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As lightning bolts strike Florida, those who have survived try to save lives by telling their stories.

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JESSE WATLINGTON WAS STRUCK BY LIGHTNING ON THE football field at Southwest Florida Christian Academy in Fort Myers in October 2012. At the start of practice, the 11-year-old took a direct hit. He died.



WATLINGTON

There was a lawsuit. There was a settlement. His parents have since moved to Orlando. They are trying to move forward. Every morning they have to forgive the world. They want their son's legacy to shine on.

"Most of me died the moment my son died," Chuck Watlington says.

"When I see lightning, I imagine it striking my son. I see him as he was hit."

Seeing a lightning death as a preventable death, Mr. Watlington wants to give his son's death purpose. Through the Jesse Watlington

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"Most of me died the moment my son died. When I see lightning, I imagine it striking my son. I see him as he was hit."

— Chuck Watlington

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Average fatalities per year in the U.S. from lightning strikes in the last 30 years.

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Number of lightning injuries in Florida so far this year

ONE IN A MILLION

Odds of being struck by lightning in the U.S.

ONE IN 400,000

Odds of being struck by lightning in Florida

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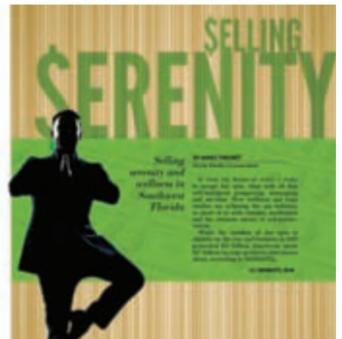
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Reefs will boost diving, fishing, ecotourism industries and more



COURTESY PHOTO

Marine life will thrive in new habitat created by the system of reefs.

BY DON MANLEY

Florida Weekly Correspondent

A vision of Gulf Coast waters teeming with diverse marine life that entices anglers, snorkelers, SCUBA divers and ecotourists is taking shape in Collier County.

Dubbed the Artificial Reef Project at the Community Foundation of Collier County, the \$3 million effort is one that when completed could provide a major

economic boost to the area. The reefs are expected to inject about \$30 million annually into the county's tourism industry by creating a diving industry here and expanding ecotourism, hotel stays, dining, shopping, boating, fishing, bait shop revenues and more.

"There really is, for all age groups and all economic groups, a real benefit to this," says Craig Jones, marketing director for

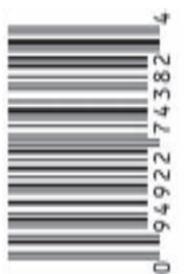
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COMMENTARY

Rick Scott and me



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I like Rick Scott. I talked to the governor once on the phone and later watched him hand out medals to veterans. He's a really nice guy.

I'm a nice guy, too. He wears handmade cowboy boots from the same cobbler who fashions them for Texas Gov. Rick Perry and former Texas governor and President George W. Bush. He shakes a lot of hands in those boots.

I used to wear cowboy boots, too, made by Red Wing. I never did much handshaking, but I rode horseback across part of Kansas once and I worked a job on a section crew for the Union Pacific Railroad out of Bonner Springs, in those boots.

That was while Rick Scott was going to law school, which I thought about doing. Briefly.

Rick Scott is bald and 60-something. So am I. Rick Scott was raised in Kansas City. I've lived in Kansas City. And Rick Scott goes on hunting trips.

So do I.

I just came back from one last week, in fact — up there in the Rocky Mountains only 800 miles north of the King Ranch in Texas. That's where Rick Scott and some other Republican leaders from Florida (both the outgoing and the incoming House speakers, the agricultural commissioner and so on) traveled last year to hunt hogs and deer

courtesy of U.S. Sugar, which holds a 30,000-acre hunting lease on the King Ranch, itself an 825,000-acre operation.

After they broke this story, some danged snoops from the *Tampa Bay Times* and *Miami Herald* learned that Rick Scott shot a buck.

I've shot deer, too, although on my last trip I only plugged a few cans on the old Nash Ranch in Colorado, while camping out with my son.

Sounds fun, doesn't it? And it is. It's fun to be free, like Rick Scott and me.

Rick Scott served his country as a young man in uniform (Navy). So did I (USMC). Rick Scott works hard. So do I. And Rick Scott has a wife and children who appear to love him. So do I, fortunately.

Long and short, Rick Scott is just like Roger Williams-plus-\$100-million.

Of course, some minor differences exist between us, as well.

A month after he came back from the Big Shoot with Big Sugar on the Big Ranch, Rick Scott appointed Mitch Hutchcraft to the board of the South Florida Water Management District. A day after I came back from Colorado, I appointed my son to manage the water flowing to the horse trough in our pasture.

I've met Mitch Hutchcraft, and he's another really nice guy. Since 2007, he's been the vice president in charge of Florida farmlands owned by King Ranch — reported by those *Times/Herald* snoops as 60,000 acres in southern Florida alone (40,000 in citrus, 12,000 in sugar and 8,000 in other crops).

King Ranch is now king of the citrus

growers in the Sunshine State. The corporation also farms as much as 20,000 acres in the Everglades Agricultural Area, a 700,000-acre scrape that lies mostly south of Lake O.

Like a 20-mile-thick dam, the EAA cuts off the traditional southward flow of water from the lake into the southern Everglades and Florida Bay. It consists of an unnatural topographic tapestry of agricultural fields lying below sea level, canals, and massive pump systems designed for irrigation and water control.

It was originally financed — and it is still maintained — by American and state taxpayers. We also enrich the owners of its sugar harvest with artificial price supports: the Fanjul brothers, U.S. Sugar, and the King Ranch.

All of which means that land owners who “farm” sugar in the Everglades Agricultural Area and elsewhere are merely fat-cat welfare recipients who like to take Republican politicians hunting in Texas — unless they're women, apparently.

As it turns out, Mitch Hutchcraft used to be one of the top executives of Bonita Bay Properties, a major developer in Lee County, where King Ranch owns significant land on the still-agricultural barrier called Pine Island.

So he shouldn't have a problem helping to manage the SFWMD just like a money-making business — his business. I'm talking about the largest water district in the state, the 16-county public bureaucracy that is now point-man in the Everglades cleanup effort.

Those are the facts. This is also true: Big Sugar executives have spent money in recent years trying to reduce the crap that

they pour into our water systems. Their companies also provide jobs, which their mouthpieces are fond of pointing out. And I applaud them for both.

But with Rick Scott's help they've avoided having to clean up the massive damage they've already inflicted. That damage now threatens the life of Florida Bay to the south, Charlotte Harbor to the west, and the Indian River Lagoon to the east, where King Ranch is said to be the largest private landowner in Martin County.

Which means that taxpayers have to fix the problem. That's Rick Scott's solution. The governor is now suddenly proposing that we spend a billion dollars in the next decade to help solve our water problems.

Curiously, his plan comes a mere three years after he killed hundreds of key regulatory, enforcement and data-gathering positions at water management districts statewide — especially the SFWMD — nearly cutting their budgets in half along with their effectiveness in preventing problems in the first place.

But it's all good. Not for us, of course, but for U.S. Sugar and the King Ranch. Perhaps that's why they sponsor hunting trips to the Lone Star State for Republican male politicians from the Sunshine State.

And it may be why Big Sugar has given some \$2.2 million to Florida's Republican party, more than \$500,000 of which has gone to the Rick Scott re-election campaign, so far.

It would be worse if these weren't all such nice guys. Just like me, and probably like you (sorry, ladies). Maybe one day they'll take us hunting in Texas, too. ■



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OPINION

Constitutional crisis for fun and profit



richLOWRY

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Republicans and Democrats are consumed in a vicious debate over which party wants to talk about impeachment more.

Democrats say it is lunatic Republicans who are scheming, as we speak, to impeach the president. Republicans say it is manipulative Democrats who are eager to play up the nonexistent chance of impeachment to motivate their voters in the midterm elections.

It is certainly true that conservatives have talked about and advocated impeachment, most recently Sarah Palin in a call to arms. But the Republican political leadership — and for that matter, almost all Republicans in Congress — has shown zero interest. In fact, it has long demonstrated a positive allergy to the topic, believing that it will be a politically damaging nonstarter.

Nothing about this has changed lately, yet all of a sudden Democrats are acting as if it's February 1868 or December 1998 all over again, and the president is

on the verge of losing an impeachment vote in the House.

This manufactured panic can get Democrats only so far. The reality is that House Speaker John Boehner's lawsuit, which they say is part of the nefarious impeachment plot, will, even if successful, have little practical effect beyond establishing the precedent of Congress suing the president.

But Democrats hold the trump card in the tussle over impeachment. All reports are that President Barack Obama is considering a sweeping action on immigration so clearly unlawful that it will, at the very least, pressure Republicans to consider impeachment more seriously. (Just imagine the Democratic fundraising emails then!) If this is truly the gambit, it is dime-store political nihilism.

First and foremost, there will be the violence done to our system of government. A big unilateral amnesty that affects millions of people won't be an exercise in so-called prosecutorial discretion. It isn't declining to enforce the law in a specific instance because of limited funds and personnel. It is expending resources to implement an entirely new dispensation.

There is some leeway for executive discretion, or deferred action, in immigration law, but everyone has always

understood that it's very limited. Not too long ago, President Obama eloquently explained why.

"I just have to continue to say this notion that somehow I can just change the laws unilaterally is just not true," he told Latino journalists in response to a question about acting alone on the DREAM Act in 2011. "We live in a democracy. You have to pass bills through the legislature, and then I can sign it."

The White House must know that the politics of his unilateral amnesty, especially if it prompts a push for impeachment, will be highly divisive. But the tea leaves say that the White House will welcome the division.

It may well believe that its contemplated extralegal act is a win-win, delivering what it wants substantively (amnesty for millions) and politically (a debate on impeachment it assumes will be a loser for Republicans).

In other words, the president will be stoking a constitutional crisis because it suits his purposes. If callow cynicism were a high crime, his impeachment and removal would be a foregone conclusion. ■

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

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amy GOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

The Israeli assault on the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip is well into its second month. This military attack, waged by land, sea and air, has been going on longer than the devastating assault in 2008/2009, which killed more than 1,400 Palestinians. The death toll in this current attack is at least 1,300, overwhelmingly civilians. As this column was being written, the United Nations confirmed that a U.N. school in Gaza, where thousands of civilians were seeking shelter, was bombed by the Israeli Defense Forces, killing at least 20 people. The United Nations said it reported the exact coordinates of the shelter to the Israeli military 17 times.

Henry Siegman, a dean of American Jewish thought and president of the U.S./Middle East Project, sat down for an interview with the "Democracy Now!" news hour. An ordained rabbi, Siegman is the former executive director of the American Jewish Congress and former executive head of the Synagogue Council of America, two of the major, mainstream Jewish organizations in the United States. He says the Israeli occupation of the Palestinian territories must end.

"There is a Talmudic saying in the 'Ethics of the Fathers,'" Siegman started, "'Don't judge your neighbor until you can imagine yourself in his place.' So, my first question when I deal with any issue related to the Israeli-Palestinian issue: What if we were in their place?"

He elaborated, "No country and no people would live the way Gazans

have been made to live... our media rarely ever points out that these are people who have a right to live a decent, normal life, too. And they, too, must think, 'What can we do to put an end to this?'"

Born in Germany in 1930, Siegman and his family were persecuted. "I lived two years under Nazi occupation, most of it running from place to place and in hiding," he recalled. His father took his mother and their six children to Belgium, to France, to North Africa, then, after two months at sea, dodging German submarines, they arrived at Ellis Island. He told us: "I always thought that the important lesson of the Holocaust is not that there is evil, that there are evil people in this world who could do the most unimaginably cruel things. That was not the great lesson of the Holocaust. The great lesson of the Holocaust is that decent, cultured people, people we would otherwise consider good people, can allow such evil to prevail, that the German public — these were not monsters, but it was OK with them that the Nazi machine did what it did."

His father was a leader of the European Zionist movement, which sought a homeland for the Jewish people. Siegman said: "As a kid even, (I was) an ardent Zionist. I recall on the ship coming over, we were coming to America, and I was writing poetry and songs — I was 10 years old, 11 years old — about the blue sky of Palestine. In those days we referred to it as Palestina."

Henry Siegman became a prominent leader in American Jewish life. I asked him to reflect on his history with Zionism and to respond to the assault on Gaza. He said: "It's disastrous... When one thinks that this is what is necessary for Israel to survive, that the Zionist dream is based on the

repeated slaughter of innocents on a scale that we're watching these days on television, that is really a profound crisis — and should be a profound crisis — in the thinking of all of us who were committed to the establishment of the state and to its success."

I asked Siegman to watch a clip from CBS's "Face the Nation." The show's host, Bob Schieffer, recently closed the program by saying, "Last week I found a quote of many years ago by Golda Meir, one of Israel's early leaders, which might have been said yesterday: 'We can forgive the Arabs for killing our children,' she said, 'but we can never forgive them for forcing us to kill their children.'"

Siegman said that he had seen the broadcast. He replied: "If you don't want to kill Palestinians, if that's what pains you so much, you don't have to kill them. You can give them their rights, and you can end the occupation. And to put the blame for the occupation and for the killing of innocents that we are seeing in Gaza now on the Palestinians — why? Because they want a state of their own? They want what Jews wanted and achieved?"

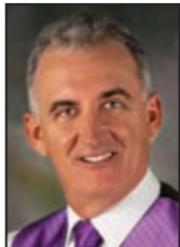
As the United States resupplies Israel with ammunition, more than 250 children in Gaza have been killed. Instead of providing weapons, the U.S. and the rest of the world should pressure Israel to stop the slaughter. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,200 stations in North America. She is the co-author of "The Silenced Majority," a *New York Times* best-seller.

Auctioneer offers free seminar about fundraising

Auctioneer Scott Robertson, a 20-year veteran auctioneer and principal of Scott Robertson Event Fundraising Consultants/Auctioneers, presents "Taking Your Benefit Auction to the Next Level of Fundraising" from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Hilton Naples. Attendance is free. Registration opens at 8 a.m. Beverages and pastries will be provided.



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Benefit auctions raised more than \$110 billion worldwide for charitable causes last year, Mr. Robertson says, adding his seminar will provide nonprofits with the tools to raise more funds and energize auction committees, boards and volunteers.

One of an estimated 30 auctioneers in the country that make fundraising auctions their full time profession, Robertson annually conducts 70-80 benefit auctions. Last year he helped raise more than \$21 million.

Seating for his free seminar is limited and registration is required by Friday, Aug. 22. Sign up at thevoe.com. For more information, call 246-2139 or visit the website. ■

Early voting begins Aug. 14

Early voting for the Aug. 26 primary election begins Thursday, Aug. 14 and runs through Saturday, Aug. 23, including Sunday, Aug. 17. Polls are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Collier County registered voters can cast their ballots at any of these locations:

■ **Everglades City Hall:** 102 Copeland Ave. N., Everglades City

■ **Golden Gate Community Center:** 4701 Golden Gate Parkway

■ **Immokalee Community Park:** 321 N. First St., Immokalee

■ **Headquarters Library:** 2385 Orange Blossom Drive

■ **Marco Island Library:** 210 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island

■ **The Norris Center:** 755 Eighth Ave. S.

■ **North Collier Regional Park:** 15000 Livingston Road

Supervisor of Elections Office: Collier County Government Complex, 3295 Tamiami Trail E.

"Our goal with the addition of an early voting site at the North Collier Regional Park is to pull some of the traffic from Library Headquarters and to provide more convenience for our voters who live on the northern end of the county," Supervisor of Elections Jennifer Edwards says.

Other early voting relocations include The Norris Center near Cambier Park instead of Naples City Hall, Golden Gate Community Center rather than the Golden Gate Library, and Immokalee Community Park instead of the Immokalee Library.

In order to participate in this election, residents must have been registered to vote in Florida by July 28. Registered voters planning to vote in person during early voting or on Election Day must provide a valid photo/signature ID (current Florida driver's license, DHSMV-issued Florida ID, U.S. passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID or public assistance ID). If the ID presented at the polls contains a photo but no signature, the voter will be asked to provide an additional form of accepted ID with their signature. Voters without the proper ID will be allowed to vote a provisional ballot.

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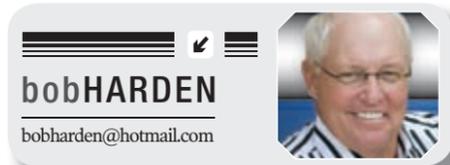
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A busy retirement filled with philanthropy, stewardship



When Terry and Christine Flynn moved to the Paradise Coast in 1996, they decided to get involved in the community. They've been making a big difference ever since.

Terry serves on the boards of trustees for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County and the NCH Healthcare System and is a dedicated steward of both organizations. He's also a member of the President's Society at Hodges University, the St. Ann School Foundation and the PGA Giving Society.

Terry was born in Green Bay, Wis. His father was a tow truck driver and his mother worked in retail all of her life. When World War II ended, the family moved to Madison, Wis. Terry started first grade along with his new best friend and next door neighbor, Tim. The friendship continued until Tim died last year.

Maintaining strong, happy and productive relationships is a major theme in Terry's life.

The Flynns moved to Toledo, Ohio, when Terry was in third grade. In sixth grade, his teacher, Richard Sheline, brought his daughter (who attended Catholic school) to class for Take Your Daughter to Work Day. Her name was Christine. "I was really taken with her," Terry

recalls. They married 52 years ago, during their junior year at the University of Toledo. "It's easily the best thing I have ever done," he says.

After graduation, Terry's first major job in sales and marketing required a move to the Philadelphia area. Before long, the couple had two sons and the young family enjoyed the suburban lifestyle. Christine worked as a teacher.

One day a friend invited Terry to lunch to get advice about a new venture in which he was involved. His bank in Baltimore had opened a new bank, MBNA, in Wilmington, Del., and he was the manager. A credit-card-only bank, MBNA wanted to market its MasterCard and Visa Cards to members of affinity groups. They saw opportunity and needed someone who could help find the groups, convince them to allow the bank to market to their members and manage that part of the business. He offered Terry the job. Twenty years later, Terry retired as vice chairman of MBNA, which since has been acquired by Bank of America.

The Flynns moved to Naples part time in 1996 and became fulltime residents five years later. "We enjoy every minute of being here," Terry says. "Since we had both been busy in our lives, we wanted to make sure that we kept busy in our new community." ■

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

Talking points with Terry Flynn

Mentor: I've had many, among them ... Richard Sheline, who was my sixth-grade teacher and was a mentor throughout his life as my father-in-law.

Something your mother was right about: She told me to make sure I married Christine.

Something that's been on your mind: Why get political?

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

First job: Since money was tight for my parents, I had a lot of strange jobs. I learned something from all of them — if nothing else, that I didn't want to do *that* for a living.

Guilty pleasure: Aldeheidi's salty caramel ice cream ... too much and too often!

Next vacation destination: We're going to China this fall with my travel agent cousin from Wisconsin.

One thing on your bucket list: A cruise to Tahiti and the adjoining islands.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I'd love to play the piano.

Advice for your grandkids: As Harry



Truman's mother told him: "Find out the right thing to do and then do it." Also, be nice to people. You don't have to like them, but be nice to them.

Best thing about grandkids: Someone told me that grandparents and grandchildren have a common enemy: the child's parents. It's true that parents have to be parents and keep control. But as a grandfather, I have no such limitations and can pretty much spoil them as I see fit — with reservations, of course.

What makes you laugh: Much to my wife's displeasure, I find humor in most everything.

Last books read: "The Blue Zones" by Dan Buettner and "Victory for Kids" by my friend and neighbor David Brennan.

Something you'll never understand: People who don't wear their seatbelts.

Pet peeve: Pokey drivers.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: Howie Long and Cal Ripken sort of worked for me while I was at MBNA.

What are you most proud of? Our extended families and some of the things we've been able to accomplish for people who need our help.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: Actually, I like it as it is.

What I miss about the Paradise Coast when I'm away: The friendly people and the great climate.

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Five ways lightning strikes

1. **Direct strike:** Lightning strikes you directly. You become part of the main lightning discharge channel. Most often, direct strikes occur to victims who are in open areas. Direct strikes are not as common as the other ways people are struck by lightning, but they potentially are the most deadly.
2. **Side flash:** A side flash occurs when lightning strikes a taller object near the victim and a portion of the current jumps from the taller object to the victim. In essence, the person acts as a "short circuit" for some of the energy in the lightning discharge.
3. **Ground current:** When lightning strikes a tree or other object, much of the energy travels outward from the strike, in and along the ground surface. This is known as the ground current. Anyone outside near a lightning strike is potentially a victim of ground current. Typically, the lightning enters the body at the contact point closest to the lightning strike, travels through the cardiovascular and/or nervous systems, and exits the body at the contact point farthest from the lightning. Because ground current charges large areas, ground current causes the most lightning deaths and injuries.
4. **Conduction:** Lightning can travel long distances in wires or other metal surfaces. Metal does not attract lightning, but it provides a path for the lightning to follow. Most indoor lightning casualties and some outdoor casualties are due to conduction. Whether inside or outside, anyone in contact with anything connected to metal wires, plumbing, or metal surfaces that extend outside is at risk. This includes anything that plugs into an electrical outlet, water faucets and showers, corded phones, windows and doors.
5. **Streamers:** Upward streamers develop as an opposite-charged, downward-moving leader approaches the ground. Typically, only one of the streamers makes contact with the downward leader as it approaches the ground and provides the path for the bright return stroke. When the main channel discharges, so do all the other streamers in the area. If a person is part of one of these streamers, the person could be killed or injured during the streamer discharge.

— Source: National Weather Service

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Memorial Foundation, he intends to give money to private schools around the state for lightning detection systems. He wants to meet the governor, meet with legislators, change the law, require all coaches, from private schools and public schools, to know CPR.

"My goal now is to make sure my little boy is the last little boy needlessly struck by lightning in the state of Florida," Mr. Watlington says.

Since Jesse's passing, Mr. Watlington says many people have told him they will be on the practice field, they will be in the stands, lightning all around them, and no one pulls children off the field. "I want coaches and I want teachers to pay attention. If you see lightning, if you see a dark sky ... don't take chances with our children," he says. "Stop the Little League games. Clear the playgrounds. Bring (children) indoors. Don't take a chance."

The National Weather Service reports that since the first of the year, through Aug. 11, there have been 19 lightning fatalities nationwide, six in Florida: One man walking Fort Myers Beach was struck alongside two teenagers, two men struck on rooftops, one man picking blueberries, one man fishing on the edge of a lake and another man at a construction site reportedly rolling up a car window.

"We think for every one person killed, probably nine others are injured," says John Jensenius, lightning safety specialist for the National Weather Service. "About one in every 10 people struck ends up dying from injuries."

People who have been struck by lightning say it becomes a defining moment in their lives. They find themselves forever telling the same story. They hear sarcasm: "Struck by lightning? You should play the lottery." They hear humor: "That explains it!" They hear disbelief: "If you were hit by lightning,



Michael Plunkett was struck by lightning twice, nine years apart, in the same spot, in his yard in West Palm Beach. Afterward, he asked himself, "Why did this happen to me? And twice?"

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how come you're standing right in front of me?"

Survivors and safety advocates say many times lightning strikes are a result of stupidity and stubbornness: "I see it. It's not going to hit me." When it does hit you, survivors say, beyond the countless physical ramifications — brain injury, nerve injury — you wrestle with endless spiritual questions: "Why was I hit? Why did I survive?" Often, such soul searching leads to attempts to save others.

StruckByLightning.org, a nonprofit founded by a lightning survivor focused on lightning safety, reports that so far this year, there have been 124 lightning injuries nationwide, 18 injuries in Florida. Going back to 1970, the website has tracked more than 500 people who were injured or killed by lightning in the state.

"You see deaths or injuries almost every day during summertime," Mr. Jensenius says. He attributes this to a combination of more people being outdoors

at a time when there is more lightning, meaning more injuries, more fatalities. Mr. Jensenius figures your overall odds of being struck by lightning in a typical year in the U.S. are close to one in a million, but your chances more than double in Florida: 1 in 400,000.

Why so much lightning? The heat, plus moist, humid air combined with an atmosphere conducive for warm air accelerating upward all contribute to the creation of thunderstorms, leading to lightning. Beaches and golf courses lead to vulnerability.

Mr. Jensenius says national numbers of lightning deaths are down: The 30-year average shows 51 lightning fatalities per year, versus the last 10-year average of 33 fatalities per year. Last year set a record low with 23 fatalities. Numbers are a little bit higher this year. Summer months are the peak months for lightning activity. And summer's not over.

Mr. Jensenius says people don't want to be inconvenienced by the weather. When they have made their mind up to do something, many times, they're going to do it, regardless of the threat. There's a reluctance to take cover. "If you hear thunder, you are in danger," he says. "You don't want to wait." He says lightning can strike more than 10 miles from the storm, hence bolts out of the blue.

Tracking lightning fatalities, Mr. Jensenius respects lightning. He remembers a *Los Angeles Times* comic strip, a couple of gods with lightning bolts in their hands, a thought bubble asking: "Where's that guy who writes all the lightning brochures?" Having written a number of lightning brochures, Mr. Jensenius feels, "That comic was written for me."

Michael Plunkett says he was struck by lightning twice, nine years apart, standing in the same spot in his yard in West Palm Beach.

July 1999: Mr. Plunkett was waiting for a hot tub to be delivered. The delivery was two days late. When the deliveryman called him, it was pouring rain. He opened his metal gate, stood there with an umbrella, waving him in. "I had

no fear at that time. I was a regular guy. Not worried. Lightning's not going to hit me," he says. The deliveryman went to tell him, "You better put that umbrella away," but Mr. Plunkett says all he heard was "You ...". He disappeared in a flash of white light. He was thrown back 10 feet.

July 2008: Mr. Plunkett was painting a palm tree. "It wasn't even raining," he says. But he heard a distant crack, like the sound of a cap gun, so he decided to go inside. As he was wiping his oil-painting palette knife clean, he says he saw a reflection in the knife, "white and blue hot light" flashing between his arms. He says he felt the lightning latch on to his right knee. The palette knife flew out of his hand. Again, he was thrown back. He had the immediate feeling, "It's going to get me again," so he rolled over on his side, pushed himself up and hobbled inside. He describes the pain in his legs like trying to walk when your legs are asleep, multiplied exponentially.

"Time, in a sense, stood still. As I was falling backwards through the air, I had so many thoughts pass through my mind: 'I don't have time for this.' 'Please don't take me.' 'I have a wife and a son. I'm not ready to go. I need to be here for them.' 'I don't want to go in an ambulance to the emergency room. My whole day will be ruined. I have a \$5,000 deductible.' 'This is the last thing I need to happen to me today,'" Mr. Plunkett says. "What's astonishing to me now, I've learned that the whole process of being hit by lightning takes a thousandth or a millionth of a second. I still ponder how it was possible to think, or pray, instinctively, so many thoughts, so fast."

Mr. Plunkett says the spot on his knee looks like old skin, "like how a dog elbow looks 100 years old." He says when he picks up the garden hose to wash sand off his feet, the water hitting his skin feels like fire.

Spiritually, Mr. Plunkett asked himself: "Why did this happen to me? What did I do? Did I do something bad? Is God punishing me? How come I'm not dead? What makes me so special?"

He began contemplating life: "Why are we here?" He bought a telescope. He studied the skies. He read books on physics and the cosmos. "I still don't know why I was struck. And twice," he says. Looking in books, looking in his telescope, looking inside himself, he found, "Lightning and living afterward, it's not up to us to know why. Life is a gift. Enjoy the present."

Michael Utley, the lightning survivor who founded StruckByLightning.org, says such questions are valid questions.



UTLEY

He faced many of the same, even asking himself: "Do I want to live the rest of my life in a wheelchair?"

Mr. Utley was struck by lightning on a Cape Cod golf course on May 8, 2000. His heart stopped. His friend performed CPR in the rain. He woke up 38 days later in an Intensive Care Unit. He woke up on his daughter's second birthday. She would eventually teach her dad how to ride a bike again.

Mr. Utley has no memory of being struck. He does not remember the day before. Some lightning survivors experience post-concussion type symptoms, headaches, confusion. Long-term problems may include difficulty filing new information or retrieving old information, inattentiveness, forgetfulness, chronic pain, balance issues and trouble sleeping.

Dr. Robert Borrego, medical director of the trauma department at St. Mary's Medical Center, says when lightning

"I will never get a 45-year-old soccer coach in South Florida to get off the field. But if I can get his 8-year-old daughter to tug at his shirttail and say, 'Come on, Dad. It's not safe,' I might have a chance."

— Michael Utley,
the lightning survivor who founded
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strikes, it can interrupt cardiovascular rhythms and stop the heart. As the current travels through the body, it finds tissue with the least resistance and best conductivity, potentially ravaging the nervous system, muscle and bone. If lightning struck someone in the right shoulder and exited the left foot, the person could have an internal burn anywhere in the body from where the lightning hit to where it went out. Tissue damage can, in turn, damage organs, such as the liver, kidneys or lungs.

Dr. Borrego sees the likelihood of a person being struck by lightning twice as depictive of their behavior. He knows of no physiological reason why someone would be more prone to be struck. Of all the perceptions surrounding lightning, Dr. Borrego feels the most dangerous might be that people believe it's an unusual occurrence.



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"It's not that unusual," Dr. Borrego says. "Especially in Florida."

Mr. Utley blames 99 percent of lightning strikes in the U.S. on stupidity. He wants to make the adage, "When thunder roars, go indoors," as popular as "Stop, Drop and Roll."

Mr. Utley focuses his educational efforts on reaching 8- to 12-year-olds, presenting to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, schools. "I will never get a 45-year-old soccer coach in South Florida to get off the field," he says. "But if I can get his 8-year-old daughter to tug at his shirttail and say, 'Come on, Dad. It's not safe,' I might have a chance."

More than anything, Mr. Utley wants to compel people to learn CPR. "If the guy with me didn't know it, I'd be dead," he says. There comes a point in all of his presentations where he asks people who know CPR to raise their hands. "These are your new best friends," he says. He asks people who don't know CPR to raise their hands. "These people will do you no good," he says. To drive home his point, he asks the crowd, "What if it was your child? Could you live with yourself? Would you want to?"

Many lightning survivors experience personality changes. They may isolate themselves out of irritability or embarrassment — they are not able to remember people, or they have difficulty trying to carry on conversation — this can turn to depression. They may look the same on the outside, but lightning survivors say they are not the same on the inside. Relationships may drift apart.

"If you spill Coca-Cola on your laptop, you can clean it up and it will look the same, but it doesn't run the same," says Mr. Utley, who was divorced after his lightning strike. "Lightning fries your brain, it fries your body, it changes you."

Steve Marshburn Sr., founder and president of Lightning Strike & Electric Shock Survivors International, a non-



Myth: Lightning never strikes the same place twice.

Truth: Lightning often strikes the same place repeatedly, especially if it's a tall, pointy, isolated object. The Empire State Building is hit nearly 100 times a year.



Myth: If it's not raining, no clouds overhead, you are safe from lightning.

Truth: Lightning often strikes more than three miles from the center of the thunderstorm, far outside rain or storm clouds. "Bolts from the blue" can strike 10 to 15 miles from the storm.



Myth: If outside when lightning may strike, I should lie flat on the ground.

Truth: Lying flat increases your chance of being struck by potentially deadly ground current. If you are caught outside in a thunderstorm, keep moving toward safe shelter.



Myth: Rubber tires protect you from lightning by insulating you from the ground.

Truth: Most cars are safe from lightning, not from the rubber tires; the metal roof and metal sides protect you. Convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles and vehicles with fiberglass shells offer no protection from lightning. When lightning strikes a vehicle, it goes through the metal frame into the ground. Roll windows all the way up. Do not lean on doors.



Myth: A lightning victim is electrified. If you touch them, you'll be electrocuted.

Truth: The human body does not store electricity. It's perfectly safe to touch a lightning victim to give first aid. This may be the most chilling of lightning myths. Imagine if someone died because people were afraid to give CPR.



Myth: If outside in a thunderstorm, seek shelter under a tree to stay dry.

Truth: Being underneath a tree is the second leading cause of lightning casualties.



Myth: If you are in a house, you are 100 percent safe from lightning.

Truth: A house is a safe place, as long as you avoid anything that conducts electricity. Stay away from corded phones, electrical appliances, wires, TV cables, computers, plumbing, metal doors and windows.



Myth: Structures with metal, or metal on the body (jewelry, cell phones) attract lightning.

Truth: Height, pointy shape and isolation are the dominant factors controlling where a lightning bolt will strike. The presence of metal makes absolutely no difference on where lightning strikes. When lightning threatens, seek shelter immediately; do not waste time removing metal. While metal does not attract lightning, it does conduct it, so stay away from metal fences, railings, bleachers, etc.

— Source: National Weather Service

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profit support group for survivors and their families, was struck by lightning in 1969. A banker in North Carolina, Mr. Marshburn was sitting at a drive-through teller's window. There was a distant storm, and a bolt of lightning strayed, struck, went through the speaker, hit his spine and broke his back.

"Nobody touched me," he says. "They thought if they touched me, they would be injured."

Mr. Marshburn has endured 46 surgeries since his strike. He says he has had moles turn to melanomas and carcinomas as a result of his strike. He says he suffered prostate cancer as a result of his strike. He suffers from migraines and seizures. He says lightning scorched the left side of his brain. He reads. He does crossword puzzles. His words sometimes slur. He says he talks slower than he used to. He hears slower than he used to.

"I did ask God, 'Why me?'" Mr. Marshburn says. "I've come to understand, why not me? Everyone has something they are supposed to do. We're not here to bide time. I believe with all my heart, it was my calling to organize (the support group) and help people."

Shortly after he was struck, Mr. Marshburn remembers telling his doctor, "I've got to talk to somebody who has been through this." Decades later, his support group has grown to nearly 1,700 members worldwide.

Mr. Marshburn urges sporting officials, the first time you hear thunder, call the game. If you're in a fishing tournament, he says it's not worth it to catch the biggest fish. "If you hear thun-



MICHAEL PLUNKETT / COURTESY ART

After he was struck the second time, artist Michael Plunkett drew what he saw.

der, see a light flash, even on a sunny day, a blue sky day, get indoors. It's not far away," he says.

He has no patience for the otherworldly or supernatural phenomena public perception sometimes attaches to being struck by lightning. "I'm not into all the hoopla. I'm into helping others," he says. "I did not want to have 46 surgeries, cancers, a broken back ... that was not my wish."

Jay Anderson, a safety vigilante well known in Southwest Florida, hopes lightning tragedies turn into teachable moments.

"Our society is so point A to point B, people don't want to be interrupted," he says. "They always think it's going to happen to somebody else, but it does happen."

Mr. Anderson was struck by lightning on June 26, 1981. "It was a Friday. One of those typical Florida days, you knew there would be a storm sometime in the afternoon, but it really didn't seem like impending doom," he says. "Out of nowhere came a bolt of lightning."

Then an EMS captain, he was at a fire station in Fort Myers, leaning on a fire truck, talking over the radio after a crew meeting, when lightning hit the corner of the building.

"It jumped from the corner of the building, struck me, threw me at least 30 feet," he says. "It could have been any one of us, it could have been somebody else leaning on that fire truck, but it just so happened to be me."

Mr. Anderson would like to see lightning detectors on the beach. As

lightning detection systems are added to school properties, he hopes people heed the warning and not ignore them, like sounding car alarms.

As far as CPR, he says, "There shouldn't be a kid who graduates high school without knowing CPR."

Having been struck by lightning, Mr. Anderson says he can sense lightning before it strikes. "It's like how people in emergency services can hear sirens before anyone else," he says. "I can always tell it's coming ... It's a heightened sense of awareness."

As far as any other aftereffects, Mr. Anderson identifies his fear of lightning: "When lightning's around, I go hide." ■

in the know

Lightning apps

Make your phone your weather warner. As lightning apps gain popularity, here are some to consider:

>> **Spark**, by WeatherBug, provides minute-by-minute, mile-by-mile lightning alerts and safety recommendations.

>> **Radius**, by Weather Underground, delivers predictive radar and localized lightning alerts; user-generated content also lends unique coverage of weather conditions.

>> **PocketPerry**, by Perry Weather, gives a visual for storm proximity by displaying real-time lightning strikes at street-level resolution.

>> **Vanderbilt University's CoachSmart** offers real-time details on heat index and lightning strikes, frequently asked sports medicine and safety questions.



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Foster kids get head start at back-to-school fair

Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida hosted its first back-to-school fair in early August. Sponsored by Arthrex, the fair drew almost 200 Collier County foster children and their families and guardians to the Golden Gate Community Center for back-to-school supplies, clothes, shoes, books, food, games, bounce houses and other fun activities.

Angels Under Cover volunteers and board members measured children and supplied them with school uniforms, and Bedtime Bundles volunteers offered nightclothes, underwear and socks all wrapped up in a colorful pillowcase. The Young Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association handed out backpacks filled with school supplies, and Laces for Love sorted through hundreds of pairs of shoes to find the right color and size for each child in need.

Back-to-school haircuts were also a big crowd pleaser, as volunteers from Runway International snipped and trimmed to give a clean look to kids from preschoolers to high school seniors. Youngsters received free books from Scholastic and vision tests from Vision Quest, the mobile vision van funded by Naples Children and Education Foundation.

Representatives from several organizations introduced caregivers and children to the various after school activities available to them. Staff and volunteers from Golisano Children's Museum of Naples, Collier County Parks and Recreation, Golden Gate Community Center, Greater Naples YMCA, Naples Academy of Marshall Arts, North Collier Regional Park and River Park Aquatic Center were on hand to share information about their programs.



Top: Connie Moody with the Francisco sisters.

Above: Sarah Able of Kids Party Pals gives Austin Gomez a Batman face.

The mission of Friends of Foster Children is to provide foster children with the social, educational and financial support the state does not. FFC's support ranges from tutoring and after-school programs to enrichment activities that nurture talents and passions. For more information, call 262-1808 or visit friendsoffosterchildren.net.



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For the sixth consecutive year, residents of Vi at Bentley Village gave their time and money through Operation Backpack to help send local students back to school well-equipped for the classroom. After raising \$2,500 for backpacks and supplies, they gathered in the Bentley Village auditorium to fill the backpacks with notebooks, pencils, crayons, markers, scissors, glue sticks, and other back-to-school necessities. The backpacks will be distributed to The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, Liberty Youth Ranch, St. Matthew's House, Pueblo Bonito, Harvest Time Ministries and several local schools. Above left: Ann Wright fills a backpack. Right: Backpacks waiting to be stuffed with school supplies.

Refresher courses for older drivers

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

Classes take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number with each listing. Here's what's coming up:

Tuesday, Aug. 19: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N.; 269-6050.

Thursday, Aug. 21: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami

Trail N.; 269-6050.

Tuesday, Sept. 9: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami Trail N.; 269-6050.

Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 10-11: 9 a.m. to noon at Moorings Park, 120 Moorings Park Drive; 273-6317.

Thursday, Sept. 11: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive; 732-5310.

Tuesday, Sept. 16: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail N.; 269-6050.

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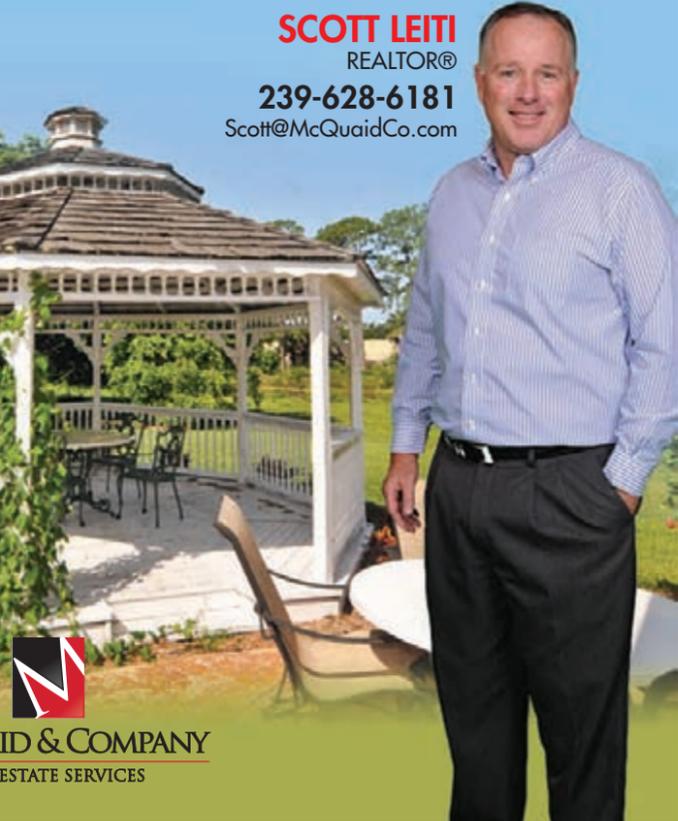
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Perspective

Jeff Mizanskey, 61, is a poster child for one well-known criticism of mandatory-minimum sentencing laws — that nonviolent marijuana users (and small-time sellers) may wind up doing decades of hard time and in fact more time than some sociopathic offenders serve for heinous offenses. Mr.

Mizanskey is 20 years into a life sentence with no possibility of parole for several violations of Missouri’s “prior and persistent drug offender” law, and his only chance for freedom is a clemency plea now under consideration by Gov. Jay Nixon (and still opposed by Mizanskey’s prosecutor).

Weird old world

■ Unconventional Food Prep: Leaked photographs taken by an undercover health and safety officer at China’s Tongcheng Rice Noodle Factory in Dongguan city in June show workers in street clothes casually walking back and forth atop piles of vermicelli noodles about to be packaged for shipment to stores. Some workers were even seen lounging or sleeping on the mountains of noodles. (In 1992, News of the Weird noted that health officials in South Dennis, Massachusetts, had closed the Wing Wah Chinese restaurant for various violations, including the restaurant’s habit of draining water from cabbage by putting it in cloth laundry bags, placing the bags between pieces of plywood in the parking lot and driving over them with a van.)

■ Unclear on the Concept: Werner Purkhart, who has been running a “silent disco” in Salzburg, Austria, for four years, was denied renewal of his business permit in July, supposedly because his parties were too loud. At a silent disco, each dancer wears headphones to hear radio-transmitted music; to those without headphones, the roomful of swaying, swinging dancers is eerily quiet. Salzburg Mayor Heinz Schaden

said it was still too loud. “The noise ... is keeping (the neighbors) up.”

■ “The Chinese fondness for napping in odd places is a well-documented phenomenon, one that’s spawned a popular website and even a book,” wrote *The Wall Street Journal* in a July dispatch. In a recent photo essay, a Getty Images photographer captured a series of shots of customers catching 40 winks in various furniture departments of IKEA stores, which officially does “not see it as a problem,” according to a spokesman. Maybe “we can sell an extra mattress or two.”

■ Five siblings in a rural Turkish family near the Syrian border were discovered by researchers in 2005 to be natural, fluid quadruped walkers (hands and feet to the ground, rear ends up), which was thought at the time possibly to mark the first known “turnaround” in human evolution. However, the siblings were recharacterized by recent PLOS One journal research as merely accommodating a musculo-skeletal imbalance in the brain. Other members of the family have normal gaits, and the five quadrupeds show additional developmental issues.

Police report

■ Alonzo Liverman, 29, was arrested in June in a Daytona Beach, Fla., police sting on prostitutes’ johns. “I’m hungry,” was the female officer’s come-on. Responded Mr. Liverman, “I got a salad.” Even though no salad was found on Mr. Liverman, police determined the banter constituted a suf-

ficient offer for paid sex.

■ The robber of a Chase Bank in Tucson, Arizona, in March is still on the loose even though surveillance video has been widely distributed. An additional detail from the video: The man pulled the holdup while carrying a small dog in a basket.

The justice angle

■ In the midst of the city of Detroit’s water crackdown — shutting off the spigots of residents delinquent on their bills — the Council of Canadians has come to the rescue. First, the council pressed the United Nations to label Detroit’s program a “human rights” violation (the denial of clean drinking water to the 3,000 homes per week being shut down). Said the council chair, “I’ve (only) seen this (oppression)

in the poorest countries in the world.” Second, the council arranged a convoy of “good Canadian, public, clean water” into Detroit in July to modestly help the estimated 79,000 homes in peril.

■ Ms. Ajanaffy Njewadda and her husband recently filed a lawsuit against New York City’s transit authority following her tumble down some stairs at a subway station (which caused a broken ankle, concussion and lingering trauma that has required psychiatric care). The MTA had placed a large ad for the serial-killer TV series “Dexter” on station stairs, positioned to be seen just as visitors left the subway. Ms. Njewadda said she was momentarily terrified by the ad and lost her balance.

■ A man whose name was withheld (“D.B.”) filed a lawsuit in April against medical clinics and physicians who performed his colonoscopy in Fairfax, Virginia, in 2013, based on what the patient learned from audio his smartphone recorded while he was unconscious. Though he originally intended to record only doctors’ instructions, he was dismayed to know that they began “mocking” him the second he went under, making disparaging and untrue statements about his health, feigning disgust at his body (“Oh! Oscar Mike Goss!”) (slang for “OMG” — oh, my God), threatening to “fire a gun up his rectum,” “diagnosing” him with syphilis or “tuberculosis in the penis,” and threatening to (falsely) note hemorrhoids on his record — all done amidst gales of laughter. ■

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The reefs are specifically designed to create marine habitat and to have a lifespan of 800-900 years.

Work is expected to begin in early 2015, pending receipt of all the required permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, says Diane Flagg, co-chair of the Economic Recovery Task Force for Collier County.

The ERTF has been involved with the project's planning since its inception in 2011. It began with a casual discussion between Ms. Flagg and Naples attorney and avid fisherman Peter Flood about a magazine article he'd read that touted the ecological and economic benefits of artificial reefs.

Ms. Flood reviewed the article and passed it along to ERTF co-chairman Jeff Ahren for review. A meeting was then arranged between Ms. Flood, Mr. Ahren, the task force board of directors and Mr. Flood. They decided to move forward with an effort to create an artificial reef system in Collier.

The ERTF then created an artificial reef team that aside from Mr. Flood also includes representatives of the Collier, Naples and Marco Island governments, the Community Foundation of Collier County (which is overseeing



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A charter fishing boat in Gulf waters near where the new reefs will be.

fundraising and administration), county residents and marine experts such as Dr. Heywood Matthews, a professor of oceanography St. Petersburg College who has been building artificial reefs for more than 40 years.

"This is a great collaboration between a private citizens who had an idea, local governments, people who'd like to establish diving businesses here and the commercial fishing industry," says Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation.

Fundraising was kicked off by \$1.3 million in grants that Naples, Marco Island and Collier County received from BP's Gulf Tourism and Seafood Promotional Fund, which was set up after its Deepwater Horizon oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010.

The remaining funds are being gathered through tax-deductible private

donations, including the sales of reef and reef module naming rights. Naming rights for a reef can be obtained for a contribution of \$100,000, while the rights for the smaller modules are available for a contribution of \$2,500.

Artificial reefs already exist in the Gulf offshore from Collier County, but they tend to be 30-60 miles out. Ms. Connolly-Keesler describes the bed of closer-in waters as a "desert" that offers little in the way of habitat, protection from predators or breeding grounds for fish and other aquatic life. The new reef system will enhance the diversity of marine life and broaden the range of fish species, she adds.

Included in the \$3 million project cost is \$527,000 for the creation of an hour-long documentary tracking the entire process of the reef project's creation, from planning to construction to the

structures' use by marine life. The documentary is being filmed and produced by Naples-based Marine Team Ltd., which provides marine consulting, project management and production services for commercial maritime projects and for water-related feature films, television programs, commercials, videos, documentaries and more, worldwide.

"We do a lot of traveling around the world and have done a lot of diving, and we saw the opportunity, because it's such a young project, to put it on film," says Lance Julian, who co-owns, with his son Harry, Marine Life Ltd. and Pure Naples, a charter fishing, sightseeing, boat and jet ski rental business operating out of Tin City. "All in all, it was a project that was close to our hearts, our homes and our businesses," he adds.

More than 350 outlets have already committed to airing the documentary, according to Ms. Flagg.

History shows that it doesn't take long for marine life to notice when artificial reefs are created, Ms. Flagg says.

"Dr. Matthews (of St. Petersburg College) says that as soon as you put material down you will have fish all over the reef, and within two years you will have growth adhering to the reef and marine life living in the crevices." ■

in the know

The Artificial Reef Project at the Community Foundation of Collier County

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■ Naples Cyclery and T2 Multisport presents a **junior triathlon** Saturday, Aug. 16, at North Collier Regional Park. Check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the racing starts at 8 a.m. Registration is \$17.

Participants will run, bike and then swim (in the Lazy River at Sun-n-Fun Lagoon). Ages 7-10 run .4 miles, pedal 1.7 miles and swim 300 yards; ages 11-13 run .8 miles, bike 3.4 miles and swim 300 yards.

No child will be turned away. If the entry fee is an issue or if a child does not have a bicycle to use, contact Naples Cyclery at 566-0600 or email race director Steven Gust at stevengust@comcast.net.

■ The Naples North Rotary Club sponsors the **Sunset & Suds 5K** fun run starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. The course begins at the corner of Vanderbilt Beach Road and Gulf Shores Drive and ends near the Turtle Club, ending up on the beach with paella, island music and cold beer. Proceeds will provide essentials for the women and children at the Shelter for Abused Women & Children. For more information visit facebook.com/sunsetandsuds5k.

■ Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion benefits from the **Frank Rostron Golf Invitational** set for Saturday and Sun-

day, Oct. 24-25, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, visit miraclelimbs.org.

■ The Greater Naples YMCA marks the one-year anniversary of the fire that destroyed its main building the inaugural **Fitness on Fire** 2-mile walk or 5- and 10-K runs. Registration begins at 6 a.m. and the walk/run starts at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Y's Healthy Living Campus, 5450 YMCA Road. Strollers and leashed pets are welcome. All donations will benefit the Y's rebuild efforts.

For information about sponsorship opportunities, call 597-3148 or visit grynyc.org.

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■ The seventh annual **Christmas Island Style golf tournament** takes place Saturday, Sept. 20, at Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club on Marco Island. Registration for \$120 per golfer includes breakfast before the 8:30 a.m. shotgun start and lunch and an awards ceremony after the tournament. All proceeds will benefit programs of Christmas Island Style Marco Island. To sign up or for information, call Dick Shanahan, 860-4354; Debra Shanahan, 248-7419; or Steve Stefanides, 250-8348. ■

RedSnook tourney set for Oct. 24-26

The 2014 RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament takes place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26, to benefit water quality protection efforts and gamefish research conducted by Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

New this year is a kayak fishing division.

Famed saltwater fly fisher and entrepreneur Oliver White is honorary chair. The tournament is sponsored by Wayne Meland of Morgan Stanley.

"The RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament is a reminder of one of the treasures of our region — our waterways," Mr. Meland says. "Without clean and abundant supplies of water, recreational and sport fishing would be

a thing of the past."

Rob Moher, president and CEO of the Conservancy, says blue-green algae, red tide and polluted waterways are "everyday reminders that all is not well in this paradise we love."

Last year's tournament netted a record \$140,000 to advance the Conservancy's work that includes:

- Providing assistance and expertise to planned projects in order to minimize pollution and, in some cases, to actually enhance the quality of water that ultimately flows into local waterways;

- Creating the estuaries report card that rates the condition of Southwest Florida's vital waters every five years;

- Working to limit the amount of pollution from the north that enters Southwest Florida bays and estuaries;

- Researching and monitoring juvenile gamefish habitats to ensure abundant future fish populations;

- Helping to restore natural water flows to the western Everglades and Ten Thousand Islands; and

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Searching for direction on Janes Scenic Drive

BY CYNTHIA MOTT

Special to Florida Weekly

The Chevy car came toward us too fast for the narrow shell road. It bounced through water-filled pot holes and low spots, spraying muddy water high into the air. Honey slowed his Ford truck to a near stop and edged close to the black swamp-water ditch. He said, "Something's up with that car."

We were easing through the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park on Janes Scenic Drive. We'd been there for half a day photographing alligators, orchids, ferns, birds, and the million other wild swamp sights begging to be captured. We met the occasional vehicle, maybe one every 15 to 20 minutes, but all were poking along, like us.

As the speeding Chevy drew near, the driver lowered his window and frantically waved an arm. Worried, I told Honey, "Be careful." Janes Scenic Memorial Drive is not the sort of place you expect to find people-trouble, but if you do, it's not the sort of place you'd find quick help. To get there, you drive to the middle of nowhere and where the paved road ends, you keep going. Officially, you go to Copeland and then west.

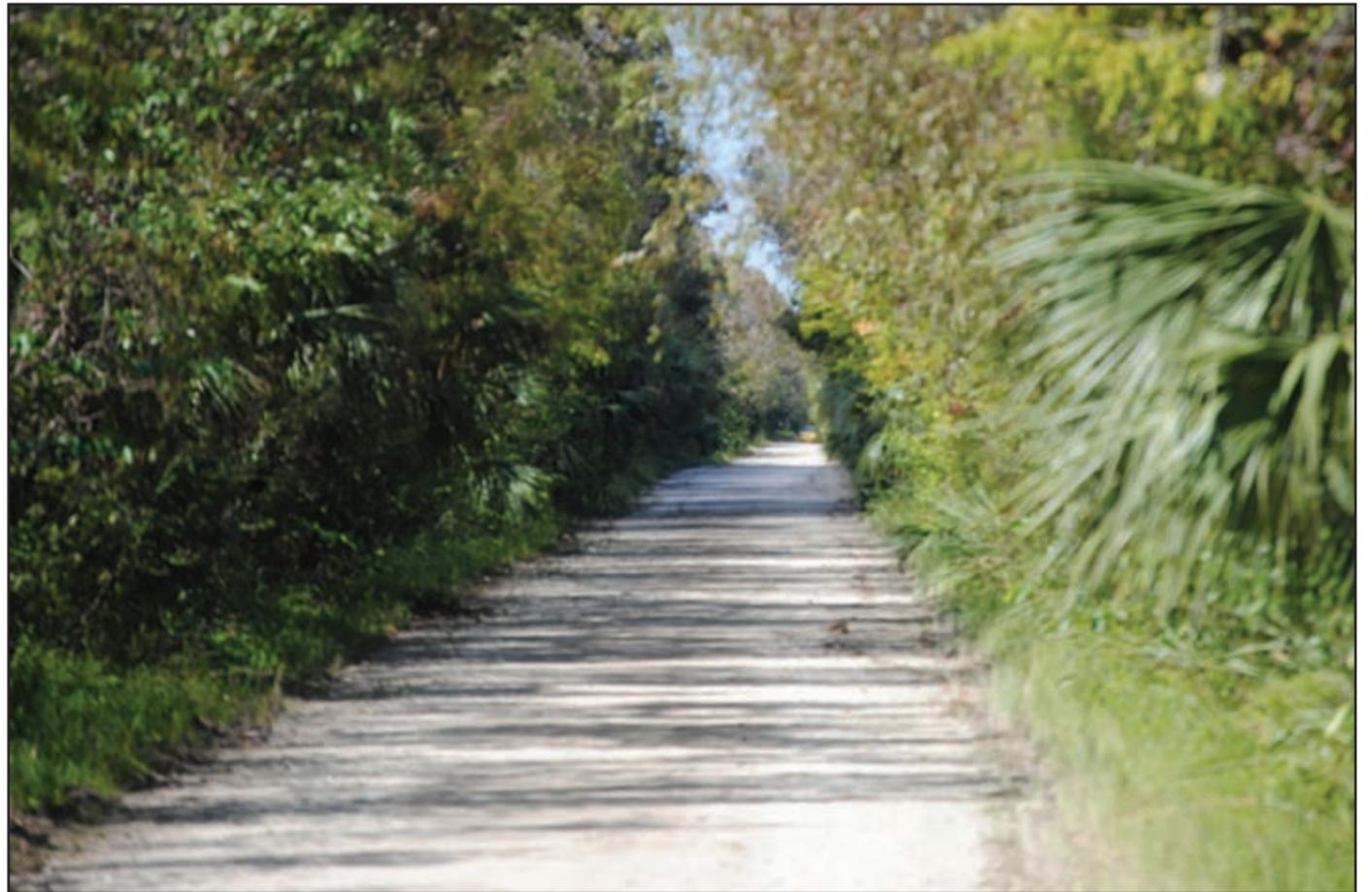
The Chevy stopped beside us and a man in his 30s, blond haired, flushed red cheeks, and worried grin said "Hello, thank you for stop." His English was rough, his accent was German. "Long time on road. Go all to end. No out. Come back. Low fuel. Is late. How much road longer end?"

Janes Drive is only 11 miles long, but with so much to see, it's easy to extend your visit. It dead-ends into a maze of roads built for a housing development that never happened. Dead roads are now weedy and after heavy rain, which was the case during our visit, some have water running over the top. The surest, safest way to exit Janes is to turn around and retrace the 11-mile journey.

The Chevy man had an elderly woman in the front passenger seat who wore an expression like she had been sucking on Fakahatchee green soda apples. In the back-seat was a blond woman who looked to be partnered with the driver. "Holiday," she said with a little wave, a bright white smile lit her face. "He want to see swamp. On holiday. Found road in book in Germany. Come here see swamp for maybe we think one hour. Be here all day. Think maybe never get out." We laughed. She and the man laughed too. The old lady looked even less happy and said something we couldn't understand.

"Don't worry," Honey assured them. "You only have maybe seven miles to go. When you get to 29, turn right and you'll find a gas station not too far. You'll make it. It seems longer than it really is."

Chevy man smiled and looked relieved,



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Janes Scenic Memorial Drive winds 11 miles through the wild and beautiful Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park.



FLORIDA MEMORY PROJECT

An old-growth cypress, estimated to be over 3,000 years old, in Perry, Fla., waiting to be milled, 1926.



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Residents welcome Fakahatchee visitors. Janes Scenic Drive virtually guarantees up-close opportunities to see alligators.

then started making motions. "Need get out, you know, out, afraid alligator bite." The best we could make of their haste was that soda apple lady needed to use the restroom but was afraid to get out of the car for fear of being attacked by an alligator.

We did our best to assure them that was very unlikely. We parted wishing each other good luck and happy vacation.

As our vehicles pulled away I said to Honey, "You know, just a few years ago a 90-year old woman who lived in Copeland was attacked in her front yard by a big gator

that tried to drag her into the canal. She lived, but I think she lost a limb."

Honey said, "Yeah, I remember that. But I didn't think those poor tourists needed to hear that story just then. Grandma looked like she needed to get out of that car in a bad way."

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Cypress country

Janes Scenic Drive is a place to get up-close-and-personal with a real live authentic swamp, and no telling who or what else. It's a nature-lover, explorer, photographer's paradise. The road is built atop an old logging trail named for three Janes brothers — J. B., Winford and Wayne — who settled in the area to grow tomatoes in 1930. Lee Tidewater Cypress Company showed up in 1944 with railroads, men and machinery to butcher the largest remaining stand of virgin cypress in the United States. Crews were sent into the ancient jungle to score a ring around the woody giants. Some were more than 3,000 years old, towered over 100 feet, and had girths of 25 feet.

A scored (girdled) tree died and lost water-weight within a year. This made the giants easier to move and helped prevent breakage when they crashed to the ground. Teams of loggers, wielded two-man cross-cut saws, cut down the trees, removed branches, and cut logs into 32-foot lengths. These were hauled from the swamp by cable, toothed log grabbers, and flat-bed rail cars. The logs were reloaded in Copeland, then shipped 400 miles north to a mill in Perry. There the durable, light, rot-resistant cypress wood was turned into coffins, roof shingles, house gutters, and even the hulls of torpedo boats. So massive was the logging operation that it took only 12 years to denude the area of all its old-growth trees.

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park is a strip of land 20 miles long and five miles wide. Logging operations made side trails off the main railroad bed, which now lies under Janes Drive. The trails were called trams and many are now open and maintained for hiking, biking or even running should something happen to make that necessary.

The swamp forest has been called "the Amazon of North America" for its large variety of native orchids, bromeliads and unique epiphytes. Susan Orlean made the area famous, and some locals infamous, with her 1998 hit book, "The Orchid Thief." Unfortunately, orchid thievery is still happening in the Fakahatchee. In August 2013 Mike Owen, park biologist, reported three extremely rare ghost orchids were taken. In one instance, an entire tree was cut down to reach the fragile plant. "To keep one alive, that's grown up for 20-plus years in its native habitat, is not going to happen. But it will bloom, and they may have a flower for a week or 10 days." Mr. Owen has monitored 370 known Fakahatchee ghosts for more than two decades.

It takes a certain boldness of spirit to leave the pavement and follow Janes Drive into the heart of a great swamp jungle. And sometimes, those who really want to be there, who come from very long distances, can't wait to get out. As Honey and I neared the far end of the Drive, we saw circle markings in the road where vehicles had turned around, and what looked like skid



CYNTHIA MOTT / FLORIDA WEEKLY

A great white egret stalks the shallow swamp for small prey. Epiphytes, orchids, bromeliads and ferns grow profusely in the sultry swamp.



FLORIDA MEMORY PROJECT

Lee Tidewater Cypress Company Engine #16 at Copeland, ca. 1950. The jungle is slowly returning. Photographer: Joseph Janney Steinmetz

marks in mud. Honey said, "Huh. There's their hubcap?"

I said, "Whose hubcap?"

He said, "Those German tourists. Their car was missing a hubcap. Poor things, I hope they got rental car insurance. That guy will never live this down with Grandma."

Miss Margaret Webb, native of the small village of Copeland, didn't run from the swamp; she recovered and returned to the



Swamp lilies — native perennial, herbaceous emerged flowers — decorate the swamp.

place where an 8-foot gator lunged from the canal, and tried to drag her into the inky water.

A younger Copeland neighbor with a bold spirit of his own, saw the struggle and rescued Ms. Webb from the jagged jaws. At the hospital, her leg was amputated below the knee and Ms. Webb spent months in rehab. Interviewed by a television reporter four months after her attack, the intrepid, one-footed 90-year old was asked how she felt about returning to such a wooly home. Ms. Webb shrugged and in her old-Florida charming accent said she never considered

not returning — "No matter who you are or where you come from, when you get home you feel good." ■

in the know

- >> **What:** Janes Scenic Drive at the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park & Boardwalk
- >> **Where:** U.S. 41 (Tamiami Trail) about 7 miles west of SR 29, Copeland
- >> **Info:** floridastateparks.org/fakahatcheestrand

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HEALTHY LIVING

Chikungunya cases in Florida underscore need for mosquito control

The Florida Department of Health has confirmed at least two cases of locally acquired chikungunya (chik-en-gun-ye) fever, one in Miami Dade County and the other in Palm Beach County. Several other cases contracted outside of the U.S. have been reported throughout the state.

Chikungunya is a disease spread by bites from infected *Aedes aegypti* or *Aedes albopictus* mosquitoes. If a person is infected and bitten by a mosquito, that mosquito may later spread the infection by biting another person. Chikungunya is not contagious from person to person, is typically not life threatening and will likely resolve on its own.

"The Department has been conducting statewide monitoring for signs of any locally acquired cases of chikungunya," said Dr. Anna Likos, state epidemiologist and disease control and health protection director. "We encourage everyone to take precautions against mosquitoes to prevent chikungunya and other mosquito-borne diseases by draining standing water, covering your skin with clothing and repellent and covering doors and windows with screens."

Aedes mosquitoes are day biters that can lay eggs in very small water containers. Early detection of the symptoms and preventing mosquitoes from multiplying



and biting will help prevent the disease.

Symptoms of chikungunya include sudden onset of high fever, severe joint pain mainly in the arms and legs, headache, muscle pain, back pain and rash. Symptoms appear on average three to seven days after being bitten by an infected mosquito. Most patients feel better after a few days or weeks, however, some people may develop long-term effects. Complications

are more common in infants younger than a year old; those older than 65; and people with chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension.

If you experience symptoms of chikungunya fever, consult with your health care provider immediately and protect yourself against further mosquito bites. A person infected with chikungunya should stay indoors as much as possible until symp-

toms subside to prevent further transmission. Avoiding mosquito bites while you are sick will help to protect others from getting infected.

Chikungunya fever does not often result in death; however, some individuals may experience persistent joint pain. There is currently no vaccine or medication to prevent chikungunya fever.

To learn more about the chikungunya virus, visit floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/mosquito-borne-diseases/chikungunya.html. ■

in the know

While Lee County has one of the most advanced mosquito control programs in the world, there are a few things you can do on your own to help control the spread of mosquitoes and their diseases.

- >> Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months.
- >> Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long-sleeves.
- >> Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing.
- >> Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus and IR3535 are effective.
- >> Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.

NCH Physician Group continues to grow in number and quality



This week I'm paying tribute to the ill-strong NCH Physician Group. The biggest group practice from Bonita to Marco Island, it continues to grow in multiple ways.

Last year, 17 physicians joined the group, and with two months to go in our financial year, another 16 have been added this year and we're in discussions with six more (some local with full practices; others from outside our region).

We have experienced an 11.7 percent increase in new patients and a similar increase in total office visits this past year. It's little wonder that doctors are soliciting us to join the team.

The NCH Physician Group includes

nine physician assistants and 17 nurse practitioners. It's the only group in the region certified by The Joint Commission, which advances strict requirements for quality and safety.

In today's uncertain health care environment, a successful physician group must offer easy access, high efficiency and reasonable cost.

To make access easy, we now have InQuicker — nch.inquicker.com — a website that facilitates access to either of our emergency rooms (Downtown and North Naples) and our two urgent care centers (Marco Island and Vanderbilt Beach Road). If you have active bleeding, a broken bone, chest pain or some other life-threatening issue, you need immediate ER access; if your problem does not require immediate treatment, however, you can set an appointment time online and then wait comfortably at home. InQuicker will be broadened soon to include office visit appointments.

In terms of quality of care, metrics for NCH Physician Group's 37 primary care physicians (family practice, pediatrics and internal medicine) and 48 specialists are measured and shared — including mammogram compliance, diabetes monitoring and other disease specific measurements. Our physicians have a deep passion for bringing quality care to their patients every day, and it is reinforced by having access to timely, accurate and relevant information.

Dr. Karen Henrichsen was recently elected chair of the group board of directors; new board members are Drs. David Lamon, Damian McGovern and Gary Swain.

Dr. Henrichsen is the physician leader of our outpatient computer system conversion to the inpatient Cerner system. This fall, a patient's electronic medical record from the NCH Physician Group and the entire health care system will become one seamless electronic document. We thank past chair Dr. Robert Hanson as well as

Drs. Mary Ann LoMonaco and David Lindner for all their service and contributions during this process.

We also plan to have senior Mayo Clinic surgical residents from Jacksonville broaden their experience by pairing up with NCH Physician Group surgeons for a rotation at NCH, another excellent outgrowth of our Mayo affiliation. We also are pursuing graduate medical education with an internal medicine program to interact with our inpatient and outpatient professionals.

As we develop outside the traditional four walls of the hospital, our goals remain to have physicians aligned, focused on prevention, obsessed with quality and thoroughly skilled in communication. The clinical competence of the NCH Physician Group is pivotal in helping us ensure that our patients live longer, happier, healthier lives. ■

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Treatment shows promise for diabetic eye condition

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Diabetes patients with diabetic macular edema, a common eye disorder among people with diabetes, have a new treatment option that could improve their vision.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently approved the use of Eylea, an injection that has been found to improve vision by two additional lines when tested on eye charts and when administered at prescribed intervals, according to Dr. Joseph Walker, founder of Retina Consultants of Southwest Florida. A clinical trial site for Eylea, the practice administers dozens of injections each month for DME.

DME occurs among patients with diabetic retinopathy when fluid accumulates in the macula, the part of the retina that is responsible for detailed vision, due to leaking blood vessels.

Dr. Walker says clinical studies have demonstrated that treatment with Eylea can help improve and maintain vision with injections every eight weeks after five initial monthly injections.



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Joseph Walker administers a dosage of Eylea.

Symptoms of DME are blurry vision and decreased vision.

The Centers for Disease Control reports that 25 million Americans have diabetes; another 79 million have pre-diabetes. About 40 percent of these individuals have diabetic retinopathy, which can lead to DME. The American Diabetes Association estimates that one in three

American adults will have diabetes by 2050.

Use of Eylea is not limited to DME. Other retinal diseases that may benefit from Eylea injections include age-related macular degeneration (wet variety) and central retinal vein occlusions. ■

Symposium will address the impact of mental illness

“Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis,” the fourth annual mental health symposium hosted by HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida, takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers.

Keynote speaker U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy (R-Penn.) will discuss the landmark mental health reform legislation he introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year. The bill currently has 96 co-sponsors.

In a panel discussion, three area professionals will address the impact mental illness has on families:

■ Dayna Harpster is a local newspaper and magazine journalist who will talk about mental illness in her family.

■ Marlene Hauck is the Sarasota-based development coordinator for the southeastern U.S. for Sunshine from Darkness, an international organization has raised more than \$175 million for mental health research. Ms. Hauck has

an adult daughter living with bipolar disorder.

■ Janeice Martin is a judge who presides over Collier County Mental Health Court and Collier County Adult Drug Court each week.

Tickets for “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis” are \$40 (\$50 for two CEUs for mental health professionals) and include lunch. For reservations, visit hopeclubhouse.org.

HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida serves people living with severe mental illness such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and clinical depression by

offering opportunities for meaningful work, education, friendships and access to housing in a supportive, caring and dignified community setting. Its operation is based on the principle that meaningful work is critical in bringing positive change to the lives of those living with mental illness.

For more information, visit the website. ■





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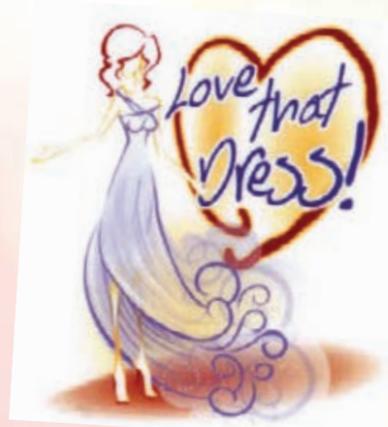
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PET TALES

Adoption action

Choosing a pet at the shelter doesn't have to be overwhelming. Here are eight tips to help you make the decision

BY DR. MARTY BECKER AND KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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We are big fans of adopting from animal shelters. We each currently have two dogs acquired from shelters or rescue groups. They are all the absolute best — not that we're biased or anything. But we know that the idea of going to a shelter to pick out a pet can seem like an intimidating prospect. Won't you want to take them all home? And how do you pick the right one?

To give you some top tips, we drew on our own experiences and spoke to experts on the subject: Elizabeth A. Berliner, DVM, a shelter medicine specialist at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, and Aimee Gilbreath, executive director of Michelson Found Animals, a nonprofit organization that's dedicated to helping shelter pets find homes.

■ The first thing to think about, Ms. Gilbreath says, is energy level — yours and the dog's. Your pet's energy level should complement your lifestyle. If you love spending time outdoors every day hiking, running or riding your bike, an active "teenage" or adult dog has reached physical maturity and is ready to be your workout buddy. Be realistic about your activity level and your willingness to exercise a dog.

"If your ideal weekend is curling up on the couch having a movie marathon, a low-energy cuddle buddy will be a better fit for



If you're looking for a new pet, see if your local shelter has any adoption events planned.

you," Ms. Gilbreath says. Or even a cat.

■ Speaking of cats and lifestyle, it's true that in some respects, cats are less of a commitment than dogs: they don't need walks, for instance, and you don't have to take them to obedience class (they train you instead). But they do need and enjoy more attention and interaction than you might think. If you work crazy 12-hour days, your cat will be OK with that as long as she gets your attention when you're home.

■ If you think you'd like to have two cats so they can keep each other company, the best choice is a pair of kittens from the same litter or an already-bonded adult pair. Ask shelter employees for their recommendations.

■ Some shelters use the ASPCA's "Meet Your Match" program or their own systems to identify different pet personalities to help potential adopters make the best choice for them. When it comes right down to it, though, many of us go by looks.

"As in dating, this can be more or less effective," Dr. Berliner says. "However, there may be some surprises once you get home. Many shelters provide ongoing support to help nurture your new relationship if there are elements that are challenging at first."

■ Got kids? Keeping them safe is your No. 1 priority. If you're getting a shelter dog, how do you know which one is good with kids?

"When adopting from a rescue or smaller pet-adoption center, many of the available dogs will have spent time with a foster family, many in homes with children," Ms. Gilbreath says. "Talk to the adoption counselor about your concerns. They will be able to tell you which dogs play well with children. It's also a good idea to bring your children along to meet your potential new pet."

■ Tell the adoption counselor as well if you have other pets. She can suggest dogs or cats who are known to get along with other animals.

■ Take advantage of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to keep tabs on available pets. Many shelters have Facebook and Twitter accounts where they announce adoption events and post videos and photos of adoptable pets.

■ Be clear about what you are looking for in a pet. It can help to make a list of attributes such as weight, coat type and age before you go to the shelter so that it's easier to narrow your choices. ■

Pets of the Week

>> **Jackson** is a neutered, 2-year-old wirehaired dachshund/terrier mix. He is the perfect size and has a great demeanor.



>> **Lillian** is a spayed, 1-year-old Siamese/oriental shorthair mix. She is a sweet and petite girl with beautiful blue eyes.



>> **Tiny Peanut** is a neutered, 1-year-old Chihuahua. He's a great little dog with a happy disposition.



>> **Wrangler** is a neutered, 7-year-old puggle (beagle/pug mix) whose sweet expression matches his loving, happy temperament. He's good with cats, too.



To adopt or foster a pet

This week's adoptable pets are from **Brooke's Legacy Animal Rescue**, an all-volunteer, foster home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, email Admin@BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit-BrookesLegacyAnimalRescue.com.



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THE DIVA DIARIES

Stressed out by looking back for #tbt material



As both a real life diva and a social media diva, I do my best to keep up — I really do. I have soirees and happy hours and sparkly events to attend, but with my trusty iPhone in hand and a grand-fathered-in unlimited data plan from the friendly folks at AT&T, I can flit from party to pub and not miss a beat on Facebook.

I make it a point to wish all 1,742 of my Facebook friends a happy birthday on their special day, I always write “Sooooo cute!” when someone posts a picture of their baby (whether it’s sooooo cute or not), and if a friend shares how many miles she ran that day or how many weights she lifted at Cross Fit, I take that extra second out of my busy schedule to click “like.”

I’m not going to be one of those Facebook friends who suddenly goes radio silent and has everyone concerned that she fell in the shower and got eaten by her pets. Or far worse than that, became a lurker — someone who busily stalks other peoples’ pages but never posts or comments or “likes” (you know who you are).

Still, although I wear the tiara of a social media butterfly, Throwback Thursday (#tbt) is starting to stress me out.

Basically, I’m running out of pictures to share. In case you never visit the

Internet on Thursdays because of religious reasons or something, here’s the thing: On Thursdays, we Americans with Facebook pages post a photo of ourselves from the olden days with the hash tag #tbt. And when I say olden days, I don’t mean two weeks ago. That’s not throwing back far enough.

As a general rule, a #tbt photo should be at least five years old and preferably one you’ve never posted before. A picture of your feet with a pool in the foreground, captioned “Sure wish I was at the pool again like I was last Saturday #tbt” does not work.

What we really like to see is slightly embarrassing yet relatable photos of you from the 1980s or early ’90s. Think neon bandanas, acid-washed mom jeans and huge hair. I’m talking rubber bracelets, Candie’s shoes, popped collars, Members Only jackets and mullets (the hairstyle, not the sea life).

If you’re a baby boomer, then you need to dig out the photos of yourself in bellbottoms and puka shell necklaces with your hair long and flat and parted in the middle. Extra points for prom photos showing powder blue tuxedos and enormous, awkward wrist corsages.

You get the idea. Pictures from when you were younger than 5 are fine, but really, we all look the same at that age, so they’re a little boring. You need to ramp up your game for #tbt. But, alas, my Throwback Thursday game is looking lame, as I’ve posted all the really good ones.

And, see, #tbt is a fine line. Say, for

instance (like most mortals), you’ve aged in the past 10 or 15 years. You’ve lost hair, gained weight, forgotten to get Botox, that sort of thing. In that case, if you looked really fabulous in 2004, you probably don’t want to post a #tbt photo from that era, because then all the comments (although well meaning) are along the lines of, “OMG! Is that YOU?” “#sexy” or, “Wow! You were such a hottie!” All the emphasis on past tense only serves to remind you it’s been a cruel, cruel decade.

When you get to the point, like I am, that you’re considering recycling your Throwback Thursday photos (“Hey, remember this #tbt from 1985 that I posted for #tbt in 2013? Check out the Madonna look again!”), then you’re in serious danger of losing your social media cred.

Yet, it’s possible that if I use a black and white filter and the “blurred” app, I can get away with it. And suddenly, everything old is old again #ingenuity. ■

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



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The wellness industry finds its place in Southwest Florida

BY NANCI THEORET
Florida Weekly Correspondent

IT TOOK THE AMERICAN PUBLIC A WHILE to accept day spas, what with all that self-indulgent pampering, massaging and “me” time. Now wellness and yoga studios are eclipsing the spa industry, as more of us seek serenity, meditation and the ultimate means of self-preservation.

While the number of day spas is slightly on the rise and business in 2013 generated \$14 billion, Americans spent \$27 billion on yoga products and classes alone, according to NAMASTA, the North American Studio Alliance.

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MONEY & INVESTING

Growing a relationship requires agreeing about money



Money is often cited by relationship experts as the number one reason for relationship failure, specifically marital failure. As relationships have so many different aspects (companionship, sexual compatibility, shared faith, intellectual sharing, participation in sports, family gatherings), how is it that money can be such an important and deciding factor in determining a relationship's health and longevity?

Maybe because it is very important for core elements of survival (e.g., food, clothing and housing... and, in recent years, health care insurance premiums), for education of children, to plan a retirement, charitable giving, etc.

Maybe money in and of itself isn't the problem. Maybe money is merely the tool that addresses life's challenges and goals. Maybe it is the gravity of issues and events in our lives requiring money; the expression of importance of people in our lives by uses/allocations of money; and the differing and conflicting approaches involving money used to reach a solution or a goal that are at the crux of failed relationships. If so, then it is important to identify the underlying problem or issue to solve the money-related problem.

For example, when money is doled out, who is in top pecking order? When gifting is made, is protection and care of the spouse more valued than bequeathing to the children? Is giving only to causes that help in business? Or only to family members? Or is giving anonymously made to those personally unknown but identified as less fortunate? Is money saving/thriftiness a constant thought process expressed in diligent behavior in life's daily activities by one person whilst the other person does not worry about every dime that's spent?

In the above examples, money is not the problem. The abundance of money would never be a solution as it is a couple's values, behaviors and beliefs that are in conflict. Many of these differences are ingrained since childhood and are not likely to change.

How can a couple get on the same money-page? Foundational is an attitude of mutual respect for each other, no matter how far apart the differences in values. Instead of thinking the other is "way off base" or "clueless," it is better to understand why the other person thinks as he or she does and to respect such thinking. For example, as hard as it might be for the generous person to respect his or her partner's thriftiness (that might border on miserly behavior), respect is still warranted. As hard as it is for the person who is always focused on saving and getting a deal to respect his or her partner who enjoys

the freedom that money affords, respect is still warranted. Remember that a person's behaviors and viewpoints might have been deeply ingrained by parents and grandparents; a person's self-worth, feeling of safety, sense of accomplishment might be tied to these childhood teachings. It is much easier to respect differences when the genesis of these differences is appreciated.

Besides a frame of heart of mutual respect, a couple needs to communicate their preferred actions toward money. Two lovers might feel that their love will overcome all differences, but it is actually respect and communication that allows the overcoming to happen. A basic rule of communicating is to actually discuss the elephant in the room. Discussing money topics in detail and not skirting them is the beginning to finding solutions. And not every issue will result in agreement, but issues must be resolved — even if to kiss and disagree.

Building upon respect and communication, the couple can put into effect their agreed actions. Fulfilling your promises, getting the job done and staying on track with commitments is important!

So, you need to respect (that means no snickering or caustic comments). You need to fully discuss issues. Finally, you need to act/ behave in line with your agreements with your partner so that there is trust and advancement toward agreed-upon goals.

For those who find few money issues on which to agree, just keep looking until you find some element of money compatibilities. It might be that you cannot agree about retirement planning (which might be 40 years distant) but you might be able to agree about day-to-day costs of running the home and expenditures for food, clothing, entertainment, cars, etc. It is akin to building a business; stay focused on the small things that are going right and they might build into a great future.

Love is an incredibly exhilarating feeling, but it can cloud many a lover's vision. It is often the exhilaration with the other that gets us to commit to a lifelong relationship. Just be well aware that mature love will have to face many challenges in life and overcome many personal differences, not the least of which are money-related issues. Some couples can live with differences; some couples cannot. Some couples choose to not live without the other person and they learn to accept differences and/or shape themselves toward a more compromising approach to money-related issues. ■

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SERENITY

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That doesn't account for the businesses that offer one-on-one and group wellness sessions, brain-boosting programs or even resorts promoting overall wellness.

The medical community, too, is championing the mind-body connection, giving us permission to take it easy and be a little self-centered. And it's not just the good Dr. Oz, but also local physicians who are recommending healing practices to their patients.

My Naples doctor recently told me, "You know, the yoga people have had it right all along," she said, citing the mounting evidence and medical studies proving that gentle stretching, awareness of the breath and meditation are good for the mind, body and soul.

Local businesses, many of them founded in the past three or four years, are catering to every element of the wellness spectrum, from what you put in your mouth to where you sleep.

Just breathe and strike a pose

Once the stuff of New Agers and "California hippies," the 5,000-year-old practice of yoga has finally migrated to Southwest Florida, says Heather Holland, co-owner of yoga studio and boutique clothing store Ruby & Pearl's in Fort Myers.

The business offers eight types of yoga classes plus yoga apparel, books and more. Many customers are referred by doctors.

"We have students who have had lung transplants, hip and knee replacements, back pain, high blood pressure and heart disease," Ms. Holland says. "Yoga helps them live peacefully."

"Our business has gone up every month and every year since we opened," she adds. "The cool thing about the yoga community is its word of mouth. People share their yoga experience with other people in their lives because of the benefits."

A 2012 Yoga in America Study showed 82.2 percent of yoga enthusiasts are female and 17.8 are men.

Women and adolescent girls account for the majority of business at Jill Wheeler's Wellfit Institute in Naples. Her integrative approach addresses lifestyle, from fitness and nutrition to adventure and wellness of mind, body and spirit. Like a growing number of yogis, Ms. Wheeler has a degree in psychotherapy.

"There's definitely an increased demand for wellness," she says. "Even my fitness experts have trouble gearing down. You have hyper-performing athletes, CrossFitters, iron men and marathoners who are into the fitness and



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The Serenity Suite at Edgewater Beach Hotel.

physical side but still have parts of their mind that needs to be understood."

She founded the institute in 2011 with the concept: "Create vision, practice wellness, seek adventure." Ultimately it's a holistic and personalized method of helping clients find a more sustainable lifestyle through therapy, wellness and life coaching. And it's not a quick fix.

"I don't work with people who just want to lose 20 pounds," Ms. Wheeler says. "Sometimes it means saying goodbye to bad relationships, whether that relationship is with food, bosses, spouses or friends, and coming into ownership of self and empowerment."

She also leads retreats, recently returning from a five-month leadership and empowerment trek through Peru with 11 at-risk adolescent girls (a documentary is in the works) and a sold-out six-week women's trip to Boulder, Colo. And she coordinates corporate adventures and team building programs.

Much like the concept of Ruby & Peral's, lululemon athletica started as a shared retail/studio space in Vancouver, British Columbia. Today, the retailer has hundreds of international locations, including a showroom at Waterside Shops. Besides selling fashionable athletic apparel, the store is focused on creating community, serving as the information hub for running clubs and yoga classes and offering free in-store yoga and self-defense programs and goal-setting workshops.

Oversized photographs throughout the store showcase local yoga instructors striking a pose. Many are members of the brand's community ambassador team, a group of inspirational athletes selected after store reps attended their classes and programs.

"Before we open a store, store teams get out and get sweaty in the community, visiting yoga studios and finding instruc-

tors whose classes leave you feeling the most satisfied," says Renee Ascione, who handles lululemon athletica marketing for the Southeast U.S.

Check in for serenity now

Hotels and resorts are the ultimate places for getting your Zen on. Their primary mission is relaxation.

Edgewater Beach Hotel introduced its Serenity Suite this month. The special room is designed as an escape, a space where guests can unplug and tap into their inner self. It offers a massage table, PranaSleep mattress, yoga mat, complimentary aromatherapy lotions and oils and a library of wellness and yoga CDs, DVDs and books.

A Seaside Serenity package includes a stay in the custom-designed suite, two 50-minute activities or services from a wellness menu (massage, private yoga, meditation, wellness coaching), two meals from a special menu and a selection of organic fruits and vegetables plus high-powered juicer.

The mineral spring at Days Inn Springs Resort near San Carlos Park south of Fort Myers has slipped under the radar for many locals. But international guests have been planning annual trips to the resort for more than two decades, says Susan Morrison, general manager.

"People are surprised we have natural mineral springs especially for a Days Inn," she says.

At 72-degrees year-round, the sulfur is said to have healing and restorative powers with the ability to ease arthritis and other ailments and increase skin's natural elasticity. "It does make your skin feel great," says Ms. Morrison.

Two soaking pools provide shaded and open-air options. There's also a sauna building with meditation room, a nearby tiki bar and restaurant.

Most of the spring's visitors are older travelers. The resort also offers daily, weekly, monthly and yearly passes to locals, a part of the business that has been increasing since an event with Natural Awakenings.

Brain power

Cindi Ryerson expanded on the services of her long-time Bonita Springs adult day care in 2011, introducing the Millennium Cognitive Café, a center geared to brain fitness. It went mobile the following year, allowing the registered nurse to expand into gated communities, assisted living facilities, churches and women's groups.

Ms. Ryerson came up with the concept of 90-minute classes to help people improve their mental acuity from her work with senior dementia and Alzheimer's patients. She offers a dozen different lectures from Marco Island to Port Charlotte as well as through Florida Gulf Coast University's Renaissance Academy.

Her services, she says, "are absolutely something people want. It isn't a full-time business but eventually will become my retirement business."

You are what you eat

With supermarkets amping up their selections of all-natural and organic food and a growing emphasis on gluten-free diets, chef and entrepreneur Chad O'Connor found a niche market for creating healthy meals. His Fresh Fit Foods catering company delivers right to the workplace and home. Meals are also available at pick-up locations from Naples to Fort Myers. Averaging about \$10 a meal, Mr. O'Connor's Fresh Fit Foods offers 48 lunch and dinner dishes every six weeks. Each meal is fresh, never frozen, dairy-free and available every Monday and Wednesday for four-days a week of healthful eating.

Fresh Fit Foods has about 350 clients and prepares 700 meals weekly and was the exclusive caterer for the recent Thunderdome Cross Fit challenge at Germain Arena.

"They sold out of healthy meals every day of the event," says Nannette Staropoli of Markit Group, who recently developed a campaign for Fresh Fit Foods offering local businesses with 15 and more employees a free tasting. "We've had a lot of inquiry phone calls and are setting up dates for August. We recently signed with one automotive dealer in Naples, and Chico's headquarters is coming along great as a customer."

Mr. O'Connor and Fresh Fit Foods Chef Adam Kimball attended culinary school together and kept in touch, hoping they'd one day find the perfect venue to work together. After returning to school for dietetics, Mr. O'Connor conceived the Fresh Fit Foods concept, developing a gluten-free menu with low carbs and 350-500 calories. It originally started as a paleo diet for CrossFitters but expanded to meet the needs of those looking for easy and healthy alternatives to the local restaurant or fast-food franchise.

Although menus are tweaked every six months, favorites including the Thai turkey noodle bowl and green chili pork are kept in the rotation.

The way Mr. Kimball sees it, Southwest Florida is an ideal market for all things related to health and wellness.

"This community is very health conscious. I've never seen so many successful gyms operating so close to each other," he says. "I'm from New York, where everybody would gear up for beach season. Here, it's always beach season." ■



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When financial times get tough, some people make regrettable decisions — such as taking early withdrawals from 401(k) accounts. The number of Americans doing so hit a record in 2010, and in 2011 the IRS collected about \$5.7 billion in penalties on roughly \$57 billion withdrawn early.

Early withdrawals can do more long-term harm than short-term good. The longer you leave your money alone to grow, the more powerful your compounded growth becomes. Check out what time, patience and an average 10 percent return can do to a steady series of \$10,000 annual investments: After 10 years, you have \$175,000. After 20 years, \$630,000. After 30 years, \$1.8 million.

You don't even need to be a genius to score those kinds of returns. Inexpensive broad-market index funds, such as those based on the S&P 500, have averaged 10 percent annually over the long haul. (They'll likely return more or less over your particular investing time frame.)

That's the good news. The bad news is that all your impressive gains can quickly

fizzle if you start taking money out of your retirement accounts. Suppose you take out \$10,000 this year, 20 years from retirement, and you also fail to make your usual \$10,000 investment. Despite your good intentions, you probably won't put in an extra \$20,000 next year to compensate. So you'll lose what the \$10,000 you withdrew would have grown to in 20 years (at 10 percent): a little more than \$67,000. (You'll also have paid a hefty early withdrawal penalty.)

And then there's the additional \$10,000 you would have invested, too: another \$67,000 loss. Overall, your retirement could eventually end up more than \$150,000 poorer. Is that worth it?

If you're in financial dire straits, it might be. But if you can avoid short-changing your future, you should definitely do so, leaving your retirement accounts to keep growing.

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My Dumbest Investment

Greed and Tears

I greedily read a mailed ad that promised huge earnings for an oil-and-gas penny-stock company. Later, I tearfully read my in-the-red investment report. The author of that brochure smiled all the way to the bank, thinking, "There's one born every minute." I qualify as one born, so now I really pay attention to financial advice!

— P.D., Weymouth, Massachusetts

The Fool Responds: Naive investors fall for hyped penny stocks all the time, and it hardly ever ends well. The company in question was trading around \$0.04 per share when you wrote to us, which can entice investors thrilled at the idea of owning 25,000 shares for just \$1,000. Factor in a hysteric's empty, self-serving declaration that the stock will double or triple soon, and it can be almost irresistible.

But even stocks that seem like they have nowhere to go but up can still go down. That stock was recently trading for less than \$0.02 per share. It's best to avoid penny stocks entirely, but if you must consider one, look for growing revenue, little or manageable debt, profits instead of losses, competitive strengths and audited financial statements. ■



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

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Last week's trivia answer

I began as a single-system cable operator in Tupelo, Mississippi, in 1963. Today, I'm America's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone service provider to residential customers, serving businesses, too. (You might have heard of my XFINITY brand.) I merged with NBC Universal in 2011, and now operate 30 news, entertainment and sports cable networks, the NBC and Telemundo broadcast networks, Universal Pictures, Universal Parks and Resorts and more. I own all or part of MSNBC, Bravo, E!, G4, Syfy, mun2, Chiller, USA Network, Sprout, Hulu and the Weather Channel. I even own the Philadelphia Flyers hockey team. Who am I? (Answer: Comcast) ■



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Ask the Fool

When Sales Aren't Sales (Yet)

Q What's "the accrual method"?
— H.W., Hattiesburg, Mississippi

A It's an important accounting concept, because with the accrual accounting system, the "revenue" (sales) on a company's income statement may not have actually been received by the company.

Revenue doesn't necessarily represent the receipt of cash in a sale. Many companies are required to book sales when goods are shipped or when services are rendered. But others can record sales when cash is received, or in increments as long-term contracts proceed through stages of completion.

Imagine the Free Range Onion Company (ticker: BULBZ). With the accrual method, if it has shipped off a thousand crates of onions but hasn't yet been paid for them, those sales still appear on the income statement. The checks in the mail are reported as "accounts receivable" on the balance sheet. It's a red flag when receivables are growing faster than revenue.

Q What's a "reverse merger"?
— E.P., Norwich, Connecticut

A A reverse merger is also referred to as a reverse takeover or a reverse IPO (initial public offering). It's a way that some private companies go public, bypassing the usual IPO process that can be lengthy and costly. It often involves a smaller company acquiring a larger one that's listed on the stock market, accumulating so many shares that it becomes a listed company, too.

It isn't such an obscure practice, either. Companies such as Occidental Petroleum, Turner Broadcasting, Texas Instruments and Jamba Juice all became public companies through reverse mergers. There's a sometimes problematic side to it, too, such as when some foreign companies that wouldn't otherwise qualify to be listed on American exchanges execute reverse mergers with publicly traded U.S.-based shell companies. Regulators are cracking down on that. ■

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Name That Company

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The Motley Fool Take

Home, Sweet Home

Yes, shares of The Home Depot have been a bit depressed due to concerns over the strength of the housing market's recovery. But there's a lot to like about the world's largest home improvement retailer, with more than 2,200 retail stores in North America.

Its competitive advantages include its size, geographical presence, brand recognition and superior negotiating power with suppliers. With price competitiveness a central industry factor, The Home Depot can keep costs down by spreading fixed costs over massive sales volume. It has also built a solid relationship with contractors over the years, a key clientele in the home improvement business.

The Home Depot has implemented a series of strategies to increase efficiency

and streamline operations. The combination of growing sales and improving profit margin has been notoriously profitable for The Home Depot and its shareholders during the last several years. In its last quarter, revenue grew 3 percent year over year to \$20 billion, with diluted earnings per share rising 20.5 percent. Management expects earnings per share to grow by a big 17.6 percent during fiscal 2014.

The Home Depot has been returning billions of dollars to shareholders via aggressive stock repurchases, and its dividend yield was recently 2.3 percent. With its P/E ratio near 20, The Home Depot offers a good buying opportunity for long-term investors. (The Motley Fool's newsletters have recommended The Home Depot.) ■

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 *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.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the Old Marco Restaurant & Pub. The program will show appreciation for concierges at island resorts. Call 394-7549 or visit *marcoislandchamber.org*.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual trade show, "A Business Safari: Quest for Success," from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For more information, visit *napleschamber.org/events*.

■ Members and guests of the **Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** will discuss the changing digital media landscape during a webinar starting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Northern Trust Bank, 4001 Tamiami Trail N. Topics of "How to Win Hearts, Minds and Wallets With an Integrated Marketing Approach" will include the foundation of an integrated marketing/public relations strategy, a marketing case study that integrated public relations and a public relations case study that integrated marketing. Presenter Lee Odden

is the CEO of TopRank Online Marketing and the author of "Optimize: How to Attract and Engage More Customers by Integrating SEO, Social Media and Content Marketing." Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members (\$27 for representatives of nonprofits and \$15 for students). Reservations required by Friday, Aug. 22. Call Donna Heiser at 687-5402 or visit *gulfcoastprsa.org*.

■ **The Leadership Collier Foundation** welcomes Chief Jim Bloom of the Collier County Sheriff's Office as guest speaker for its Leadership Lunch Series starting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Cost is \$15 for Leadership Collier alumni, \$20 for others. Tickets are available at *napleschamber.org/events*.

■ **The Collier Building Industry Asso-**

ciation hosts the 2014 Sand Dollar Awards dinner and celebration Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, call 436-6100 or visit *cbia.net*.

■ **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts its 2014 annual meeting and awards luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa. Reservations are required by Sept. 24. Tickets are \$55 if paid in full by Sept. 5 and \$70 thereafter. Purchase tickets at *bonitaspringschamber.com*. No tickets will be available for purchase at the door. For information about sponsorships, call Cindy Burgess at 992-2943 or email *cindy@bonitaspringschamber.com*. ■

— Email business meeting announcements to *cpierce@floridaweekly.com*.

Blue Chip application deadline draws near

The deadline for owners of small businesses to submit applications for the 20th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award is approaching. The award recognizes small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success and shares their stories as models for other entrepreneurs.

Nominations are open to for-profit companies that have been operating under the same ownership for at least three continuous years and that employ from five to 400 people. The principal office must be in Lee, Collier or Charlotte counties.

Previous award winners have relied on ingenuity, stamina, dedication and hard work to overcome adversities including financial hurdles and medical issues.

Business owners can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. There is no entry fee.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, and can be requested by calling Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or emailing SMercado@BBandT.com.

Independent judges will select one business from the field of applicants to receive the 2014 award. Winners will be recognized during a lunch ceremony Thursday, Nov. 6, at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

Celebrating two decades, Blue Chip Award program is coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company along with BB&T Bank.

The Blue Chip Award was established nationally in 1990 to honor successful small businesses. OTC began coordinating the award program in Southwest Florida in 1994. When the national program was restructured in 2001, OTC adopted the new Blue Chip Community Business Award program honoring small businesses from Lee and Collier counties. In 2008, the program expanded to include Charlotte County. ■

in the know

Previous Blue Chip Award winners from Collier County:

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- The Thomas Riley Artisans' Guild
- Unified Marine

Workshop will help leaders relate

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University presents "Leadership: Eliminate the Lines," a workshop about creativity in management, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, in the Gaynor Building at Hodges U., 2655 Northbrooke Drive.

Managing in today's work environment requires leaders who can think outside of the box and relate to a new breed of employees. The workshop will

explore motivation theory and address managing a diverse and technologically savvy employee by eliminating the traditional leadership norms.

Don Forrer, Ph.D., a professor at Hodges U., is the presenter.

Registration is \$35. For reservations or more information, call the Center for Nonprofit Excellence at 598-6284 or email cne@hodges.edu. ■

Love partners with Princess Cruises

Princess Cruises has partnered with chocolatier and pastry designer Norman Love for "Chocolate Journeys." Norman Love Confections' sea-going chocolate creations will debut this fall aboard the new Regal Princess for her inaugural Caribbean season and will continue to roll out to the rest of the Princess fleet throughout the next year.

Mr. Love has trained Princess Cruises' pastry team to deliver this unprecedented chocolate experience across the company's fleet of ships. Among the sweet experiences "Chocolate Journeys" will offer Princess Cruises guests are: Captain's welcome reception treats; 15 specialty desserts in the ship's restaura-



Love rants; chocolate and wine pairings; chocolate libations such as a Chocolate Bacon Bourbon Bliss and a Chocolate Chile Margarita; chocolate dessert demonstrations; and chocolate spa treatments. ■

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House Hunting:

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A young couple learns important financial lessons

BY ARTIS HENDERSON
Florida Weekly Correspondent

When Rachael Campogni, 25, was growing up in Cortland, Ohio, her mother always said — with a laugh, but some truth in it — that she should leave behind the cold and snow. Ms. Campogni listened, and when she graduated from pharmacy school at Ohio Northern University in 2013, she and her husband, Freddy, 27, decided to move to Florida. Originally, the couple thought they

would relocate to Tampa, but Ms. Campogni decided the city wasn't the best place to raise a family. They knew people from Cortland who wintered in Southwest Florida, so they drove down to check out Collier County. Ultimately, they chose Naples.

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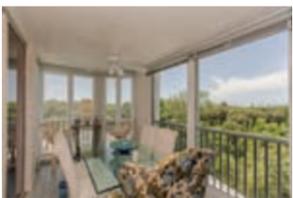
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Mr. Campogni graduated from the same pharmacy school a year ahead of Rachael and took a job in Tampa while she completed her final year. On the weekends, he'd drive down to Naples to start looking for a place the couple could buy. Already, his first year out of school, he made a solid six-figure income.

When he considered the kind of home they might purchase, he says, he thought, "The sky's the limit." He began looking at homes in the \$500,000 to \$1 million range, and he started working with Chris Spina, a Bonita-based broker specializing in Lee and Collier counties who had been referred by a friend.

It didn't take long for Mr. Campogni to find a home he wanted to buy. Just off Airport-Pulling Road, the house was listed at \$325,000. With his income, Freddy never doubted that he would qualify for a loan. Here, Mr. Spina gave him his first lesson in real estate purchasing: Just because you have a substantial income doesn't mean you qualify for every loan. Since 2007, regulations on home loans have tightened and lenders are being more strategic about how — and to whom — they lend. In order to understand how the process works, Mr. Spina sent his client to Doug Martin, a mortgage agent at SunTrust Bank. Together, he and Mr. Campogni examined Mr. Campogni's student loans (more than \$200,000) and his monthly car payment on a brand new Nissan Xterra he bought as soon as he graduated from pharmacy school. Mr. Campogni discovered the importance of reducing his debt-to-income ratio and learned how lowering his monthly expenses could increase the size of the loan he qualified for.

With this new information, the couple re-tackled their financial situation.

They decided that they should wait to buy a home until Rachael moved down and started her pharmacy job. That way, their household would have two six-figure incomes. In the mean time, Mr. Campogni moved in with friends to save money and was able to use his surplus



The 2,400-square-foot home sits on more than 2½ acres.

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income to pay down his student loans. In addition, he traded in his Nissan Xterra for a used Chevy Equinox, which reduced his monthly car payment by \$250. The couple also paid off Rachael's car, lowering their monthly expenses by another \$200.

By the time Rachael moved to Flor-

ida 10 months later, the couple had increased their qualifying loan amount by \$100,000.

They began the home search process again and soon fell in love with a three-bedroom, two-bath house on the water in Bonita Springs. But before they put in an offer, Mr. Spina asked if they



understood how much they would pay in insurance every year to live on the water. He referred the couple to an insurance agent who came back with a quote: \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year.

"That's ridiculous," Mr. Campogni said. "It's like renting and owning at the same time."

The couple decided the money would be better spent paying down their student loans or growing in a 401K account. In the end, they decided to pass.

The Campognis continued to look but were disheartened by several near-misses, including a house next door to friends that they lost to a cash buyer.

Searching on Zillow one night, Ms. Campogni came across a three-bedroom, two-bath house just west of Collier Boulevard in Golden Gate Estates. The asking price for the 2,400-square-foot home was \$399,000. Chris showed them the property, and the couple knew right away it was a good fit. The house sat on more than 2½ acres and had extensive landscaping plus a large driveway with plenty of parking.

They put in an offer at \$382,000, which the sellers accepted. But the bank appraisal came back low at \$375,000. Neither side wanted to budge, and the sale hit an impasse. Finally, their real estate agent made a dramatic move: Mr. Spina offered to sacrifice \$2,000 of his own commission if the sellers would come down \$2,000 and the Campognis would go up \$3,000. Everyone agreed, and the purchase went through.

Now the Campognis are settling into their new home, decorating and landscaping. They both work at Publix pharmacies, and their manager has put them on the same schedule so that they can spend their free time together, some of which they use to recruit friends up north to leave behind the cold and snow and join them in Southwest Florida. ■

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Site work is under way at Mangrove Bay.

Site improvements underway at Mangrove Bay in Old Naples

Site improvements for phase one of Mangrove Bay, a collection of 53 homes on Old Naples' last remaining significant waterfront residential property, are under way for the community's first 43 lots. Improvements include landscaping and a new entryway, clay brick streets and the installation of natural gas feeds and underground utilities with the latest fiber optics. FPL power lines along Goodlette-Frank Road are being buried as part of phase one as well.

Because of the heavy earthwork currently underway, Mangrove Bay is offering prospective buyers private water-side tours by boat departing from the dock at its sales center. The trip allows

for viewing the natural beauty of the property and seeing a future home site from the vantage point of its personal dock slip, which comes included in the price of every home.

Completion of site improvements is scheduled by the end of the fourth quarter this year.

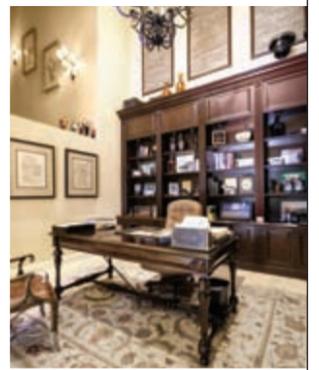
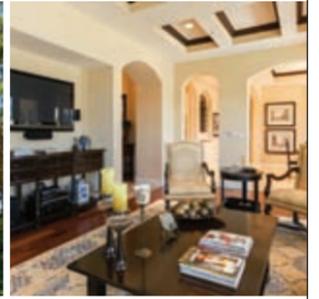
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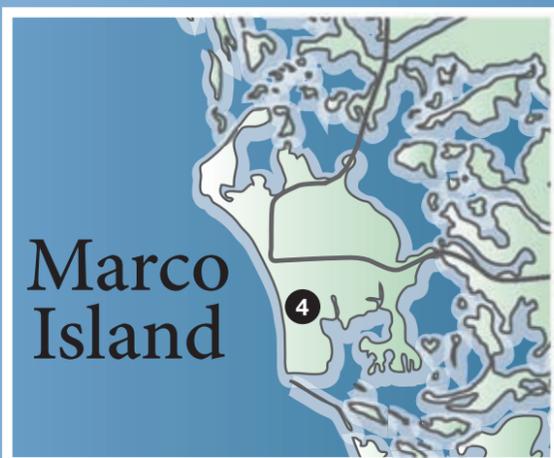
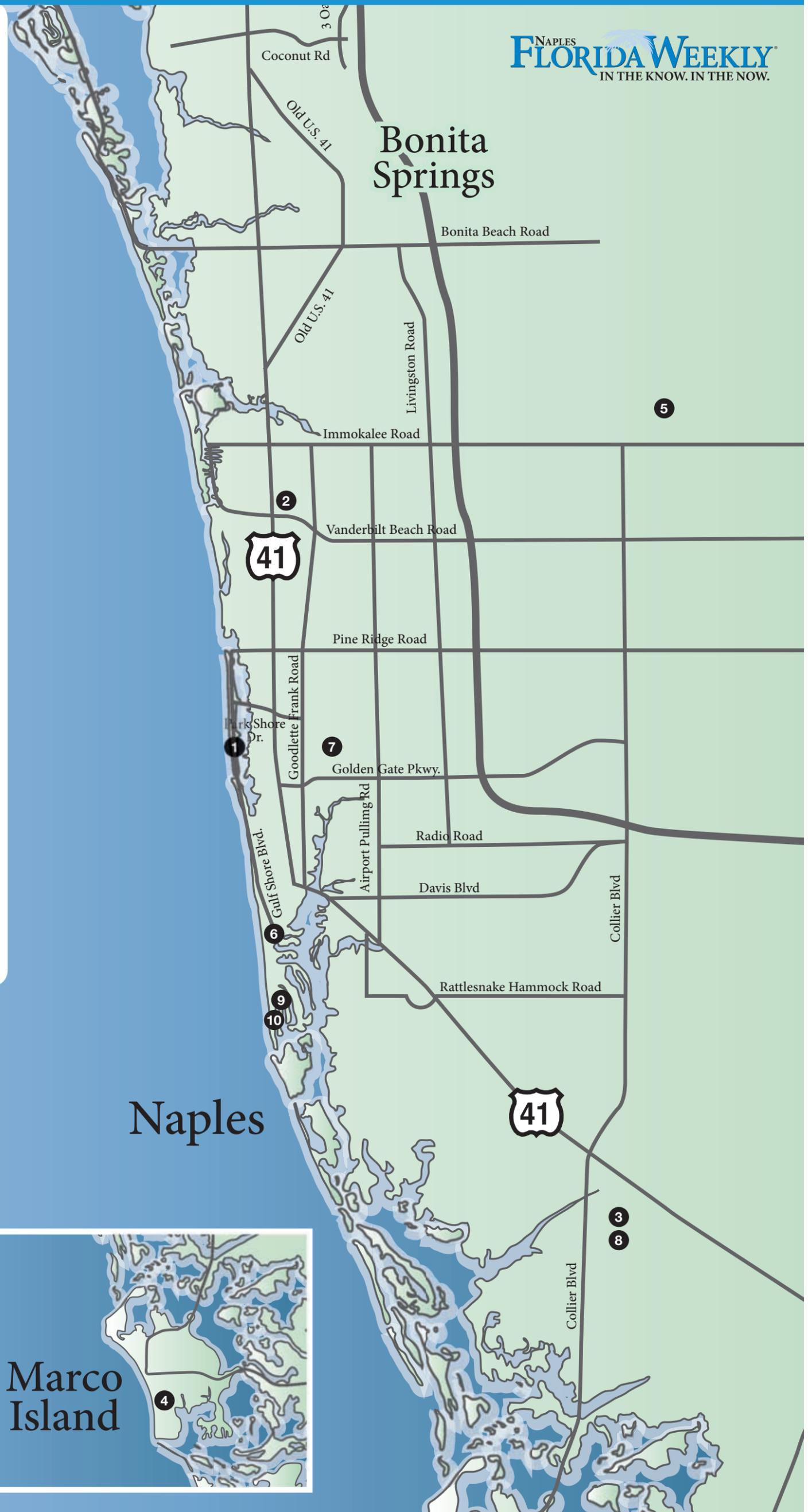
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— George Orr,
Rod Stewart lookalike

celebrity impersonators



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George Orr, left, performs a comedic tribute to Rod Stewart, right, and is often mistaken for the star when not on stage.

**Ever wonder
what it must
be like to be
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of a star?**

BY NANCY STETSON

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WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND SEE THE FACE of someone famous?

Some take advantage of this genetic fluke and pursue a career as a celebrity lookalike.

But looking like someone most of the world recognizes from the movies or music videos can be a double-edged sword.

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Pocket Change brings funk to SummerJazz

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Pocket Change has performed at the Coconut Grove Arts Festival, Universal Studios Florida, Seminole Casino, Walt Disney World, Daytona Bandshell and Florida A&M University, among others.

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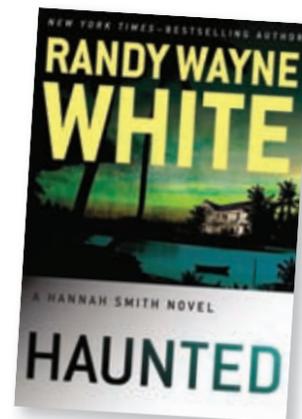
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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

A bullet dodged, but regretfully



At the end of last year, I met a man at a party. This was in the social high season, when every weekend someone seemed to be throwing a fête, long before the summer doldrums had set in.

The man — Tommy — had a few years to go before he hit 40, and he still managed to pull off longish hair and tight rocker jeans. He also sported a hip leather jacket. When I first saw him I thought *This guy looks like he's in a band*. Which, as it turns out, he was: lead vocals for a New York-based rock trio who took their inspiration from The Cure. He was funny and smart and so very cool. I could hardly believe it when he got my number.

A few days after the party, Tommy asked me out for drinks. Even though I'm not a big drinker, I said yes.

We met up at a bar not far from my apartment, close enough that I could walk home and he could cab it back to his place. Which turned out to be a good thing, because over the course of the evening I consumed an embarrassing amount of alcohol. I know my limits, and on most dates I have a strict one-drink policy. But Tommy was so cute, so funny, so happening, that it felt

wrong not to keep pace with him. The last thing I wanted was for him to think I'm a dweeb.

Over the next couple of weeks, I wondered if I might have blown it because I didn't hear from him. But he did eventually text to ask me out for another round. This time I stuck to my one-drink limit, even as Tommy

blew past me. The night wore on — drunkenly, for him; soberly for me —and I could feel my cool quotient dropping.

Still, Tommy gave me one last shot about a month later. I went as his plus-

one to a friend's party, and although we danced and had a good time, it seemed clear to both of us which way the cards were falling. There wouldn't be any romance between us.

After that, Tommy mostly disappeared from my radar. He'd pop up sometimes — to ask me for a drink, to see if I wanted to hang out — but I was always out of town or had other plans.

Still, I couldn't help being disappointed that it didn't work between us. He really was very hip.

And then, just last week, I got a call from my friend Susie, who also knows Tommy. Susie was beaming the way women do when we have a stunningly good piece of gossip.

"Guess what I heard," she said as soon as I answered the phone. "Tommy and —" (she said the name of a mutual friend, a young woman we both know) "had a threesome last weekend."

My mouth fell open. "I know," Susie said. "It's crazy, right?"

It was crazy. Although, thinking back, I guess I shouldn't have been surprised. After all, he was a rockstar. But my feelings were still a little hurt.

How come I hadn't been invited? ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of *"Unremarried Widow"* published by Simon and Schuster.



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CELEBRITY

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who looks like someone else.”

Of course, on-stage, when he's performing Rod Stewart's songs, it works to his advantage.

But off stage?

“Off stage it's hell, a living hell,” Mr. Orr says. “People walk up to me on the street, in a hotel, wherever, and say, ‘Oh Rod, would you sign this for me?’ And if I say, ‘No, sorry, I'm not Rod,’ you'd think I'd just poked them in the eye. They get upset.”

“I did not have facial surgery and stand here on the street, waiting for you to come by and be fooled by me. I just happen to look like him.”

“I'm terribly sorry, but I'm trapped in the body of a handsome rock star.”

Mr. Orr is joking.

Maybe.

Or maybe not.

Many of his comments are tongue-in-cheek, and he has a reputation for being a little naughty in his shows.

He doesn't mind if someone comes up to him and asks if he's Rod Stewart.

“It's the people who get upset; that's not right,” he says, adding that he's happiest in the places where people know him.

“They know me all over the country now,” he says. “The Southwest Airlines in-flight magazine did a four-page article on me, with lots of pictures, almost a year ago.”

People in South Florida, on both coasts, also know him. Mr. Orr, who has homes in Miami and West Palm Beach, performs on that coast.

He's performed at country clubs on the gulf side and was a regular act at the Sandy Parrot Tiki Bar & Grill in Fort Myers before it closed. He plays at The English Pub in Naples the first Saturday of every month.

His act is somewhat comedic, he says.

“I pretend to be egotistical and upset and a little tipsy,” he says. “I tell people how much I hate the job, that I look and sound like a guy who's a million-dollar act, (but I'm) ignored by people in pubs.”

But he refuses to make fun of Rod Stewart's songs.

“I know there's somebody out there in the audience who loves the song, believes in the song. It means something to them. I don't mess with the songs.”

When he was a teenager in his native Scotland playing Led Zeppelin and heavy metal, a man came up to Mr. Orr and told him he looked and sounded like “a guy in the Jeff Beck Group.” Mr. Orr wrote down the name: Rod Stewart. People kept telling him that.

He did various jobs working as a roadie for The Troggs and Manfred Mann. He took photos backstage and sold them to newspapers. In the U.S. he worked taking celebrity photos for *The National Enquirer*.

Ten years ago, while delivering headshots to a man in a Fort Lauderdale bar, he was coaxed onto the karaoke stage to sing “Reason to Believe.”

“The entire pub stopped and looked at the stage and people were shouting, ‘Rod's in the house,’” he says.

Afterward, a man gave him his business card, told him he booked the acts for Carnival Cruise Lines, and wanted to book him.

“It built and built and built,” he says.

Mr. Orr looks like a somewhat more refined version of Rod Stewart.

“It's uncanny (the resemblance),” he says. “My mole is on the opposite side of my face; mine is on the right, his is on the left. I look more like Cindy Crawford,” he jokes. (Actually, Ms. Crawford's famous mole is also on the left.)

The two singers also differ in other ways.

“He's shorter than me, he's older than



Frank Torino does Tom Jones. He also impersonates Frank Sinatra and Elvis.

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Left: George Orr as Rod Stewart. Above: Jennifer Ramsey runs Ramsey's Replicas and also does a great Lucy impersonation.

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me, he's not as good-looking,” Mr. Orr says.

But the real Rod Stewart has come to see him perform twice in a little pub in Delray called The Blue Anchor.

“His staff — his cook, valet, driver — had come to see us, and they dragged him in,” Mr. Orr says.

Rod Stewart even hired them to play outside a stadium where he was performing. The real Rod Stewart was going to highlight songs from his new album; he had Mr. Orr and band play his old hits outside, before the show.

He then gave them third row center seats to see him perform.

Amazingly, it was the first time Mr. Orr had seen Rod Stewart perform in person.

Choose a hunk

Frank Torino of Fort Myers looks like a young Tom Jones.

When he was a kid growing up in Philadelphia, his Italian grandmother would call him “Tommy Jones.”

But he didn't start performing as Tom Jones until 10 years ago. During his concerts, he also sings as Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and Elvis.

“When I do Tom Jones, I wear a sequined jacket and use all the gestures, swiveling hips, all that,” he says. “I look more like Tom Jones ... I look like a young Tom Jones in the '70s ... If you have a couple of drinks, I look like Elvis too,” he jokes.

“I just nail (Tom). I got the baritone. I have the hair, the looks, the moves. I can hit all the notes.”

When he was 18, Mr. Torino saw Sir Tom Jones perform at the Valley Forge Music Fair. And when he performed a number of years ago at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Mr. Torino went to see him again.

Mr. Torino works at the Parrot Key Caribbean Grill at the Salty Sam's Marina on Fort Myers Beach on Thursday and Saturday nights and at the Bice Grand Café at Coconut Point on Friday nights. He also performs at country clubs and

private parties.

He receives offers to travel, but prefers to stay in the area.

“But to stay local, you have to be diversified,” he says. “There's no demand to do Tom Jones four nights a week.”

The clone business

Jennifer Ramsey owns and runs Ramsey's Replicas in Naples, with sound-alikes, lookalikes and celebrity tribute artists.

Some impersonators don't look like the person they're impersonating, she says, but “we can do a lot with mannerisms. A lot of people don't look like the character, but when they take on the persona, they're so good at it. It's there in the costumes and the wigs and the mannerisms.”

But a lot of her performers look like famous people.

“(Our) Whoopi, she can't go anywhere without people thinking it's really Whoopi,” she says. “In her everyday life, she has a normal life. She's a court reporter in the Southwest.”

But when Mrs. Ramsey took her on a Star Trek cruise where they performed, people thought she was the real Whoopi when she was off stage, just walking around the ship.

“I said, ‘You can't make yourself not look like Whoopi.’ She's very good with people, very personable. She's very funny too.”

Ms. Ramsey also has a Dr. Phil in her stable. For his day job, he manages a Home Depot in California. When he went to see the real Dr. Phil record his show, the staff asked him what he was doing in the audience and were insisting he go backstage to get ready for the show.

“It's funny to see him with the two Oprahs and a Phil Donahue,” Ms. Ramsey says.

Lookalikes are “a whole industry within itself,” she explains. “All these country clubs can't afford to have real stars come. They want bands, but if they want some-

thing a little more, they'll put ‘Joan Rivers’ on the red carpet to greet them when they come in, ‘Liz Taylor’ walking around the tables.

“Lookalikes get a lot of work down here. The demographics are old enough that they know who Bette Davis is. In another area, the general public couldn't remember some of these stars.”

Ms. Ramsey impersonates some living people: Judge Judy, Joan Rivers, Nancy Pelosi, Liza, Elvira. But she also portrays Lucille Ball, Marilyn Monroe, Gloria Swanson, Mae West and Bette Davis.

“I'm in the faux world,” she says. “I do almost everyone who's dead, so I see dead people.”

Being Danny DeVito

Fort Myers resident Stewart Gordon has been portraying Danny DeVito for 35 years, “off and on.”

It started when the TV series “Taxi” began running.

“My little nephew, he was 5 or 6, he said, ‘There's Uncle Stu!’ Then everybody was telling me that. I ended up on ‘Regis and Kathy Lee Live.’”

He limits himself to meet-and-greets and photo opps, he says, explaining that he doesn't sound like Danny DeVito, he just looks like him.

“I do a lot of state fairs and county fairs,” he says. “I roam around and let people take pictures of me.”

He's been hired for the Ohio State Fair and the South Carolina State Fair, and just returned from doing a county fair in Nebraska.

People talk to him, ask for autographs, take photos.

If they think he's the genuine Danny DeVito, he doesn't try to dissuade them.

“I don't want to ruin it for them. I let them believe what they want to believe,” he says. “I just let it go. Some people say, ‘You look a lot like him.’ I don't tell them I'm not if they think I am. I just go along with it.”

When people ask for autographs, he signs Mr. DeVito's name but puts “LA” after it, which means lookalike, he says.

At 5-foot 4½ inches, he's 5-6 inches taller than the real Danny DeVito, he says.

He used to work as a sales rep for the tobacco industry, but retired.

“I don't smoke,” he adds.

He doesn't get specific about how much he makes, but says that impersonating Danny DeVito is “semi-lucrative. It's part-time, but when I do it, I get paid well,” he says.

He gets hired for state and county fairs, because they “want to give the people something different. There were always clowns and mimes on the midways, but they were just looking for something different.”

He paired up with a Jack Nicholson lookalike for five years, but now strolls the midways with a Howie Mandel lookalike. (“A dead ringer,” he says. “Kids recognize Howie and they love Howie. And there are a lot of kids at fairs.”)

Pairing up with another lookalike “makes it look more real. It's more attention-getting,” he explains. “You get a lot better results when you have two people together.”

When he's in public, people mistake him for Danny DeVito all the time, he says.

“I put on his walk, a little zig-zag walk.”

He gets a lot of free drinks and free meals, he says. He also has women hitting on him.

“When somebody thinks they're next to somebody famous, they get giddy-ish,” he says. “I've been hit on a few times. I tell them I'm happily married.”

When he's working, he says, people often think he's the real Danny DeVito.

“They just want pictures taken with us. They want to touch you,” he says. “Even when they realize you're a lookalike, it doesn't matter. They'll pass it off to their friends as if you're the real one.” ■

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Using this photograph as the starting point for your creative process, come up with a narrative work of fiction (no more than 1,500 words). Email your masterpiece attached as a Word document or simply copied into the body of the message to writing@floridaweekly.com (no snail mail, please). Include your name, address and contact information.

Deadline for the first round of the Writing Challenge is midnight Saturday, Aug. 16. Next week we'll provide another prompt with a different photograph, and you are welcome to enter again



(one entry per photo prompt). From week to week, as space allows, we'll print some of our favorite submissions. The two winning entries will be published in our Nov. 6 edition (winners will be notified by late October).

For more information about the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, visit fgcu.edu/siwc. Thanks for writing, and good luck! ■

JAZZ

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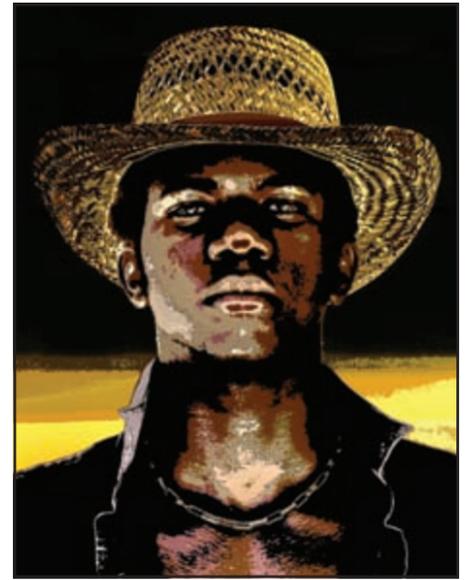
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CAMERA USA PHOTO

"Light Storm," left, by Brett Grandson of Duluth, Minn., took the \$5,000 prize in the fourth annual Camera USA: National Photography Exhibition sponsored by the Naples Art Association. Mr. Grandson's photo and 45 others by photographers from around the country will hang in the main gallery at The von Liebig Art Center through Sept. 26. Also on exhibit at the center is "Pictures in Process: Photographs by NAA Members." Included are "Dancer," above, by Arthur Jacob. 585 Park St. Free admission, donations welcome. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

THEATER

Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat – Through Aug. 16 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Dinner Train – "Royal Palm Noir" aboard the Seminole Gulf Railway Murder Mystery Train select dates through Sept. 22. 275-8487 or semgulf.com.

The Morning After the Night Before the Wedding – Aug. 15-24 by Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

ONGOING EXHIBITS

Camera USA and Pictures in Process – The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center presents its fourth annual "Camera USA: National Photography Exhibition" along with "Pictures in Process: Photographs by NAA Members" through Sept. 26. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Extraction & Deficit – Works by Ecuadorian artist Cesar Aguilera at The Naples Depot Museum through Oct. 31. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.org.

Director's Picks – Paintings, sculpture and glassworks among the favorites of gallery director Lynn Pitochelli at Trudy Labell Fine Art. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Friday. 2425 Tamiami Trail N. 434-7778 or trudylabelfineart.com.

Beauty – At The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs through Aug. 28. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Artistic Optimism – A group exhibition of recent works in assemblage, ceramics, collage, painting, pastel and sculpture through Aug. 15 at Rosen Gallery & Studios. 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-1061.

Wartime Highlights – "Hollywood's Who's Who in World War II" through Aug. 16 at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumsfwl.org.

French Flair – "Part of Paris & Provence" at Jo-Gi Gallery from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday. 1080 Fifth Ave. S. 659-5644 or jogigallery.com.

THURSDAY 8.14

Blind Tasting – Decanted Wines hosts a blind wine tasting from 5-7 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. 434-1814 or info@decantedwines.com.

Block Party – Whole Foods at Mercato hosts a block party from 5-6:30 p.m. featuring free samples. Vote for your favorite recipe for a chance to win a \$25 Whole Foods gift card. 552-5100.

Love That Dress! – Bring a loved but still lovely dress for donation to the PACE Center for Girls' Love That Dress! event to Burn by Rocky Patel in Mercato from 5:30-7 p.m. and enjoy champagne and chocolate strawberries and other small bites along with other surprises. pacecenter.org.

Live Jazz at Alto – The Dan Heck Trio entertains starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

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

Just for Laughs – Dov Davidoff takes the stage at House of Brewz in Gulf Coast Town Center tonight through Aug. 16. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy-club.com.

Open Mic – Frankie Colt hosts open mic night starting at 9 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or southstreet-naples.com.

FRIDAY 8.15

Here's to Beers – Naples Beach Brewery hosts a tasting and tour from 4-8 p.m. \$15 includes 2 ounces of each beer brewed followed by two 12-ounce pours. www.naplesbeachbrewery.com.

Strumming Along – Tom Deroshers plays guitar from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 431-7438 or caperskitchen.com.

Tour For A Cure – Celebrate the final leg of a 3,400-mile bicycle trek to raise awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society from 6:30-7:15 p.m. at the Garden of Hope & Courage at NCH downtown. Then follow the three cyclists and their supporters to Café Lurcat for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres starting at 7:30 p.m. \$25 donation to the ACS. RSVP: 213-3357.

Live Jazz at Alto – The Susan Chastain Trio entertains starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

SATURDAY 8.16

Bee a Hero – Ten basketball teams square off at Barron Collier High School in the "Bee a Hero" tournament to raise funds to help 10-year-old Timmy Bee fight his battle against aplastic anemia. The games start at 7:30 a.m., with the championship round anticipated to begin around 1 p.m. Donations welcome.

Farmers Market – Stock up on fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, cheese, pasta, coffee, doggy treats and more at the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama's on Third Street South.

More Fresh Produce – The Golden Gate Farmers Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd. 206-4339.

Get Cooking – Barbatella hosts a cooking class with Chef Dario followed by lunch, complete with wine and dessert starting at 11:30 a.m. \$50. Reservations required. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or barbatellanaples.com.

Live Jazz at Alto – Dan Miller and the Lew Del Gatto Quintet perform in the jazz club setting at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen starting at 7 p.m. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

Smoothie & Salad – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads a lunch hour cooking class from noon to 1 p.m. featuring a blueberry, banana and yogurt smoothie and a mixed greens salad with corn, blue cheese and dried blueberries topped with blueberry vinaigrette. \$25. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. RSVP: 514-4663 or info@goodlif-enaples.com

Be Creative – Paint your own wine glasses at Dagny's Spirits from 6-9 p.m. \$35. Reservations required. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or dagnysspirits.com.

Charity Slots – Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts a charity slot tournament from noon to 8 p.m., with 50 percent of the \$10 admission benefitting the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida and 50 percent going into the prize pool. 506 S. First St., Immokalee. 658-1313 or seminolecasinoimmokalee.com.

Dixieland Jazz – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Sponsored by the Naples Jazz Society. Free. 254-9674.

Opera Benefit – Dolce & Salato hosts a Sicilian dinner and wine tasting to benefit Opera Naples from 6-8 p.m. An auction and raffle will be part of the evening, as will a performance of traditional Italian songs by Livio Ferrari. \$37.95. Limited seating. 300 Fifth Ave. S. RSVP: 300-0444.

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

Jazz on the Gulf – The 29th season of SummerJazz on the Gulf free concerts on the lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course continues with Pocket Change from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Free. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com. See story on page C1.

It Takes Two – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner's class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milonga for everyone. Bring your own wine; snacks provided. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablrepuntango.com.

WHAT TO DO

Live Tunes – Rick Howard and The Speed Bumps perform from 7-10 p.m. at Chrissy's Tavern & Bistro. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or chrissystavern.com.

SUNDAY 8.17

Fresh Goods – The Collier Boulevard Farmers Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 11725 Collier Blvd. 206-4339.

Opera at the Movies – Silverspot Cinema presents a transmission of the San Francisco Operas' performance of "Lucrezia Borgia" at 6 tonight and 1 p.m. Aug. 19. silverspot.net.

Live Jazz at Alto – Bob Zottola and Stu Shelton play jazz favorites starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

Reggae Sunday – Redlyte takes the stage at 10 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 435-9333 or southstreetnaples.com.

MONDAY 8.18

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.

Film Night – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a screening and discussion of "Wild Target" at 7 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Play Your Cards Right – It's bingo night starting at 7 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

Country Monday – Blue Martini in Mercato presents live country music from 8-11:30 p.m. followed by a DJ until 2 a.m. Hospitality workers enjoy "industry pricing" all night starting at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY 8.19

Wind Down Italian Style – Osteria Tulia holds its first in a series of monthly Salute! Italian wine and cocktail tastings from 5:30-7 p.m. Wind down after a busy day and enjoy northern and central Italian wines served by Marcello Palazzi of Winebow plus a traditional Italian cocktail. \$25 for two glasses of wine and a cocktail. 466 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2073 or tulianaples.com.

Book Signing – Randy Wayne White signs copies of "Haunted" at noon at Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops and at 3 p.m. at Sunshine Ace Booksellers on Marco Island. See review on page C14.

Local History – Docents with the Naples Historical Society lead tours of Historic Palm Cottage from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. \$10, free for NHS members. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Washington Wines – Decanted hosts a wine tasting from 5-7 p.m. with Heather Smith showcasing the wines of Washington State. Light appetizers included. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. RSVP: 434-1814 or info@decantedwines.com.

Charity Dinner – The first Fab4 @ Avenue4 charity dinner features Chef Charles Meredey of Meredey's Fine Dining, Chef David Nelson of Truluck's, Chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire and Chef John Welch of Avenue5. Guests will enjoy seven courses paired with wines. \$250, with proceeds to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. Limited seating. RSVP: 325-1718 or BGCCC.com.

Live Jazz at Alto – Stu Shelton plays jazz starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

Tango Tuesdays – Step up for intermediate and advanced tango class from 8-9 p.m. at Pablo Repun Tango. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablrepunpuntango.com.

Live Blues – Rick Howard and the Mudbone Blues & Beyond Jam perform from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie's. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or weekendwillies.com.

WEDNESDAY 8.20

Old Naples History – Docents with the Naples Historical Society lead walking tours of the Third Street South historic district setting out at 9:30 a.m. \$10 for NHS members, \$16 for others. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Dog Days Dining – If it's Wednesday, it's Dog Days Dining at Agave Bar & Grill. Come in for lunch or dinner and a portion of your tab will be donated to Humane Society Naples. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 598-3473.

Live Jazz at Alto – The Rick Howard Duo tunes up for an evening of jazz starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

COMING UP

Garden Tour – Naples Historical Society offers tours of The Norris Gardens at Historic Palm Cottage from 10-11 a.m. Aug. 21. \$10, free for NHS members. Reservations required. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164.

Mexican Fiesta – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life of Naples leads a class in Mexican home cooking from 6-8 p.m. Aug. 21. \$60. 514-4663 or goodlifepalms.com.

Fabulous '50s – Vintage cars, free rootbeer floats, rockin' music, workshops for kids and more will fill the parking lot at The Home Depot at Airport Road and Davis Boulevard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 23.

Laugh It Off – Vinny K takes the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club Aug. 22-23. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

Landscape Preparedness – Naples Botanical Garden presents a class in preparing your yard for a hurricane from 9-11 a.m. Aug. 23. Free for garden members, \$5 for others. Registration required. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Ad Libbing – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents an evening of improv at 7 p.m. Aug. 27. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Sunset Trolley Tour – Hop aboard the trolley at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at Tavern on the Bay and enjoy a Naples Sunset Rotary's sunset tour around town. \$55 includes a Hurricane cocktail upon arrival and drinks at each of these stops along the way: Sea Salt, Pelican Larry's and South Street. Proceeds benefit area charities. 839-3532 or naplessunsetrotary.org. ■

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Two more foreign films and one great beach read



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I know I wrote about foreign films last week, and honestly, I wasn't planning on writing a part two to that — or at least, not so soon — but I watched a couple more on DVD recently that are not to be missed.

I'm probably going to be buying copies of "Where Do We Go Now?" to give as presents later this year. It's a little gem of a movie about a small, unnamed village in Lebanon, set in the middle of mine fields, barbed wire and warring Muslims and Christians. The town's church and mosque sit practically side-by-side, with only one building between them.

For the most part, the villagers get along, though there are flare-ups between the men. Both Muslims and Christians have lost husbands, brothers, fathers, sons, and the cemetery is full of their graves. Not wanting to add to its number, the women plot a variety of wild schemes to keep peace in the village and prevent their men from fighting each other.

It's a kind of modern-day twist on "Lysistrata," the classic Greek play in which women refuse to have sex with the men until they stop fighting. These women in "Where Do We Go Now?" have their own creative solutions, from faking a miracle to hiring a group of Ukrainian belly dancers to distract the men.

Lebanese writer/director Nadine Labaki (who also made the movie "Caramel") also acts in the movie as the beautiful Amale, a café owner.

The women — both Muslim and Christian — good naturedly kid each other and come across as real people. And that's because Ms. Labaki hired real people, many who had never acted in a film before. What characters these women are, joking and gossiping and scheming!

And the performances Ms. Labaki draws out of them are amazing.

This is a whimsical, smart film that is part comedy, part drama, part musical.

I saw the trailer for this and wasn't sure what to expect.

The opening, with a group of women marching to the graveyard in synchronized steps and movements, pounding their chests in grief with their hands, is

like a Pina Bausch dance.

Despite the heavy subject matter, however, this is a funny movie. But it's one of those rare humorous movies that's profound, too.

I also caught "A Separation," which won the Golden Globe Award and the Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film and appeared on many critics' Top 10 lists. Set in Iran, it's a drama about a couple and their dissolving marriage.

Simin (Leila Hatami) wants to leave Iran, but her husband Nader (Peyman Moaadi), refuses. He's taking care of his father, who has Alzheimer's disease and no longer knows who his son is. But, the husband



"A Separation" is a psychological drama that looks at ethics, morals and religion while also examining the breakup of a marriage. As each person pleads his or her case, our sympathies shift. What is the truth? What is the price of speaking the truth?

Though it gives us a look at modern-day Iranian life, "A Separation" is also universal: the pain of a broken marriage, the struggle to survive financially, the desire for our children to succeed.

Beach thriller

I just finished "The Accident," by Chris Pavone, author of the *New York Times* bestseller "The Expats."

It was the perfect beach read.

The plot revolves around an unpublished manuscript called "The Accident," a biography about a media mogul which, if published, could easily destroy his empire. There are plenty of secret surveillance, maneuvers and counter-maneuvers, fake identities and secrets.

The action takes place in the publishing world, so there's tons of behind-the-scenes info about book publishing. (Mr. Pavone knows that world well; he was a book editor for nearly two decades.)

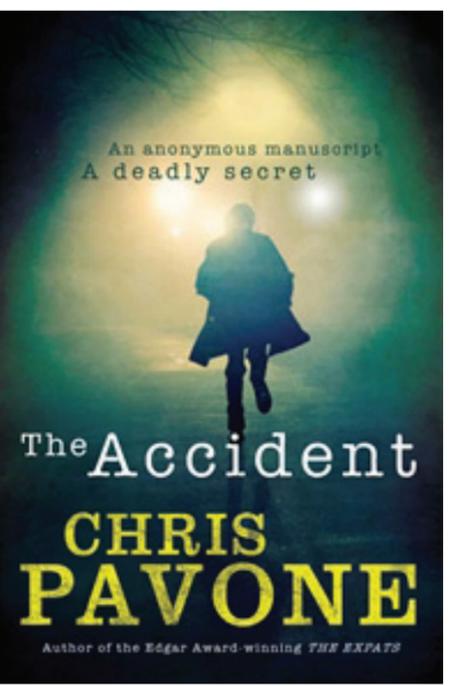
The worldwide media corporation in danger is described as having a mission

of "deprofessionalizing the news-gathering media and deobjectifying the news itself." The author explains that in the 1990s, the news was dominated by three networks and *The New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Time* and *Newsweek*, the Associated Press and UPI: "a profession populated by professionals. Quaint."

Though there are many chase scenes and murders in this thriller, nothing chilled me as much as this unfortunately accurate description of current-day media:

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Take a Chance on Me" band
 - 5 Like the reading on a thermometer
 - 11 "Ad — per aspera" (Kansas motto)
 - 16 Org. that aids start-ups
 - 19 Cut calories
 - 20 Float event
 - 21 2007 horror film sequel
 - 22 Abbr. ending a math proof
 - 23 Surgical cleaning pad
 - 25 Near
 - 26 Web site ID
 - 27 Uranus, e.g.
 - 28 Meditate over
 - 30 Greek tycoon
 - 31 Onassis
 - 31 Track official
 - 32 Prized seafood catch
 - 36 Bird feed bit
 - 37 Tool storage building
 - 38 "There's no — sight"
 - 39 Land in le Pacificque
 - 40 Person from Madrid, say
 - 42 How soup or soda is often sold
 - 45 Test ban topic
 - 49 Behaving brainlessly
 - 53 "V.I.P." star
 - 54 Everybody in the group, in the South
 - 56 Bic Clic —
 - 57 Record over
 - 58 Painter
 - 59 Picasso
 - 61 Bartók and
 - 63 Kitchen plastic wrap
 - 64 Depressed, as the economy
 - 66 Perfect places
 - 71 Tortilla treats
 - 73 Severe pang
 - 74 Divulge
 - 75 Lake fish
 - 79 "— Place" (1990s show)
 - 81 — alla Scala (Milan opera house)
 - 82 Med student's hands-on workplace
 - 84 Kind of fruit pie
 - 88 "From the beginning," in music
 - 89 Jonathan Swift, e.g.
 - 91 Obituary info
 - 92 Actor —
 - 95 — de plume (literary aliases)
 - 96 Parka, e.g.
 - 100 Totally docile
 - 104 Pyromaniac
 - 105 Hot tub site
 - 106 Pop singer
 - 107 Belinda
 - 107 Regal home
 - 108 She-pig
 - 109 Flip — (decide by chance)
 - 110 Write in any of this puzzle's eight theme answers?
 - 114 Before, in verse
 - 115 Online voice calling service
 - 116 Region of Spain
 - 117 Pill bottle specification
 - 118 Tetley drink
 - 119 Curvy letters
 - 120 "Man alive!"
 - 121 Part of BFA
- DOWN**
- 1 Evolves, say
 - 2 Jazz singer
 - 3 Changed into
 - 4 Paid the penalty (for)
 - 5 Glimpse
 - 6 Ex-Oriole
 - 7 — Antiqua
 - 8 Trial subject
 - 9 John Quincy —
 - 10 Chastising person
 - 11 Climb up
 - 12 Tall, swift, slender dog
 - 13 One of 10 that go down in a strike
 - 14 Five-time Pro Bowl wide receiver
 - 15 Vindicating
 - 16 Like some diamonds and jaws
 - 17 Catcher
 - 18 Do improv
 - 24 The woman
 - 29 Flip-flop's kin
 - 32 Pursuer of Moby Dick
 - 33 Jay who jests
 - 34 Take — view of
 - 35 Armor — (some naval vessels)
 - 37 Org. that protects pets
 - 40 Speechless
 - 41 Have — (make merry)
 - 42 "To Live and Die —" (1985 film)
 - 43 Pal, in Nice
 - 44 "The Voice" network
 - 45 Tarzan's pals
 - 46 Actress Reid
 - 47 Actor Epps
 - 48 Small plateau
 - 50 Of computers
 - 51 1990s cardio fad
 - 52 "— Home for Christmas"
 - 55 Sacks in war
 - 58 "Dawson's Creek" role
 - 59 Ring-shaped island
 - 60 Iraqi seaport
 - 62 Single out
 - 65 Kind of flour
 - 67 Treasured
 - 68 "—, Brute!"
 - 69 Standard
 - 70 High-hatter
 - 72 Stuff in guns
 - 75 Ill-behaved
 - 76 Actress — Alicia
 - 77 Figure on a \$1 coin
 - 78 Prop's place
 - 80 Preoccupy
 - 81 Harper of "Ishtar"
 - 83 Unsolved crime
 - 85 With 96-Down, rum cocktail
 - 86 Grads' dance
 - 87 Tree "arm"
 - 90 Blend
 - 92 Jetson boy and others
 - 93 Mexico's Calderón
 - 94 Actress Ella
 - 96 See 85-Down
 - 97 Gifted talker
 - 98 Approach and confront
 - 99 City of ancient Egypt
 - 100 "Plus" item
 - 101 Bit of pollen
 - 102 Carpet nails
 - 103 Distrustful
 - 104 Scottish cap
 - 107 Little horse
 - 111 Asian "way"
 - 112 E-I link
 - 113 CD- — drive

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An offer could have many good things attached to it that are not apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A difficult workplace situation

begins to ease, but there still are matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Despite your Aries penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge. But you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for that important upcoming family event you'll want to celebrate in a special way.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises her or his excitement level, and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might have a tendency to be more than a bit judgmental, but others understand it comes from a warm, loving heart. ■

By Linda Thistle

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It's been more than 20 years since the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles were culturally relevant, but the latest movie is the best version of the gang yet. I know that's not saying much, but it *is* a compliment.

Megan Fox ("Transformers") starts as intrepid TV reporter April O'Neill, who works with her cameraman Vern (Will Arnett) covering human interest pieces in New York City. April has aspirations for greater things, which prompts her to track the actions of the city's organized crime syndicate called the Foot Clan, led by Master Shredder.



Upon observing the clan in action, April is exposed to the titular characters: Leader Leonardo (voice of Johnny Knoxville), nerdy Donatello (voice of Jeremy Howard), rebellious Raphael (voice of Alan Ritchson) and jokester Michelangelo (voice of Noel Fisher).

The Turtles were raised in the sewers by a mutated rat, Splinter (voice of Tony Shalhoub), who faces similar challenges to that of any single parent of four teenagers (sort of). All their mutations are the result of a failed science experiment conducted by April's father and his business partner, Eric Sachs (William Fichtner).

The movie gets a lot right after a slow start, as it's smartly constructed as a true origin story that efficiently integrates what Turtles' fans expect. In seeing how the Turtles became mutants, how April ties into their beginnings and the danger Shredder poses, we become emotionally invested in the story and genuinely root for the heroes to succeed. Now the action scenes have purpose and meaning beyond glossy eye candy, and the movie is better because of it.

Ms. Fox has been unfairly maligned for being ridiculously hot and only moderately talented, but she's fine

here. Her limited acting skills are perfectly suitable for the role — we have no trouble believing April has moxie to go with her beauty — and let's not forget she's used to acting opposite nothing (the Turtles, similar to the Transformers, were rendered in post-production using computer generated imagery (CGI)).

Speaking of the CGI, it's solid. The action scenes are lazy in the beginning in that they're dark and intentionally vague in an effort to not show too much of the Turtles too soon. Thankfully, the payoff is worth the wait, as each of the four Renaissance painter namesakes provides a physical presence that is as imposing as it is unique. What's more, the voice work keeps their personalities distinct (just in case you can't tell the difference between them based on their weapons and mask colors).

Following successful stints as a comic book, an animated series and video game, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles disappeared after a trilogy of movies in the early '90s got progressively worse with each installment. But in today's Hollywood a known commodity has great value, reboots are in vogue, and this has the potential for numerous sequels; in some senses, it's surprising it took this long to get the Turtles back on screen.

Here's how you know director Jonathan Liebesmann ("Battle Los Angeles") succeeds: The Turtles take a long elevator ride on their way to a big fight. One by one they start humming and dancing to the beat of their own tune, and it's hilarious. It's a lighthearted moment in an anticipation of life-or-death stakes, which keeps the film's balance of humor and seriousness in perfect harmony. This type of editing equilibrium is not often found in a comic book reboot, but it is this depth of story and attention to detail that make "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" worth seeing. ■

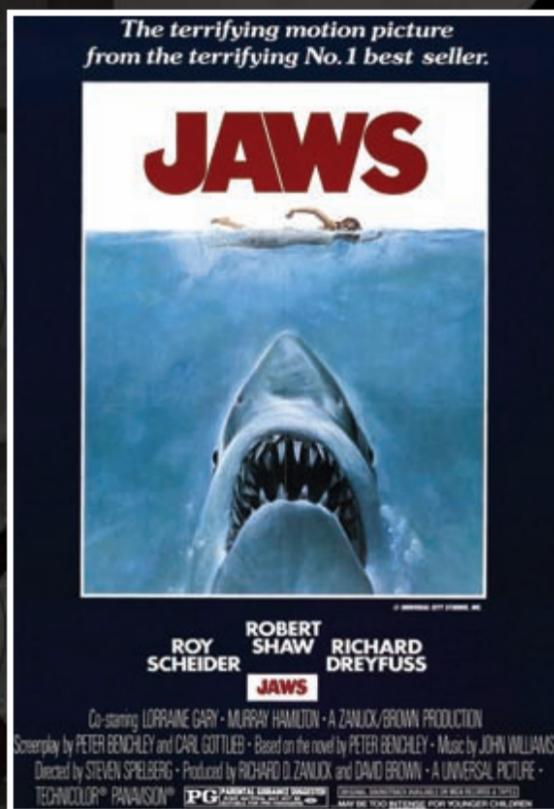
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>> **Megan Fox has said** she loved the Turtles as a kid, and that her favorite scenes in the new movie are the snow chase and elevator dance.

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FILM CAPSULES

Into the Storm ★★

(Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies, Matt Walsh) Locals try to survive as a series of tornadoes strike a small midwestern town. Some action scenes are great and others miss the mark. With forgettable characters and rote dialog, this isn't one to run off to. Rated PG-13.



sessing a powerful orb. It's action-packed, hilarious and an out-of-this-world good time. It also fits nicely within the Avengers-driven Marvel Cinematic Universe. Rated PG-13.

And So It Goes ★★1/2

(Michael Douglas, Diane Keaton, Sterling Jerins) Grumpy old Oren (Mr. Douglas) needs the help of his kind neighbor (Ms. Keaton) to care for his granddaughter (Ms. Jerins). It's full of clichés and heavy messages, but Mr. Douglas' acerbic one-liners and the chemistry between him and Ms. Keaton make it moderately enjoyable. Rated PG-13.

Boyhood ★★1/2

(Ellar Coltrane, Patricia Arquette, Ethan Hawke) This landmark film from director Richard Linklater ("Before Midnight") follows a boy, Mason (Mr. Coltrane), as he ages from 6 to 18 years old. Ms. Arquette and Mr. Hawke play Mason's divorced parents. Shot in 39 days over the course of 12 years, it's the most natural and realistic depiction of the pains of adolescence in recent memory. Rated R.

Magic In The Moonlight ★★1/2

(Colin Firth, Emma Stone, Marcia Gay Harden) A world-renowned magician (Mr. Firth) travels to the south of France to reveal an American psychic (Ms. Stone) as a fraud, but his perspective changes as they spend time together. Ms. Stone's character is underplayed and the story is predictable, but Mr. Firth's snarky charm keeps you laughing. Rated PG-13.

Guardians Of The Galaxy ★★★

(Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista) Unlikely heroes Star-Lord (Mr. Pratt), Gamora (Ms. Saldana), Drax (Mr. Bautista), Groot (voice of Vin Diesel) and Rocket Raccoon (voice of Bradley Cooper) try to stop the villainous Ronan (Lee Pace) from pos-



Sex Tape ★★

(Cameron Diaz, Jason Segel, Rob Corddry) To spruce things up, married with children Annie (Ms. Diaz) and Jay (Mr. Segel) make a sex tape on a tablet. Crisis comes, however, when the session synchs with other devices. We don't buy these two as a couple, it's not funny, the story's weak and worst of all, it's just not sexy. Rated R. ■

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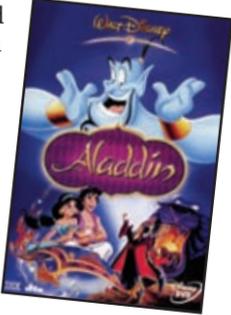
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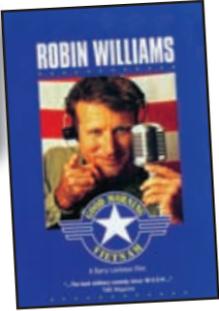
Robin Williams died Monday morning, Aug. 11. More information about his death can be found elsewhere. This article is not an obituary, eulogy or commentary on mental illness, but rather a fond remembrance of Mr. Williams' extraordinary body of work.

Here are my five favorite moments from his storied career. Clips and/or trailers for all of them are on YouTube.

1. "Ten thousand years will give you such a crick in the neck," Mr. Williams bellows as the voice of the genie in "Aladdin" (1992). And so begins an onslaught of manic craziness that's equal parts zany, unpredictable and funny. Impersonations, musical numbers, improv — you name a comedic style and Mr. Williams delivers, and delivers so well that he was given a "special achievement" Golden Globe award. It is unrestrained comedy at its very best.



2. "Good Morning Vietnam" (1987) gets off to a slow start, but the first time Mr. Williams shouts "Gooooood



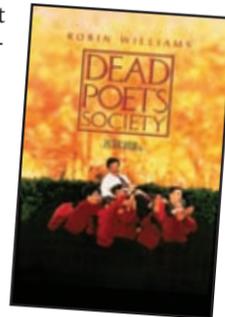
the importance of levity for American troops in what (for many) felt like an endless war. The scene in which Mr. Williams is in the field speaking directly to the troops shows his character's humanity and Mr. Williams' ability to seamlessly mix humor and pathos.

3. Given Mr. Williams' talent as a dramatic actor and comedian, it's easy to overlook his work as a villain. Chilling as he was opposite Al Pacino in Christopher Nolan's "Insomnia" (2002), Mr. Williams real light of villainy comes as the uber-creepy Sy Parish in "One Hour Photo" (2002). Sy is (before the age of digital cameras) the photo developer at a large store who makes duplicate pictures of his favorite family, the Yorkins, calls himself "Uncle Sy" and dreams about being a member of



the family. Mr. Williams plays Sy with an omnipresent, disaffected grin, and in the first half of the film shows incredible restraint during scenes of anger. This all changes when he receives bad news at work, prompting the actor to be at his disturbing, tormented best.

4. The "Carpe Diem" scene in "Dead Poets Society" (1989) was inspiring before Mr. Williams died, and now it plays like a haunting reminder



to live life to the fullest. He plays a teacher at a prestigious boarding school who uses poetry to impart upon his students the need to "seize the day," because sooner or later (as the students stare at pictures of deceased alumnae) they, too, will die. Williams' death is a reminder of the importance of this for everyone.

5. I saw "Good Will Hunting" (1997) when I was a freshman in college and remember saying to myself as soon as it was over that Mr. Williams deserved an Oscar for his performance. Sure enough, he won Best Supporting Actor (his only win in four Oscar nominations) for his work as Sean, the wise shrink who cracks the brilliant, tough exterior of Matt Damon's Will. In the park bench scene, Sean, having been verbally torn apart by Will in their prior meeting, proceeds to give a heavy dose of life experience to Will, who humbly sits there and takes it. Beautifully written (by the film's other Oscar winners, screenwriters Matt Damon and Ben Affleck) and acted, the scene tugs at the heart-strings every time you watch it. It's also one of the great monologues in film history. ■



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Latest Hannah Smith outing a tone poem in darkness, determination



■ **"Haunted" by Randy Wayne White. Putnam. 352 pages. Hardcover, \$26.95.**

This novel, the third in the Hannah Smith series, contains some of Randy Wayne White's best writing ever. He has deepened Hannah's character, addressing her demons, passions, intelligence and moral fiber in ways both compelling and profound.



WHITE

He has painted the area around the Caloosahatchee River with artistic brilliance, often using the darkest pigments on his palette. He has collected a gallery of grotesques — human and near-human — that will make your blood curdle.

And he has once again dangled a bit of local history, this time Civil War era, to complicate things and enhance our understanding of the present action, layering its impact and meaning.

This time out, we meet Hannah assisting the aunt of her good friend, Deputy Sheriff Birdy Tupplemeyer. Aunt Bunnie is a manipulative Palm Beach widow with a problem: Part of an investment group that had purchased more than 600 acres on the north side of the Caloosahatchee River between Arcadia and Labelle, she wants out of her part of the deal. What she has discovered about the history of the property is unsettling. So is its intended use as a condo development. Her lawyer believes that the seller had broken a disclosure law and that Bunnie can use that infraction to recoup her

investment.

Hannah's job is to explore the property, which includes an historic home named Cadence Place, and strengthen Bunnie's case.

A history buff whose family has long roots in the region, expert fishing guide and part-time detective Hannah is excited about this unexpected assignment. It's not her usual case.

What she discovers, however, is a nightmare of twisted minds and destructive obsession. Has this place been poisoned by terrible things that have happened there?

Briefly, Hannah and Deputy Sheriff Birdy make the decaying mansion their base of operations. Before long, they're frightened out of their wits by strange sounds of all kinds. They're assaulted, or at least feel threatened, by scorpions, snakes and various other critters. Though an experienced outdoorswoman, Hannah has difficulties with the dark spookiness of the place. Is the ghost of the beautiful Irene Cadence still restlessly haunting her home? Is that the wind ... or Irene's scream?

Then there are the devilish humans. First among these is Dr. Theo Ivanoff, a youngish man purporting to be an assistant professor with expertise in Civil War history. The first impression — that he's "a tad strange" — turns into something much worse when the true madness and cruelty of this individual is revealed.

Dr. Ivanoff is soon a threat, assisted by a seeming half-wit named Carmelo and a strange breed of chimpanzees — a couple with something very close to human intelligence, enormous strength and cunning, and ferocious loyalty to their master. There is also a witchy woman named Lucia and a hidden population of frightening, if not altogether dangerous, characters.

Even the good guys in this watery near-wilderness are not so good.

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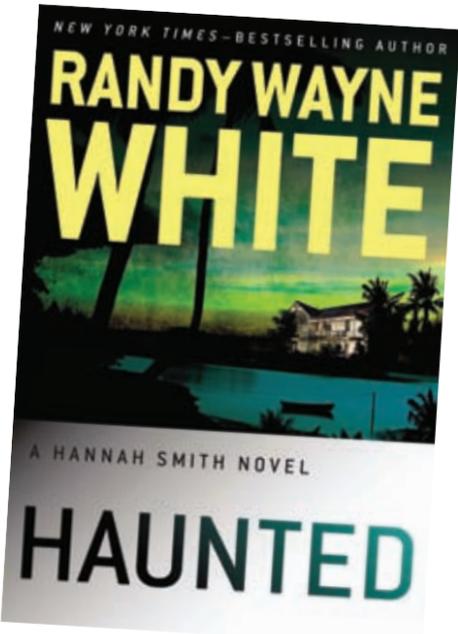
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tion to save not only herself but also an elderly, battered researcher whom she has befriended, Hannah shows what she's made of.

Breathtaking, harrowing, and immensely suspenseful, the chills and thrills of "Haunted" will leave readers exhausted, yet smiling. ■

— 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.

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uncle's diary, often cryptically written and with passages obliterated, that she's trying to decipher and transcribe. Whatever happened near this forsaken home in 1864 is something that touched Hannah's forebear, Capt. Benjamin Summerlin.

The author White structures the novel so that Hannah's frequent explorations of the diary ("a ship's log and notebook and also a place to doodle") build a kind of understory in which cruelty, greed and obsession predict a parallel future for this blood-drenched land. The author's invention of Capt. Summerlin's journal is also the invention of a powerful character and voice. Because it rings with authenticity, it's difficult to remember that Mr. White made it all up.

The last stretch of the novel, covering many chapters, is a prolonged, dazzling flight to escape the murderous intentions of Theo Ivanoff. Slowed by her determina-

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Homemade board games became retro-decor

BY TERRY KOVEL
AND KIM KOVEL

Not all game boards are for checkers or chess. Our ancestors played parcheesi, backgammon and cribbage on boards that could be made at home. From about 1850 to 1920, homemade game boards were created by talented folk artists. Elaborate designs that included the required spaces and lines for the game were carefully drawn and colored. Many game boards were two-sided, most with a checkerboard on one side and a Parcheesi or Backgammon board on the other. The majority of the boards were made of wood, although some were painted on leftover sheets of metal. When the 1950s "Early American" look and the 1960s "American Country" look were at the height of their popularity, game boards sold quickly to be used as wall hangings. The decorating magazines featured groups of boards hanging in a hall or over a sofa, and prices went up. A board in excellent condition with original paint can sell today for hundreds to thousands of dollars. An unusual metal game board for parcheesi and checkers sold at a Cowan



Homemade antique games and even game parts sell for surprising prices today. This 18-inch-square Parcheesi board is painted on metal. There is a checker board on the other side. Price at a 2014 Cowan auction in Cincinnati was \$3,900.

A: Members of the Woodard family went into business in Owosso, Mich., in 1866. They began making furniture in 1868. Various members of the family operated the business until 1969, when it was sold. The company is still in business and makes wrought-iron, aluminum and wicker furniture for casual and outdoor use. Sometimes furniture can be dated by the trademark, style or material. Woodard began making wrought-iron furniture in the 1930s. Furniture made before 1942 sometimes has brass or copper decoration. Woodard furniture made before the 1970s is labeled with a metal plate. Furniture made after that time was labeled with a sticker. If your set was made by Woodard and doesn't have a metal label, it was made in the 1970s.

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Q: I bought a used wrought-iron dining set in the late '60s or early '70s. It includes a round table with a glass top and four matching chairs. I was told it was made by Woodard. How can I find out if that's true?

Q: I have a small collection of railroad memorabilia. I want to sell, but I'm having a problem finding collectors. How can I find them?

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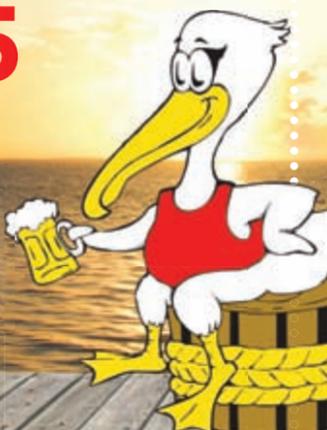
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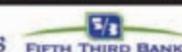
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Q: Back in the 1960s, I was shopping at a Buffalo, N.Y., antique shop and bought a funny Laurel and Hardy collectible. The comic figures are seated on a wood and metal bench that can rock back and forth. The figures' arms and legs move, too. The whole display is about 2 feet high by 22 inches wide. What is it worth?

A: We were surprised to discover that there are a few different versions of "Laurel and Hardy on a Bench." Stan Laurel (1890-1965) and Oliver Hardy (1892-1957) made more than 100 movies together between 1927 and 1950. They continued to be popular through the '50s and even into the '60s because their movies frequently ran on television. Most versions of your display sell for \$50 to \$100.

Q: When I was a boy (I'm 66 now), my father showed us what he said were a pair of sperm whale's teeth he brought home when he was discharged from the U.S. Navy after World War II. When we were going through his things after my mother died, we found the whale's teeth. They're tanner than we remember and were never polished, but they're in excellent condition. Each is about 5½ inches long. What are they worth?

A: The sale of sperm whale's teeth, raw or scrimshawed, has been restricted since 1972. It's considered a type of ivory. You can sell it in your own state if your state allows the sale and if you

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Comment: Earlier this year, we answered a question from a reader who owned two original Peanuts comic strips drawn by cartoonist Charles Schulz. We told the reader the strips were valuable. We recently were contacted by a curator at the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Calif. Staff there would like to talk to any of our readers who believe they own an original Peanuts strip. The museum has a large collection of Schulz's original strips. The museum's website is SchulzMuseum.org.

Tip: If your glass chandelier is dirty, don't use a spray cleaner on it. Put on white cotton gloves and dampen one with Windex. Then wipe the glass parts first with the damp glove, then with the dry glove. Swifter sheets are also good for cleaning and dusting. Be careful if you're standing on a high ladder. ■

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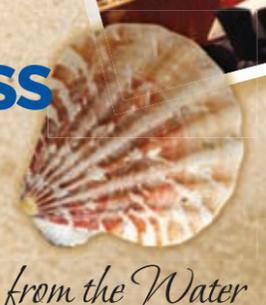
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■ The **Gardeners of Southwest Florida** club presents a class about adding fish ponds and other aquatic features to your garden Saturday morning, Aug. 16, at the home of the presenter, who will also lead a tour around her 10-acre property. Attendance is free, and attendees are invited to bring plants to exchange. For more information, contact club leaders Pater Kacalanos and Suzanne Cherney by calling 331-2858 or emailing petersuzanne2@hotmail.com.

■ The **Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is Aug. 16. For more information, email dwcpresident@gmail.com.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** invites members and all orchid lovers to its monthly meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. in Naples. Guest speaker Jim Longwell will discuss the butterfly orchid, a beautiful and easy-to-grow Florida native.

Mr. Longwell has been growing orchids for over 26 years and has accumulated more than 50 American Orchid Society awards, including hobby grower Best of Show at the Miami International Orchid Show. He served in the AOS judging program for several years and is the former owner of Sanctuary Orchids.

Alliance members are encouraged to bring their own orchid specimens for the monthly judging. An orchid raffle will help raise money for future programs.



Florida's native butterfly orchid will be the topic of discussion when the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets Aug. 21.

Attendance is free, and guests are welcome. For information, call 498-9741.

■ **Toastmaster Academy** presents a workshop about giving feedback to others in a way that inspires them and builds self-esteem at its meeting beginning at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the North Naples Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive.

Whether you are in a position where you lead by authority or by influence, giving feedback that is both positive and constructive is an art. Workshop leader Dr. Joel Ying is a long-time Toastmaster who is a sought after evaluator.

Attendance is free for members of Toastmaster Academy, \$10 for others. For more information or to reserve your seat, call Ragnhild Sunde at 594-3828 or email dancequick@aol.com.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 303, 27678 Imperial Shores Blvd. in Bonita Springs. The next meeting is Aug. 26. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is John Dykhuis of Naples. For more information, visit www.ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ The **Naples Press Club** has scheduled a series of happy hour networking events to take place from 5:30-7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at various locations. Members of the working press are welcome to join club members. Appetizers are provided and there is a cash bar.

The next gatherings are at M Waterfront Grille in the Village on Venetian Bay, Aug. 28; and FISH, also in the Village, Sept. 25.

■ **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 naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **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. The next meetings are Aug. 26 and Sept. 9. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the first Wednesday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Sept. 3. The service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities. The club sponsors the Challenger Little League baseball team and welcomes new participants in that youth program.

The Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, Ala., works toward finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome. For more information about the local club, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.



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■ **Gamma Phi Beta** alumnae are invited to join the Summer Lunch Bunch on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is Sept. 8. For location and reservations, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecordhoff@gmail.com.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins, 3585 Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The next meeting is Sept. 11. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. 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.

■ The **Naples Digital Photography Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Edison State College-Collier Campus, Building J-Conference Center. The next meeting is Sept. 11. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit dpi-sig.org.

■ 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 Sept. 18. 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 Communique 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 Elkcam 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 membership prerequisites. ■

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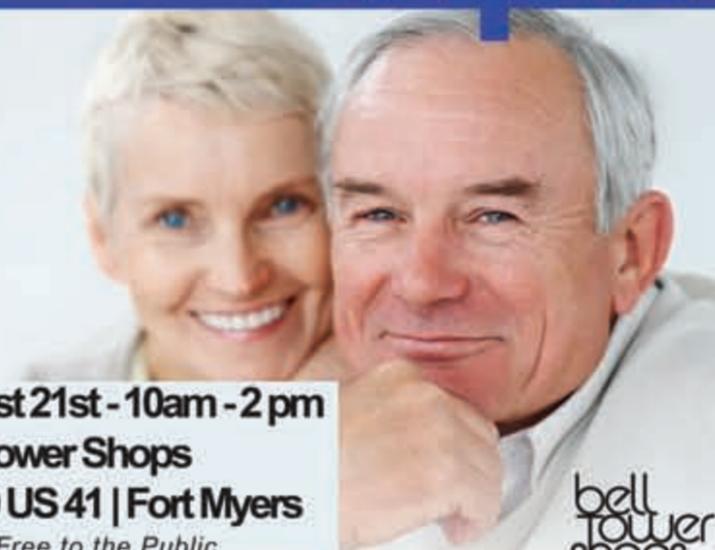


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SATURDAY, AUG. 16, 9 P.M.

Bee Gees: One Night Only

Barry Gibb and his brothers pack nearly 30 of their decades-spanning hits into a concert taped in 1997.

SUNDAY, AUG. 17, 8 P.M.

Being Poirot

David Suchet talks about inhabiting the character of Inspector Poirot for decades.

MONDAY, AUG. 18, 8 P.M.

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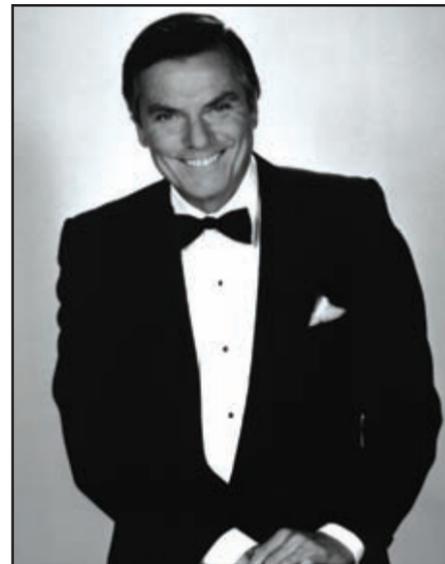
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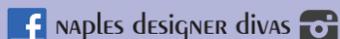
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'Seed' fails to find U.S. audience

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I had been watching this new show on the CW network called "Seed," and I really liked it. Now I can't find it anywhere. Can you tell me what happened to it?

— George S., via email

A: The Canadian comedy (to which the CW bought the rights) stars Adam Korson and is about a 30-something ne'er-do-well — and previous sperm donor — who becomes acquainted with the offspring he never knew he had. It didn't do so well in the ratings and was canceled after two shows. The CW has not said whether it plans to air the remaining episodes in any form (either online or via DVD or Video On Demand).

This truly is a shame for American audiences, because "Seed" really is a delightful show. Hmmm ... maybe TBS could pick it up? In Canada, "Seed" has aired a full first season and already has been renewed for a second, so the episodes are out there if you are interested in continuing to watch.

Q: I've loved Portia de Rossi ever since "Ally McBeal," and especially in "Arrested Development," but I haven't seen her in anything lately. What can I see her in next?

— Kellie Y., Bowling Green, Ohio

A: The gorgeous and talented actress — and wife of Ellen DeGeneres — will be hitting the small screen this fall when she appears in a multi-episode arc of the hit ABC political drama "Scandal." And what better way to announce your next



project than by your wife "accidentally" letting it slip on Twitter? Ellen recently announced to her millions of Twitter followers: "So annoying when people brag on Twitter, and that's why I'm not tweeting that Portia just signed on to do a top-secret arc on Scandal. Oops." "Scandal" returns for its fourth season on Sept. 25 at 9 p.m. (Note the time change from last season.)

Q: Will my favorite show, " Fargo," be back for another season?

— Paul R., via email

A: You betcha! FX has renewed the critically acclaimed drama — which is based on the Coen brothers' hit movie of the same name — for a second season, especially after it racked up 18 Emmy nominations! Season two, which will consist of 10 episodes, most likely will air in fall 2015, although no specific date has been set. ■

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Tickets are \$50 and include tastings from all restaurants. There will be an open bar. Purchase tickets at craving-fashion2014.eventbrite.com. For more information, call Nannette Staropoli at 676-9756.

■ The third annual **Evening in Monte Carlo** to benefit the **Physician Led Access Network** of Collier County is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Yacht Club. Guests will enjoy professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. The evening's celebrity host will be actor/writer/comedian Scott Adsit of Chicago's *Second City* and NBC's *"30 Rock."*

Tickets are \$150. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available beginning at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit placc.org.

■ The 56th annual **NCH Hospital Ball** takes place Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's event will benefit the hospital's cardiology program. Co-chairs are Courtney and Kevin Beebe. Invitations will be mailed in late August. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call 624-2000 or email foundation@nchmd.org.



■ **Golisano Children's Museum of Naples** holds its first **Backyard Bash: Kick Off!** tailgate party Saturday evening, Oct. 25. Put on your team colors, gather your friends and get in the spirit to support hands-on educational opportunities for children and families visiting C'mon.



The evening promises to bring out the inner child of grown-up fans of every sport, from football and baseball to soccer, lacrosse, tennis, swimming and cricket. Games and a silent auction will encourage friendly rivalry. Naples Beach Brewery will provide beverages, Crave Culinaire will cook up the main meal, and Rita's Italian Ice will serve sweets.

Co-chairs are Jennifer Jarvis Urness, Roxanne Werner and Rachel Linse. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,500 for an MVP table of eight. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 260-1714.

■ The **Light the Way** gala to benefit **The Salvation Army** in Collier County takes place Saturday, Nov. 1, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Co-chairs are Sha-

ron Treiser and Sheila Zellers. Tickets are \$300. For more information, call Chris Nind at 210-3081.

■ The **American Girl Fashion Show** to benefit **Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida** returns to the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club with seatings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. The event showcases historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their American Girl dolls. Local young models (and their dolls) present the fashions. An American Girl doll salon and pop-up bookstore will be set up.

Tickets for \$100 will be available in September. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Nicki McTeague at 343-6106, email Nicole.McTeague@LeeMemorial.org or find American Girl Fashion Show, Southwest Florida on Facebook.

■ 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 naplesfilmfest.com for more information.



■ **Boogie on the Beach:** Music for

the Soul, an afternoon of food, fun and a silent auction to benefit **Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss**, takes place from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, on the main lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Live music will be by Sanctum Soul. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-18 and free for ages 5 and younger. The event's main sponsor is Arthrex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

Proceeds will help Lighthouse of Collier serve the estimated 14,000 blind and vision-impaired children and adults in Collier County. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit lighthouseofcollier.org.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 16th annual **Tea & Fashion Show** from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at The Ritz-



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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.

The event is always a sell-out. For information about tickets, call 643-7275 or visit naplesgarden.org.

■ **The Immokalee Foundation's** 2014 Charity Classic Celebration: "Hope Grows" takes place Friday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening of fine dining, entertainment and the Fund A Dream auction highlights the successes of TIF students in the foundation's various education programs. Joe Zednik, president of the TIF board of directors, is chair of the celebration.

Tickets are \$550. Sponsors include Arthrex, Fifth Third Bank, Jaguar Naples, Porsche of Naples, Bigham Jewelers, Naples Illustrated, Kevin Johnson with Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management, GE Foundation and Caterpillar Foundation. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ The **United Arts Council** of Collier County hosts its annual **Celebrate the Arts** gala Thursday, Nov. 20, at the LaPlaya Resort. Robin Hamilton and Robin Bache Gray as co-chairs of the evening themed "A Hot Night for Cool Arts." For more information, call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.



■ The **Community Foundation of Collier County** hosts the **Power of the Purse** luncheon to benefit its Women of Initiative program Thursday, Dec. 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Erin Brockovich, the legal clerk and environmental activist whose story became a hit movie starring Julia Roberts, will be the keynote speaker. Co-chairs are Myra Friedman and Jacquelyn Pierce.

The luncheon brings together civic-minded leaders whose charitable activities help improve the well being of women and girls in our community. The 2015 Women of Initiative honorees will be announced at the Power of the Purse event. The 2015 Women of Initiative awards ceremony will be held in March 2015. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org.

■ **Naples Botanical Garden** celebrates the opening of the Eleanor and Nichole Chabraja Visitor Center with cocktails, dinner and dancing under the stars Thursday, Jan. 8. Tickets start at \$300. Formal invitations will be mailed in the fall. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit naplesgarden.org.

■ The **Fire & Ice** gala to benefit the **Guadalupe Center** of Immokalee takes place Wednesday, Jan. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, visit guadalupecenter.org.

■ The ninth annual **Wishmaker's Ball: "Magical Moments"** to benefit **Make-A-Wish** Southern Florida takes place Saturday, Jan. 17, at Quail West Golf and Country Club. Honorary chair of the evening is Brenda Booth-Brown; co-chairs are Jenny Foegen, Dylan Sanders and Amy Sedlacek. The goal is to raise funds to enable Make-A-Wish to grant 30 wishes to children in Southwest Florida.

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Location, location, location: Terrior makes all the difference

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Terrior, that magical combination of environmental conditions, is the most important influence on the flavor of wine. Winemaking styles differ, but the vintner cannot change the soil structure, sun exposure and climate in which the grapes are grown.

Most wine drinkers don't give that much thought to understanding the importance of terrior when sipping a glass, and it isn't really necessary to the enjoyment of wine. But I recently came across a selection of wines that illustrates what a difference terrior makes.

Winemaker Adam Mason of Mulderbosch Vineyards in the Stellenbosch district of South Africa released a three-pack of single vineyard chenin blanc, a signature white wine for both Mulderbosch and for South Africa.

This versatile grape originates in the Loire Valley in France, where it is used in the making of vovray. Mr. Mason takes the same grape clone from different vineyard blocks, making wines that are very different from one another as well as from the typical light, fruity chenin blanc, which is normally like a pinot gris or sauvignon blanc in style. The difference, he says, is the terrior.

"Each site has established vineyards with a proven track record for excellent

quality chenin blanc," says Mr. Mason. "It was a natural progression of singling these out for selection. As a bonus, each site has distinctly differing soils and differing proximities to False Bay (the nearby ocean), so each wine expresses a very distinct and clearly different personality."

Mulderbosch Vineyards has produced tasty dry chenin blanc for years, but this is the company's first release of single vineyard wines. The production methods were slightly different from their regular release, with these wines made strictly from free run juices, then barrel fermented and matured for 10 months in oak, with minimal amounts of sulphur and cultured yeasts added, allowing the pure flavors to come out. (The regular release chenin blanc was produced by crushing the grapes and mixing additional vineyards in the blend as well.)

Block A has a lot of sand mixed in the soil. The soil has fewer nutrients and drains well. The result is that it stresses the vine to produce high quality grapes. This, along with the close proximity to the False Bay, defines the terrior and influences the finished wine.

Block S2 is characterized by the Malmesbury Shales, ancient deposits of mud and muddy sea animal fossils (this used to be a sea bed) from hundreds of millions of years ago. This soil is nutrient rich, and the vineyard is in the hills above the bay.

Block W is grown in granite-derived soils and the vineyard block overlooks



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The Mulderbosch Vineyard three-pack selection.

the water, with cool breezes that blow in from the bay, producing the ripest grapes.

Mr. Mason says this range of selections is designed for the consumer who has an adventurous spirit and is keen to explore new varieties.

"As old as it is, I often think of chenin as a 'new' variety because it is relatively unknown compared to sauvignon blanc chardonnay, for example," he says. "Given the manner in which we have approached the selection of the vineyards, I hope that sommeliers and wine enthusiasts will value the opportunity to taste the influence of site selection

and climate on the taste and structure of chenin blanc. It's really a great opportunity to delve beneath the surface of this great, and highly underrated, variety."

Wine Picks of the Week:

The Mulderbosch Vineyards three-pack selection is available for \$90 (approximate retail price).

■ **Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc Block A 2013 (\$30):** Medium gold in color and body, the aromas of sweet flowers and lush yellow peaches merge on the palate with white flower. With a great roundness and mouth feel, this resembles a viognier in flavors and textures. The lingering finish shows a bit of wet stone minerality.

■ **Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc Block S2 2013 (\$30):** Lighter gold in color as well as body, and with a nose that has crisp fragrances of white flowers and violets. The palate is clean and crisp, with attractive green apple and pineapple notes, similar to a sauvignon blanc in style. The wine is well balanced and smooth, both in the mouth and in the elegant finish.

■ **Mulderbosch Chenin Blanc Block W 2013 (\$30):** The ripest of the three wines, this one is medium gold in color and in body. The nose is peaches, nectarine and light apricot fragrances, while the flavors are definitely peach. This impressive wine is like a chardonnay in flavor and structure, but it has no apple notes. It ends with a well balanced, lingering finish. ■

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There's always room for one more French spot in Naples



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Pity poor Fort Myers, where there's but one French restaurant and devotees must plan early to snag one of its dozen tables during the nine months of the year that it's open.

In Naples, you can dine in a different French establishment every night of the week. Nonetheless, they are not as numerous as, say, Italian restaurants or sushi joints or burger palaces. So it's always nice when another one opens its doors, as L'Auberge did recently in North Naples.

Serving well-crafted French cuisine requires a certain finesse that typically is learned either in culinary school or as an apprentice to a chef who himself (or herself) apprenticed to a chef once upon a time.

I don't know what chef/co-owner Patrick Figini's training entailed, but he's got the goods and has proven his acumen, first as a chef at Bleu Provence, followed by several years as the evening chef at Cafe Normandie. He and his wife, Margaret, opened L'Auberge in Imperial Square last month in a spot that was most recently CGrape and, before that, GreekElicious.

It's obvious that L'Auberge is still in its infancy. When I visited last week, the CGrape sign had been stripped off the building and a L'Auberge banner was hanging out front. In the dining room, the art is limited to a few French scenes — most of which feature the Eiffel Tower in some fashion — hung about the cream-colored walls, but it looks as if these are a down payment, and that more will share the space as the restaurant settles in and its owners have more time to fuss with such details.

Most of the 11 tables have big, plush chairs that are very comfortable. The only problem with the long, narrow space is that four tables are set quite close together down the middle of the room. A server attempted to seat us at the middle one when we arrived and there was still a wide choice of tables available. We declined it, requesting a table along the wall. We saw other people do the same thing. One party, in fact, had the staff switch their table for two with a table for four so that they could at least be at the end of the row. Perhaps angling the tables somewhat would elimi-



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Top: A lamb shank stars in L'Auberge's version of osso buco.
Above: Mussels are a specialty of the house and can be paired with any of 10 sauces.
Left: Tarte tatin, served warm with vanilla ice cream, is a classic French dessert.

nate this runway feel and make these seats more attractive to diners.

Service seems in its early days, too. The servers were uniformly friendly, but prone to referring to us with a very un-French "you guys." While our young server, working her second shift, knew to pour some wine for someone to taste, she didn't know to pour just a small amount. She never came to check on us once dishes were delivered to make sure the food was good or that we had everything we needed. And she never offered to refill our wine glasses.

I don't fault her for this. These are skills that the management should ascertain a server has when they hire or should provide training before putting them out on the floor to fend for themselves. The service we received might fly in a diner setting, but not in a restaurant where entrees hover in the \$25 range.

House-cured smoked salmon (\$12.50) was excellent, tender and not overly salty, served with toast, chopped red onions and a side of greens dressed with a piquant vinaigrette.

A bowl of mussels (\$9.50) was filled with small but tender shellfish and fragrant with a Provencale sauce rich with wine, tomatoes, garlic, olives and herbs. The appetizer serving was plenty for me, but true devotees can order a 2-pound entree portion along with any of the sauces.

Mr. Figini appears equally adept at seafood and meat. His red snapper in white wine citrus sauce (\$21.50) was flaky and fine, unfussy but full of flavor. A dollop of spinach and another of rice completed the dish.

Even better was the osso buco (\$29.50), which featured a fall-off-the-bone tender lamb shank in a soulful sauce paired with mashed potatoes that tasted as if there was a touch of lavender in them. A mix of zucchini and yellow squash added color to the dish.

A tarte tatin (\$6.50), a classic apple tart served warm with a generous scoop of vanilla ice cream, was a perfect ending to the meal.

L'Auberge has a firm grasp on its food. With some attention to the details in the front of the house, it will soon earn its place among the top-drawer French restaurants that thrive in Naples. ■

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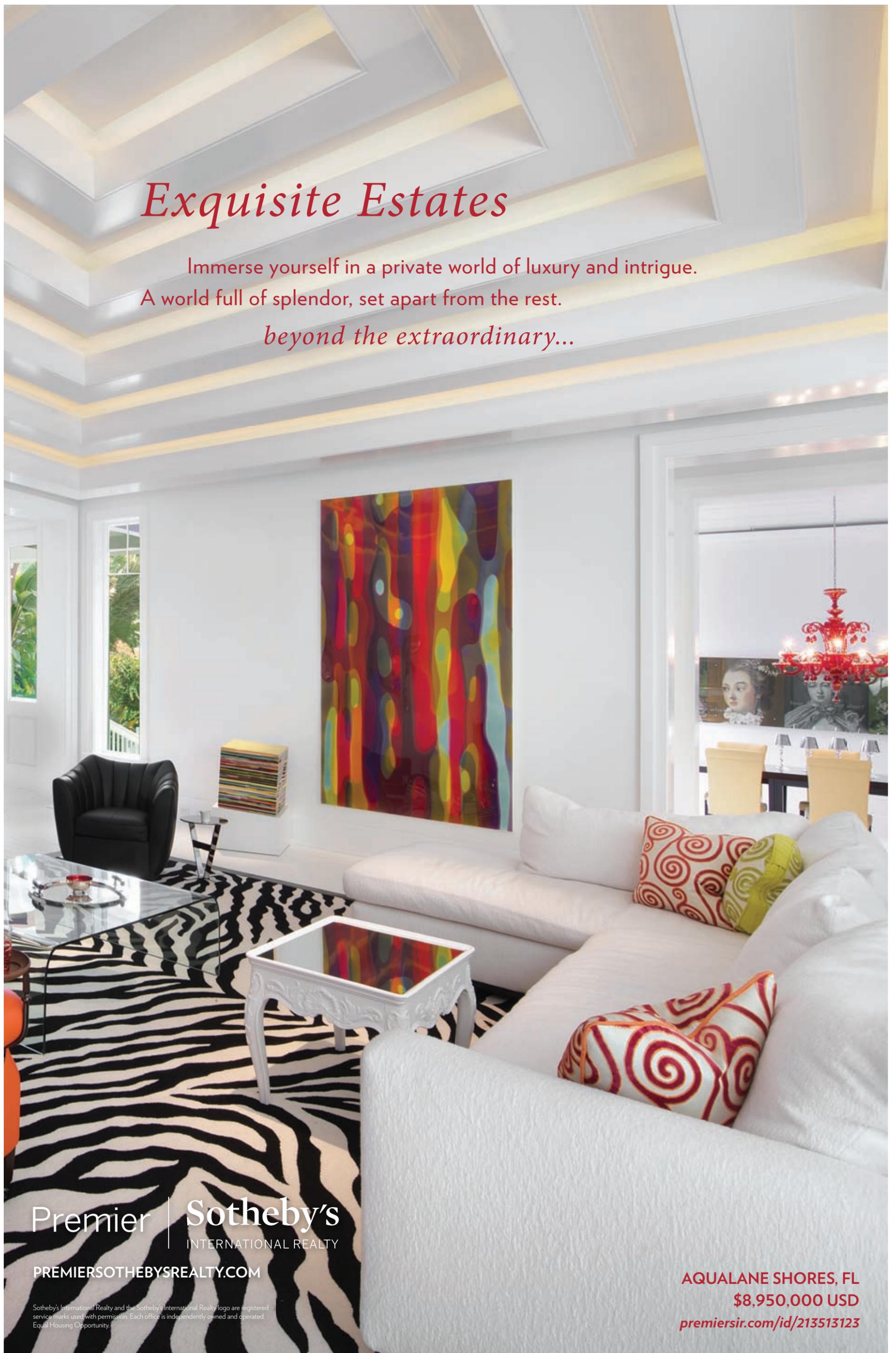


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DEAN FARRIS

... shares his experiences and advice

BY KELLY MERRITT

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When you ask Dean Farris of MP Interiors at Miromar Design Center about his favorite design trends, dream houses or reading habits, you're likely to get advice and insight that goes far beyond Naples. This well-rounded designer has Fifth Avenue experience — the New York kind. If you've got luxury on the brain, Mr. Farris is your kindred spirit. We caught up with the dynamic designer and asked him our usual questions for this month's LUXE Designer Q&A.

Q: What are your favorite and least-favorite design trends?

A: My favorite for the last few years has been chinoiserie, and the use of blue and white porcelain collections — for example, a very beautiful, hand-painted wall covering by de Gournay of London. I am happy to say goodbye to timid and boring rooms done all in beige, with not enough textural contrast, and not enough good art or antique pieces to offset the blah of no color anywhere.

Q: Do you have any reference suggestions for LUXE readers?

A: I love to go back to any of the many (more than 30) books by Carleton Varney, the new book on my friend Mario Buatta



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Dean Farris

by Emily Evans Eerdmans, the Albert Hadley books, the books of stylist/socialite Carolyn Roehm, decorator Charlotte Moss and former Parish Hadley decorator Bunny Williams. I would also suggest Aerin Lauder and Celerie Kemble.

Q: Who (besides yourself) would you like to decorate your dream house?

A: If I couldn't have Kevin Stefanni and Mark Fanta design for me, if they were unavailable, I would choose Mario Buatta or Carleton Varney, both of whom I know well, and there would have to be no budget and no restrictions. They would have what the trade used to call carte blanche, otherwise known as a blank check.

Q: In which style do you most love to decorate?

A: My preferred decorating style is what I call updated traditional, although I have a love of European influences and am also very fond of antiques and very comfortable upholstered pieces, using the most beautiful fabrics and leathers. I am always drawn to the classic Billy Baldwin slipper chair, and I love Walters Wicker for a Naples/Palm Beach casual look.

Q: Please share with us your biggest challenge on a design project.

A: I once had to have a window removed in a New York apartment and then have an \$8 million painting hoisted up to the penthouse. Then the painting had to be hung on a mirrored wall. The mirror was antique and had to be drilled for the painting to be hung. If anything had happened to the painting, I would have been in a lot of trouble. It was a Georges Braque.

Q: What is your best advice for DIY homeowners trying to go it alone?

A: Get the best, most trustworthy contractor. Also select the best, most reputable painter and buy the best quality upholstery. Buy antiques from reputable sources and see them in person before making the purchase.



Q: What was the most luxurious project you've ever undertaken?

A: The most expensive and opulent project I have worked on was a large duplex on Fifth Avenue in New York. With its museum-quality art collection, the cli-

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'Imagine, design, build'

Company's motto proves its mettle in Stonebridge condo transformation

BY KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

In what turned out to be a stunning makeover, a condominium at Stonebridge received the royal treatment by Renovations Plus. The company worked in conjunction with Deana Skelly of MacKenzie & Company, a designer with whom the company has worked for 10 years, to bring about both dazzling and practical changes for the condo.

The client, a widow who had developed long-lasting relationships with her neighbors and enjoyed entertaining, wanted to keep her second-floor unit. And so the Renovations Plus makeover journey from drab to dramatic began.

This was no quick paint job or a few minor changes. As the before and after photos illustrate, the company's slogan — "Imagine, design, build" — would be put to the test in this extensive project.

The job encompassed plumbing fixtures, tile, paint, elevation drawings, furniture and everything in between, which necessitated a structural plan.

"It's important to get a good plan going in, and that has to be more than just how things will look," says Bob Buczko, president of Renovations Plus. "The structure must also be sound and up to

code," he adds. Otherwise, costly changes can spring up once the process is underway. "We bring in as many skilled craftsmen as possible, which minimizes the need for subcontractors, which can delay the process and compromise quality control."

While Mr. Buczko is qualified technically to build a high-rise, he prefers to run a boutique-style renovating/remodeling contractor business. He says he would rather make a lifelong client, even if they only need a \$200 job, because he is building a relationship of commitment to that client. He went all in with the Stonebridge project.

A monotone stairway with creeping plants wasn't an inviting entryway. Ms. Skelly and Mr. Buczko's team uplifted that entire space by adding texture to the wall and then hanging streamlined art. In the living room, large, built-in bookcases with mauve backing made the room look heavy. The team transformed them to showplace areas with drawers for space, and added shocks of color through the room in pillows and furnishings.

The sitting area adjacent to the living room was given a relaxed, upscale

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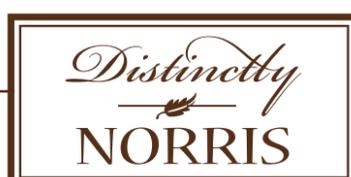
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makeover in the form of a cream-colored loveseat with brown pillows and a brown easy chair with cream pillows. A splash of red in the rug beneath them is a cheery focal point, as are the starfish on the table in homage to the sea.

In the master bedroom, a white chair with ottoman provides a place to sit and read, and there are other clever uses of seating in the renovation plan. In the master bathroom, the team created a seating area adjacent to the shower, where the homeowner can sit to put on her slippers without fear of slipping.

The kitchen was also a master transformation, going from beige and more beige to a backsplash with depth and color, more coastal accents and bright-white cabinetry that makes the space look bigger and cleaner. A farmer's-style sink with simple fixtures adds counter space and extends the streamlined look. Upper cabinets with glass doors bring the eye upward to decorative objects placed within them.

While the end result of the condo was pleasing to the client and makeover



From forlorn to fabulous: Once beige and more beige, the kitchen heats up with a backsplash that has depth and color, lighted cabinets that reach the ceiling and updated hardware.



From challenging to barrier-free: Part of the master bath total transformation involved turning the tub area into a walk-in shower with no curb to step over.



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team, renovating this Stonebridge property involved several challenges.

“One of those challenges was the reconfiguration of the master suite, which involved relocating the shower and core drilling through the concrete slab into the unit below in order to drain the shower,” Mr. Buczko says. “We also installed a ‘trench’ drain, which keeps the shower floor and the main bathroom floor level and eliminates the curb at the entrance to the shower, allowing for a smooth transition into the shower.”

Why is this important? These changes make the shower wheelchair-accessible and eliminate the tripping hazard that exists when it is not all on one level.

“I’m renovating my parents’ bathroom, and we are doing a trench drain,” Mr. Buczko says. “As people age, they want to age at home, so it’s important to eliminate those tripping hazards.”

The condo was also outfitted with a state-of-the-art electronic system from Lutron Electronics.

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The son of a contractor, Mr. Buczko grew up in and around construction. He provides design/build, remodeling and renovations services for residential, commercial and outdoor spaces. ■

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“When people come over, they feel comfortable in the house, and the kitchen is definitely the heart of this home.”

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Unlike those in many homes, the DeStefanos' formal dining room gets regular use, thanks to the couple's love of entertaining. The door to the well-stocked wine room, another room that's visited often, is to the right of the table.

When staying home beats going out

BY KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

First, they were snowflakes. Then they became snowbirds. Now, Donna and Lou DeStefano live in Naples fulltime. The couple has only been in their new home for a year, but they've already discovered that while Naples has a thriving social scene, when you love your home, it's more fun to stay home than go out.

One of the best places to indulge in Italian food in Naples might not be a restaurant, but the home of the DeStefanos. Mrs. DeStefano, who loves to cook anything Italian, enjoys the warmth of her house, the colors she and Mr. DeStefano chose and how everything flows together.

“When people come over, they feel comfortable in the house, and the kitchen is definitely the heart of this home,” says Mrs. DeStefano, who shops the market daily to pick out what is fresh and compatible for her dishes every night. She says the recipe their friends especially love is her escarole and sausage dish.



Donna and Lou DeStefano at the doorway of their wine room.



ON THE COVER: The outdoor area is equally inviting.

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For Lou DeStefano, no meal is complete without a fine wine to accompany it. He collects red wine, which he stores in the couple's wine room, a vertical space with a massive, cast-iron door reminiscent of Old World wineries.

"We always wanted someplace to store wine properly, and so we turned what was supposed to be a kitchen pantry into a custom wine room," Mr. DeStefano says. "From the very beginning, we wanted the face of it to look rustic and Mediterranean, so we decided to go with this metal-and-glass door."

Mr. DeStefano buys most of his wines locally, but the couple is excited to visit California's wine country in the fall. They already have selected several vineyards to add to their collection.

The couple's favorite time of year is when they can relish the downtime of the off-season. This is when they really enjoy Naples and their home in Mediterra.

Mr. DeStefano has been retired for 10 years. "I never thought in a million years I would live in Florida, but I had only been exposed to the east coast of Florida," says Mr. DeStefano, who spends most of his time in Naples, but makes one or two trips a year.

He opts to entertain at home rather than go out. "There is such demand to go and go — if you wanted to, you could be out every night, but we prefer to stay home," he says.

There are several reasons for that, and their house reflects those comforts. Because Mrs. DeStefano loves to cook and entertain, designer MaryBeth Binkley-Gill of Norris Home Furnishings took this to heart when she helped the DeStefanos design their home.

"Donna is such a warm, kind person who loves to please her family and friends and make them feel welcome," said Ms. Binkley-Gill, who knew the DeStefanos wanted to create a home that functioned well for their love of entertaining with food and wine, but also to create a beautiful space they would enjoy living in every day.

After hiring Ms. Binkley-Gill as their designer, Mrs. DeStefano says the relationship clicked immediately, and that the designer was very in tune with what she and her husband liked.

"We wanted to incorporate elements of what we saw up north, and while everyone else is doing transitional coastal stuff, we wanted to stick with what we love, which is rich woods — and she appreciated that," Mrs. DeStefano says.

Mrs. DeStefano's favorite season is autumn, which is reflected in her home's warm tones and rich, earthy, wood accents.

"Since I don't have a true autumn living in Florida, this décor scheme is my autumn," she says. "We were challenged a bit when it came to the landscaping of the property, because I wanted to have a romantic garden, but everything is tropical here, so I'm trying to find the balance of Florida foliage." The couple opted for Meyer lemon and mango trees among others, and say they regularly putter back and forth to the garden centers. When they see a plant they love, they try to incorporate it into their landscape.

"It is a learning process, and we have had to change quite a few things, but I am learning to love orchids," Mrs. DeStefano says.

The pool is flanked by two fountains that pour out underneath large containers filled with colorful plants. Behind the lanai is a view of the water that surrounds the property. On each side of the lanai there are seating areas — one with a large, flat-screen television over a fireplace where Mr. DeStefano enjoys his cigars and wine. He loves the openness and spaciousness of the view they have being on the water. There are little vignettes and container gardens to provide different views of the lanai, and several places to sit.

Inside, the only room to challenge the star quality of the kitchen is the bathroom. This is Mrs. DeStefano's private spa. She selected the current mirrors after they had already selected other mirrors. These were special to her because of the detail, but the placement bath is the heart of the dramatic architecture. It was installed between two archways, which hide a curved shower.



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The fireplace in the outdoor living area is a favorite spot for Mr. DeStefano to enjoy a cigar and a glass of wine. Container gardens top two fountains that spill into the pool.



The master bath is second only to the kitchen in "wow" factor.

Husband and wife each have their own sinks on separate sides of the bathtub.

Another unique aspect of the DeStefano home is that there are two offices. One is in the front of the home and features a family heirloom English desk and lion-pelt rug gifted by an old family friend in her support of a Botswana, Africa, reserve that sells pelts from animals that

die to raise operating funds. A Henredon French desk chair and dark-finished French bookcase with shaped cornice window treatments complete the look.

In the second office crafted from an extra bedroom, Mrs. DeStefano indulges in her more feminine side. It is designed with pretty, light-colored furnishings, including a small chair and ottoman. She



The kitchen, where Mrs. DeStefano cooks up Italian specialties, is the heart of the home.



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Mrs. DeStefano in her office, which indulges her feminine side.



The foyer spills into the formal dining area.

once designed costumes, and the dress mannequin in the corner is a reminder of those years. It also has a bathroom attached, making it convenient to lounge in for hours. In the living room, large furniture that creates a sense of drama and Old World romantic style goes from floor almost to ceiling. And in the kitchen, several little accents provide a big punch of style and mood. For example, Mrs. DeStefano was adamant that she wanted red buttons on her stove, and that small decision resulted in big benefits in adding character to the kitchen.

The hood over the stove is also dramatic, but cozy at the same time, as are the cabinets. All of the fixtures contribute an upscale, European country-chic flavor to the entire room.

The DeStefanos' home is aligned with the couple's desire to enjoy each other and the space they've created. They worked with a designer, but they shared with that designer clear definitions of what they wanted. The result is a place they can share with friends over a bottle of good red wine and cuisine that calls for second helpings. ■



Even from the driveway, the DeStefanos' home in Mediterra beckons, "Welcome!"



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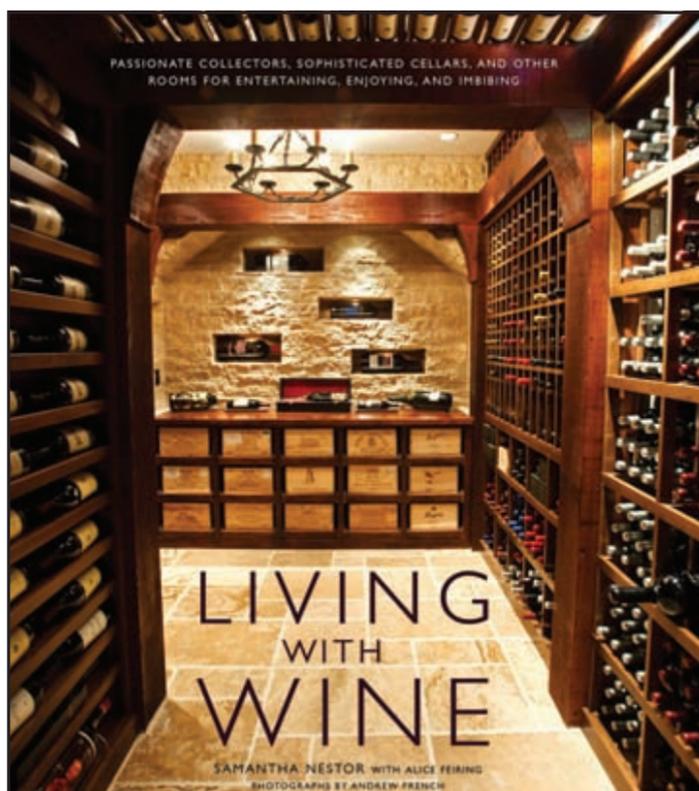
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In “Living with Wine” by Samantha Nestor with Alice Feiring and stunning photos by Andrew French, America’s most fervent oenophiles herald wine cellars as important and relevant areas just as deserving of love as the rest of the home.

Readers will find tours of distinctive cellars inspired by amazing designers as well as wine rooms that marry intricate designs and inventive storage. There are 30 spaces that run the gamut from traditional wood cellars to rooms reminiscent of cathedrals. One has New Orleans’ French Quarter-inspired ironwork and a secret entry from the library inside the house. Another is a living room lined with temperature-controlled wood alcoves behind insulated glass. And in Florida style, there’s an Old World, terra-cotta cellar with a tasting room and game-room attributes. ■



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Home and Salvage takes the hunt out of finding treasure

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

"We love salvaging, especially anything that can add architectural history to a home."

That statement by Tina Langeloh, who opened Home and Salvage on Taylor Street in Naples in November 2013, is only part of the story. Mrs. Langeloh likens visiting the shop to going on a treasure hunt.

Salvaged ceiling tins, and reclaimed furnishings and decorative pieces — anything she can get her hands on — make up the eclectic inventory in the 3,000-square-foot space. Everything is one of a kind.

Mrs. Langeloh had an interior-design business specializing in better-quality furniture for some 20 years.

"We've loved salvaging items — high-end, large-scale pieces to small accents — our whole lives," she says. "Now, HGTV has a show on salvaged items, and it's nice that people are recognizing the value in buying something that's preserving the past."

She and her husband went to middle school and high school together, but didn't start dating until after college. They are lifelong partners and were together for almost 10 years before marrying in 2001, so they have been together more than 24 years. This is a labor of love for the couple, the ideal combination of her design brains and his brawn.

"I began collecting things I figured I'd use later in design projects — and we just accumulated," says Mrs. Langeloh, explaining how the birth of her store came about. "The result is a totally eclectic collection of things from Nashville to Miami, Michigan and everywhere else." For Home and Salvage, she also accepts consignment pieces.

Mrs. Langeloh plans to host monthly events during season and will take special requests for finding unique pieces. Those interested in consigning pieces to the shop can email photos and a brief description to info@homeandsalvage.com. ■

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Tina Langeloh at Home and Salvage

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From the sea

Created in the likeness of the sea god Poseidon, this wall hanging came to Home and Salvage from an upscale designer's garden collection. It's made from solid stone and is built to weather the elements. Mrs. Langeloh thinks it would be perfect over a door or at an entryway to greet guests as they arrive at your home or garden.



Desk job

Home and Salvage always has at least a few desks. This handsome one of burled wood caught our eye on the day we visited Home and Salvage. Despite the streamlined look, there are lots of drawers for storage. A tip from Mrs. Langeloh: Don't discount pretty furniture for a masculine space. Though this desk has a feminine gracefulness to it, it's so beefy and big, men love it too.



▼ **Cheerful chairs, old windows**
 Colorful chairs are ideal for bringing some function and brightness to a room. Mrs. Langeloh says a petite chair can be perfect for punching up a boring corner in a den or home office. Mrs. Langeloh found the stained-glass window while on a trip to Michigan. Home and Salvage has an array of old windows that can add architectural interest to any room.



▲ **Make some scents**
 One of these candles will make your whole house smell as lovely as it looks. Mrs. Langeloh loves the mercury glass containers that reflect light and add a spark of elegance to every room. Once the candle is done, she says, put the empty container in the freezer and pop out the remaining wax. You can use them for cotton balls in the bathroom, toothpicks on a wet bar or any number of little things around the house.



◀ **The bar is open**
 The lighted bar sign came from a staged home and didn't quite go with the new owners' furnishings. Seeing it instantly conjures cravings for classic cocktails. The three-drawer chest made from reclaimed wood was crafted by a woman in Tampa.



▲ **Shades of gray**
 This impressive cabinet can hold its own in a grand room. People are moving away from bulky media centers that span entire walls and opting instead for more versatile pieces such as this one, which can double as TV stand, foyer statement piece or even as a bar. It also has storage space, which is always a plus.



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Renee Gaddis Interiors won an Aurora award for this powder bath.

Locals make strong showing at 35th annual Aurora Awards

Southwest Florida home design and building professionals made a strong showing at the 35th annual Aurora Awards celebration in Orlando. Affiliated with the Florida Home Builders Association and the Southeast Building Conference, the Auroras are open to builders, architects, designers, remodelers, landscape architects, interior designers and merchandisers within the 12-state southeastern region and the eastern Caribbean.

Here are some of the local winners:

BCBE Construction and **Interiors by Design West** won in the Remodeling, Rehabilitation or Historical Restoration-Whole House (over \$100,000) category for a private residence in Grey Oaks. BCBE was also an award winner with **Clive Daniel Home's** Tina Spaulding and John Tweet in the Remodeling, Rehabilitation or Historical Restoration-Kitchen/Bath Remodel (under \$50,000) category for a kitchen remodel in Port Royal.

For their interior design work on the Barlovento model by **Fox Development** in North Naples, C. Chad Elkins and Kelley Bridwell of **Clive Daniel Home** were awarded an Aurora in the category of Interior Detailing (\$1,000,001-\$2,000,000). The **Clive Daniel Home** team of Mr. Elkins and Rhett Josey received an Aurora in the Best Interior Merchandising (\$1,000,000-\$1,500,000) for **Kipp Custom Builder**, also for a home in Naples. Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hansen of **Clive Daniel Home** won for Best Kitchen (under \$125,000) for **Imperial Homes' Villa Sul Verde** model at Talis Park in North Naples. **Clive Daniel Home** also shared an Aurora with **The Sater Group** for their work on the Arabella project in Naples for **Fox Development** in the Detached Single Family Home (\$1,000,000-\$1,500,000) category.

Minto Communities won 11 Auroras for its work in **The Isles of Collier Preserve** in Naples. Minto received Grand Awards for Best Community Site Plan, Best Recreational Facility/Special Amenity (Discovery Sales Center) Best Kitchen (the Jasmine Grande model) and Best Attached Home (the Hibiscus Grande Retreat model). Other Auroras were awarded to Minto for detached single-family home design, landscape design and green construction in The Isles of Collier Preserve.

Renée Gaddis Interiors won a Grand Aurora for Whole House Remodel, Rehabilitation or Historical Restoration (over \$100,000) for a beachfront condominium in **Le Parc** in Naples. The project team also included **Specialty Building Services, Hyland Custom Cabinetry** and **Artistone**. **RGI** also won Best Bath Design



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The Clive Daniel Home team at the Aurora Awards celebration.

(\$500,001- \$1,000,000) for a powder bath design in **Moraya Bay**. The project team also included **CR Smith**. **RGI's** master bath design for another Moraya Bay residence won an Aurora in the Best Bath Design (over \$3,000,001) category. **CR Smith** and **Artistone** were also on that team. **RGI's** fourth Aurora was for Green Construction-Remodeling, Rehabilitation or Historical Restoration (over \$100,000) for a penthouse home at the Legacy Complex in Chicago. Clune Construction was part of the project.

Wegman Design Group won Auroras for its design of **Treviso Bay's Club** at Villa Rilassare, its commercial design of the **Moorings Park Center for Healthy Living** and its remodeling of **Stratford Condominiums**.

Aviara model opens at Miromar Lakes

A new waterfront model by Gulfshore Homes is open in the Murano neighborhood at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. The two-story Aviara has 4,210 square feet of air-conditioned living space, with three bedrooms and a library, four full baths, a powder room and a cabana bath.

In the model, the upstairs space is designed as a game room with a bar and kitchen. Buyers who choose to build the Aviara floor plan can customize the space as a fourth bedroom, media room or other bonus room area. The Aviara also includes a detached third-car garage, which is a standard feature on all Gulfshore Homes residences in Murano.

The fully furnished Aviara model is available for \$2,125,000 with a 12-month leaseback. For more information, call 425-2340 or visit miromarlakes.com. ■



The interior of the Aviara incorporates natural elements with a coastal feel.

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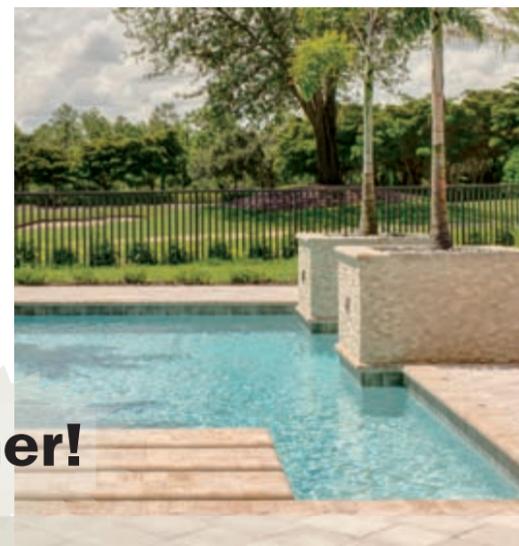


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Miromar's August Designer of Distinction

Janet Bilotti has been recognized as Miromar Design Center's August 2014 Designer of Distinction. Janet Bilotti Interiors has been serving clients from Southwest Florida to Europe since 1994.



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Ms. Bilotti strives for originality and beauty in designing interiors that are timeless, eclectic and appropriate for her clients' lifestyle and says Miromar Design Center is a vital tool to her business. A graduate of Concord University in West Virginia, she is a professional member of ASID and is NCIDQ qualified.

these rugs hide stains well and adds that, perhaps most important, her rescue dog Lulu loves the one in her kitchen.

The designer shares how she loves the items she brings into her home with colorful stories like this one: "While waiting for my cappuccino to brew, I daydream of where the different patched pieces may have been before being laid down in my humble abode."

And finally, she provides resources for where readers can obtain the items she recommends. To be added to her list of recipients, email info@dianetorrisidesigns.com.

Design team goes with West Indies look for Quail West model

Diamond Custom Homes has selected Clive Daniel Home to outfit the St. Kitts model in the Estate neighborhood at Quail West. Completion of the home is on target for November.

Interior designers Rebekah Errett-Pikosky and Charlie Hanson have chosen a West Indies-inspired theme for the two-story, 5,341-square-foot home that has four bedrooms plus den and 5½ baths.

"This home will be organic, with lots of natural elements, woods, grays and browns," Ms. Errett-Pikosky says about the contemporary design.

The south-facing residence will have views of the second fairway of the Lakes golf course. The outdoor living space has a summer kitchen and bar along with vaulted ceilings, retractable screens, fireplace, multiple seating areas and a transitional pool design with spacious deck. ■

Designer launches email newsletter

Diane Torrisi of Diane Torrisi Designs has launched a monthly email design newsletter brimming with ideas for quick fixes and inspired design tips. In her most recent eblast, she counsels homeowners on choosing rugs for the kitchen using her own experiences and interesting factoids as references. For example, she recently purchased for her own kitchen a vintage over-dyed patchwork rug and explains the traditional Turkish procedure these rugs undergo to look this way. Ms. Torrisi reminds clients that



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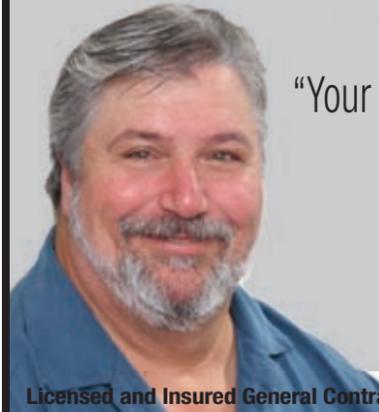
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