cityscapes: Tips and Techniques for Drawing on Location," coming out Sept. 1. The second, "The Urban Sketching Handbook: People and Motion: Tips and Techniques for Drawing on Location" is scheduled for publication Nov. 1.



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Lisa Fisher

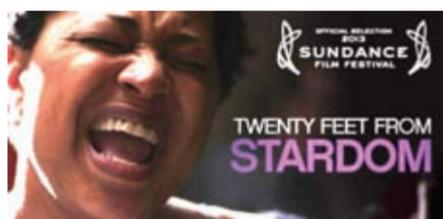
>> LISA FISHER

I wrote about singer Lisa Fisher in a March 2011 profile of Grammy Award-winning trumpeter Chris Botti. Ms. Fisher joined Mr. Botti on his tour.

Rather than spending his money on a light show and an entourage, Mr. Botti told me, he'd rather spend his money on top-notch guest artists. And I'm so glad he did, because Ms. Fisher's voice blew my socks off. After seeing Mr. Botti's concert in Naples, I drove up to Sarasota to see them perform again.

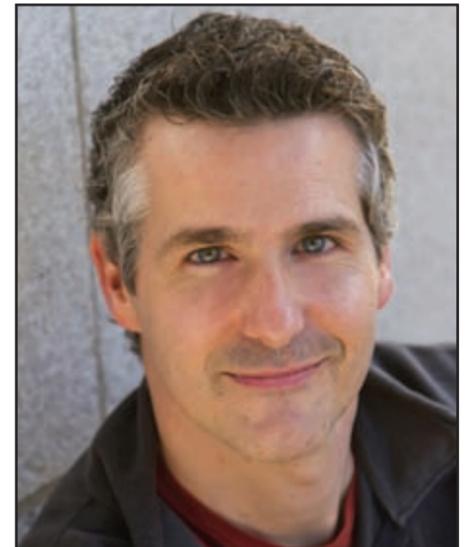
Those who caught that tour or have seen the Rolling Stones in concert the past couple decades (she's been touring with the band for 21 years) have seen Ms. Fisher in action and know how incredible her voice is. She was recently featured in the engaging documentary "20 Feet From Stardom," a movie about backup singers. (The movie also includes Judith Hill, who was a contestant on last season's contest of "The Voice," and Merry Clayton, who originally recorded "Gimme Shelter" with the Stones.)

Arnold McCuller, who has sung backup for performers such as James Tay-



Lisa Fisher in "Twenty Feet From Stardom"

lor, Bonnie Riatt, Lyle Lovett and Phil Collins, is also in the movie, though you can see more of him in interviews in the DVDs extras. I wrote about Mr. McCuller in April 2013, when he headlined a benefit concert in Naples. His most recent solo album is "Soon As I Get Paid."



Brendan Powers

>> BRENDAN POWERS

I talked with actor Brendan Powers about farce in a November 2009 story headlined "Organized Chaos: The Farce of 'Boeing Boeing,'" and I've reviewed him in various Florida Repertory Theatre shows since then, including "Opus" and "Dancing at Lughnasa."

Readers might remember him from his role as the priest in Florida Rep's 2008 production of "Doubt" or his role as El Gallo, the Narrator, in "The Fantasticks" in the spring of 2013.

In June, Mr. Powers will be featured in the opening episode of season two of the USA network series "Graceland." It airs at 10 p.m. Wednesday, June 11. In it, Mr. Powers plays FBI Agent Cranston. He hopes his character will resurface in a later script. (Actor Ethan Henry, who was in the recent Florida Rep production of "Clybourne Park," is also in the opening episode, Mr. Powers says.)

And Mr. Powers will also be seen in an upcoming Netflix original series from the creators of "Damages." The psychological thriller, which is yet to be named, stars Sissy Spacek, Sam Shepard, Kyle Chandler, Ben Mendelsohn, Linda Cardellini and Norbert Leo Butz. Mr. Powers plays a guest at the Rayburn Inn run by Ms. Spacek and Mr. Shepard. He'd love for it to turn into a recurring role.

Last May, Mr. Powers married fellow actor Rachel Burtram, who was recently in Florida Rep's "Clybourne Park." Earlier this year, she performed in "God of Carnage" at Riverside Theatre in Vero Beach. I wrote about Ms. Burtram's adult acting class in "Acting Up in Class" in May 2008.

Ms. Burtram has just been cast as Emma in the short film "Emma & Her Discontents," to be directed by Miguel Mathias. Filming begins in June in Bonita Springs. The completed film will be submitted to Sundance and other festivals. Mr. Powers has a small part in the film. ■



FORGERIES

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Chris Jones, Ringling's associate curator for exhibitions.

"We get a feel for their personal narratives and points of view and that provides a fascinating context for the works themselves. Ultimately what is most provocative about the exhibition is that it forces us to really examine our notions of authenticity and authorship and how those notions fundamentally inform both our experience of art and perception of its value."

The art world has yet to develop a foolproof system for authenticating works. The current system relies on the three-tiered approach of connoisseurship (an expert authenticating that the work reflects the artist's style and technique), provenance (tracking the history of the artwork's ownership, location and documentation) and technical analysis (using equipment to verify that the work is from its reported age).

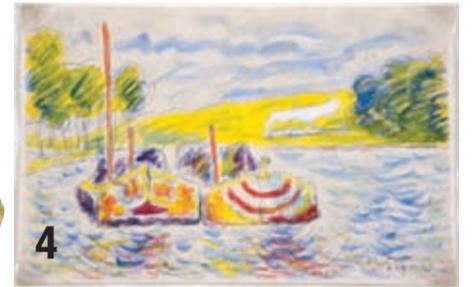
The forgers featured in the exhibition used their knowledge of this system to create works and back stories that fooled authenticators.

The forgers include Hans van Meegeren (1889-1947); Elmyr De Hory (1906-1976); Eric Hebborn (1934-1996); John Myatt (1945-); and Mark Landis (1955-). ■

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1. "Yellow Odalisque," John Myatt Courtesy of Washington Green Fine Art & Castle Galleries, United Kingdom
2. "Girl with a Pearl Earring," John Myatt Courtesy of Graham & Margaret Wright, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire
3. "Odalisque," Elmyr de Hory, Hungarian, 1906-1976, active in Spain
4. Untitled (in the style of Paul Signac), Mark Landis, Oklahoma City Museum of Art

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■ **Mid-Life Crisis: The Musical** – Through June 21 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Chatting with the Tea Party** – By Theatre Conspiracy through June 1 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. A talkback with the playwright follows each performance. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org.

■ **The Second Book of Ruth** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through May 31 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com/.

Thursday, May 29

■ **Charity Ride Inside** – Time Trial Cycle holds its monthly charity ride at 6 p.m. A \$25 donation per rider benefits the Next Generation Committee of The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. www.timetrialcycle.com.

■ **Just for Laughs** – Michael Malone takes the stage at Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island tonight through June 1. 389-6901 or www.offthehook-comedyclub.com.

■ **Sweat the Small Stuff** – It's trivia night at the Naples English Pub starting at 7 p.m. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or www.thenaplesenglishpub.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – Rebecca Richardson and The Dan Heck Trio perform from 7-10 p.m. at Campiello. 1177 Third St. S. 435-1166.

Friday, May 30

■ **Beer Tasting** – Naples Wine Collection hosts a tasting of 15 high-end brews from around the world from 5:30-8 p.m. \$15 includes tasting and appetizers. RSVP to 513-0095 or jlafond@napleswinecollection.com.

■ **Here's What's Cookin'** – Chef Kristina Filippo of The Good Life of Naples leads a class all about sauces from 6-8 p.m. \$60. 514-4663 or www.goodlifepalms.com.

■ **Tickling the Ivories** – Larry Moss performs from 6-9 p.m. tonight and May 24 in the piano lounge at Capers. 2640 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.

■ **Laugh It Off** – Doug Canney, Brian Corrión and Kyle Ruse take the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight and May 31. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

■ **Live Tunes** – The Good Bad Kids take the stage starting at 9:30 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Saturday, May 31

■ **Grape Celebration** – Friends of the Foundation hosts a wine tasting with music by the folk duo Collier Bridge from 6-9 p.m. at the Hilton Naples. \$85 to benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation. 325-2978 or www.friendsofthefoundation.com.



Pick your seat at Silverspot Cinema and enjoy The National Theatre's production of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime" starring Luke Treadway, above, as a boy who falls under suspicion of killing a neighbor's dog and is determined to prove himself innocent. Screenings as part of the cinema's cultural arts series are at 6 p.m. June 1 and 1 p.m. June 3. Running time is approximately three hours. \$30 includes wine and hors d'oeuvres at intermission. www.silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Magic Carpet** – Youngsters ages 3-9 are invited to learn about percussion instruments from members of the Naples Philharmonic at 9:30 a.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Book Signing** – Author Ronald Everett Nall signs copies of "Beyond Inquisition" from 1-3 p.m. at The Brick Coffee & Bar. Free. 531 Fifth Ave. S. 692-8755 or www.thebrickcoffeeandbar.com.

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■ **Smooth Jazz** – The Marc Vee Trio plays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Bay House Restaurant. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837.

■ **Live Blues** – the blues band JC Crossfire performs from 7-10 p.m. at Chrissy's Tavern & Bistro. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or www.chrissyestavern.com.

■ **More Jazz** – The Jerry Stawski Trio performs from 8-11 p.m. at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. 593-2000.

Sunday, June 1

■ **Family Fare** – The Naples Philharmonic presents a fast-paced, fun and educational concert of family-friendly music by Beethoven, Mozart and Mendelssohn starting at 3 p.m. www.artisnaples.org.

Monday, June 2

■ **Movie Time** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a screening and discussion of "Adam's Apple" starting at 7 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Jazz Jam** – Jebry and friends gather for a jazz jam from 6-9 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

■ **Play Your Cards Right** – The Naples English Pub hosts bingo starting at 7 p.m. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or www.thenaplesenglishpub.com.

Tuesday, June 3

■ **Student Art** – The Museum of the Everglades hosts an opening reception for an exhibit of artwork by Everglades City students in grades K-12 from 5-7 p.m. The evening also serves as a celebration of Paul Tribble, who has taught art at Everglades City School for more than 30 years. 695-0008 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **History Lesson** – The Marco Island Historical Society presents "Underwater Exploration of Prehistorical Sites" by archaeologist Steve Koski at 7 p.m. Free for members, \$5 for others. 389-6447 or www.themihs.com.

■ **Jazz it Up!** – The Stu Shelton Trio performs from 7-10 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen in Bayfront Place. 261-2578.

■ **Live Blues** – Rick Howard and Mudbone perform blues tunes from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie's. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

Wednesday, June 4

■ **Art & Nature** – Shangri La Springs opens to the public for "Art & Nature" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plein air painters will set up their easels throughout the property. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or www.shangrilasprings.com.

■ **Wine Tasting** – Naples Wine Collection hosts a tasting with a choice of two flights, each containing four samplings, from 5-7 p.m. \$15 and \$25. 513-0095.

■ **Bring on the Bordeaux** – Decanted Wines celebrates wines from the French region of Bordeaux from 5-7 p.m. \$15 with advance RSVP, \$20 at the door. 434-1814 or info@decantedwines.com.

■ **It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner's class from 8-9 p.m. \$15 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pabllorepuntango.com.

Coming up

■ **Library Matinee** – Naples Regional Library presents a free screening of "Duck Soup" (USA, 1933) at 2 p.m. June 5. Registration required. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or www.collierlibrary.org.

■ **Now You're Cookin'** – Chef Kristina Filippo of The Good Life of Naples leads a class in dim sum from 6-8 p.m. June 5. \$60. 514-4663 or www.goodlifepalms.com.

■ **Remembering D-Day** – Naples Community Church holds a D-Day 70th anniversary commemoration service at 4 p.m. June 6. Naples resident and veteran Peter Thomas will recite his poem "Omaha Beach." 849 7th Ave. S. 213-1325.

■ **Preview Reception** – The Naples Art Association holds the preview reception for the 50th annual Founders Juried Awards Exhibition featuring works by 24 Florida artists from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 6 at The von Liebig Art Center. \$10 for NAA members, \$15 for others. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org. See story on page C7.

■ **Piano Music** – Concert pianist Jodie DeSalvo performs at 7 p.m. June 6 at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **The Wild Side** – Naples Botanical Garden closes for construction this summer but offers a series of workshops on select dates. "Natural Areas: The Wild Side of the Garden," is set for 9-11 a.m. June 7. Free for Garden members, \$5 for others. 643-7572 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **D-Day Ceremony** – The Naples Depot Museum hosts a ceremony commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day with guest speakers, re-enactors and military vehicles at 10 a.m. June 7. Free. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Rock On** – Rockin' on the Bay presents a Bruce Springsteen tribute band from 5:30-9 p.m. June 7 at Bayfront. Free. 331-7371 or www.rockinonthebay.com.

■ **Organ Concert** – Organists from throughout Southwest Florida play a wide range of music on the 3,604-pipe Casavant organ at Artis—Naples in the annual Festival of Great Organ Music beginning at 3 p.m. June 8. www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Shark Night** – Naples International Film Festival kicks off its summer series at Silverspot Cinema with "Jaws" (PG, 1975) at 7 p.m. June 10. \$25 person includes choice of house wine, beer or fountain drink, savory bites and sweet treats. www.silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Local Film** – The Collier County Museum hosts filmmaker and Naples resident K.C. Schulberg for a discussion of "Wind Across the Everglades," the 1958 film produced by his father Stuart Schulberg and written by his uncle Budd Schulberg at 2 p.m. June 11. Free. Reservations required. 3331 Tamiami Trail. E. 252-8738 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **All About Jazz** – Hear "The Complete History of Jazz in 75 Minutes" when Artis—Naples presents the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. June 11 in the Daniels Pavilion. www.artisnaples.org.

■ **Romeo & Juliet** – The theater program at the FGCU Bower School of Music presents "Romeo & Juliet" June 12-15 at FGCU. \$7. www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu.

■ **Bubbly All Around** – Naples Wine Collection hosts champagne and sparkling wine tasting with a variety of Krug, Moët & Chandon and Veuve Clicquot vintages from 5-7 p.m. June 13. \$25 includes tasting and appetizers. RSVP to 513-0095 or jlafond@napleswinecollection.com.

■ **Artist Reception** – Shangri-La Springs hosts a reception for artists Christina Wyatt and Karen Swanker from 6-9 p.m. June 13. Paintings by Ms. Wyatt and Ms. Swanker will be on display through Aug. 6. Free. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or www.shangrilasprings.com.

■ **Movie Time** – South Regional Library presents "Gravity" Bullock at 2 p.m. June 18. Free. Registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to events@floridaweekly.com. Email text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for submissions is noon Sunday.

Naples Art Association prepares for 50th annual juried exhibition

Guest juror will lecture about museums

The Naples Art Association hosts the preview reception for the 50th annual Founders Juried Awards Exhibition from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, June 6, at The von Liebig Art Center. The exhibit of 57 works includes drawings, batik, fiber works, mixed media, paintings, photography and sculpture in stone, glass, mixed media and found objects. There are 24 Florida artists represented with other artists from across the United States.

Juror Erin Wright is director of artist initiatives and special projects at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Her 20 years of experience in the art world has ranged from Sotheby's auction house to the Gagosian Gallery. Her current focus at LACMA is on artist projects and producing films about artists and their work, most recently with John Baldessari, Michael Heizer, Ed Ruscha, James Turrell and Peter Zumthor. As a producer for LACMA films, she has collaborated with and commissioned work from filmmakers such as Lance Accord, Doug Pray and Lucy Walker.

About her jurying process for the upcoming NAA exhibit, Ms. Wright says she sought "originality and unique perspective" and selected works that forced her "to see the subject matter in a new light" and that "disrupted expectations."

Ms. Wright will present a lecture at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 4, at The von Liebig Art Center. In "Reinventing the Museum: How I Learned to Move a 340-



"Hoodie," by Naples artist Joan Brechin Sonnenberg, has been juried into the 50th annual Founders Juried Awards Exhibition at The von Liebig Art Center.

Ton Boulder," she will discuss her work on artist projects and the production of films about artists and their work.

Tickets to Ms. Wright's lecture are \$10 for NAA members, \$15 for others.

Admission to the preview reception the evening of June 6 is free for NAA members, \$10 for others.

The 50th Founders Juried Awards Exhibition will be on display through Friday, July 25. Admission during regular gallery hours is free; donations are welcome to support the ongoing mission of the NAA.

At 585 Park St. in downtown Naples, The von Liebig Art Center is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. For more information or for reservations to Ms. Wright's lecture or the preview reception, call 262-6517 or visit www.naplesart.org. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Yes, there is life on TV after 'Downton Abbey'



Dear Julie,

It was so good to hear from you! It's always a bright spot in my day to get a letter from you.

You mentioned that you and Gary had just finished a "Downton Abbey" marathon. (Don't give anything away! I have to catch up with you. Then we can talk.)

Now that you've seen all the episodes, you say you're at a loss about what to watch next.

I have a few suggestions.

Have you seen "The Paradise"? It's an adaptation of Emile Zola's novel "Au Bonheur des Dames," reset in Northeast England. It's about the first English department store and the lives of those who work and shop there.

It's run by the charming and somewhat mysterious widower John Moray. All the women seem to swoon over him.

The store has grown, taking over the block, much to the consternation of the local shopkeepers who are trying to keep their small businesses alive.

Denise is a young woman from a small town who begins to work at The Paradise. (Her Uncle Edmund is one of the shopkeepers whose business, right across the street from The Paradise, is threatened.)

Denise is very smart, and has a head for marketing and business. And, despite warnings, she too, falls in love with Moray.

Season 1 is out on DVD. Season 2 is coming, but a release date hasn't been set yet. Unfortunately, PBS has announced there will not be a third season. But even though you can only binge watch for a weekend or so, I highly recommend doing so. I know you, and I know you'll love it.

One of my favorite characters in "The Paradise" is Miss Audrey, who is the head of the women's wear department. She's fun to watch, because she's so insufferable and puts on airs.

Miss Audrey is played by Sarah Lancashire, who also happens to be in "Last Tango in Halifax," which I would also recommend. (It's not a period piece, though, it's set in modern times.)

It's about two people who were in love when they were teens, but wound up marrying different people. Their spouses pass on, and after 60 years, they meet again and are instantly besotted. (Their grandchildren show them how to use Facebook, and



1. Joanna Vanderham stars as Denise, an astute young shoppirl in "The Paradise."



2. Sir Ian McKellen, left, and Derek Jacobi star as a couple who've been together through thick and thin for nearly 50 years in "Vicious," a boisterous British sitcom premiering June 29 on PBS.

3. Jessica Raine stars as Nurse Jenny in "Call the Midwife."

they connect that way.) Their children, of course, have their own romantic entanglements and complications.

I found the ending of the first season a little predictable, but still enjoyable to watch.

The couple is played by Anne Reid and Derek Jacobi.

How often do you see a TV show revolve around two 70-somethings — and not only that, but two 70-somethings who are head over heels in love? A critic for the *Daily Telegraph* called the show "a triumph against TV's ageism," and it won the 2013 British Academy Television Award for Best Drama.

I read that creator, Sally Wainwright, was inspired to write the "Last Tango in Halifax" series after seeing how happy her own mother was in a second marriage late in life. Season 1 is on DVD, and season two begins on PBS at 8 p.m. Sunday, June 29.

Mr. Jacobi also stars in a new series with Sir Ian McKellen called "Vicious." He and Mr. McKellen play a couple who've been in a love/hate relationships for 49 years. Sir McKellen plays Freddie, who was an actor who played bit parts, and Mr. Jacobi plays Stuart, a former bar manager. It's more of

a sitcom. I know it could never replace "Downton Abbey" in your heart, but you might want to check it out on PBS starting at 10:30 p.m. Sunday, June 29. I'm going to.

Have you seen any of the "Call the Midwife" series yet?

Like Butterfly McQueen, I don't know nothin' 'bout birthin' babies, and this show might tell me a little bit more than I'd care to know. But still, despite all the labor scenes, I do find it fascinating. (And because this is a series about midwives, there's at least one labor scene in each episode.)

But what I find interesting are the relationships between the midwives. And did I mention that they live in a convent with a group of nuns? There's a combination for you — midwives and nuns!

It's based on the real-life experiences of Jennifer Worth, who was a midwife in east London in the 1950s. I love the voiceover narration by Vanessa Redgrave.

I've started watching "The Grand," which reminds me a little of "The Paradise." The Grand is a hotel in Manchester, England, that reopens in the 1920s, after the end of World War I. It has financial problems, a son returned from the war and having trouble adjusting back to "normal"

life, a sleazy brother-in-law who wants to sleep with his brother's wife and a glamorous guest who turns out to have a rather sordid past.

It was filmed in the late 1990s and consists of 18 one-hour episodes.

I only just started watching it, but will lend you the box set when I'm done.

I was waylaid by "The Bletchley Circle," a British TV series about a quartet of women who worked together during WWII, cracking codes. Everything, of course, is top secret. But once the war is over, civilian life is not quite as exciting.

One of the women, Susan, has a keen mind. Although she's a wife and mother now, she can't help using her Bletchley Circle skills when there's a serial murderer killing women in the city. Because her mind's attuned to seeing patterns, she feels she's able to predict where the killer will strike next. But when she goes to the police, they're incredibly patronizing and condescending, feeling that a housewife could not possibly tell them something they don't already know.

So Susan tracks down her three closest friends from Bletchley Circle and they attempt to track the killer on their own.

This one's set in 1952, so an added bonus is seeing the fashion and locales of the time. I'm watching the second season now. I think both are available on DVD.

I also started watching "Berkeley Square," set in London in 1902. It's a real "Upstairs Downstairs" type of show, about three young nannies who work for wealthy households. One's from the country, and this is a way she can make a better life for herself; one is an unwed mother with a baby of her own; and one is a kind of straight arrow whose heart is in the right place.

To be honest, I didn't think I would like this series, but I'm finding I'm really intrigued by it. It's not so much about babies and children as it is about the dynamics of adult interaction, and class differences. There's also an interesting subplot about a man who accidentally killed someone because he reneged on a debt. And the cook in one household is delightfully dour, while in another home, an elderly nanny (Nanny Collins) still rules with an iron hand. (Her former wards, though now adult, still act toward her as if they were children.)

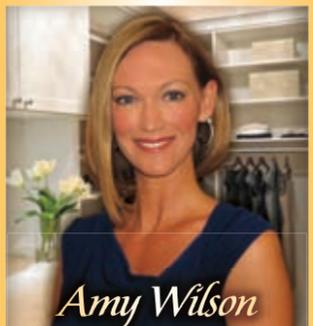
So these are a few suggestions that ought to keep you busy for at least part of the summer.

Let me know what you think. Wishing you and Gary happy viewing while you await the return of "Downton."

Love, Nancy ■

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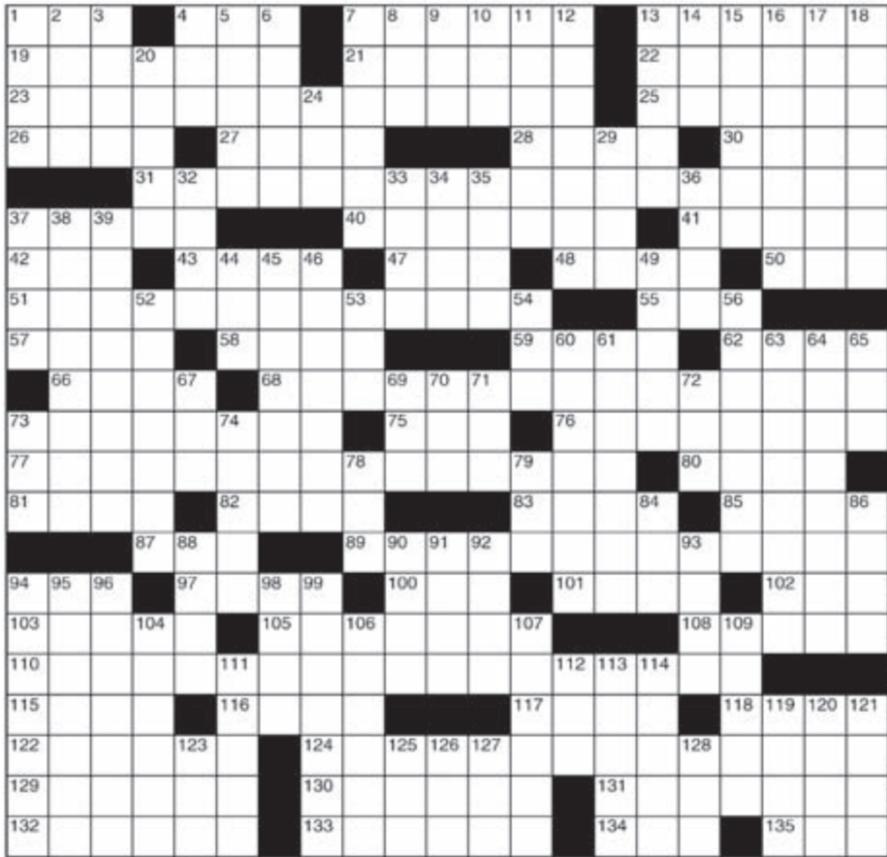
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 - 37 Pat gently
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 - 41 New Hampshire college city
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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Take advantage of new information that could help make your career transition easier. The weekend is a good time to re-establish relationships with people you haven't seen in a while.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal matters demand your attention as once-stable situations begin to shift. Quick action to shore things up is called for in order to avoid more problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Although your financial picture begins to brighten, "thrift" and "caution" are still the watchwords for fiscally astute Leos and Leonas to live by. Expect news about a family matter.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Before you try to blame a colleague for a workplace problem, make sure you have the proof to back you up. Make some quiet inquiries on your own to try to solicit more information.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Trying to cheer up a depressed friend or downcast family member can be difficult. But keep at it, and your efforts should soon pay off in ways you might have never expected.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Taking a new look at an old and frequently recurring problem might lead you to consider making some surprising changes in the way you had been handling it up till now.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Despite what the naysayers might say, setting your sights on a new goal

could be one of the smartest things the typically sagacious Sagittarian has done in a long time.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Rebuilding an unraveling relationship won't be easy. But you can do it, if you really want to. Just remember to keep the lines of communication open between the two of you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new friendship could develop into a close relationship. Meanwhile, reassure an old friend who might be feeling neglected that he or she is still an important part of your life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You might be feeling that you're still in over your head as you continue trying to adjust to your new situation. But the pressures ease by week's end, giving you time to come up for air.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Try using that Aries charm to warm up the usual set of workplace naysayers, and then back it up with a solid block of facts and figures to sell your idea to your colleagues.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) While nothing can deter a determined Bovine from following a course you believe in, it helps to have some supporting data and statements by trusted colleagues to make your case.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for sensing the feelings of others. You might consider a career in some aspect of counseling. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Adam Sandler has played so many idiotic characters that it's difficult to take the messages of his films seriously. He was pro-gay in "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry" (2007), which was quickly dismissed. He pleaded for peace vis-a-vis the Israeli/Palestinian conflict in "You Don't Miss With The Zohan" (2008), which had people wondering why he'd "go there" amidst all the hummus jokes.

His latest, "Blended," is by no means a serious film, but it does clearly want single parents to know there's still someone out there for them if they open their hearts.

Mr. Sandler plays Jim, the widowed father of three girls. He's a loving and dedicated father, but daughters Hilary (Bella Thorne), Espn (Emma Fuhrmann) and Lou (Alyvia Alyn Lind) are tomboys in desperate need of a mother.

Drew Barrymore's Lauren is divorced from distant scumbag Mark (Joel McHale), leaving her boys Brendan (Braxton Beckham) and Tyler (Kyle Red Silverstein) in desperate need of a father.

Jim and Lauren are set up on a blind date. It goes horribly.

Hate one another as they do, fate keeps bringing them together. First they have a meet-cute in a pharmacy. Then a credit card misunderstanding brings him to her place. Along the way, little details — enjoying coffee made the same way, driving the same style mini-van — suggest compatibility. The biggest surprise of all: They both luck into a safari adventure in Africa, and they're staying at the same resort with adjoining rooms.

Extended time in Africa gives director Frank Coraci ("Click") and writers Ivan Menchell and Clare Sera ample opportunity for fresh laughs, so it's a shame the results are inconsistent. Concierge Mfana (Abdoulaye Ngom) gets a few yuks from malapropisms, while Muscleman Terry Crews headlines the on-site entertainment by hammin' it up with song and dance. Some of these scenes play too long, however, which does Mr. Crews a disservice. The same could be said for Eddy (Kevin Nealon) and Ginger (Jessica Lowe), a sexed-up and gross couple Jim and Lauren meet on the trip; they're funny, but in a way that works best in small doses. Also,



Wendi McLendon Covey ("Bridesmaids") is very funny as a woman scared off by the fact that her boyfriend (Dan Patrick) has kids.

As the leads, Mr. Sandler and Ms. Barrymore have an endearing chemistry that effectively provides the heart of the story. In some ways, Mr. Sandler's Jim is an older version of Billy Madison and Happy Gilmore — only now they've grown up, had kids, befallen great sadness and have no idea how to re-find happiness. And as immaturity gives way to age and reality, jokes about setting poop on fire give way to jokes about the prostate. So goes the life of a comedian, a profession in which it is extraordinarily difficult to stay relevant and funny over a long period of time.

To be fair, Mr. Sandler has occasionally stepped away from his goofball persona to play other characters — but he's had established directors who knew how to manipulate his performance for the benefit of the film (e.g., Paul Thomas Anderson in "Punch Drunk Love," James L. Brooks in "Spanglish").

"Blended," in contrast, gives us the Mr. Sandler we're used to, only a little older and wiser, with gray hair, daughters and the weight of the world on his shoulders. Don't worry, though: He still finds time to ride an ostrich and get run over by a parachute. Boys will always be boys, after all. ■

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>> Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore also starred together in "The Wedding Singer" (1998) and "Fifty First Dates" (2004).



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FILM CAPSULES

The Love Punch ★★★

(Emma Thompson, Pierce Brosnan, Timothy Spall) Divorced couple Richard (Mr. Brosnan) and Kate (Ms. Thompson) travel to Paris to steal a diamond from the man who took advantage of Richard in a bad business deal. Mr. Brosnan and Ms. Thompson are great together. It's funny, and the story's a trip. Rated PG-13.

Godzilla ★★

(Bryan Cranston, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen) Godzilla becomes the saving grace for mankind when two giant monsters start destroying the world. The story is predictable and the effects are mediocre, but the biggest sin is this: There's not that much Godzilla in it. Rated PG-13.

Million Dollar Arm ★★★

(Jon Hamm, Lake Bell, Suraj Sharma) A down-on-his-luck sports agent (Mr. Hamm) believes the next big baseball star could be playing cricket in India, so he creates a game show to find undiscovered talent. Right up there with "The Rookie," "Miracle" and "Remember the Titans," this is a solid sports drama with a good heart and strong message. Rated PG.



Chef ★★★

(Jon Favreau, Sofia Vergara, Scarlett

Johansson) After being fired by his jerk boss (Dustin Hoffman) and pissing off a famous food critic (Oliver Platt), a talented chef (Mr. Favreau) opens a food truck in Miami and drives across the southern U.S. with his son (Emjay Anthony) and sous chef (John Leguizamo). Funny when it needs to be and poignant throughout, this film showcases Mr. Favreau's ("Iron Man") skills as a writer/director/producer/actor in all the right ways. Rated R.

Neighbors ★★★

(Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Rose Byrne) New parents Mac (Mr. Rogen) and Kelly (Ms. Byrne) fight with the frat house (led by Mr. Efron) that moves in next door. The laughs are consistent, creative and hilarious. Rated R.

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 ★★★

(Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Jamie Foxx) Peter Parker/Spider-Man (Mr. Garfield) loves Gwen Stacy (Ms. Stone) and protects the city from supercharged villain Electro (Jamie Foxx). The action is fun, but the real highlight is the charming chemistry between Mr. Garfield and Ms. Stone. Rated PG-13.

Fading Gigolo ★★

(John Turturro, Woody Allen, Sofia Vergara) When his older friend (Mr. Allen) says he knows two women (Ms. Vergara and Sharon Stone) willing to pay for a threesome, Floravante (Mr. Turturro) takes the job. It strains for laughs and the dramatic elements feel half-baked. Mr. Turturro also wrote and directed; no one should write jokes for Mr. Allen other than Mr. Allen. Rated R. ■

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Renaissance Academy presents summer documentaries, foreign films

The summer series of documentary and foreign films presented by the Renaissance Academy of FGCU begins **Sunday, June 1**, with **"Five Broken Cameras"** (Palestine, 2013).

The award-winning documentary chronicles a Palestinian farmer's non-violent resistance to the actions of the Israeli army.

When his fourth son, Gibreel, is born, Emad gets his first camera. For more than five years, Emad films the struggle led by his two best friends against the army's construction of a separation barrier in their village. As Gibreel grows from baby to toddler to young boy, daily arrests and night raids scare his family; his father and uncles are either shot or arrested. One camera after another is shot at or smashed, each telling a part of his story. This film is not rated.

All summer film screenings begin at 2 p.m. in the FGCU Naples Center at 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Registration is encouraged in advance and is \$5

for Renaissance Academy members, \$6 for others. Call 434-4737, email John Guerra at jguerra@fgcu.edu or visit www.fgcu.edu/racademy/. Walk-in admission is \$5 for members, \$8 for others; seating cannot be guaranteed.

Here are the films in the remainder of the series:

■ **June 8 - "L'Auberge Espagnole" (France, 2002, comedy/drama)** - A strait-laced French student moves into an apartment in Barcelona with a cast of six other characters from all over Europe. Together, they speak the international language of love and friendship. R for language and sexuality.

■ **June 15: "A Very Long Engagement" (France, 2004, drama/mystery/romance)** - The story of a young woman's relentless search for her fiancé, who has disappeared from the trenches of the Somme during World War One. R for violence and sexuality.

■ **June 22: "The House I Lived In" (USA, 2012, documentary)** - From the dealer to the narcotics officer, the inmate to the federal judge, a penetrating look inside America's criminal justice system reveals the profound human rights implications

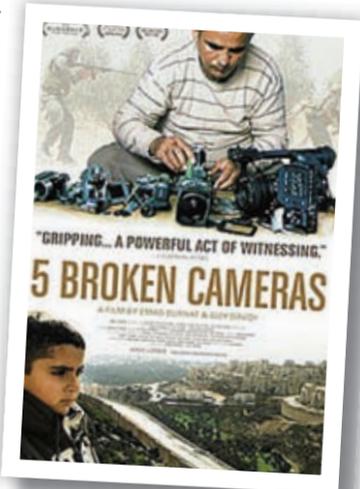
of U.S. drug policy. Not rated.

■ **June 29: "A Hijacking" (Denmark, 2012, drama/thriller)** - The crew of a Danish cargo ship is hijacked by Somali pirates who proceed to engage in escalating negotiations with authorities in Copenhagen. R for language.

■ **July 13: "Twin Sisters" (The Netherlands, 2002, drama/romance/war)** - In 1920 Germany, 6-year-old sisters no sooner see their remaining parent buried when they are torn apart. Lotte goes to live with her upper middle class aunt in Holland, while Anna goes to work as a farmhand for her German uncle. The story follows their lives until finally, they try to reconcile their differences in old age when they meet again. R for brief sexuality and violence.

■ **July 20: "Mrs. Brown" (UK, 1997, biography/drama/history)** - Deeply depressed after the death of her husband, Queen Victoria disappears from the public eye. Her servant Brown brings her back to life, but their relationship creates scandal. PG.

■ **July 27: "The Gatekeepers" (Israel, 2012, documentary)** - Interviews with all of the former heads of Shin Bet, the Israeli security agency whose activities and membership are closely held state secrets. PG-13 for violent content. ■



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complex. However, the town recently made peace with its more upscale neighbor, Saunders Shores, in conjunction with a marriage that joined the Cates and Saunders families.

■ **“No Sunshine When She’s Gone”** by Kate Angell. Kensington Books. 288 pages. Paperback. \$9.95.

You like baseball? You like beaches? Shapely, hot babes? Chiseled, sexy guys? Lavish houseboats and penthouse condos? Yes? Then grab hold of the third title in Kate Angell’s Barefoot William Series and get ready for waves of tension-filled romance.

Jillian Mac and her good friend Carrie have been sent to the Gulf Coast beach town of Barefoot William by their employer, the Richmond Rogues major league baseball team. Both in their early 30, good-looking (though Jill has the edge here) and — of course — single, the women are tasked with the community relations effort accompanying the new spring training facility that the team is building in this laid back resort town.

The town seems to be the private domain of one extended family, the Cates, whose business interests include a successful construction company run by Aidan Cates. This company has the contract to build the Richmond Rogues

In the book’s first scene a woman named Lila, who seems to be chasing Aidan with some success, coaxes him into visiting a fortuneteller at a gathering of well-known psychics taking place on the Barefoot William boardwalk. Though most of the booths for psychic readings have long lines, one is not busy. Lila and Aidan soon engage with a shapely clairvoyant named Aries Martine, who exposes Lila as a two-timer who is only a using Aidan.

Or so it seems. Certainly Lila is exposed, but the woman in the chair is actually the Richmond Rogues’ Jillian Mac. She had sat down to rest at the empty station and just played along with the false assumption that she was Aries the clairvoyant. It was her idea of fun, but it led to bad feelings and mistrust before the powerful connection felt between her and Aidan began to develop.

As Aidan is witness to Jillian’s professional skills at work — including arranging all the details for a community-building softball game between Rogue alumni and locals — he begins to admire her more and more. However, her attraction to telling little white lies

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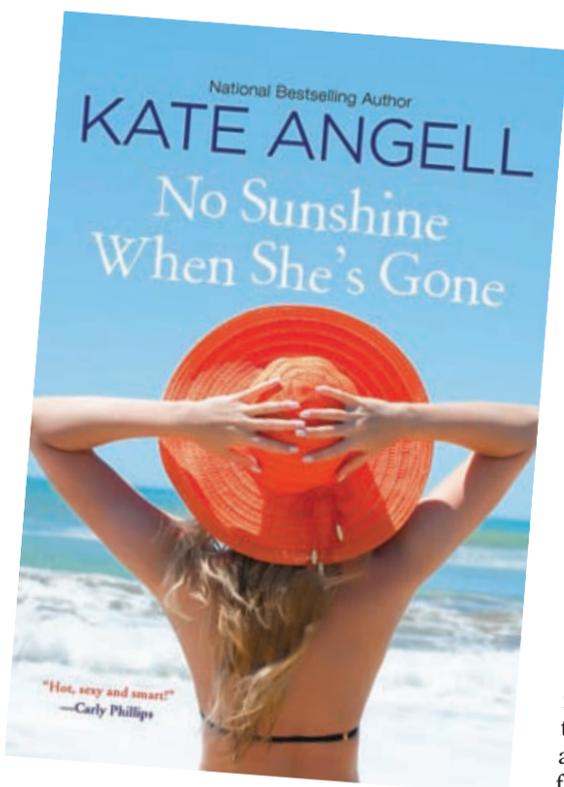
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nature and attractively cushioned form. He teases her with unexpectedly cruel insults, but Carrie weathers this storm, holds her own and demands the kinds of changes in his behavior that can allow room for them to become a couple.

Lest I give the impression that this novel is marked by high seriousness, let me assure readers that the author has a light touch. Ms. Angell builds humorous scenes with breezy banter and steamy scenes in which sexual yearning blends with tenderness and respect.

Though I had trouble accepting the premise of a town that is essentially a family's private business seemingly without any local government regulation (a Libertarian utopia), this factor did not keep me from enjoying the varied and vivid characters, the loudmouth parrot, the abundant action and the flavorful treatment of the sport and business of professional baseball.

When I asked the author, who resides in Naples, if she had based Barefoot William on any particular beach town, she told me she drew upon Santa Monica, Calif., somewhat. I was wondering where that boardwalk came from.

The term "beach reading" is often used loosely. This, however, is the real thing. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

keeps Aidan cautious. In this situation, he is the more conservative one, while Jillian seems more spontaneous and flamboyant.

A second relationship develops between Jillian's assistant, Carrie, and Mike, Aidan's second-in-command at the construction company. Mike is a man nursing a deep wound: his disappointment that injuries kept him from becoming a major league baseball player. He is cynical and sarcastic, and he treats Carrie quite poorly as he fights his unexpected desire for her sweet

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Doc Martin, May 29

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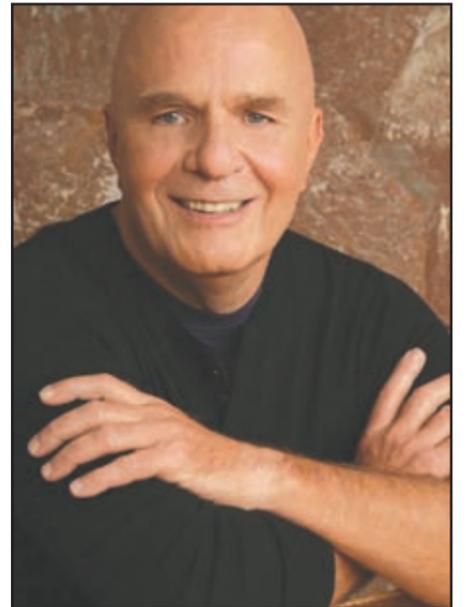
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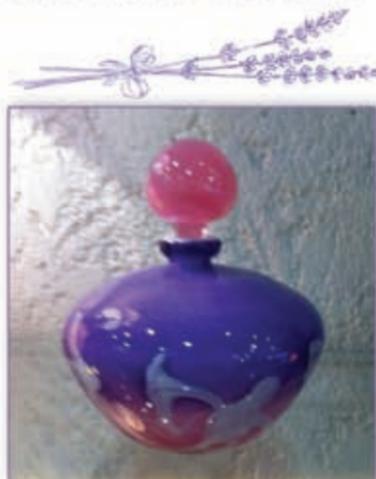
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— *Tina R., via email*

A: All right — I think it's time to announce the winners of the "Green Island" summer-reading contest, wherein five lucky readers were randomly chosen (using the random-number generator at random.org) to win an e-book set of Em Barrett's "Leaving Green Island" and "The Almosts." The winners are: Joan L., Peggy A., Maureen H., Philomena S. and Colleen J.

For those of you unfamiliar with the new author's work, her writing has been compared to that of Emily Giffin — who's best known for "Something Borrowed," "Heart of the Matter" and "The One and Only" — a comparison that thrills Em. "I was very excited when I read that. Obviously, I take it as a huge compliment. I like her books a lot, and she's been hugely successful. While I hope my voice is unique as well, I'm beyond flattered to be compared to Emily Giffin."

Q: Last season I was really into "Hemlock Grove." Please tell me that it will return for another season!

— *Jerry R. in Montana*

A: The second season of the Emmy-nominated Netflix original series, "Hemlock Grove," will premiere on Friday, July 11 at 3:01 a.m. ET/12:01 a.m. PT. The supernatural-thriller series is based on Brian McGreevy's novel of the same name. All 10 episodes of the one-hour series starring Famke Janssen, Bill Skarsgard, Landon Liboiron and Dougray Scott will be available at that time for streaming. Joining the cast are Madeline Brewer of "Orange is the New Black," and Madeline Martin of "Californication."



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Readers: It's time to announce the fate of your favorite (or not-so-favorite) NBC shows from the

2013-14 season. Good news first — the renewed shows are: "Hannibal," "Parks and Rec," "Parenthood," "Grimm," "Chicago PD," "Law and Order: SVU," "Chicago Fire," "About a Boy" and "The Blacklist." Canceled shows are: "Welcome to the Family," "The Michael J. Fox Show," "Ironside," "Sean Saves the World," "Dracula," "Community," "Believe," "Crisis," "Revolution" and "Growing Up Fisher." ■

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Federal effort could outlaw old ivory

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

An heirloom bronze elephant with ivory tusks, great-grandmother's piano with ivory keys, a vintage ivory chess set or an antique silver teapot with a small ivory inset in the handle to keep it cool might be "endangered" by laws that could be in place sometime in June.

Buying, selling or importing ivory from recently killed African elephants has been illegal for about 25 years. But an executive order issued by President Barack Obama would extend the ban to include all antique ivory harvested from elephants that died before 1914. There would be a law forbidding sales, even gifts to museums, of any ivory. This affects antiques dealers and collectors, knife makers and collectors, Inuit craftsmen, owners of mahjong and chess sets, manufacturers of musical instruments — the list could go on.

And those in favor of strong endangered species laws want to also insist that all confiscated antique carved ivory art be destroyed, not even given to a museum. Already thousands of pounds of ivory art objects have been destroyed. This will cause huge losses to companies, collectors and museums.

There's still time to contact your U.S. senator, representative or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to make your thoughts known. For links to more detailed information, go to www.kovels.com/latest-news/new-ivory-ban.html.

Q: My bedroom suite has a chest of drawers and dresser made of light wood. They are marked "Birchcraft by Baumritter." Does the suite have any value other than as used furniture?

A: Baumritter Corp. was founded by Theodore Baumritter and his brother-in-law, Nathan Ancell, in New York City in 1932. The company sold housewares. Baumritter and Ancell bought a furniture company in Beecher Falls, Vt., in 1936. The company introduced a 28-piece line of "Ethan Allen" furniture, named after the Revolutionary War hero, in 1939. The name of the company became Ethan Allen Industries in 1972. Furniture with a modern look and light color is bought by those wanting a '50s look and sells for a little more than other used furniture.

Q: I bought a heavy glass vase at auction several years ago. It's 14 1/2 inches tall and 7 inches wide. The signature on the back is "Legras." The vase is decorated with trees around a lake. The orange-colored sky and reflection in the lake look like it is sunset or sunrise. When light shines through the glass, it looks like the sun is shining through the trees. Can you tell me anything about the maker and the vase's value?

A: Auguste Legras founded his glassworks at St. Denis, France, in 1864. Legras is known for its cameo glass and enamel-decorated glass in Art Nouveau designs. The company merged with

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Protect this signed Japanese bronze elephant sculpture with ivory tusks. It was made in about 1900 and sold in March 2014 at a Cottone Auctions in Geneseo, N.Y., for \$920. If the suggested new antique ivory regulations become law, this antique bronze will be worthless because it will be illegal to sell it or even give it to a museum.

Pantin in 1920. Legras vases sell for a few hundred to over a thousand dollars. A vase with a similar scene sold at auction for \$355 earlier this year.

Q: My mother left me her complete set of Salem China. It was a wedding gift, and she may have used the china once or twice through the years. I have used the dishes a couple of times since she gave them to me. All the pieces are perfect. They're decorated with a central bouquet of colorful pastel flowers. The mark on the bottom is a small circle with the word "Salem" inside it and a coffee cup in front of it. Under that are the words "Princess Margaret, 23 K Gold, 51 Y." Please estimate a value for the set.

A: Salem China Co. manufactured dinnerware in Salem, Ohio, from 1898 to

1967. The mark on your dishes dates the set to 1951, the year before Princess Margaret's older sister, Elizabeth, became Queen of England. Salem China named the pattern to take advantage of Americans' fascination with Great Britain's royal family. The Princess Margaret pattern is not a common one. A 12-piece set of dishes in the pattern recently sold online for \$225.

Q: My World's Fair souvenir is unusual. It's a little booklet titled "New York World's Fair 1939 Needle Book" and holds all 90 of its original needles inside. The color design on the front is of the fair's Trylon and Perisphere. The booklet, marked "Copyright Pilgrim Needle Co.," is about 6 3/4 by 4 1/2 inches. Is it worth anything?

A: New York's 1939 World's Fair is one of the most popular among collectors of World's Fair memorabilia. But your needle book, while unusual, is not rare. Several versions were handed out at the fair. Most of them sell today for \$5 to \$10.

Tip: To keep scrapbooks from deteriorating, store them away from strong light, heat and moisture. ■

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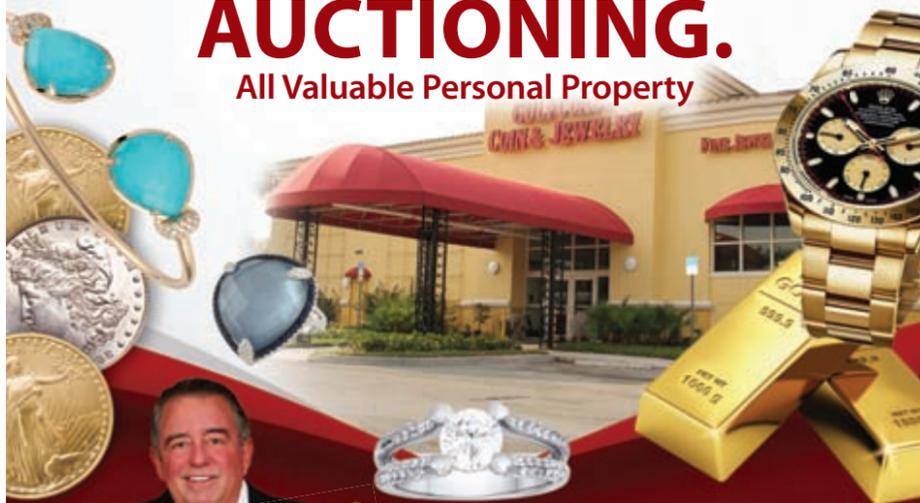
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■ **West Palm Beach Antiques Festival** — The show, which is one of the largest in Florida, will be noon-5 p.m. June 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. June 7 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. June 8 at the South Florida Fairgrounds, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach. Tickets: \$8 adults, \$7 seniors, free for



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■ The 56th annual **NCH Hospital Ball** is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's ball has been designated as a benefit for the hospital's nationally recognized cardiology program. Co-chairs are Cortney and Kevin Beebe. Invitations will be mailed in late August. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call 624-2000 or email foundation@nchmd.org.



■ The sixth annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 6-9. The opening-night red carpet gala takes place at Artis—Naples, with screening of independent documentaries, shorts and full-length features taking place at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. Call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfest.com.

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■ **Naples Botanical Garden's 11th annual Hats in the Garden** luncheon and fashion show, "Couture et Fleurs: Runway Fantasies Inspired & Created from Nature," is set for Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Garden. Co-chairs are Donna Hall and Rusty Hubbell. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor, and Saks Fifth Avenue is the retail sponsor. Other major sponsors include Premier Sotheby's International Realty, Naples Illustrated and Arthrex.

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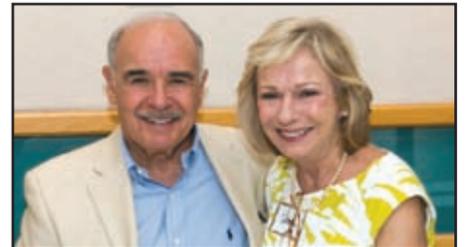
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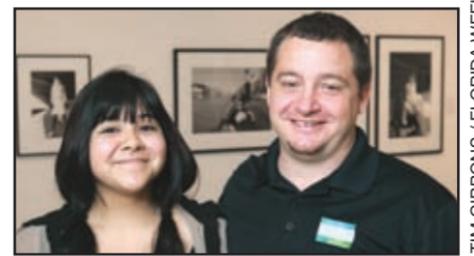
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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

■ **Black Forest Mill Restaurant, Green Tree Center, 2366 Immokalee Road, Naples; 592-4784**

For well-prepared German food served in sane portions and at reasonable prices, it would be hard to beat Black Forest Mill. Wedged between Em-On Thai and the Naples Olive Oil Company, this homey little spot offers warm hospitality and authentic food prepared by seasoned Chef Arthur Storchle and his wife, Dale. Typically potatoes aren't served as appetizers, but the potato pancakes served here are and are well worth abandoning your diet for the evening. Crisp on the outside, tender inside and needing no enhancements, they are a real treat. We also liked the chicken pate and complimentary bowls of potato salad and cole slaw. Rahmschnitzel, a special on this evening, consisted of a fried pork cutlet topped with a light cream mushroom gravy. Served with spaetzle and red cabbage, this dish was delicious. The sauerbraten was spot-on, slightly sweet and sour, perfect with a brown gravy and potato dumpling. Apfelkuchen with whipped cream was a great finish. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed March 2014

■ **The Chapel Grill, 811 Seventh Ave. S., Naples; 206-4310**

Casual yet stylish, this restaurant in the 65-year-old former First Baptist

Church is packing the pews, so to speak, with a wide-ranging menu that manages to put a new spin on some very familiar dishes. The calamari, for instance, is strewn with chorizo sausage and tempura-fried julienned carrots. Marinara would be too mundane for such a concoction, so the chef dreamed up a delicious mango-rum sauce that complements the calamari nicely. A single duck-filled spring roll seemed chintzy for \$11.80, but it was nonetheless delicious. Seafood or steak, Chapel Grill seems blessed for success. A New York strip was perfectly grilled to medium-rare yet achieved a crusty exterior that most home grillers would envy. The well-marbled 14-ounce cut was dry-aged for 21 days, which imparted a noticeable richness. Red rock cod Florentine was a hefty fillet with thick flakes of moist white meat within its crisp, oven-baked Parmesan crust. Inventive cocktails such as a vodka gimlet with balsamic-laced strawberries and fresh basil, or a bourbon highball spiked with The King's Ginger liqueur and a kiss of cloves are sinfully indulgent. Full bar.

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

■ **Chops City Grill, 8200 Health Park Center, Bonita Springs; 992-4677**

Chops delivers dazzling food and draws diners willing to pay luxury prices for it (a 22-ounce dry-aged bone-in ribeye costs \$52.50, and sauces are extra?) The Asian-accented menu remains focused on grilled prime steaks

and other meats, though Chops has never given seafood short shrift. The 300-bottle wine list emphasizes reds but offers a good range of tastes, regions and value. You can even choose between wet- or dry-aged beef. A nearly 2-inch-thick ribeye was flawlessly grilled. With its deeply beefy flavor, this is about as good as steak gets. A pan-seared black grouper with wild mushroom risotto and "screaming hot" rock shrimp sauce was perfectly cooked but overwhelmed by its sauce. Desserts are the usual suspects; you might want to enjoy another one of Chops' sexy cocktails instead. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★
Reviewed June 2013

■ **FUSE Global Cuisine, 2500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 456-4585**

Fried duck mac and cheese, hog wings (braised pork fore shanks fried and tossed with chili garlic sauce, sesame seeds and green onions), golden beet salad with bucheron cheese and micro greens are but a few of the ways to start off a meal at this intriguing spot opened in November by chef/owner Greg Scarlatos, formerly of Angelina's) and his fiancée/business partner Monica Czechowska. Entree options offer similarly imaginative — but not over-the-top — combinations, such as Colorado lamb chops with tart cherry glaze and Stilton potato hash garnished with crisp Brussels sprouts or cobia and wild mushroom with huckleberry gastrique. Guava bread pudding with fresh strawberries made a fine end to the meal. Ser-

vice was gracious, the ambience soothing. Full bar.

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

■ **Pizza Fusion, The Gateway of Naples Shopping Center, 2146 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 262-8111**

Pizza Fusion's food tastes good, and the burgeoning franchise does good at the same time. This eco-friendly chain offers a menu that's 75 percent organic, with vegan and gluten-free options available and easily identified on the menu. And while pizza gets a starring role here, there are other worthy contenders, including the zucchini al forno (zucchini stuffed with walnuts, breadcrumbs and bell pepper) and salads such as the pear and gorgonzola with a vibrant balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Pizzas come in two sizes — personal and large. We liked the Greek, a mix of kalamata olives, roma tomatoes, organic tomato sauce, feta, parsley, mozzarella and provolone on a crisp multigrain crust. Don't skip dessert: The fresh-baked chocolate-chip cookies are divine. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
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Between Century Link and Chick-Fil-A you'll find the latest independent restaurant to make a stand amidst the plethora of chains.

Some of the signs still identify it as Sumo Sushi Sake, but it's now Benja Sushi, the second restaurant by Khwan Sawai and her husband, Adam Satinsky. The pair opened Thai Udon Cafe last August, bringing together a mix of well-executed Japanese and Thai dishes in a sophisticated setting.

Their new location has an added attraction: sushi, along with a roomy and attractive sushi bar at which to watch the chef craft your food. With its bamboo front illuminated by a strip of blue neon light, it's a pleasant spot in which to dine, cool and soothing, particularly as summer weather commences.

The place looks much as it did in its previous incarnation — casual and hip, with that great sushi bar dominating the room — but the new management has changed the artwork to more conventional screened prints that line one wall from the front of the dining room to the back. On the facing wall, the one-time drive-through window still exists, but is no longer used.

As at Thai Udon, dishes are prepared with tender loving care using top-notch ingredients. For example, it's possible to order sushi that contains real, honest-to-goodness blue crab rather than "krab" (the ubiquitous surimi, a dubious substance made from fish paste with a consistency that resembles a pencil eraser). Benja Sushi's blue crab roll (\$11.98) is a delectable blend of flaky crabmeat, spicy mayo, tempura flake, cucumber and tobiko. If you shun sushi containing "krab," I suggest trying this roll as it showcases the shellfish as its best.

Benja Sushi also offers a different take on crab Rangoon (\$6.98), using crab and cream cheese blended well and generously laced with curry, filling large triangular pockets that are perfectly fried to a golden hue. The crisp exterior and



Above: A yellow dragon roll and blue crab roll were expertly prepared.

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Top: Volcano chicken features a sliced chicken breast and lots of veggies.



Above: Pumpkin curry with shrimp is an interesting departure from the usual offerings.

creamy, nicely flavored stuffing made for a great starter.

Also interesting was the hamachikama (9.98), grilled yellowtail cheek, which we picked from the bone with our forks. The fish is on the strong-tasting side, and a lightly sweet dipping sauce proved a good match. I don't think I'd order this

again because it required a fair amount of work to extract the fish, but it was an interesting dish and one you don't typically encounter.

The other sushi roll we tried, a yellow dragon roll (\$12.98), had crunchy tempura shrimp, asparagus and avocado inside the sushi rice and thinly sliced raw salmon draped on top with a drizzle of spicy mayo over that. It was delicious, needing no soy sauce, which so often obscures the delicate flavors of the sushi. Two pieces of tuna sushi (\$5.98) were fresh and tasty as well.

We headed into Thai territory for entrees, sampling the classic chicken volcano (\$17.98) and an intriguing pumpkin curry with shrimp (\$16.98). We ordered both dishes moderately spicy, and that's how the volcano turned out. It contained a thinly sliced breast of chicken atop a variety of veggies — broccoli, mushrooms and cucumber — in a thin chili-laced sauce. I liked that the chicken hadn't been breaded, making for a lighter dish, but it could have been cooked a little longer. The vegetables were just right, but the sauce seemed somewhat less dynamic than other versions I've had.

The curry, on the other hand, was very spicy, its thick, creamy sauce blazing with seasonings. The shrimp were cooked just right and the pumpkin (it appeared to be calabaza) was tender and sweet.

Benja Sushi offers the usual suspects for dessert: green tea or red bean ice cream, fried doughnuts or bananas. But after sushi, two appetizers and two

entrees, we weren't equipped to handle even one between us.

Service was good throughout our visit, with dishes well timed, the sushi arriving first and no hot dishes showing up until we'd finished with the sushi. That requires some attention from the server, and ours was clearly keeping an eye on us, making sure our glasses were filled and dishes cleared as well.

We had hoped for a selection of sakes from which to choose, but so far there isn't a list. The server asked if we wanted filtered or unfiltered and, when we said filtered, produced two options from which we could choose. We selected the well-known Sho Chiku Bai gingo sake, which is light and fruity (and produced in California). It's still in its early days, I know, but I'd like to see Benja Sushi expand its sake offerings to match the caliber of its sushi menu.

Situated in the same complex as the Hollywood 20 movie complex, I suspect Benja Sushi will get plenty of business, most likely with its sushi proving to be its biggest draw. ■

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Benja Thai

6438 Naples Blvd., Naples, 591-1122

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

- >> Hours: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday
- >> Reservations: Accepted
- >> Credit cards: Accepted
- >> Price range: Appetizers, \$4.98-12.98; entrees, \$13.98-\$20.98; sushi, \$1.98-\$8.98; sushi rolls, \$6.98-\$17.98
- >> Beverages: Wine and beer served.
- >> Seating: At the sushi bar, conventional tables, high tops, banquettes or on front outdoor patio
- >> Specialties of the house: Sushi, hot Japanese and Thai cuisine
- >> Volume: Low to moderate
- >> Parking: Free lot
- >> Website: www.benjasushi.com or on Facebook

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★★★★ Noteworthy
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