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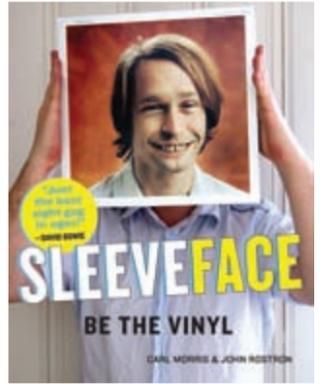
EVERYONE'S A PHOTOGRAPHER THESE days. There were 800 billion pictures taken around the world last year according to one estimate. About 100 billion of those snapshots were uploaded to Facebook. Kids' first days at school. Cats. Last night's vegan dinner fajitas. Selfies in line at the theater. More cats.

Photography has become a pedestrian affair.

So what separates the art from the rest of it? Like the obscene and the divine, we may not always know how to define it, but we know photographic art when we see it. Or rather, we feel it. Composition, lighting, perspective and subject matter all come together with the ineffable passion of the person behind the lens. The artists' pictures touch our hearts, grab us by our throats or raise the hairs on the backs of our necks.

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Summer soakers spawn mushrooming mushroom population

BY RENEE LEPERE

Florida Weekly Correspondent

A number of ancient cultures believed that mushrooms were created by thunderbolts.

One look at a Florida yard after several weeks of almost non-stop rain would lead one to believe our distant ancestors may not have been that far off the mark.

Popping up in those lush lawns, the fungi can range from large, domed white

caps to almost unnoticeable, orange umbrella-shaped growths sticking out of rotting pieces of wood. All mushrooms need, according to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services, is water and decaying matter. Because they are fungi — and not plants that use chlorophyll and photosynthesis to create their own food — they don't even need light.

Because mushrooms do not need light



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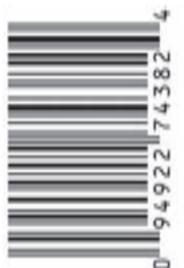
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Sleeper!



I'm deeply worried about the Democratic Party.

Its champions complain bitterly about the buying of America by two of the richest men on earth, David and Charles Koch, but possible Democratic Party tactics now strike me as even more suspect than the Koch money train.

According to nearly every Democrat with a mouth, the brothers Koch plan to spend almost a billion dollars in the 2016 election cycle to purchase one of 17 Republican presidential candidates, a puppet such as Scott Walker or Marco Rubio or even Jeb Bush.

They want a real "patriot" in the White House, that's what the Democrats claim — someone to roll up his sleeves and do their regulation-free government bidding through 2020 and beyond.

Seventeen candidates! Seventeen patriots who will provide even juicier tax breaks to the rich; who will argue against health care for everybody at lower costs; who will vote against minimum wages that let full-time working people live modestly without going into debt or relying on the charity of taxpayers.

Seventeen people who could cut back Social Security and both Medicare and Medicaid; who would open up new landscapes and seascapes for drilling and fracking; who would kill restrictions

on military-style assault weapons; who would just go ahead and bomb Iran; who would cut back public education; who remain convinced that climate change ain't nothin' but a Chinese or Democratic Party ploy; who feel free to suggest that women's menstrual cycles weaken their judgments and make them hysterical (Donald Trump); who insist that the conservative Republican who called speeches by Democratic Party women "the vagina monologues" is actually "on the side of women" because he dropped Mr. Trump from a meeting of Republican candidates in Atlanta last week (Jeb Bush); or who say that they're for women but who vote against reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act (Marco Rubio).
Seventeen candidates who want that job.

But the Democrats, pitifully, have managed to scrape up only two candidates in a paltry field of five who mean anything in popular scope: a socialist, Bernie Sanders, and a former First Lady and Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton, who attended the Donald's wedding to Melania.

To sum them up, these two Democrats basically support everything the 17 Republicans stand against.

None of that really surprises me. Probably it doesn't surprise you, either.

What concerns me, however, is the "sleeper" strategy the Democrats now appear to be exercising, as if this were not a presidential race but a Cold War spy game or a terrorist infiltration maneuver or a corporate intelligence assault on a rival company.

I think it's fairly obvious now that

Donald Trump is a Democrat merely disguised as a Republican, and the party powers that be have awakened him.

The evidence, while circumstantial so far, is strong when taken as a whole. Between 1989 and 2009, Mr. Trump donated significantly more money to the Democratic Party than he did to Republicans, according to recent reports in Politico, on National Public Radio, and elsewhere.

In the past, he's supported a higher tax on the wealthy, a ban on assault rifles, and a single-payer health care system. Once he even backed the idea that drugs should be legalized and taxed because the drug war is unwinnable, otherwise — all positions he's reversed more recently, or simply clammed up about.

Starting in 2009, however, his political donations began to flow predominantly to the right. He established himself as a Republican. He said Republican things. He began to prepare his cover for the breakout move.

And no wonder. The Democrats had asked a great deal of the nation and its white, working-class voters when they put a black man at the head of their ticket — twice. They knew 2016 would be tough.

Especially after President Barack Obama won a second term and his popularity began to slip significantly, the Democrats likely realized that they had to take drastic action.

They had to play their Trump card.

So I figure they put the Donald into action and let him open fire, starting in June — with his mouth.

It's been a comedic shootout (an effective one, from the viewpoint of Demo-

crats) ever since. Mr. Trump reflects what many people, especially Republicans, may be thinking and vocalizing themselves.

Not presidential candidates, though — generally they haven't talked like this in decades or longer. But they're not now leading in the Republican polls, either. Mr. Trump is.

Instead, the other candidates are diving for cover and trying to pretend they live in another universe. But not the one with Trump's high-caliber Republican bullets flying around. Bullets like these:

"The point is you can never be too greedy."

"My IQ is one of the highest."

"The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."

"When Mexico sends its people, they're not sending the best. They're not sending you, they're sending people that have lots of problems. They're bringing drugs. They're bringing crimes. They're rapists... and some, I assume, are good people."

"The only kind of people I want counting my money are little short guys that wear yamakas every day."

"He's not a war hero (John McCain). He's a war hero because he was captured. I like people that weren't captured..."

But not even calling out Donald and the Democrats in print will stop this circus, and for an obvious reason, one I admit I hadn't thought of earlier: ass.

"It doesn't really matter what the media writes," Mr. Trump has claimed insightfully, "as long as you've got a young and beautiful piece of ass." ■



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OPINION

Killing Cecil



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“Until the lion tells his side of the story, the tale of the hunt will always glorify the hunter.”

— African proverb

On the ledger of global outrages, the killing of Cecil the lion outside of a Zimbabwe national park should barely register.

What is the fate of one big cat compared with the civil wars and human-rights abuses that fill the headlines — or should fill the headlines — every day? Even in Zimbabwe alone, where grotesque misgovernance is the rule, the death of one lion should hardly be a blip.

And yet the animal's shooting by a Minnesota dentist, Walter Palmer, has evoked a fierce reaction. Some of it is hysterical and insipid. Mr. Palmer shouldn't be personally ruined, let alone brought up on war-crimes charges, as some seem to suggest. The outpouring

over this particular cat is, in part, based on the childish anthropomorphism of his having a name, Cecil, after Cecil Rhodes, the British imperialist and founder of Rhodesia, subsequently Zimbabwe.

Nonetheless, at the core of the outrage is a natural and healthy revulsion at the wanton destruction of an animal of great majesty. The regal self-possession of the lion stands in stark contrast to the tawdriness of Walter Palmer's hunt.

There was the money-grubbing — he reportedly paid about \$50,000 for the privilege of killing one of the beasts. There was the unseemly baiting of the animal to lure it out of the sanctuary of Hwange National Park. There was the cruel incompetence of his method — supposedly wounding it with a bow, then tracking the creature for another 40 hours before completing the kill with a gun. And there was the casual butchery after the fact — beheading the cat and leaving its carcass to vultures and other scavengers.

When it emerged that the lion he had killed was Cecil, a popular fixture long tracked by researchers, Mr. Palmer issued a statement saying he had no idea that the lion he “took” (although

he won't be giving it back) was a local favorite. As if it would be OK to wound and hunt down over two days some pitifully unpopular and anonymous lion.

Trophy hunters like Mr. Palmer have a passion for killing polar bears and the like. There is no accounting for taste, but surely there are other engrossing hobbies that don't involve shooting the planet's most stunning creatures.

Anti-poaching laws, which might have been broken in this case, should be as tightly enforced as possible, and the act of killing a glorious beast for a photo with his carcass and a stuffed head on the wall back home should be considered the shameful waste that it is.

None of this is to say that lions in particular should be sentimentalized. They are man-eaters whose social life is Hobbesian in the extreme. They also are a wonder of nature whose numbers are dwindling. We can disagree about the exact parameters of our obligations to the animal kingdom, but surely going out of our way to slay a creature like Cecil the lion should be out of bounds. ■

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

Simple justice



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“It's a little bit late in the day for men to object that women are getting outside their proper sphere.” So said Marjorie Stoneman Douglas, a woman who knew of which she spoke. Born in 1890, she became a Florida transplant while still a young woman, beginning a career as a journalist for the *Miami Herald* when the city had fewer than 5,000 residents.

Over her lifetime, she up-ended the conventional wisdom about the merits of unchecked development transforming South Florida's environment. She connected the dots between ecosystems, the biodiversity of the planet, and our quality of life for the less environmentally literate. Florida's Everglades became her most teachable moment for millions of Americans, and the sum of her life had a profound effect on our understanding of why Americans should care about protecting wild and remote places.

She was the author of “The Everglades: River of Grass,” a classic and the Holy Writ of the Florida environmental movement. The opening chapter begins, “There are no other Everglades in the world.”

The statement became the rallying cry for the struggle begun in her lifetime to save what remains of this vast, watery expanse, as large proportions are being obliterated by urbanization and farming.

Her book educated a national audience and inspired thousands to become advocates for its conservation and protection. Her efforts paid off. Douglas earned credit for the establishment of a portion of the Everglades as a national park and, in the decades since, of ongoing efforts to restore and protect the entirety of its remaining ecosystem.

In her later years, she described her-

self as a tough, old woman, a modest accounting when one considers the tally and toll of how tough a woman needed to be to accomplish all that she did for as long as she did, and all despite barriers to her gender. Douglas passed away in Coconut Grove in 1998 at the age of 108.

On news of her death, Tim Collie of the *Sun Sentinel*, wrote, “Unconventional, independent Mrs. Douglas was the last of a remarkable generation of women who came of age as the country barreled into the next century. The end of World War I, the women's suffrage movement and the industrial age with its time-saving marvels paved the way for women like her: unconventional, independent and determined to do whatever they pleased.” He concluded Douglas was one in a triumvirate of Florida writers deserving special recognition that included Zora Neale Hurston and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings.

Reading this, I had déjà vu. Strangely, its inspiration was news of the skirmishes around the state over public display of the Confederate flag and similar artifacts of the Confederacy. Negotiations were taking place to achieve local truces. Perhaps those victorious in removing the Confederate flag could offer recompense to the heritage holdouts.

One commission voted to display on county property a Confederate flag, just not the battle flag. Others opposing a memorial to fallen Union troops where Confederate soldiers lay suggested the alternative of a walkway to bifurcate the memory of the dead from each other who fought on opposing sides of the Florida battlefield.

Of these ventures into the weeds of insanity, one inspired my enthusiasm. An effort is underway to replace Florida's statue of a Confederate general in the U.S. Capitol's Statuary Hall.

Florida's two honorees are Dr. John Gorrie and Confederate General Edmond Kirby Smith. I knew about Gorrie. His name always produced giggles amongst the students as the guy who invented the icemaker and for whom

my middle school was named, but the general was a complete blank. Research indicates he was from Jacksonville. His claim to fame was surrendering the last military force of the Confederacy in 1865. His likeness has been on display in the National Statuary Hall Collection since 1922.

Those proposing to retire the general want the state to commission a statue of Marjorie Stoneman Douglas as the replacement. To get things going, Lynette Long of Miami petitioned and received the unanimous support of the Miami-Dade Commission to urge the state legislature to approve the change. Each state may display two representative statutes of its own choosing and can trade out their honorees from time to time.

It is an inspired thought. The general's family were slaveholders. Edmond took his slave, Alexander Darnes, to war to serve as his personal valet. Alexander was of mixed race and a comparison of photos of the two men suggest “an eerie likeness” — Alexander could quite possibly have been Edmund's half-brother, sharing paternity with the Massa Kirby Smith. Oh dear.

Darnes did everything the general did, without the rank, recognition, nor the choice of duty. Following emancipation, he went on to many accomplishments and a distinguished career as Jacksonville's first black physician.

Dr. Darnes replacing the general in Statuary Hall would be simple justice. Why not retire the general and Dr. Gorrie, too, and make way for a new generation of outstanding Floridians, including Marjorie Stoneman Douglas? ■

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Native Neapolitan raises the bar in fostering Collier arts

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I am grateful that in my youth I had the opportunity to learn music, to perform on stage with my peers and to be exposed to the arts. I believe these activities contribute to the development of a healthy imagination and self-esteem.

While our public schools have reduced focus on this important need, the United Arts Council of Collier County strives to enrich lives and strengthen the community through the power of the arts. It provides arts education to at-risk students and outreach services to those who might not otherwise have access of the arts. It also connects arts organizations, artists, galleries and arts educators with one another.

Katie Schweikhardt has served the UAC as executive director for the past year. The native Neapolitan graduated from Naples High School. Her mother, a guidance counselor for Collier County Public Schools, worked at Golden Gate Middle School for most of her career.

Katie graduated cum laude from Southern Methodist University in Dallas with a degree in foreign languages and literatures (German and Spanish) and earned her juris doctor from the University of Florida. She worked as an attorney for 11 years with The Schweikhardt Law Firm, which was founded by her father, and

Talking points with Katie Schweikhardt

Mentor: My Dad. When things get rough, he will always be there.

Something your mom was always right about: I asked her and she said she is always right — which is true, but her best advice was to bring a sweater. I'm always cold.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A Weeki Wachee mermaid or the first female president.

First job: Selling shoes. It was a great job. I love shoes.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? I'd probably be practicing law.

Something that's been on your mind: The recent budget cuts for arts organizations worries me. Organizations need to know that their funding won't change dramatically year to year. It prohibits growth.

Guilty pleasures: Margaritas and guacamole.

One thing on your bucket list: Visit Machu Picchu.

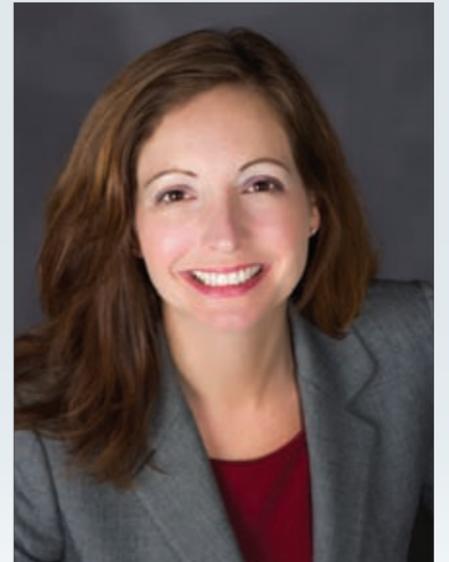
Skill or talent you wish you had: I'd like to play the concertina. It is undervalued as a musical instrument.

Something that makes you laugh: My son's silly jokes. They are atrocious, but he tries hard.

Last book you read: Erik Larson's "Dead Wake."

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: I didn't believe that snow was real until I was 10. I thought it was just one of those made up things on television. Then I saw snow.

What are you most proud of? My family. I gave up a very lucrative profession in order to help others. I could only do this with their support.



assumed ownership of the firm after his retirement in 2007.

As an attorney, she worked with families who were losing their homes to foreclosure. She saw, for the first time, hungry kids in her own neighborhood. "This was unacceptable to me and I gave up practicing law to help make my hometown a better place," she says. Before joining UAC, she worked with the Harry Chapin Food Bank as director of programs and Collier County food coordinator.

Katie was a part of the Leadership Collier Class of 2014 and learned about the UAC on arts day. "It sounded very similar to my job at the food bank except with art and cultural organizations," she says. When Elaine Hamilton retired as executive director, Katie applied for the job.

She says the highlight of her first year has been working with the entire community on Turtles on the Town, a collaboration between the UAC, the Community Foundation of Collier County and the

Conservancy of Southwest Florida. The project involves local artists in embellishing turtle sculptures that will be placed around town. "I have learned much from my fellow organizers, local artists, philanthropists and businesses. It's been fantastic, and the turtles haven't even gone out to the public yet," she says.

Katie is married to Ben Jepson. They have a 10-old son, Erik, and two dogs: Sweetie Pie, a rescue pug, and Pippi, a rescue Jack Russell. ■



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As something of an antidote to the commonplace snapshots of the modern age, we've compiled a sampling of photographs from some of Florida's finest picture takers. Perhaps they'll inspire the rest of us to take better pictures, or better yet, not to take any at all. ■

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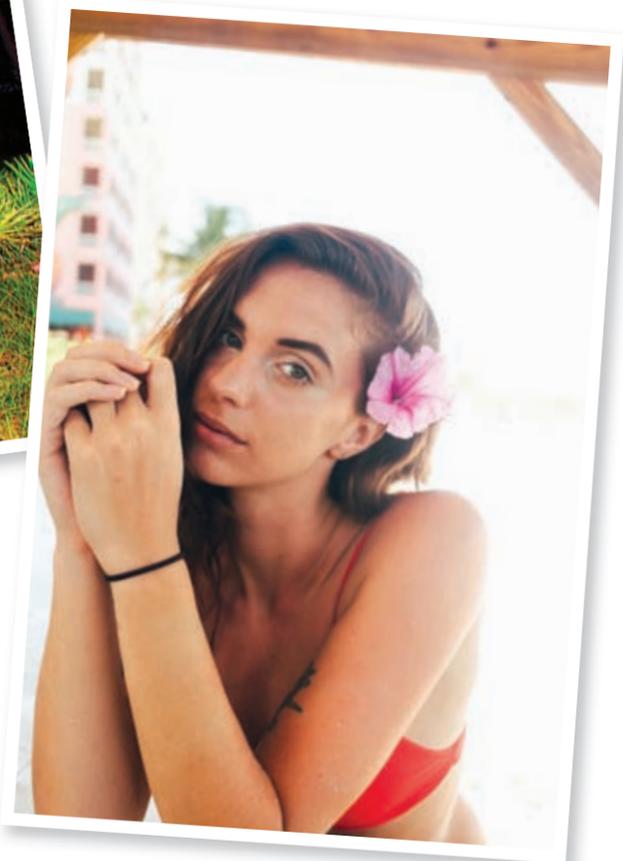
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Mr. Stock, the artist in residency at the Palm Beach Photographic Centre, captured the FOTOfusion 2016 icon photograph. The annual festival of all things photography takes place Jan. 19-23, 2016.

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Mila Bridger
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Valerie Roche
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Michelle Tricca

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As an environmental portrait photographer, Ms. Tricca incorporates her human subjects with elements of nature. This is from the Khyra on Piling series, which pays homage to the eroding historic pilings on Naples Beach.



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“I took that with my phone and posted it to Imgur, but inverted it first because I thought it looked really trippy that way and sure enough so did a lot of other people... it got more than half a million views in 24 hours (my first truly viral image). So, I figured if you guys were to use that one it should be in its natural state, which is upside down and backwards like this.”



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Airport wins statewide environmental award

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The Florida Airports Council has awarded Naples Municipal Airport the 2015 J. Bryan Cooper Environmental Award (General Aviation Airport) for its water management system improvements and taxiway extension project.

The winning project includes two components that provide conventional and state-of-the-art solutions for water-quality and noise issues. Airport ponds were reconfigured to improve pollutant filtering and discourage wildlife, which pose a threat to aircraft. Taxiway A was extended to encourage aircraft to use the full length of the runway so they are flying higher when they leave airport property.

After shorelines were altered, the ponds showed an overall reduction in bird use, particularly wading birds, a

safety enhancement for aircraft and the surrounding communities by decreasing the potential for bird strikes.

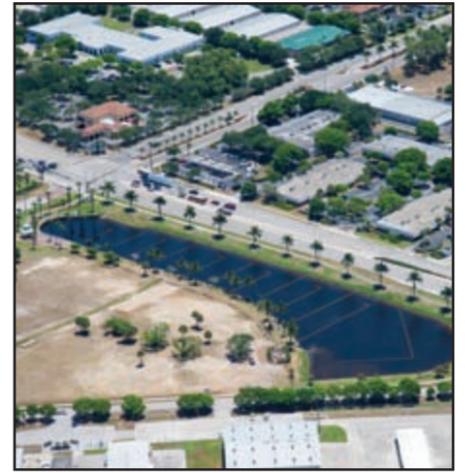
The pond redesign resulted in a significant increase in the removal of phosphorus and nitrogen. Water from the airfield historically has been cleaner than residential runoff, but the airport accepts and cleans runoff from an adjoining 400 acres of industrial development. Underwater gabions — walls created with baskets of rocks — have slowed water flow and increased the effectiveness of the filtration process. If ongoing monitoring confirms the improved filtration trend, the design is expected to become a model for Florida water-management pond design.

The Federal Aviation Administration and Florida Department of Transportation funded 95 percent of the \$8 million project.

The annual J. Bryan Cooper Environmental Award recognizes environmental projects and programs that have a positive effect on the Florida aviation system. Winning projects demonstrate a balance between environmental benefits and financial viability, address environmental issues of local, regional or statewide concern and promote partnerships with entities outside the aviation industry.

Naples Municipal Airport, a certified air-carrier airport, is home to flight schools, air charter operators, car rental agencies and corporate aviation and non-aviation businesses as well as fire/rescue services, mosquito control, the Collier County Sheriff's Office aviation unit and other community services.

During the 2013-14 fiscal year, the airport accommodated 95,120 takeoffs and landings. ■



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An aerial view of a pond at Naples Municipal Airport shows the underwater gabions that have increased the effectiveness of the runoff filtration system.

World War II boxcar, V-J Day memorabilia on exhibit

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Naples Municipal Airport invites the public to visit the Museum of Military Memorabilia for two special exhibits this month.

The boxcar from the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida is on display in the commercial airline terminal through August. A 12-panel exhibit that travels with the boxcar, which likely was used for deportation during the Holocaust in World War II, highlights the Holocaust well as genocides in other places over the past

200 years. The 1919 boxcar is a mobile educational tool that supports the museum's mission of promoting respect and understanding by teaching the history and lessons of the Holocaust. It is on loan to the local museum from Jack and F.E. Nortman, the Nortman Family and The Boxcar Foundation.

On Saturday, Aug. 15, the Museum of Military Memorabilia at the airport commemorates the 70th anniversary of V-J Day. Victory over Japan Day marks the day Japan surrendered, effectively ending World War II. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the museum will feature expand-

ed displays, including vintage military vehicles. A bell-ringing ceremony at 11 a.m. will be followed by patriotic music at noon both Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 16.

On Sunday, Aug. 16, the military museum commemorates National Airborne Day and the 75th anniversary of the first official Army parachute jump. Activities include the posting of the colors at 10 a.m. by the U.S. Paratrooper Club's honor guard from Port Charlotte, the national anthem at 10:50 a.m. and an invocation at 11:10 a.m.

The Museum of Military Memora-

bilia, founded in 2006, has collected more than 11,000 pieces with the goals of honoring the veterans who have and are protecting the cause of freedom, preserving artifacts associated with military history and creating a greater understanding of military conflicts among present and future generations.

The museum is in Naples Municipal Airport's commercial airline terminal at the south end of the airport along North Road at 500 Terminal Drive. Parking and admission are free. ■



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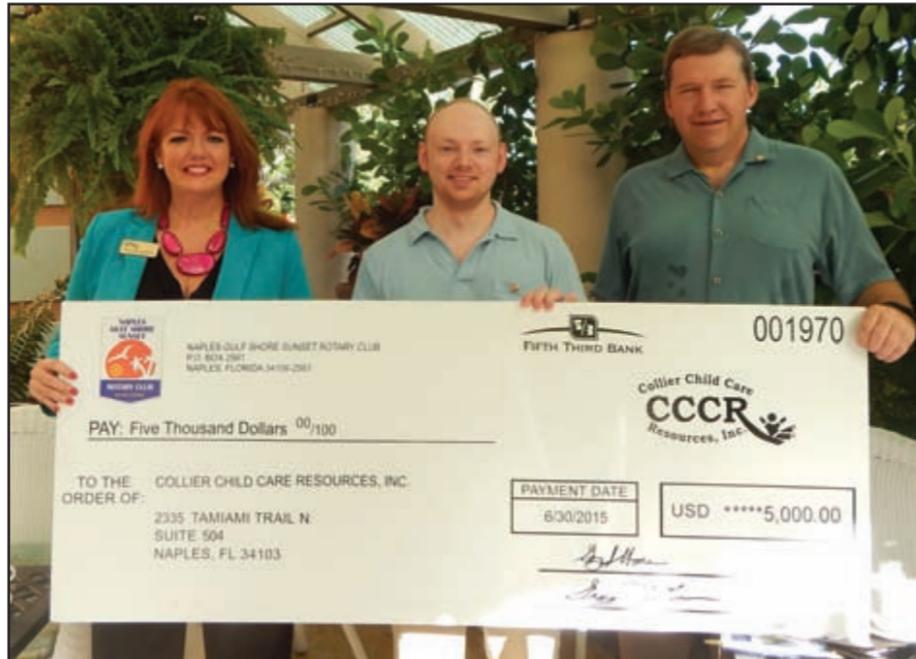


CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Press Club** has awarded \$1,000 Terrence J. Miller renewable scholarships for 2015-16 to the following Collier County high school graduates majoring in journalism at college: Melissa Gomez (2014) attending the University of Florida; Ellie Rushing (2015), Rollins College; Lauren Schoepfer (2012), University of Central Florida; and Kyle Shatto (2013), Florida Southern College. The club also awarded \$500 scholarships for the 2015 fall semester to Oscar Santiago-Torres (2011) and John Marshall Wix III (2011), both attending Florida Gulf Coast University. Rebecca VanEtten (2012) was awarded the Naples Press Club Endowed FGCU Foundation Scholarship.

■ **Alliance Francaise de Naples** hosts its next French-speaking table and lunch from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at Café Normandie. Anyone who speaks French at any level and wants to converse with others in the language is welcome. Attendees pay for their lunch; there is no fee for the session that is monitored by French teacher and Alliance Francaise de Naples president Denyse Jenkins. Another summer lunch will take place Thursday, Aug. 27. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 261-0977.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Aug. 13. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, includ-



Naples Gulf Shore Sunset Rotary Club recently donated \$5,000 to Collier Child Care Resources from its Mercato Wine Walk and the Naples Sunset Trolley Tour fundraisers. Almost \$500 in additional funds was donated by Pompano Bar & Grill from a recent charity night held in collaboration with the Rotarians. The funds will help children from lower-income families who cannot afford the cost of childcare at the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center operated by CCCR. Shown here are CCCR's Niccole Howard and Rotarians Bill Towers and Dan Herrington. For more information about CCCR, call 643-3908 or visit collierchildcare.org.

ing traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Women's Republican Club of Naples Federated** welcomes Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart as guest speaker on Friday, Aug. 14, at Tiburon Golf Club. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. Congressman Diaz-Balart is serving his seventh term representing

portions of Collier, Miami-Dade, Broward and Hendry counties. He sits on the House Committee on Appropriations and the Budget Committee. Prior to being elected to the U.S. Congress, he spent 14 years serving in the Florida House and Senate. At 31, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Florida Senate. Luncheon tickets are \$25. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 598-9833 or emailing

pwag53@aol.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 meetings are Aug. 15 and Oct. 17. For more information, email dwcpräsident@gmail.com.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Aug. 15 and Sept. 5. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Solo Women Travel Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is Aug. 15. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

■ The **Naples base of the U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is Aug. 17. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

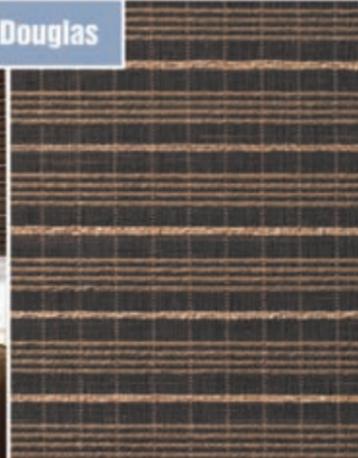
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■ **Naples Buckeyes**, aka the Ohio State Alumni Association of Naples, welcomes any fan, friend, supporter and alumni of OSU to join its activities. Members gather for happy hours from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Seasons 52. RSVP to Sandy Ritchie by calling 287-4936 or emailing sritchie44@yahoo.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is Aug. 20. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ The **Naples Italian American Foundation** invites members and guests to a Labor Day social and barbecue dinner on Monday afternoon, Sept. 7, at club headquarters, 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. Bocce (weather permitting), bridge, mah jongg and poker will be played, and pulled pork and all the trimmings will be served. Doors open at 12:30 p.m.

Cost is \$15 for members, \$18 for others. There will be a cash bar. Reservations are required by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. Call 597-5210.

■ Alumnae of **Gamma Phi Beta** in the Naples area meet for lunch and con-

versation on the second Monday of each month. The next meeting is Sept. 14. For more information, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com.

■ **Pearls of Naples** is a club for women offering monthly luncheons with speakers, excursions to local venues, theaters, art galleries and restaurants. Women who want to form lasting friendships and have fun with other women are welcome to learn more by visiting pearlsofnaples.org (click on "how to join") or by emailing the membership chairman at 3rd_vice_president@pearlsofnaples.org.

■ **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.

■ **Coastal Chess** clubs in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email wk@kellerpublishing.com or visit chess7.net.

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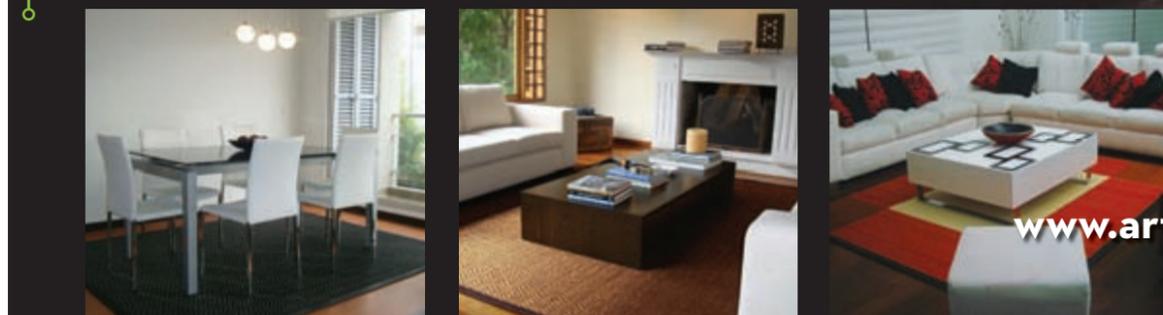
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'Doc, it hurts when I do that' ('Then Don't Do That')

Ran'dell Busch, 27, was in serious condition after being shot on July 26 near the corner of 18th Street and Emmet Street in Omaha, Neb.. He was also shot in 2014 around the intersection of 18th and Emmet, and in 2012 was shot in a scuffle after running from the corner of 18th and Emmet.

The entrepreneurial spirit

■ Failed European Business Models: (1) Grande Hotel San Calogero, the planned centerpiece of a Sicilian tourist renaissance, is still nowhere close to opening — 61 years after construction began. It took 30 years to build, but then developers fought for 10 years over its management, and only later was a serious drainage deficiency discovered (repair of which Rome's news site The Local reported in July remains unfunded). (2) Construction

of the ultra-modern Don Quixote airport (in Ciudad Real, Spain, about an hour from Madrid) was finished in 2006, but the \$1 billion facility never opened, and in July, was sold to a Chinese investor for the equivalent of \$11,000. (Bonus: Fictional character Don Quixote was, himself, noted for delusions of grandeur.)

■ Unclear on the Concept: Overlooked by the roundup of "state fair" foods listed in News of the Weird two weeks ago was the debut in June, at California's San Diego County Fair, of the deep-fried Slim-Fast bar. A 200-calorie "diet bar" is breaded in pancake batter, fried, dusted with powdered sugar and drizzled with chocolate.

The continuing crisis

Texas' highest criminal appeals court agreed on July 17, hours before Clifton Williams was to be executed, to a postponement until they could consider the significance of perhaps-faulty higher math presented to his jury in 2006. Prosecutors had claimed at his trial that the likelihood of another black man having Mr. Williams' DNA profile was 1 in 43 sextillion (43 followed by 21 zeros, or 43 billion trillion). Texas officials have recently recalculated the FBI-developed database and concluded that it was somewhat more likely that a second black man had Mr. Williams'

profile — 1 in only 40 billion trillion.

Wait, what?

(1) Jason Patterson, upset that New Zealand's health-care administration has rejected paying for gastric bypass surgery, announced in July that he will protest publicly by going on a hunger strike. "The first two to three days (will be) really hard," he told Channel 3 News. (2) Local officials in China's Xinjiang region informed Muslim shopkeepers and restaurateurs in May that they will henceforth be required to sell alcohol and cigarettes (even though Islam forbids their consumption). An official told Radio Free Asia that the government aims to weaken religion.

Cutting-edge science

Some owners may be petting their cats all wrong, cautioned recent research in issues of the journal Applied Animal Behaviour Science by scientists from University of Lincoln in England and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. For example, felines seem to prefer face-caressing, especially between the eyes and ears, and are especially aroused, negatively, by tail-petting, especially at the base. Cats appear to be pickier about how their owners pet them than strangers, according to a *Washington*

Post review of one article. The Wisconsin research revealed that cats better appreciate (or are annoyed less by) music written especially for their pitch (an octave higher) and tempo (mimicking purring) than traditional classical music.

Oops!

■ Careless Governing: (1) Maine enacted legislation in July to make immigrant asylum-seekers eligible for the state's General Assistance fund — contrary to Gov. Paul LePage's aggressive promise to veto the bill. The governor had misunderstood state law and believed legislation would be regarded as vetoed if he merely failed to sign it for 10 days. Gov. LePage appeared stunned on the 11th day, according to press reports, that he had had the veto law backward and that asylum-seekers are now eligible for benefits. (2) News reports from Georgetown, Texas, politely did not identify the councilman by name, but Mayor Pro Tem Rachael Jonrow confirmed that the man neglected to turn off his mobile microphone during a May meeting as he excused himself for a restroom break. Mayor Jonrow said she stoically ignored the men's room sounds on the PA system — until the noise from a toilet's flushing seemed to release the councilmembers' pent-up laughter. ■

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to grow, they can show up just about anywhere. Nicholas Money, botanist and author of the book "Mushroom," told NPR in 2012 that he has found mushrooms in basements, bathrooms and crawl spaces — even growing in the back of the throat of someone with a severely compromised immune system.

Mushrooms are also incredibly prolific. Mr. Money told NPR a single mushroom "can release as many as 30,000 spores a second and billions of spores in a day." And they do it quickly. Using high-speed film, Mr. Money has been able to capture the release of the spores and post a video onto YouTube he has named "fungus cannon." Verdi's "Anvil Chorus" humorously serves as the soundtrack to the footage, but it also accurately captures the power and speed at which the spores collide.

And yet, what we think of as the mushroom is only the "flower" of the fungi, said Stephen Brown, Lee County Extension Horticulture Program leader agent.

"The majority of the plant is underground," he said. "If you notice, after you mow the lawn, the mushrooms will pop up pretty much in the same place."

Some species of mushrooms can be dispersed over hundreds of square miles, according to Oklahoma State University. OSU reports a "population" of honey mushrooms (*Armillaria ostoyae*), discovered in Oregon's Blue Mountains spanned 2,200 acres and is considered to be the largest single organism in the world.

"They are always a curiosity," Mr. Brown said. Residents have often bagged and brought in species they have found living in their yard for identification and wondering they are edible.

However, extension offices in Florida have a policy about identifying mushrooms for residents: They don't. Though many wild mushrooms are safe — an estimated 98 percent according to North Carolina State University's plant pathology department — there are varieties that are deadly when consumed and are easily mistaken for the nontoxic varieties. As Dr. Jay S. Barnhart, retired Miami Medical Examiner once told floridanatureuncovered.com, "All mushrooms are edible — some only once."

Mushrooms have long found their way onto people's plates: Ancient Asia, Rome and the Americas all document using the fungus as a food source. Roman slaves even served as "food testers" to ensure they weren't poisonous. OSU reports that mushroom consumption has quadrupled since 1965, with the United States second only to China in mushroom cultivation. Pennsylvania, California and Florida are the three top mushroom producing states. Unlike the wild varieties, however, cultivated mushrooms are grown in climate-controlled buildings, OSU reports. Airflow, temperature and light are all constantly monitored.

Even experts, called mycologists, can sometimes confuse a non-toxic mushroom with a poisonous one. The confusion is even easier for an amateur enthusiast.

Thomas Hecker, CEO of the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center in Punta Gorda, tells the story of a relative who was visiting from Massachusetts who was sure he had found an edible variety on his visit to Florida since there was a very similar looking, very edible mushroom back in his home state. Turns out, the "twin" in Florida was very toxic. Fortunately, none were consumed.

Both Messrs. Hecker and Brown agree the identifying of varieties should be left to the experts.

"If you want mushrooms to eat," Mr. Brown said. "Pick them at the grocery store,"

Although maybe not as well known, mushrooms have also been used as a medicinal source, commonly in Chinese medicine. However, the use is expanding into Western medicine. Mr. Money told NPR that researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore are experimenting with psilocybin, the psychedelic compound carried in more than 200 mushroom species, to help improve the quality of life for terminally ill patients. In very controlled and monitored studies, researchers are finding evidence that psilocybin can mimic serotonin, a neurotransmitter that plays a part in mood, appetite and sleep. ■



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Possibly *gymnopus* or *collybia*

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Ganoderma butt rot

Harmless shroom?

It may look like a harmless, shelf-like mushroom growing on the side of a palm tree. But, if it's *ganoderma butt rot*, it is a fungus that is always fatal to the host.

According to the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Services, the tree may appear to be going into a "general decline," including wilting, although the rotting will not be "soft." The trunk will continue to look solid. Often, a hard, shelf-like "conk" will appear on the bottom 4-5 feet of the tree, where it is attacking the lining.

Ganoderma butt rot is spread by spores released from the conk, though there are no known "conductive" conditions for development of the disease. Unfortunately, there are also no known preventive or curative measures once the palm has been infected.

IFAS states a palm should be removed as soon as a conk appears on the trunk.

For more information, visit <https://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp100>.



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Lighthouse supports visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier, a nonprofit serving the blind and visually impaired and their caregivers, holds a brown bag lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every month at Lighthouse headquarters, 2685 Horseshoe Drive S. The next lunch is Aug. 18.

Bring your own brown bag lunch and stay afterward for social hour, trivia games and to learn more about Lighthouse of Collier's programs and services. Attendance is free. Call Rick Hart at 430-3934 to make a reservation or for information about being a guest speaker.

Mr. Hart also facilitates a caregiver support group meeting on the same day as the brown bag lunches. Friends and family of the blind and visually impaired learn how to take care of themselves and manage the stress of their roles while connecting with others in similar situations. For more information, visit lighthouseofcollier.org. ■



Listen up: When it comes to hearing, healthy diet might trump noise exposure

THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Although the old wives' tale about carrots being good for your eyesight has been debunked, University of Florida researchers have found a link between healthy eating and another of the five senses: hearing.

UF Health researcher Christopher Spankovich examined the eating habits of participants in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. In previous work, Mr. Spankovich found that the higher a person scored on the Healthy Eating Index part of the survey, the better his or her auditory function.

Mr. Spankovich examined data from 2,366 people. In addition to answering questionnaires about their health during the original survey, participants were given a four-part hearing test. Analysis of the data revealed a strong connection among diet, hearing and noise exposure.

The hearing of people who ate well but had higher noise exposure was comparable to the hearing of people with lower noise exposure who ate poorer diets, according to results published recently in the International Journal of Audiology. While eating healthfully might not reverse hearing damage, a good diet may play a part in prevention.

"Our hearing health is linked to our general health," Mr. Spankovich says.

"Our auditory system is dependent on our cardiovascular, neural and metabolic health, and if we are not healthy in general, it makes sense that we could increase our susceptibility to hearing loss." The study's lead author, he is a research assistant professor in the department of speech, language and hearing sciences in UF's College of Public Health and Health Professions.

In the study, a healthy diet meant that the person who scored well on the Healthy Eating Index ate as close to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's diet recommendations as possible. This means they ate plenty of vegetables, fruit and fiber while keeping salt, cholesterol, fat and saturated fat beneath the recommended limits.

Hearing can be affected in multiple ways, some of which are avoidable and some of which aren't, Mr. Spankovich says. Some unchangeable factors include sex, genetics, race, ethnicity and age; changeable factors include cardiovascular health issues, diet, ototoxic medications and exposure to loud noise.

The study only found the relationship between a better diet and better hearing in higher frequencies, not in lower frequencies.

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey assesses the health and nutritional status of adults and chil-

dren in the United States. As part of the survey, the Healthy Eating Index assigns points to participants based on how well they eat.

For example, a person might be awarded a full score of 10 points if he eats the full number of servings of vegetables recommended by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. A person may lose points if he consumes too much of certain nutrients, such as sodium. Most people who completed the survey, which assigns a score of zero to 100, scored between 58 to 61.

In the population Mr. Spankovich studied, the participants' average score was 63.11 percent; 73 percent of the sample had intermediate scores, ranging from 51 to 80 percent, which were classified as "needs improvement," while 14.6 percent had poor scores and 12 percent had good scores.

Mr. Spankovich emphasizes that the study identified a relationship between hearing and diet — not a causal link.

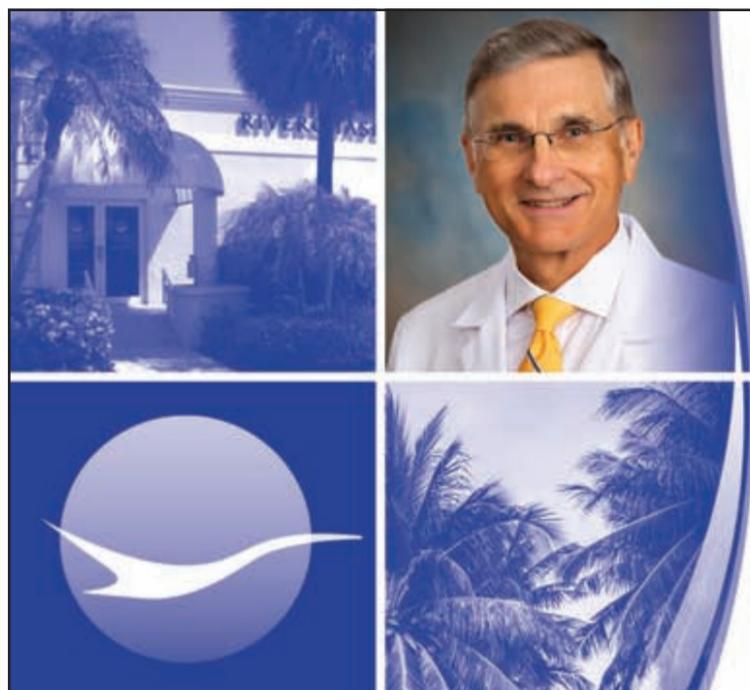
"These initial studies are showing the link between diet, auditory function and noise exposure," he says, adding, "We can't show cause-and-effect because it's a cross-sectional study."

Next will be to examine the link in a longitudinal study in which the researchers will study the hearing and diet of a larger cohort over time. ■

Health Plus series begins with program on joint replacement

Iberiabank and Physicians Regional Healthcare System kick off a new season of Health Plus lectures on Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the Marco Island branch of the bank. Guest speaker will be orthopedic surgeon H. Kurtis Biggs, D.O., founder of the Joint Replacement Institute in Naples. Dr. Biggs completed his fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation before entering private practice. He serves as a national instructor on knee and hip replacement and an advisor in the development of joint replacement technology.

Doors open for a reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program starts at 6 p.m. Admission is \$3. Call 393-2400 to make a reservation. ■



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and functioning nicely.

Dr. Michael Lusk and I chatted enthusiastically about a new neurosurgeon who will bring special expertise in interventional vascular surgery to the NCH team. Dr. Sajan Rao and I discussed the importance of work/life balance for busy physicians who have spent decades toiling in sleep-deprived specialties.

I'm a great believer in "managing by walking around," as opposed to being desk- and email-bound. I'm particularly keen on making rounds on weekend mornings, when things are ordinarily less hectic and our physicians, nurses and other caregivers are slightly more relaxed and have more time to talk.

I started out on a recent Saturday at about 7 a.m. as the tired night team headed home for some well-deserved rest.

Dr. John Marsh, a hospitalist, proudly shared his group's research on quality metrics with the goal of each member having a project. Dr. Marsh's study is on length of stay, a particularly important metric of efficiency and safety, in light of national focus on patients not spending excess time in the hospital. From anesthesiologist Dr. Mike Staub, I learned that the OR was already scheduled until 4 p.m., just another indication of how busy we have been.

As Annie Reynolds, R.N. in charge of our post-op cardiac floor, readied the staff to receive several patients, the rest of the top floors were all well staffed

After visiting our oncology team, I headed over to our behavioral health unit, where breakfast was being served and morning activities about to start. As I was on the stairwell heading for the ICU, I heard the overhead page of a Code Blue on the floor I had just left. Thinking I might assist, I hurried back and saw a team coming together to create a miraculous ending. Fortunately the patient was breathing and had a pulse, but it was like watching a life-saving ballet, with each participant critical to the ultimate positive outcome that saved the patient, who had suffered a rare Code Blue in the behavioral health unit.

I had witnessed yet another example of how our competent, compassionate staff performs miracles on a daily basis — even on an early Saturday morning.

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

Home care agency plans job fair

Home Care Assistance Naples holds a job fair from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at the agency's office in Park Shore Plaza, 3605 Tamiami Trail N. The agency is hiring for

live-in and hourly shifts. Applicants who are hired will receive Starbucks gift cards. For more information, call 829-6356 or visit homecareassistance-naples.com. ■

Seniors can get free dental care

Dr. Anton Richart of Naples Premier Dentistry offers free dental care on the last Friday of each month for seniors in need who are without dental insurance. Free services include fillings,

extractions, root canals, cleanings and x-rays; crowns, partials and bridges repairs are subject to minimum lab fees. For more information, call 591-1000. ■

Annual autism conference set

The fourth annual Creating a Future for Adults with Autism conference presented by Adonis Autism is set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 12, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 625 11th Ave. N. in North Naples. This year's programs will focus on options for improving health, increasing independence and entrepreneurship.

Keynote speaker Jeffrey Smith of the Institute for Responsible Technology will discuss digestive problems and related issues so common in the autistic population and their relation to GMO foods.

Other speakers will include Dr.

Shane Walker of Thrive Chiropractic of Naples, who will discuss autism and the brain/body connection, and Nelson Santiago of Picasso Einstein, who will present innovative strategies for enabling persons with disabilities to achieve greater autonomy and independence.

In addition, the University of South Florida Center for Autism and Related Disorders will present a workshop about preparing for post-secondary education.

Conference registration is \$25. To sign up or for more information, visit adonisautism.org. ■

GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

■ The **Pilot Club of Naples** and **Gulf Coast Runners** host the Labor Day weekend John Clay 5K on Saturday morning, Sept. 5, at Lowdermilk Park. A 2-mile walking course is an option. Registration is \$18 before Aug. 24, \$23 Aug. 25-Sept. 4, and \$25 on race day (\$10 for ages 18 and younger). To sign up or for more information, call 404-7007 or visit gcrunner.org.

sign up, visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ **Marco Island Center for the Arts** hosts its third annual golf tournament Saturday morning, Oct. 31, at Hammock Bay Country Club. Three mulligans and lunch included. Registration starts at \$135 per person. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit marcoislandart.com.

■ **Hope Hospice** hosts its 11th annual Fillet & Release fishing tournament on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Matanzas Inn on Fort Myers Beach. The day begins with registration at 6:30 a.m. with fishing hours running from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Anglers will compete for cash prizes for their redfish and snook catches. Additional prizes will be awarded for the largest slot redfish, the mystery fish with the highest weight and the female angler who catches the largest redfish. Participation is \$250 per team with a maximum of four people per boat. For more information, call Amy Andrew at 940-4473 or visit hopehcs.org/fish.

■ The **American Heart Association** hosts the 2015 Collier Heart Walk Saturday morning, Nov. 7, at Cambier Park. The 3.1-mile walk is free; participants are expected to gather pledges for the AHA leading up to the event. For more information, call 495-4905 or visit collierheartwalk.kintera.org.

■ **Boys & Girls Club of Collier County** hosts its 12th annual FORE-the-Kids golf tournament Saturday morning, Nov. 7, at Fiddlers Creek Golf & Country Club. Pulte Homes is the title sponsor of the event that includes golf, lunch, cocktail reception, dinner and auctions. Registration is \$1,000 per golfer; a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. To sign up or for more information, call Tiffany Heck at 325-1736 or email theck@bgccc.com.

■ The **United Way Walk for the Way** 5K and 2.5-mile fun walk takes place Saturday morning, Sept. 26, along the trails at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is \$20 until Sept. 25 and \$30 on race day (\$12 for ages 18 and younger). For more information, visit unitedwayofcollier-county.org.

■ The **2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's** steps out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Fleischmann Park. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated. Sign up online at act.alz.org or starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information, call (800) 272-3900 or visit the website.

■ The **Foundation of the Collier County Medical Society** hosts its second annual Docs and Duffers charity golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Bonita Bay Club. Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. An awards ceremony and lunch follow the game. Registration is \$175 per golfer, \$600 per foursome. Sponsorships are available. For more information or to register, call 435-7727 or visit ccmsonline.org.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation** hosts its 2015 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament Monday, Nov. 16, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The day starts with breakfast and golf demonstrations from professionals. The tournament begins with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start after players are paired with one of more than two dozen professionals. Lunch and awards presentation will follow. Entry fees start at \$5,000 and includes two tickets to the 2015 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ **David Lawrence Center** hosts its second annual Chip in for DLC Golf Tournament on Friday, Oct. 2 at Marco Island Marriott Golf Resort Rookery Course in Naples. The day begins with a buffet deli lunch at 11:30 a.m. and tee-off for the four-person scramble is at 1 p.m. The day also features a \$100,000 hole-in-one contest and a prime rib awards dinner at Rookery Club House. Tickets are \$250 per person and \$1,000 per foursome, which include green fees, cart, a drink ticket and dinner. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, Sept. 29. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, call 304-3505 or visit davidlawrencecenter.org.

■ **Baby Basics of Collier County** hosts the seventh annual Baby Basics Walking Challenge on Saturday morning, Jan. 23, at North Naples Regional Park. Participants can choose routes from 1.5 to 6 miles. Brunch will be served after the walk. Onsite registration starts at 8:30 the day of the event. For more information or to sign up now, call 352-4310 or visit babybasicscollier.org. ■

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** hosts its 11th annual golf tournament on Monday, Oct. 26, at TwinEagles Golf & Country Club. Registration is \$300 per player. For more information or to

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PET TALES

Chow down

How and what should your cat eat? Experts weigh in

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

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How hard can it be to feed a cat? You just set down a bowl of dry food and go, right? Wrong. Feline experts would prefer that you feed cats on a schedule, measure their food so they don't eat too much and switch them to canned food for a healthier diet.

What's wrong with free-feeding — setting out a bowl of dry food and refilling it as needed so cats can snack at will?

"Pouring a bowl of dry cat food and topping it off is the way to diabetes," says Deb Greco, DVM, senior research scientist at Nestle Purina. "It's unlimited food, and cats often never get satiated. If you're eating constantly, you never have time to burn fat."

Measuring an appropriate amount of food and giving only that amount per meal is one way to ensure cats don't take in too many calories. For the average cat, that might be one-quarter cup twice a day. Use a measuring cup rather than a scoop so you know exactly how much you're giving. The amount recommended on the package is a guideline. Don't be afraid to adjust it up or down depending on your cat's weight.

Why canned food? Cats need high levels of protein and plenty of water. A canned diet provides both. While dry food is convenient and can certainly meet a cat's dietary needs, it has drawbacks.



Feline dietary requirements and the human love of convenience can sometimes be at war with each other.

Dry food is high in carbohydrates, and cats' teeth aren't made for eating it. Their sharp molars are made for tearing meat off bones, not grinding pieces of kibble. A cat's digestive system isn't suited to dry food, either, says Kristi Krause, DVM, a feline medicine specialist at Serrano Animal and Bird Hospital in Lake Forest, California.

"They don't have the salivary amylase to start breaking down the carbohydrate portion of the food," she says. "They preferentially use protein, preferentially use fat, and store the carbohydrates. That's where we start getting our fat cats and diabetics because they eat these higher carbohydrate diets and

automatically store the carbohydrates."

Cats who do eat dry food need plenty of fresh water, so make it attractive to them. It's difficult for cats to see still water, Dr. Greco says, so simply setting out a bowl of it may not be enough. Running water is a better option because cats can hear it. Consider leaving a faucet dripping in a bathroom or providing a pet fountain.

Water placement is another important consideration. "They may feel vulnerable sitting at a bowl, especially one that's in a corner with their back to other cats that might jump on them," Dr. Greco says.

Dr. Greco and Dr. Krause advise new kitten owners to give canned food from the start, but if your adult cat has the munchies for his crunchies, or you can't give up the convenience, they recommend giving some canned food every day as a treat or a topper to dry food. That's because cats may require a canned diet at some point in their lives.

"If your cat ends up with some kind of bladder condition, kidney disease or diabetes, I'm going to tell you that he can no longer eat dry food," Dr. Krause says. "I want that cat to at least be accustomed to eating canned food."

And if you feed primarily dry food, give your cat a workout by placing his kibble inside a food puzzle so he has to work to get at it throughout the day. That will help keep him from gorging and ensure that he gets plenty of activity. ■

Pets of the Week

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>>Lily Grace

is a spayed, 2-year-old boxer/American bulldog mix who will charm her way into your heart.



>>Marco

Polo is a young, neutered tabby whose short coat is lovely and thick.



>>White Willow

is a spayed, 1-year-old shepherd mix who can hardly wait to find her forever home.



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

It appears that finally, love is in the air.



I've always had a plethora of single girlfriends — a few marrieds here and there, but for the most part, my circle has been filled with single ladies who were all about girl's nights out, Sundays at the beach and dishing on the phone until midnight.

Luckily, I've had a husband of nearly a decade who's never minded that some nights I'm happily at happy hour with my singletons instead of home preparing dinner — besides, I've never minded about his weekend golf with the boys. In fact, there have been plenty of times when my single girlfriends have shown up with a bottle of Pinot Grigio to discuss a disastrous date, and when she and I have exhausted all possibilities about why the guy never called the next day, we'll consult Todd to join us on the balcony with the male point of view. Within a few minutes we'd find that the answer to our question had been on the recliner in the living room watching a Bruce Willis action movie the whole time we were polishing off the bottle of wine, trying to figure out men. Todd has even supported me in my efforts to fix up a few of his single friends with my single friends — one such introduction resulting in a sparkly wedding a few years ago.

Todd used to call my group of girlfriends "the tribunal" due to our affection



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Yappy Hour at the Bell Tower Shops, left and TGIM provide social occasions in town that have introduced singles to love matchups.

for sitting around a table and weighing in on things. But, the frequency of tribunal gatherings has lessened in the past few years, as members, one by one, find men, fall in love, and couple up or get married.

It used to be that whenever a single girlfriend asked me advice on where to find fellows, I'd tell her, "anywhere, but here." And since Southwest Florida is known as the "land of the newly wed and the nearly dead," she should just move.

Yet, these days, it seems maybe things have changed. Some of my girlfriends have found their heart's desire online, certainly. But just as many have met their loves organically. I continue to get emails from singles who aren't into digital dating, wondering where to meet potential mates. So, after consulting some single and some newly hooked up friends, we came up with a sampling that covers Fort Myers to Naples and in between:

Yappy Hour at the Bell Tower Shops happens the second Friday evening of each month from 6-8 p.m. Grab your (well-behaved) pup and bring him/

her to socialize with other furry friends. Fido could be your best matchmaker ever.

The Mercato in Naples has a free music series that draws big crowds. The next one is from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3 from and features the rockabilly/swing band, Rick Howard & The Speed Bumps. Don't be shy, ask someone to dance.

The Southwest Florida Critical Mass bicycle group meets the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. across from the downtown Publix on First Street for an easy-paced 90-minute bike ride through River District neighborhoods, raising awareness for bicycle safety. Afterward, the group convenes at a chosen local watering hole. Share the road and then share a drink.

At Splash Paint and Wine in Naples, you never know who you might meet, but even if you don't find your soul mate, you'll have a masterpiece created by you to hang on your wall. Check their online calendar for art classes that

include vino at splashpaintwine.com. It's at 2305 Davis Blvd. There's a class on Friday, Aug. 21, called "Love Buds" that sounds promising.

TGIM Thank God For Indie Mondays is where film lovers go to mix, mingle, watch short films and discuss their merit. A full bar loosens things up and snacks keep the audience fortified. Many a spirited discussion on film between strangers has led from a Monday night meeting to a Friday night date.

At the **Third Street South Farmers Market in downtown Naples** you can shop for fresh produce, baked goods, handmade soaps and possibly your next spouse — particularly if you're looking for someone into healthy foods and supporting local farmers. Be there on Saturdays between 7:30 and 11:30 a.m. ■

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

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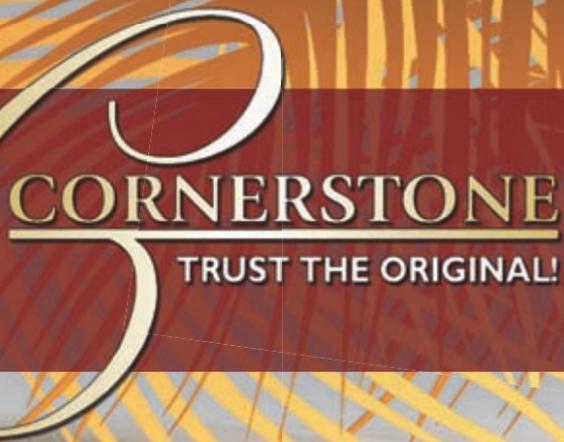
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Letting
go
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Humility playing a growing role in business success

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Not so long ago, our culture really (really) admired people with big egos. We called them rugged individualists, fearless leaders, MVPs, visionaries and go-getters. We respected these confident and successful folks for (seemingly) having all the answers. They were all too happy to stand their ground and argue their point, and we saw this as a sign of strength and leadership.

Now, everything has changed. Larger-than-life egos are fast becoming liabilities. Indeed, in what may first appear to be a paradox, Professor Edward Hess says that ego's mortal enemy — humil-



HESS

Hess, a professor at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business and author of "Learn or Die: Using Science to Build a Leading-Edge Learning Organization"

"The jobs that will still be 'safe' involve

ity — is one of the traits most likely to guarantee success in the 21st century workplace.

"In the tech tsunami of the next few decades, robots and smart machines are projected to take over more than half of U.S. jobs," says Mr.

higher-order cognitive and emotional skills that technology can't replicate, like critical thinking, innovation, creativity, and emotionally engaging with other humans," he explains. "All of those skills have one thing in common: They are enabled by humility."

Skeptical? Ask yourself this: Have you ever met someone with a big ego who was really good at being open-minded? Really good at reflectively listening? At putting himself in another's shoes? At playing well with others? At saying, "I don't know," "Your idea is better than mine," or "You're right"? Didn't think so.

Clearly, if you want to be an effective

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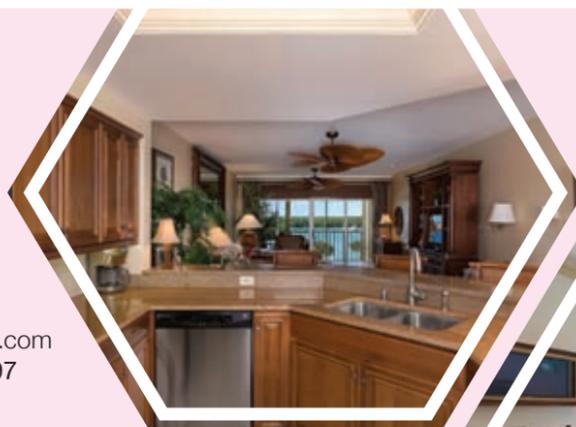
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Testing the market waters by looking at the P/E



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The thing I enjoy most about writing this column each week is the amazing feedback I receive from my friends and family regarding my writing. I can't tell you how great I feel when a buddy tells me that he loves reading my articles and, by the way, he never knew I had a sense of humor. Or my aunt who I have not seen in a number of years posting to Facebook that I have grown to look exactly like my father. Just what every guy wants to hear. But regardless of the comments I get, one question always follows. "I'm thinking about putting some more money in the market but it just seems so overvalued, don't you think?" So are stocks overvalued after their amazing bull run?

Before we can answer if stocks are overvalued, we first must determine how to value the stock market. When you own a stock, what you are buying are the earnings of that company. So one of the key metrics of valuing stocks is the price to earnings ratio. The P/E ratio tells you how many dollars it would take to buy one dollar's worth of earnings. The higher the P/E of a stock, the more expensive the equity.

So what is the market's P/E today? For the S&P 500, the 500 largest U.S. public

companies, it is around 21. That means it will cost you \$21 for every \$1 of earnings you want to buy. On the surface, this seems pretty high. I don't want to have to wait 21 years to get even my investment back. But from a historical perspective, it is not that far from the norm. Over the last 100 years, the market's average P/E ratio has been around 16 or 17. But this number fluctuates significantly. For example, at the height of the dot-com bubble, the P/E of the market was over 40. And during the Great Depression, the P/E was around 5. So at a P/E of 21, I am not that concerned that the market is currently way overvalued and ready for a massive pullback.

But why are investors willing to pay \$21 for \$1 in earnings? The answer is that they expect companies to grow their earnings so that the \$1 in earnings they are buying today will be \$2 next year and \$3 the year after and so on. This is why we must look at the forward P/E as well when we look to value companies. The forward P/E is what it would cost to buy one dollar's worth of earnings for the upcoming year. The S&P 500 forward P/E is around 17 today. This means that it will cost you \$17 to buy \$1 of next year's earnings. Note that it is common for the forward P/E of stocks to be lower than the historical P/E because most of the time people expect future earnings to be higher than current income (remember from your fifth grade math class that the higher the denominator of a fraction is, the lower the overall number). On average, the forward P/E of the S&P 500 is



around 12 or 13. So again, we are higher than normal but not by much. This tells me that prices are in line with expectations of future revenue growth as well and I should not be concerned here.

So because P/E ratios are close to historical averages, does that mean none of us should be worried about a stock pull-back? Absolutely not. There is one massive assumption built into the forward P/E that, if proven false, could be cataclysmic to the market. The forward P/E ratio assumes that we know what next year's earnings will be. And because we have not yet developed time travel to jump into the future, we can never know if this critical conjecture will come to fruition. For example, let's say that earnings next year are only half of what we projected them to be. So instead of a forward P/E of 17, it actually is 34. Well, that would make the market way overvalued and we should sell all of our stock immediately. This is why forward company guidance is most of the time more important than current income when earnings reports

are released. Analysts are looking at forward P/E ratios in order to determine whether a stock is properly valued.

So let's circle back to our original question — are stocks currently overvalued? With all of the information we have now, I would have to answer no. This is especially true when I look at the alternative investments out there like bonds, real estate and commodities, all of which seem to be peaking or in decline. So I would still be very comfortable adding to my equity portfolio. But I am nervous about forward earnings projections. Will companies live up to their forward guidance? Or will they be able to surpass them? I will be looking at overall economic growth, wage growth, commodity prices, foreign exchange rates and consumer spending to answer those questions. And you don't need a Ph.D. to answer these queries for yourself. Do restaurants look full? Are malls filled with people? Are there houses being built and renovated in your neighborhood? If so, maybe that forward "E" is even higher than we thought and the bull market is still here to stay. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda (a buyer and seller of estate jewelry and diamonds), was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from UVA and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business.



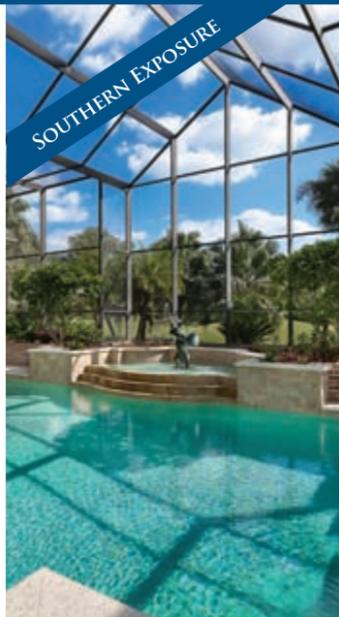
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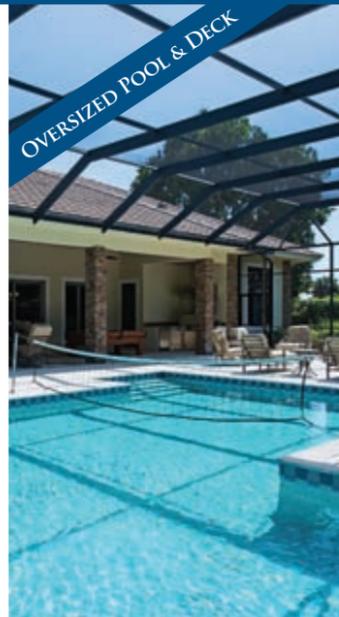
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Hodges U. workshops focus on nonprofit excellence

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University offers workshops and non-credit certificates in governance, operations and management for executive directors and staff as well as board members. Workshops are \$35 each and can be attended on a one-time basis; attendance at four workshops in the same category is required in order to earn a certificate.

Here's what's coming up:

■ "Planned Giving Case Studies" is set for Thursday, Aug. 27. Guest speaker Paul Seifert, vice president for development and marketing at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, will discuss case studies from a variety of institutions involving planned gifts, from initial contact through cultivation and receipt of gift.

■ Carrie Kerskie of Kerskie Group Inc. presents "Don't be a Cyper Liabili-

ty!" on Thursday, Sept. 10. As major corporations are increasing their data security, criminals are shifting their focus to easier targets, including nonprofits. Ms. Kerskie will discuss steps for protecting a nonprofit organization, its donors and its clients from a mega breach.

■ "Risk Management Considerations for Nonprofits" is the topic for Thursday, Sept. 17. Nonprofit event directors and business officers will learn from local attorneys and insurance experts about the risks associated with conducting fundraising events.

All workshops take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The Naples campus of Hodges U. is at 2655 Northbrooke Drive. To sign up or for a complete list of upcoming workshops and their certificate categories, visit hodges.edu/CAN. For more information, call 598-6284. ■

Plans announced for the next Big Event

The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services, a business-to-business networking organization, invites the public to its annual Big Event on Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Shula's in the Hilton Naples. Cocktails will be followed by a three-course dinner. The evening's guest speaker will be Norman Love, chef, president and founder of Norman Love Confections with chocolate salons in Naples, Fort Myers and Estero.

Prior to opening Norman Love Confections in Fort Myers in 2001, Mr. Love learned the craft of pastry making in France, then served as executive pastry chef for many luxury resorts including The Beverly Hills Hotel and The Ritz-Carlton. During his career with The Ritz-Carlton, he was appointed to the position of corporate executive pastry chef where he oversaw global pastry and baking operations. In 13 years, he opened 30 hotel and resort pastry kitchens in international and domestic locales such as Boston, Dubai and Bali.



He has been named a top 10 pastry chef in America, a top 10 chocolatier in North America and one of the best chocolatiers in the world, among many honors.

This year's Big Event is sponsored by *Florida Weekly*, Gulfshore Life, Shula's Steak House and the Hilton Naples, Naples Flowers and Naples Print Source.

The N.A.P.L.E.S. organization is based in Southwest Florida, but many members are internationally recognized business leaders and experts within their fields. Members meet on the first and third Thursday each month for breakfast networking sessions that include guest speakers and time for alerting each other to business opportunities.

For tickets to the Big Event or more information about the organization, visit naplesgroup.net. ■

MassiveU founder will share story of his company's journey

VenturePitch SWFL holds its inaugural Founder Talk, "Inside a Startup" with founder Angelo Biasi, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 13, at the Paragon Pavilion Theater in North Naples.

Ms. Biasi will share the raw truth on his journey from a cocktail napkin to raising more than \$1 million in capital, from his short wins and quicksand-filled failures to executing his vision. He is the founder and CEO of Southwest Florida-based MassiveU, a b2b project-based social learning platform-as-a-service (PLAAS) tech startup that works with educational publishers to transform education. Reviewing the key points that investors are analyzing startups by, he will align each with how those points impacted the decisions he



BIASI

made for the growth of his company.

In eight months, Mr. Biasi took MassiveU from concept to closing on his first Series A funding event. Since then, he has listened to and pivoted for a market, enlisted a management team of A players, grown revenue-generating accounts with major clients and won multiple awards and acknowledgements. Attendees at the Founder Talk will

find out what it took to get him there and where he is headed now.

Presenting sponsors are VentureX and the Livingston / Loeffler Law Firm; media sponsor is Gulfshore Business. Event hosts are Tamiami Angel Fund II and Peninsula Fund Advisors. Tickets for \$15 are available at venturepitchswfl.com. ■

Angel Fund makes investment in reactor technologies company

The Tamiami Angel Fund II (T2) has invested \$750,000 in ZoneFlow Reactor Technologies, LLC, a company developing new reactor technologies used in the production processes for refining crude oil, producing ammonia and methanol and reducing iron ore to iron. The fund recently closed on the investment into its sixth portfolio company, allocating \$250,000 in capital interest to ZoneFlow Tech and an additional \$500,000 add-on commitment.

ZoneFlow Tech, founded in 2007, is currently testing its proprietary reactor technology designed to improve efficiency in the production of hydrogen and syngas by the steam methane reforming process.

"We are very pleased to have a fund like T2 decide to make a major investment in our company," says ZoneFlow CEO Bruce Boisture. "We treat that as a real compliment to our business plan and what we've accomplished to date."

Gerald Lippes, a member of T2's due diligence team says the investment will fund continued product development and testing and adds the team was impressed by ZoneFlow's professional management, its knowledge of the industry and its use of financing.

Most of T2 is invested in high-tech, Chairman Timothy Cartwright says, and the addition of ZoneFlow, which is a manufacturing company, lends an interesting diversity to the fund.

ZoneFlow's progress was another factor, with the company expecting to introduce its technology in the next few years. "From the outset, we've been involved

very heavily with engineering, production and catalyst companies in our industry as we've developed our product," Mr. Boisture says. "We have also focused entirely on validation programs that range from joint development of specific product applications to pilot plant testing. The funding from T2, in addition to the capital raise, will allow us to pursue and execute the validation programs, the first of which commenced this month. We also executed the first round of preliminary tests on a separate major testing program that began a year ago."

Mr. Lippes says ZoneFlow "is pretty far along with what it wants to achieve."

"We're starting to test the technology, and that's why we invested. It's a different product than what's currently available in the marketplace, so its success also depends on the response from the industry."

The potential game-changing technology has far-reaching applications in a large market, including crude oil refining, making ammonia for fertilizer, producing methanol and reducing iron ore to iron.

Tamiami Angel Fund I & II LLC are member-managed funds designed to enable private accredited investors to actively participate in a disciplined investment process. The funds invest in promising early-stage through expansion-stage commercial ventures in the U.S., with a preference to those in the state of Florida. ZoneFlow is based in Connecticut.

The funds are members of the Angel Capital Association and the Florida Venture Forum. For more information, visit tamiamiangels.com. ■



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leader (or even a successful employee) in our brave new workplace, you are going to have to rein in your ego and become more team-oriented. And make no mistake, says Mr. Hess: It won't be easy.

"We're talking about self-work that's never finished," he says. "For one thing, ego-based thinking is our brain's default position — we naturally seek to reinforce what we already think we know. Also, we have to overcome a lifetime of cultural and behavioral big-ego conditioning. But if we're to stay competitive in the Smart Machine Age, it has to happen!"

Here, Mr. Hess shares seven suggestions to help you hone your humility:

1. First, know that you'll have to work against your brain's natural inclinations. According to Mr. Hess, quieting our egos actually goes against our very natures! Cognitively, we humans are wired to selectively process only information that is confirmatory — and to selectively filter out information that contradicts what we "know" to be "right." In addition, we're lazy, self-serving, and emotionally defensive thinkers who are driven to protect our egos.

"However, the science is quite clear that high-level and innovative thinking is a team sport," he comments. "In order to learn, adapt, and succeed, we have to be willing to look closely at our mistakes and failures, to really listen to people who disagree with us, and to allow the best thinking and best ideas to rise to the top — which requires humility! The good news is, when it comes to resisting your thinking's natural defenses, forewarned is forearmed."

2. Seek objective feedback about your ego. You can't troubleshoot your ego if you don't have an accurate picture of what it looks like. Since this isn't an area in which you can trust your own judgment, have the courage to get people who know you well at work and in your personal life to fill out a 360-degree review about you — one that focuses on your emotional intelligence and your behaviors concerning open-mindedness, listening, empathy, humility, etc.

"Explain why you need honest answers," instructs Mr. Hess. "Emphasize how appreciative you will be if they are honest and that candor will not diminish the relationship. After receiving the data, evaluate it with a trusted other. Thank everyone who had the courage to give you honest feedback. Reflect on the picture you received and decide what you want to do with that data."

"The jobs that will still be 'safe' involve higher-order cognitive and emotional skills that technology can't replicate, like critical thinking, innovation, creativity, and emotionally engaging with other humans."

— **Professor Edward Hess**, professor at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business and author of "Learn or Die: Using Science to Build a Leading-Edge Learning"

3. Change your mental model of what "smart" looks like. In the past, "smartness" has been determined by the size of one's body of knowledge. Not knowing the "right" answer was — and often still is — a big blow to the ego. But today we already have instant access to all the knowledge we want, thanks to "companions" like Google and Siri. The "new smart" means knowing what you don't know and knowing how to learn it, being able to ask the right questions, and being able to examine the answers critically.

"As the legendary hedge fund investor Ray Dalio said, 'We are all dumb shits,'" comments Mr. Hess. "We are all suboptimal thinkers. Only those of us who can graciously and humbly admit that we don't know it all will succeed in this new world. So change how you keep score. Engage in collaboration, seek out feedback, and ask for help daily. That will push you toward developing the humility and empathy you'll need to 'win' in the new game."

4. Learn to put yourself in others' shoes. Research says one way to become less self-absorbed and more open to the experiences of others is to actively work on being more empathetic and compassionate. Thinking of how others helped you and saying "thank you" on a daily basis is a positive way to begin the process. Reflecting on the people who add joy to your life helps too.

"Suspending judgment so that I can put myself in another person's shoes has always been a particular challenge for me," Mr. Hess admits. "My mind always wants to jump to a conclusion instead of really considering what the other person is experiencing, thinking, or feeling. Active listening has been an important tool in helping me learn to set my ego aside. When I remind myself to focus all of my attention on what someone else is saying instead of on formulating my own response, I find that my understanding of the situation grows — and often, so does the amount

of empathy I feel.

"Remember, you don't have to fully agree with someone's opinion or actions to still treat them with compassion," he adds. "Disagreeing with humility still leaves the lines of communication open and allows teamwork to happen in the future."

5. Quiet your mind to stay in the moment. Mr. Hess points to attention-focused meditation as a time-honored method of calming one's inner self-intensity. Fully engaging with your current experience (as opposed to ruminating on the past or worrying about the future) enables you to maintain a balanced, healthy perspective. Staying in and responding to the present moment is also a powerful safeguard against ego-driven misunderstandings and misinterpretations.

"Personally, I have found that meditation makes me more aware of my physical reactions — breathing and heart rate," he shares. "I now know that when my internal motor gets running really fast I tend to revert to a 'me' syndrome, and that I need to deliberately slow myself down so that I can exhibit more calmness and openness to others. I have come to understand that as a teammate and as a leader I don't have to be right all the time or the center of attention all the time — but I do have to work with others to arrive at the best answer."

6. Stop letting fear drive your decisions. We often play it safe because we don't want to look dumb, be wrong, or fail spectacularly in front of our friends and colleagues. In other words, we're afraid of making mistakes and bruising our egos. Mr. Hess says being OK with being wrong is a necessary and important part of developing humility.

"Fear of failure, fear of looking bad, fear of embarrassment, fear of a loss of status, fear of not being liked, and fear of losing one's job all inhibit the kind of learning, innovation, and collaboration that's essential for your long-term job security," Mr. Hess asserts. "To proceed more fearlessly into the future, you need to understand that learning is not an efficient 99 percent defect-free process — so mistakes have to be valued as learning opportunities.

"The faster and better you are at turning mistakes into learning opportunities, the less likely it is that you will be replaced by some machine," he adds. "Having an ego that's not afraid to acknowledge mistakes, confront weaknesses, and test assumptions is a reliable strategy for long-term success."

7. Grade yourself daily. There's a reason why to-do lists are so popular: They work! Create a checklist of reminders about the need to be humble, open-minded,

empathetic, a good listener, or any other ego-mitigating quality you wish to work on. Make the list as detailed as possible. Review it before every meeting and grade yourself at the end of each meeting. For example, if you want to work on being a better listener, your list might include the following tasks:

- Do not interrupt others.
- Really focus on understanding the other person.
- Suspend judgment.
- Do not think about your response while the other person is still talking.
- Do not automatically advocate your views in your first response.
- Ask questions to make sure you understand the other person.
- Ask if you can paraphrase what the other person said to make sure you heard them correctly.
- Really try to understand the reasons the other person believes what they believe.

"If you reflect and work on managing yourself every day, you will notice a difference in your humility-to-ego ratio," Mr. Hess promises. "To start, I advise picking two behaviors you want to change. Seek the help of trusted others in creating your checklist and ask for their help in holding you accountable. Give them permission to call you out when they see you acting in opposition to your desired new behaviors."

The journey to becoming a more humble person will not be short. It will take persistent hard work. But Mr. Hess firmly believes that you will find the journey to be liberating and fruitful.

"With humility comes more meaningful relationships, better opportunities, and of course, an increased chance of staying relevant and competitive in the Smart Machine Age," he says. "In that age, individualism and internal competition will be out, and teamwork will be in. Self-promotion will be out, and self-reflection will be in. Knowing it all will be out, and being good at not knowing will be in.

"In short, humility will be needed to maximize one's effectiveness at thinking, listening, relating, and collaborating," concludes Mr. Hess. "You will need others to help you outthink a smart machine! Work on yourself starting now, so they'll want to engage with you tomorrow." ■

— *Edward D. Hess is a professor of business administration and Batten Executive-in-Residence at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business and the author of 11 books, including "Learn or Die: Using Science to Build a Leading-Edge Learning Organization" by Columbia Business School Publishing.*

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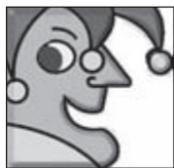


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Shopping for Retailers

One good way to approach investing in individual stocks is to focus on familiar industries that interest us — such as retailing. Personal observations can help you invest successfully in retailers.

Spend time in stores, where retailers control the presentation of their brand, customer service and the shopping experience. Assess inventory levels in displays. Are stocks being depleted quickly? Check for markdowns. If most of the store is on sale, there may be inventory-control problems that will shrink profit margins. See how satisfied shoppers are — you might even ask them.

At malls, see what people are wearing and where they're shopping. Note which stores' bags show up most often in shoppers' hands, and pay attention to groups of interest, such as teens or older women.

After determining which companies seem most promising, look up their financial reports online to see how healthy they really are. Perhaps also call each company and request an "investor packet" of information.

Examine sales growth via the income statement. Focus on "same-store" sales

growth, which reflects sales at established stores — typically those that have been open at least a year. Growing chains will be adding more locations, but if a company is also able to increase sales at older stores without increasing the store size or labor force, it'll make more money.

Check out profit margins. Strong gross margins imply that the company is selling products at close to full price and that consumers are willing to pay extra for the company's brand. High margins also suggest effective inventory management. Relatively high net profit margins mean a sizable chunk of each sales dollar is kept as profit.

On the balance sheet, check inventory. High levels are risky and could lead to markdowns. After all, many goods are perishable, either literally (spoiled food) or figuratively (out-of-fashion clothing). If inventory levels are growing faster than sales, that's a red flag.

There are many more measures to examine when evaluating retailers. Learn more at investopedia.com/features/industryhandbook/retail.asp and nrf.com. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Pints of Beer

My dumbest investment was lending \$50 to my brother on a Friday night with the agreement that the interest payment would be a pint of beer. I expected him to pay it back, which he didn't, and I loaned him money more than once!

There is a saying: "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me." Well, fool me three times, and I am just a bloody fool. He was studying and I was doing well, so it seemed a good idea. Family!

— G., online

The Fool Responds: This might not seem like an investment story, but it holds plenty of investing lessons. For starters, it's not necessarily a bad idea to support family members who are in school or preparing for careers. You're investing in their future, which can pay off well for them and perhaps might serve you well, too. On the other hand, this lesson is also a good reminder that we often make the same investing mistakes over and over, without learning from them.

For example, if you keep losing money on penny stocks, perhaps read more about them and learn why they're extremely risky and a losing proposition. If you keep selling good stocks too soon, consider developing more patience. If you keep buying bad stocks via hot tips from colleagues, stop expecting the next one to do well. Remember that simple index funds can deliver solid growth. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I was born as a food store in Winter Haven, Florida, in 1930. Today I'm the largest employee-owned grocery chain in the United States, with more than 175,000 workers. One of the 10 largest-volume supermarket companies in America, my retail sales topped \$30 billion in 2014. I sport about 1,100 stores in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina, and have been named one of the best employers many times. I introduced deli counters in the 1960s and my first pharmacy in the 1980s. Later came Sabor stores and my Green-Wise Market natural food stores. Who am I? (Answer: Publix) ■



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Ask the Fool

Who's Buying?

Q I know that when the stock market falls, it's due to lots of selling. But who's buying?

— N.T., Hinton, Iowa

A There's generally a buyer for every seller. Think of the stock market as an auction, where shares trade at prices that buyers are willing to pay and sellers are willing to take.

Thus, if it's revealed that Spray-on-Socks Co. (ticker: PFFFT) sales plunged in the last quarter, many buyers will immediately decide that its shares are worth a lot less and sellers will only be able to unload at lower prices. You might want to sell your shares, but at their new low price, someone will think they're now a bargain.

Q What's the best all-around stock?

— D.E., Venice, Florida

A That's an impossible question to answer, and you wouldn't want to focus on just one stock, anyway, lest it surprise you and tumble. (After all, who would have thought, long ago, that General Motors, US Airways or Washington Mutual would ever enter bankruptcy?)

There are, however, many great stocks tied to great companies. Many blue-chip companies, for example, are good all-around investments, offering expected growth over time, often with rising dividend payments, too. Think, for example, of General Electric, Disney, Wells Fargo, Chevron or Visa. Sporting competitive advantages such as economies of scale and/or brand value, their businesses and stock prices will likely grow over the years to come. (The Motley Fool has recommended Chevron, Visa, Walt Disney and Wells Fargo, and owns shares of Visa, Walt Disney and Wells Fargo.)

It's best to find a bunch of great stocks and spread your assets across them. Or just keep most or all of your money in a broad-market index fund. ■

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Name That Company

Founded in 1949 as a medical equipment repair shop, I'm now the world's largest medical technology company, in part thanks to my acquisition of medical technology giant Covidien for about \$50 billion earlier this year. My first major therapy was a wearable, battery-powered cardiac pacemaker, followed by implantable mechanical devices, drug and biologic delivery devices, and powered and advanced energy surgical instruments. My current technologies treat nearly 40



medical conditions, with stents, catheters, artificial heart valves, defibrillators, insulin pumps, spinal cord stimulators and much more. I hold more than 53,000 patents and employ more than 85,000 people. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

Old but Not Old-Fashioned

General Electric (NYSE: GE) got whacked by the credit crisis a few years ago, but has been getting back in shape. Tracing its roots all the way back to Thomas Edison in 1876, it's now a conglomerate with many businesses in the aviation, health care and energy industries, among others.

In energy, for example, GE has many operations, such as grid modernization, ultra-efficient gas turbines, massive wind turbines and even nuclear power plants.

In recent years, GE has been changing, becoming more of an industrial infrastructure company as it sheds various finance and appliance businesses. In its last quarter, industrial profits rose 5 percent over year-ago levels. A 15 percent

drop in oil and gas revenue due in part to the slump in oil prices was countered by a strong 8 percent gain in power and water revenue (including the sale of turbines).

GE has invested some \$15 billion in cleaner technology research and development, aiming for \$25 billion by 2020. Its annual free cash flow is well below decade-ago levels, but is still rather hefty, topping \$15 billion.

General Electric is a solid dividend-paying stock, too, recently yielding 3.6 percent. The company's order backlog has grown to a record \$272 billion — enough to keep it busy for quite a while. Its diversified operations protect it from being too dependent on any one business. ■

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.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its Past Leaders Breakfast from 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at The Club at Olde Cypress. RSVP by Aug. 19 by calling 436-6100 or emailing nancy@cbia.net.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber

of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, at Old Marco Restaurant & Pub, 1105 Bald Eagle Drive. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida Small Business Resource Network** hosts networking and a discussion event about leveraging the Cloud in your business from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Connors Steak & Seafood in Gulf-coast Town Center. Guest speaker Marc Farron is a certified business analyst with the Small Business Development Center and owner of a consulting firm that specializes in application performance monitoring. Cost is \$20 for members, \$30 for others. Reservations are required by Aug. 19 at fsbdcswfl.org/sbrn-lunch-series.

■ **Young Professionals of Naples**

and **The Contemporaries of the United Arts Council of Collier County** will mix and mingle from 3-6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, at Seventh Avenue Social, 849 Seventh Ave. S. Sign up in July for \$35, in August for \$40 or at the door for \$45. For more information, call Corey Walker at (850) 454-8951 or email vp@ypnaples.com.

■ The 15th Anniversary Celebration of the **Gulf Coast Chapter of PRSA** is at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25 at Edgewater Beach Hotel in Naples. The guest speaker is Sandra Rios, director of marketing and communications for The Resort at Longboat Key Club. Cost is \$27 for PRSA members, \$35 for non-members, \$27 for nonprofits and \$20 for students. Reservations must be made by Friday, Aug. 21. For more information or to register, visit gulfcoastprsa.org or contact chapter

President Deb Jonsson, APR 649-3689.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next general membership meeting from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at The Club at Olde Cypress. Guest speaker will be Rusty Payton, executive officer of the Florida Home Builders Association. To sign up, call 436-6100 or email nancy@cbia.net.

■ "Destination Paradise: Limitless Opportunities," a business-to-business trade show sponsored by the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce**, is from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Sponsorship opportunities are available, as are exhibit booths. Call Judi Menard at 298-7928 or email judi@napleschamber.org. ■

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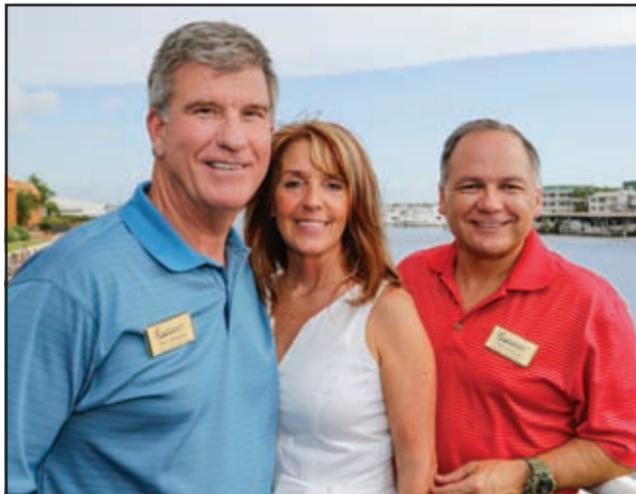
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Domain Realty opens offices in Naples, Bonita

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After more than 15 years serving South-west Florida homebuyers and sellers, broker Jerry Bodart has established Domain Realty, LLC, with offices in Walden Center in Bonita Springs and Strand Executive Park in North Naples.



BODART

Mr. Bodart relocated to Naples from Hawaii in 2001 and played a leading role in growing Naples Realty and Downing-Frye Realty.

Almost 100 agents have joined the new company. Mr. Bodart says they will benefit from his help in contract preparations and mentoring as well as from Domain Realty's professional alliances in mortgage and title services. Support tools include a comprehensive network of property search websites and services provided by the Estero-based real estate technology firm of REfindly.

For more information, call 301-4301 or visit domainrealty.com. ■



House Hunting:

5800 Waxmyrtle Way, Tall Pines

This custom-built estate home in Tall Pines was completed in 2007. With more than 5,000 square feet, it has a great room floor plan with plenty of room for everyone to spread out.

The gourmet kitchen overlooks the pool, and the downstairs master retreat is tucked away for privacy. Also downstairs is the fifth bedroom, currently being used as a music studio, complete with soundproofing materials in the walls and custom cabinets for extra storage.

Upstairs is an en-suite guest room, two generously sized bedrooms with a Jack-and-Jill bathroom, an office with built-ins and a multi-functional loft area complete with homework stations and extra storage area.

Karyn and Rowan Samuel of John R. Wood Properties have the listing for \$1,250,000. For more information or to arrange a private showing, call 537-3732, email ksamuel@johnrwood.com or visit realestateinnaplesflorida.net. ■



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The Tamarind Grande

Tamarind Grande model by Minto now open

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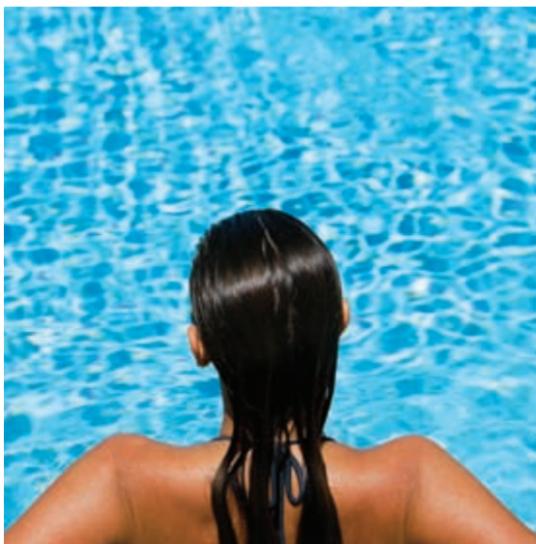
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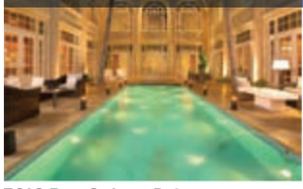


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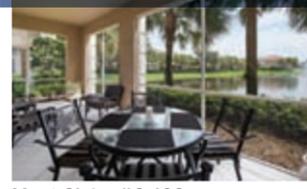
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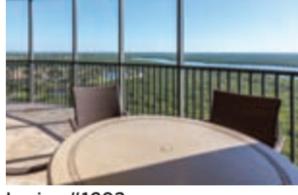
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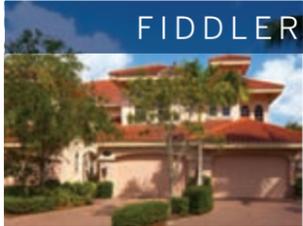
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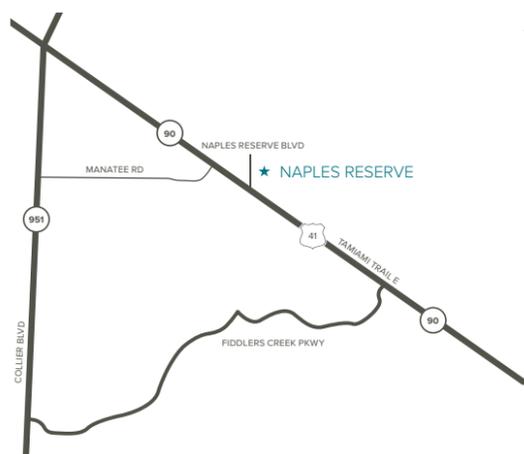


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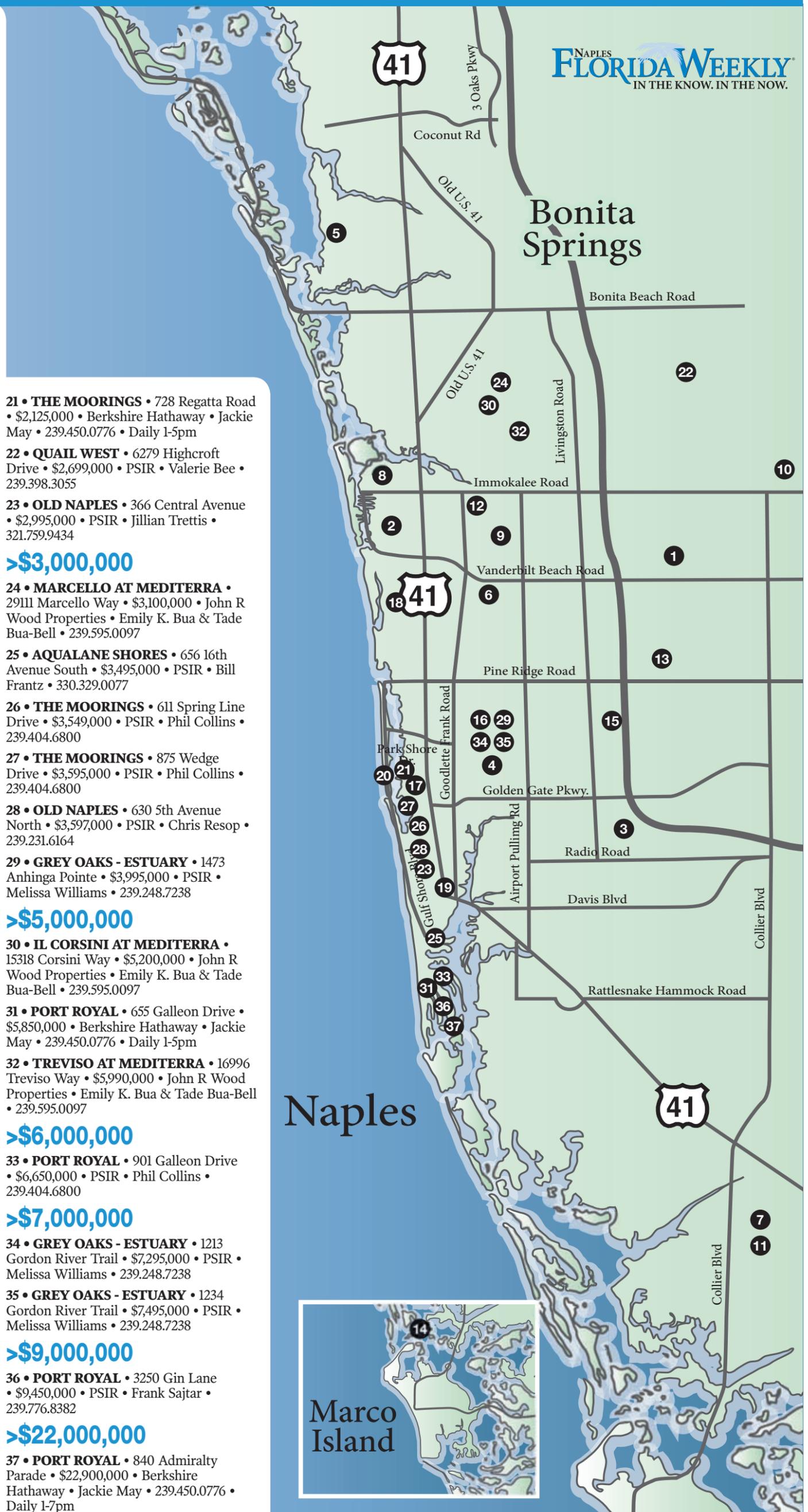
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Swapping faces with the famous,
with Sleeveface and Bookface

BY NANCY STETSON
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FOR YEARS, WE'VE BEEN URGED TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX. Two DJs in Wales decided to think outside the square, eventually starting an Internet trend of Sleevefacing. It began approximately eight years ago when the two were DJing in a nightclub in Cardiff, Wales, and Carl Morris grabbed the 1980 "McCartney II" album cover (Paul McCartney's second solo album), and held it up in front of his face, so the Beatle's face replaced his own. Fellow DJ, John Rostron, took a photo, and then the two began photographing each other with famous album cover portraits in place of their own faces. They took half a dozen photos, using albums such as Ted Nugent's "Cat Scratch Fever," "Cymande" by Cymande,

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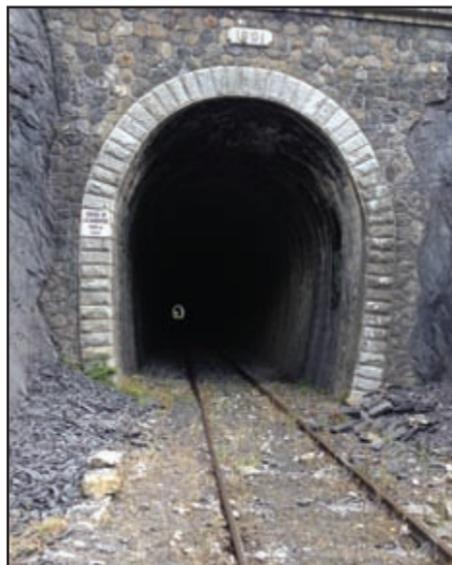


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Florida Weekly Writing Challenge seeks your glorious works of fiction once again

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— Francois René de Chateaubriand

We tend to agree with Monsieur de Chateaubriand. And as is our custom this time of year, we aim to inspire some glorious writing with our annual Writing Challenge. Two winners will receive a ticket each to the Sanibel Island Writer's Conference Nov. 5-8.

Using this photo as a starting point for your creative process, we'd like you to come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. *Florida Weekly* will accept your original sto-

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Thanks for writing, and good luck. ■

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

How a man reveals his character



In my writing classes, I spend a lot of time talking about the difference between showing and telling.

Telling, which I caution my writers against, is when an author describes a character, usually with heavy use of the word “was.” For example, “He was a nice guy” or “She was generous.”

Showing, on the other hand, is when we use action and dialogue to flesh out a character. “He escorted the elderly woman across the street” or “She put \$20 in the donation jar.”

Online dating, I’ve found, could use a similar lesson.

The profiles I read are full of telling. Men tell me they are nice and giving. They say they are reliable, dependable, the kind of man a woman can lean on. The truth, though, always comes out in the showing. Just like in a story, it’s a man’s action and dialogue that reveal the reality of his character.

I had a dramatic experience last weekend. As I was driving home from a trip to Orlando, my little Fiat — six months old, 20,000 miles — died in a gas station outside Kissimmee. It tanked right in the middle of a 7-Eleven parking lot. People honked and shook their fists as they maneuvered around

me. Two kind strangers pushed the car to an out-of-the-way spot, and I called for a tow truck.

“It’ll be about two hours, ma’am,” the dispatcher told me.

I bought a bottle of water and a sandwich from the convenience store, parked myself on the curb next to my car and settled in for the wait.

Over the next two hours, the men I’d been chatting with from eHarmony all checked in. When they asked what I was up to, I told them about my car. To my surprise, their responses revealed their characters in ways I could not have imagined.

The doctor from out of state started with an LOL. He told me that Fiats are

notorious pieces of crap. Didn’t I know that when I bought mine? To his credit, he asked if there were anything he could do, and he checked in several times over the course of my wait.

“You really need a man around,” he told me.

The next guy, based in Fort Myers, was more succinct.

“Good luck,” he said, “and take care.” This from a man who ranked “helping others” as one of his best personality traits.

The last man, my favorite by far, was someone who I’d been on one date with. A very good date. In person, he seemed genuine, masculine in a traditional way but still romantic, and generous with his affection. I’d liked his profile, liked talking to him on the phone and liked him in person. When I told him about the Fiat situation he said, “Are you in a safe place? Are you all right?”

I assured him I was.

His next statement: “I’ll come get you”

“Come get me?” I said. “But I’m far away. And what about your plans for the day?”

“This is more important.”

“Really?” I said. “You would do that?”

“Absolutely.”

There was his character, plain as day.

What can I tell you? I liked what he showed me. ■

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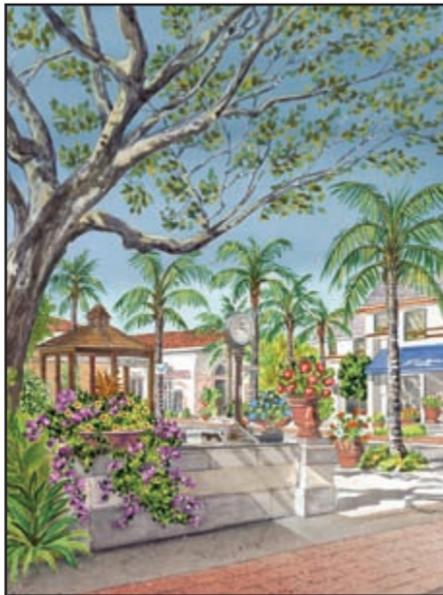
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Naples museum features artist's view of area scenery

The beauty of Naples and the nearby Everglades are seen through the eyes and skills of local artist Kevin O'Brien at the Naples Depot Museum.

"Through My Eyes" is on display through Oct. 24 with a free wine and cheese reception sponsored by the Friends of the Collier County Museums from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17.

Mr. O'Brien is a third-generation artist who drew inspiration from his mother and grandmother. Raised in Rocky Neck, Cape Ann, Mass. — the oldest still-working art colony in the U.S. — Mr. O'Brien had the opportunity at an early age to appreciate and develop his skills from great artists. Having spent the last 40-plus years in Southwest Florida, Mr. O'Brien has had a successful culinary career, displaying his artistic abilities with award-winning tallow sculptures, ice carvings and food presentations at some of the finest hotels and country clubs in the area.



"Concierge on 3rd"

Mr. O'Brien's art displays an innate creativity that blends the light and colors of Southwest Florida into his preferred artistic mediums of acrylics, oils, gauche and watercolors. "Through My Eyes" uses the natural beauty of our local landscapes to capture the spirit of living in this tropical paradise. The pieces have been completed both in plein air and at his studio, slowly capturing the essence of time and color within each composition.

"To be surrounded by all of this beauty, I am inspired," Mr. O'Brien says. "I only hope that my art com-

municates the same sense of peace to the viewer that I experience during its creation."

Set in Naples' first passenger train station, the restored Naples Depot Museum takes visitors back to Florida's railroading heyday of the Roaring '20s and shows how technology and transportation helped Naples grow from a village of 300 to today's glittering Gulf Coast resort.

For more information about the exhibit by Mr. O'Brien or the Naples Depot Museum, call 262-6525 or visit colliermuseums.com/exhibits. ■

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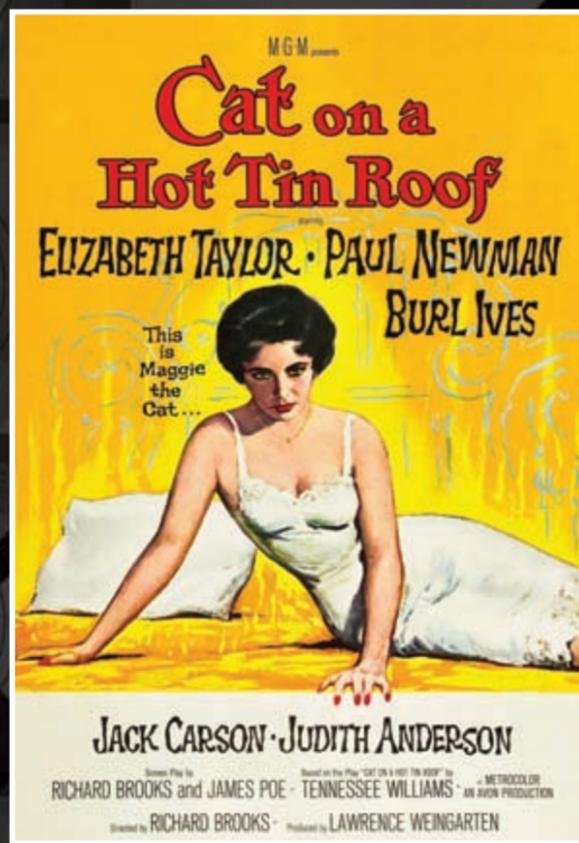


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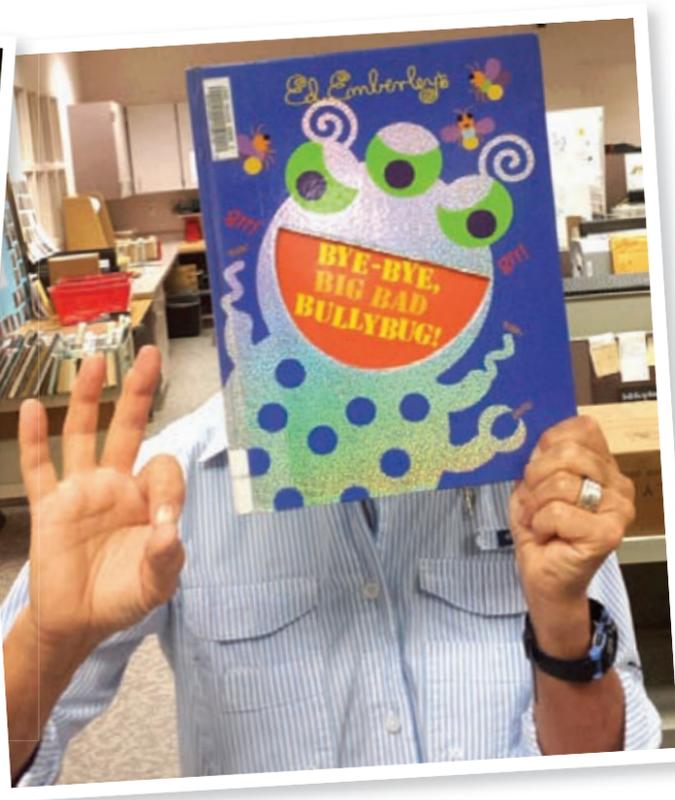
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Elaine Weissborn bookfacing photos from the Cape Coral library. COURTESY PHOTOS

FACE IT

From page 1

"Athens Ohio" by Solex and a number of David Bowie releases.

They call it Sleeveface, and define it as "one or more persons obscuring or augmenting any part of their body or bodies with record sleeve(s) causing an illusion."

Or, if you want to look at it another way, it's the real-life continuation of an album cover.

At its simplest, hold a record album cover in front of you and make it look as though the artist's head is resting on top of your own shoulders.

The trick, though, is in not only getting the clothing and the background to match, but getting the right angle and perspective. You want it all to meld together, to look as seamless and natural as possible. Plus, no Photoshop or digital manipulation is allowed.

It's an intriguing mix, the use of an old medium (album covers for vinyl records) disseminated via a modern one (the Internet).

The activity contains various levels of difficulty, with people shooting sleeveface photos with multiple people on the cover, or body parts, such as hands, feet, butts, crotches. (Posing with the Rolling Stones's iconic "Sticky Fingers" album cover seems to be very popular with men posing with the front cover or the back — which shows the rear view.)

Mr. Morris and Mr. Ronstron put their images up on a website, sleeveface.com, and viewers worldwide started sending in their own images. Seven years later, the website is still going strong.

In 2008, the two released a book, "Sleeveface: Be the Vinyl" (\$13.95, Artisan Publishing), with more than 200 photos.

Elvis, Tom Jones, David Bowie, Bruce Springsteen, Elton John, Bob Dylan and Tracy Chapman seem to be heavily favored artists, but the covers run the gamut from Liberace to Jay-Z, and KISS to Ernie from "Sesame Street." There's a sleeveface incorporating a Steve and Eydie Gorme album cover, as well as one with Edith Piaf.

And it's not just faces. Enthusiasts have shot using The Black Crowes's "America," showing a red-white-and-blue male thong, Monty Python's Flying Circus showing a foot in a TV set and the soundtrack for "The Graduate," showing Mrs. Robinson's seductive leg in the foreground.

Some have raised the bar, including props in their photos. For example, a photo incorporating a Barry Manilow album cover has placed a black phone receiver to his face, so it looks as if he's speaking on a telephone. In a photo of



a Madvillain album, the person holds an orange mug and a cookie in front, as though he's eating.

Sometimes the environment is changed. DJ Shadow's famous "Entroducing" album cover now shows two men shopping for vegetables, rather than rifling through album covers.

The sleeveface.com site also includes a music video of "Breakapart" by A Collective. The video shows the group singing as a series of various album covers. The well-known covers they use include those from Elton John, Freddie Mercury, Beck, Sia, Bob Dylan, Nirvana, Laurie Anderson, KISS, Elvis, Patti Smith, Iggy Pop, Rage Against the Machine and AC/DC, just to name a few. (This incredibly clever music video can also be viewed on YouTube.)

While Sleeveface has been going on before Mr. Morris and Mr. Rostron's website, they have certainly popularized the activity, and given it a catchy name.

By the book

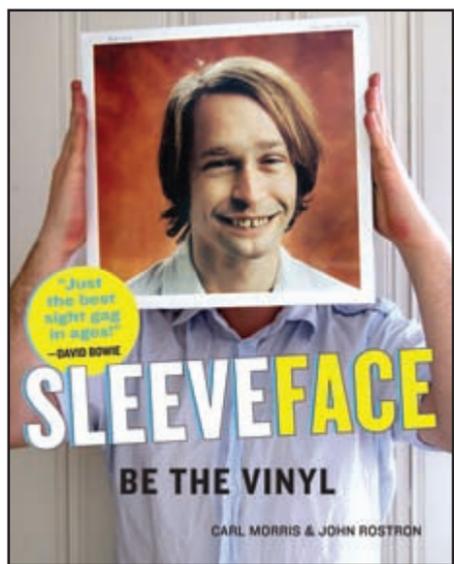
Inspired by Sleeveface, librarians around the country created Bookface. It's a similar activity, except books are used instead of record covers.

But it's a little trickier, as book covers are generally smaller than the 12-inch-by-12-inch album covers.

"I saw other libraries doing it," says Terri Crawford, deputy director of the Lee County Library System. "I thought it was very intriguing. It's very imaginative, very creative."

It's been written about a lot in the library journals, she says, and *The New York Times* wrote a story about it May 3, "Oh Those Clever Librarians and Their #Bookface."

According to the article by Rachel Kramer Bussel, Morgan Holzer, an information architect at the New York Public Library, started using the #BookfaceFriday hashtag in August 2014. Some 3,400 images have been shared on Instagram in the last eight months, the article reports.



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The Lee County Library System has just recently joined the fun. (The Collier County Library System is not involved in Bookface, a spokeswoman said.)

The Cape Coral library "Has really latched on to it," says Ms. Crawford.

The photos are posted on their Facebook page: lclslibteam, for Lee County Library System Library Team, says Elaine Weissborn, head of reference at the Cape Coral Library, who posts the photos onto the website.

They started doing Bookface in June, and so far have 40 posted photos, she says. She recalls that an early one used the cover of a John Cleese biography, and another the cover of "Second Glance," a Jodi Picoult novel. Out of their staff of 25, approximately 13 or 14 people participate, with a core group of six.

Even members of the Cape Coral Police Department, who do security duty at the library, have contributed too.

"First of all, it breaks up the monotony of sorting the books, because you're looking at the materials that are coming in, to see if they're good for doing this," she says. "I think of it as a collage. You're using the front of the book and juxtaposing it up on a real person or pet. It's fun to do. It's a creative endeavor."

It can be tricky choosing the right book cover, she says.

"Some covers you think will work well, don't." The kids' books, she says, "are almost more fun than the adult books (because you often) get a cartoon character, not a realistic rendering or a photograph."

She would love to figure out a way to get patrons involved in Bookface. (Right now, patrons cannot post on the library's site; not even all staff is allowed to post on the site.)

Ms. Weissborn's excited about more libraries in the system and in the region getting involved with Bookface.

Quite simply, "It's fun," she says. ■

BOOK REVIEW

A tale told about idiots, full of sound and fury, signifying plenty



■ **“Arms and the Dudes: How Three Stoners from Miami Beach Became the Most Unlikely Gunrunners in History” by Guy Lawson. Simon & Schuster. 288 pages. Hardcover, \$27.95.**

Yes, out of Miami Beach three barely-employable young men in their early 20s found a way to satisfy U.S. government emergency requirements for masses of military weapons to support the war in Afghanistan.



LAWSON

Guy Lawson has done a miraculous job of digging up all the details, profiling the personalities and finding both the horror and absurd comedy of their strange adventure. I’m already waiting for the movie and trying to cast my own version. The Warner Brothers version will star Jonah Hill and Miles Teller. Director? Todd Phillips of “The Hangover” films.

How do you win a \$300 million Department of Defense contract for

arms and ammunition? Well, you’d better make a darn low bid, especially since no one in the procurement chain has ever heard of you. With the bravado of ignorance and the lift of marijuana, Efraim Diveroli was able to learn, in a frenetic race, just how to fill out the proposal, how to find the goods and how to get them delivered. Each step was a nightmare of complications, wrong turns and unbelievable recoveries.

And Albania was munitions central. This corruption-riddled nation, awaiting NATO membership, was the place where the desired goods, primarily decades-old Communist bloc surplus ammunition for the AK-47 rifle — ubiquitous throughout former Soviet client states — could be found. So could the layers of middlemen. The wheeling and dealing between the dudes and the private and governmental agents in Albania provide many of the high points of this suspenseful and blazingly colorful narration.

However, Mr. Diveroli and his two cohorts at AEY (the company Mr. Diveroli headed) had to somehow get around the problem that during these years there was a ban on the purchase of Chinese-made arms. Repackaging the munitions and removing traces of Chinese manufacture — plus the fact that the American military was winking at the ban anyway — made it possible for AEY to meet — or almost meet — its astounding contract.

Repackaging was also a means of

lowering the weight to be flown to Kabul and thus lower AEY’s costs as is intermediaries, both legitimate and not, kept finding ways of taking larger slices of the potential profits.

For the sake of propping up the client armies of Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States military establishment ran a covert gunrunning operation that made deals with a wide range of illegal and ill-prepared private dealers. It is only slightly ironic that bills encouraging small business bidding on government contracts opened the door for schemers like the totally inexperienced Mr. Diveroli to get a foot in.

On several occasions, the author quotes from the procurement statute that made all this otherwise illegal government-sponsored action possible: “Notwithstanding any other provision of law ...” And what follows are doubtful but neatly protected procurement instructions that are essentially absent of safeguards.

“Arms and the Dudes” is a glorious piece of investigative journalism. Not

only is the Mr. Diveroli/AEY story a hypnotic microscopic adventure of outrageouschutzpah and outrageous governmental malfeasance, it is also

a window on the larger — immense — world of international gunrunning.

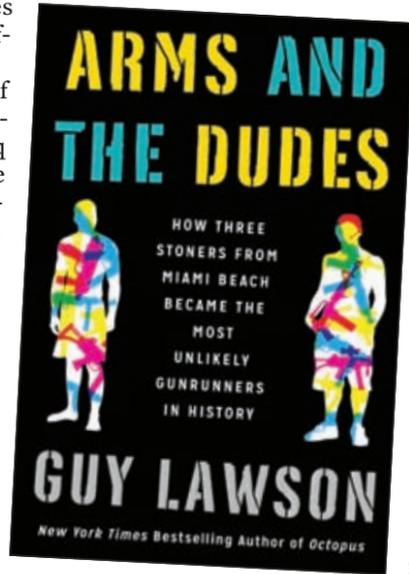
If it were not for the fact that the stakes were — and are — so high, we would be thanking Mr. Lawson for a fine piece of comic exposition. Over and over, one is provoked to laugh at the blatant nonsense described in these pages. But then looms the sobering reality: This is no joke.

No one’s clever “what if,” this is a well-researched exposé of government and law

gone wild.

Intricately detailed and expertly paced, Mr. Lawson’s cautionary tale should lead to corrective action. Meanwhile, it is delightfully disturbing reading. ■

— 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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Shooting Star – By The Marco Players through Aug. 23. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Shrek the Musical – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 14-16. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Aladdin Jr. – By the Broadway Palm Children's Theatre through Aug. 14 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Footloose – Through Aug. 16 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

THURSDAY 8.13

Creepy Crawlers – Learn all about Florida spiders at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. Reservations recommended. Free after park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Free Movie – Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of "The Croods" at 10 a.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Best of Summer – Head to the Promenade at Bonita Bay at 11 a.m. to enjoy a DJ, activities, vendors, food and giveaways. 949-1573 or promenadeshops.com.

Meditation – Hodges University invites guests to explore sitting and the "monkey mind" at 3:30 p.m. \$25. 2655 Northbrooke Drive. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

Funny Guy – Comedian Jay Phillips, who had roles in movies like "Semi-Pro," "Baby Mama" and "Prom Night," performs at Off the Hook Comedy Club tonight through Sunday, Aug. 16. Visit website for performance times. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedy.com.

FRIDAY 8.14

Kids Free Friday – Kids ages 12 and younger enjoy free admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center all day. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

The Power Within – Join the meditation session and chill out at 10 a.m. at Goddess I Am. \$10. 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

Psychic Fair – Goddess I am hosts mini-readings at 5 p.m. Readings priced separately. Please bring cash. 600 Goodlette Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

Victory Celebration – Sea Salt celebrates the end of World War II at 5:30 p.m. with a Rosie the Riveter look-alike contest and a prize for the couple who best reenacts the Time Square Kiss. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Proceeds benefit the Peter Thomas History Fund. \$10. 431-5224 or seasaltnaples.com.

SATURDAY 8.15

Peace and Paddleboarding – Strive for perfect balance in a class that combines yoga and stand up paddleboarding from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on the beach at Second Avenue North. \$35 includes board rental; \$15 if you bring your own board. Text 595-3199 to obtain confirmation beforehand.

C'Mon! – Golisano Children's Museum of Naples welcomes the Fort Myers Miracle during Baseball Basics Day at C'Mon starting at 10:30 a.m. \$10. 15080 Livingston Road. 514-0084 or cmon.org.



"It's Hot, It's Cold, It's COLOR," the current exhibition at Center for the Arts Bonita Springs, is a celebration of hue, vibrancy, saturation and intensity and features in works such as Ara Lou Panutos' "Early Grey with Cream." On display through Thursday, Aug. 27. artcenterbonita.org

Wonder Garden – Kids can learn about the world of water from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday, Aug. 16, at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.com.

Victory Celebration – The Museum of Military Memorabilia commemorates the country's victory over Japan at 9 a.m. at the Naples Municipal Airport with expanded displays, vintage military vehicles and a bell-ringing ceremony at 11 a.m. 500 Terminal Drive. (941) 575-0401 or flynaples.com.

Give Them an Inch – Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops hosts a special reading of the children's book "When You Give a Mouse a Cookie" at 11 a.m. to celebrate the book's 30th anniversary. Kids' activities to follow. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

All That Jazz – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Donations appreciated. 213-3058 or jazzydrjim@gmail.com.

Psychic Good Time – Medium Dr. Fahey hosts a dinner at 5 p.m. at Artichoke & Company in Bonita Springs. \$39. 11920 Saradrienne Lane. 263-6979 or faheyevents.com.

Funny Guys – Comedians Dougie Almeida and Tim Hanlon take the stage at 8:30 p.m. at Nanna's Diner. \$18. 555 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

Teen Bounce – Bounce! Trampoline Sports invites teens to "Jump 'n' Glow" starting at 9 p.m. with lasers, black light and a deejay. \$25. 302-3848 or bounce-naples.com.

SUNDAY 8.16

Airborne Celebration – The Museum of Military Memorabilia celebrates National Airborne Day at 10 a.m. at Naples Municipal Airport with posting of the colors by the U.S. Paratroopers Honor Guard from Punta Gorda, the national anthem and an invocation. 500 Terminal Drive. (941) 575-0401 or fly-naples.com.

Sundays at the Pit – Jeff Lyons takes the outdoor stage at Six Bends Harley-Davidson starting at 1 p.m. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

TUESDAY 8.18

Free Film – Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of "Epic" at 10 a.m. today through Thursday. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

STEM Talk – Hodges University hosts a lecture about how new innovations in technology affect the learning environment at 1 p.m. \$25. 2655 Northbrooke Drive. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

The First Steps – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners starting at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablarepuntango.com.

Movie Night – Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and enjoy a screening of "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" (1958) starting at 8:30 p.m. on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

WEDNESDAY 8.19

Beach Yoga – Candice Oligney of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Bring yoga mat, water, a towel and bug spray. \$5 plus regular park entrance fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-1938 or visiting greenmonkey.com.

Paddleboarding Basics – Learn the basics of stand up paddleboarding starting at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. For ages 12 and older. Boards supplied by Naples Beach Adventures. Reservations required. Free with regular park entry fee (see above item). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Local History – Naples Historical Society hosts a walking tour of Old Naples setting out at 9:30 a.m. from Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. \$10 members, \$16 non-members. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Naples Chat – Hodges University hosts a lecture at 1 p.m. about the town's early growth. \$25. 2655 Northbrooke Drive. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

COMING UP

All About Anne – Hodges University hosts a lecture about Anne Frank at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, at Vi at Bentley Village. \$25. 598-6133 or hodges.edu/lifelonglearning.com.



Golisano Children's Museum of Naples welcomes the Fort Myers Miracle during Baseball Basics Day at C'Mon starting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 15. Kids learn all about the science and basics of America's game. cmon.org

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Technique Talk – Hodges University hosts a lecture and demonstration of Steve Pennisi's signature technique of "painting with both sides of the paint" at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. \$25. 2655 Northbrooke Drive. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

Third Thursday – Musician Chris Workman plays the Fleischmann Courtyard at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, on Third Street South. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Reggae Night – Bar Tulia hosts Marco Island reggae-rock band The Sheffield Crew at 9 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20. Free. 466 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2073 or tulianaples.com.

Bridging Gaps – Naples Italian American Foundation kicks off a three-day bridge tournament at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21, at the Hilton Naples. Proceeds benefit Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support. 597-5210 or 571-3692 for reservations.

Pit Stop – Six Bends Harley-Davidson hosts Alter Eagles, a national touring Eagles tribute band, at 6 p.m. Friday, Aug. 21. Hot dogs and beer available for purchase. Free. 9501 Thunder Road, Fort Myers. 275-4647 or sixbends.com.

Back to School – Whole Foods in Mercato hosts a back-to-school bash featuring free activities, a lunch giveaway and a rock wall starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

Bridal Blast – Germain Arena hosts a bridal show from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. \$7 at the door (free admission for brides). 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

Bar Champion – Pelican Larry's hosts its first annual Bartender Olympics starting at 8 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23. 1046 Pine Ridge Road. 649-0800 or pelicanlarrys.com.

Turtle Time – Learn about the Loggerhead's life story and Delnor-Wiggins Sate Park's role in nesting season at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. Reservations recommended. Free after park entry fee. 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

C'Mon! – Golisano Children's Museum of Naples invites the public to Community Night with the Fort Myers Miracle from 7-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at Hammond Stadium in Fort Myers. \$6.50, with a portion of ticket proceeds benefitting the museum. 514-0084 or cmon.org.

Fight Night – WWE and the Superstars of Monday Night Raw come to Germain Arena starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. \$15-\$95. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

Skate for Hope – U.S. Olympians and National Champions converge on Germain Arena to skate for cancer research at 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. \$15-\$70. 948-7825 or germainarena.com.

He Knows – Seminole Immokalee Casino hosts world-renowned psychic Gary Spivey at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 29. \$20. (800) 218-0008 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Love That Dress! – The fifth annual Love That Dress! event to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee takes place the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are at lovethatdress.org.

Funny Face – Naples Regional Library screens "Funny Face" (USA, 1957) at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. An impromptu fashion shoot at a bookstore results in a shop clerk being "discovered." Free. Registration required. 263-7768 or collierlibrary.org.

8.18

■ Shoeless Joe's Sports Café will host a **Beer Summit & Dinner** featuring Punta Gorda-based Fat Point Brewing and a seasonal four-course menu prepared by Chef Hector Garcia.
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8.16

■ The Museum of Military Memorabilia celebrates **National Airborne Day** at 10 a.m. at Naples Municipal Airport. 500 Terminal Drive.
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GIGGLE IT

■ Comedian and "Baby Mama" co-star **Jay Phillips** hits the stage this weekend at Off the Hook Comedy Club in Naples.
— offthehookcomedy.com

■ Goddess I am hosts mini-readings at 5 p.m. at the **Psychic Fair**. 600 Goodlette Road.
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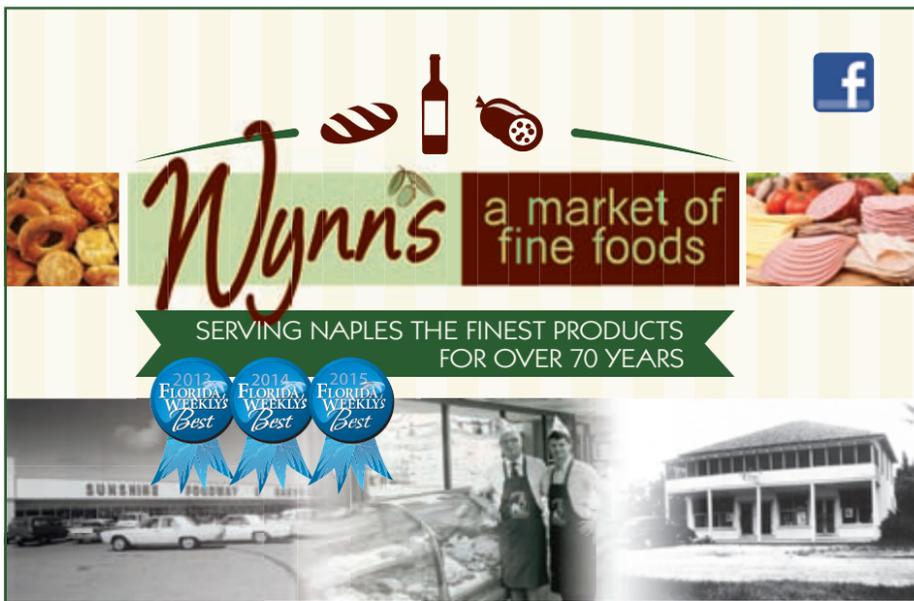
■ Fathoms Restaurant & Bar presents two of the stars from Season 8 of NBC's hit show "The Voice." Contestants **Jacob Rummell** (pictured) and **Bay Brooks** take to the stage outside of Fathoms from 6-10 p.m. 5785 Cape Harbour Dr., Cape Coral.
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#RUMBLE IT

■ WWE and the Superstars of Monday Night Raw come to Germain Arena starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28. \$15-\$95.
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■ Great Bowls of Fire – Centers of the Arts of Bonita Springs invites guests to **create a unique and functional bowl** in a class starting at 5:30 p.m.
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WHAT TO DO



Stop by Naples Zoo and visit Kaa, a reticulated python who snagged her own exhibit space this summer after living at the zoo for the last 10 years. She shares the enclosure with Sammie, a 6-year-old Burmese python. napleszoo.com

Free Concert – Rick Howard and the Speedbumps perform at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, at Mercato. Free. 250-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Labor Day – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a barbecue buffet at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. Guests encouraged to bring a game to enjoy with others. Please submit reservations by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. \$15 members, \$18 non-members. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Take the Cannoli – Naples International Film Festival screens “The Godfather” (1972) at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato. \$30. 775-3456 or silverspotcinema.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Like Water for Chocolate” (Mexico, 1992) at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7. Mama Elena’s youngest daughter, Tita, is forced to take care of her mother and live with her former love after he marries her sister. \$10. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Story Time – Lovers Key State Park hosts an outdoor reading of Eric Carle’s “A House for Hermit Crab” at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. Reservations required, free with park entry fee. 463-4588 or floridastateparks.org.

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Naples Princessa at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. Proceeds benefit United Way of Collier County. Reservations required. \$85. 659-3176 or shulassnaples.com.

Workshop – Shangri-La Springs hosts a workshop on emotional intelligence and owning your power at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 12. Call for pricing. 27750 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “13 Tzameti” (France, 2005) at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14. Sebastian follows instructions not meant for him while a cop is tailing him into a degenerate, clandestine world where men gamble with each other’s lives. \$10. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Military Lecture – Hodges University hosts a lecture about Nathan Bedford Forrest at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at Vi at Bentley Village. 561 Bentley Village Court. \$25. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

Terrorism Lecture – Hodges University hosts a lecture about the strategy behind terrorism at 10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 17 at Vi at Bentley Village. 561 Bentley Village Court. \$25. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

Art Reception – Naples Depot Museum hosts an opening reception for the exhibit “Through My Eyes” by artist Kevin O’Brien from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17. Free. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.com.

Cultural Lecture – Hodges University hosts a lecture about the people and places in South America at 1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 21, at Vi at Bentley Village. 561 Bentley Village Court. \$25. 598-6133 or hodges.edu.

Finders Keepers – Lovers Key State Park celebrates National Public Lands Day with a scavenger hunt through the park at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26. Digital or phone camera required. Free, but registration required. Park entry fee waived for participants. 463-4588 or floridastatepark.org.

Boat Show – The Marine Industries Association of Collier County presents the Naples Boat Show at Naples City Dock on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3-4. 682-0900.

Yard Sale – Lovers Key State Park celebrates America Recycles Day with a community yard sale at 8 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14. Registration for spaces now open. 463-4588 or friendsofroverskey.org. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs with pertinent details, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.

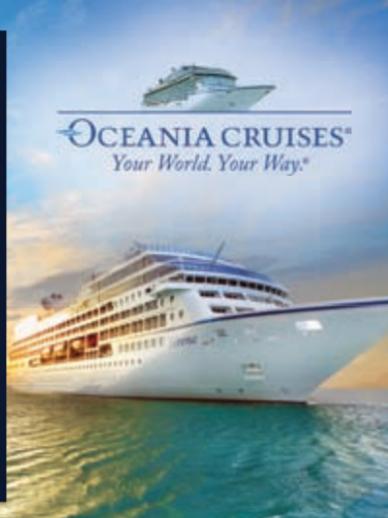
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I'm thinking of quitting my job.

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I visit the bookstore whenever I'm in the area and generally walk out with an armful of books, not to mention additional ones I've asked them to ship back to Florida for me.

The bookstore, which is literally and figuratively right in the heart of downtown, offers books I never see at any of the local Barnes & Noble Bookstores. Maybe they cater to a different clientele. Maybe retired Midwesterners just have different tastes in reading.

But when I step into the Maine Coast Book Shop, I sometimes feel that I'm stepping into an entirely different literary world. It's 6,000 square feet of paradise.

It was voted Best Bookstore 2014 by Downeast Magazine, the same year it celebrated its 50th anniversary. The shop also received the 2008 Independent Spirit Award from the Book Publishers Representatives of New England.

The employees are knowledgeable about books and have a true love for them.

And in the email sent out to its loyal customers, they explained that they were looking for someone who was passionate about books and bookselling. They want to make sure that the new owner(s) will continue to run the bookstore in the spirit in which it's been run.

The new owner will also have 50 percent ownership of the 1875 Lincoln Hall building which also houses the Lincoln Theater upstairs, where you can attend events and see concerts and movies. (I remember seeing "Mad Hot Ballroom" there.)

I have about five years of bookstore experience under my belt — a mixture of working at Barnes & Noble in New York City to help put myself through college, and then a small, defunct independent bookstore during graduate school.

It's not all that uncommon for writ-



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ers to own bookstores.

Larry McMurty, author of "Lonesome Dove" and "The Last Picture Show," among many others, started a bookstore in Georgetown in the late '60s, then opened another one in 1988 in Archer City, Texas. Stretched across four buildings, it housed close to 450,000 titles. A few years ago he auctioned off approximately three-fourths of his inventory, because he was concerned the bookstore would be a liability for his heirs, who, he says, aren't book people.

And when the two bookstores in Nashville closed, best-selling novelist Ann Patchett opened Parnassus Books with Karen Hayes in November 2011. She told *The Washington Post* that one of the good reasons for owning a bookstore is "I can sell any book as if it were a current bestseller. I can put it front and center in the window just because I want to... When someone asks for a book, chances are they're looking for something good, which doesn't necessarily mean it has to be something new."

When she and her business partner first opened the bookstore, "people went out of their way to tell us we were crazy, that bookstores were dead, that reading was over. They don't say that

anymore. There's too much evidence to the contrary."

Another case in point: Jeff Kinney, author of the best-selling "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," just opened a bookstore called An Unlikely Story in Plainville, Mass.

The bookstore is on the ground floor, and his studio is on the third. He'll teach occasional cartooning and screenwriting workshops, and the building will also host local theater, yoga classes and ballroom dancing.

Mr. Kinney told *The New York Times* that he's visited hundreds of independent bookstores. And he talked with fellow author Ms. Patchett, asking her how much she lost in her first year.

She told him she'd made money.

The Times also notes that the American Booksellers Association had almost 2,100 member stores last year, as opposed to approximately 1,650 in 2009.

So bookstores are actually increasing.

Those statistics should bring joy to anyone who loves to read.

Of course, all these writers are best-selling authors with a much bigger income than my journalist's salary. Their pockets are much, much deeper than mine.

And the Maine Book Shop isn't say-

ing how much it'll cost to buy the business, either. According to the *Bangor Daily News*, the bookstore and café haven't been officially listed, and "the price won't be released until a buyer signs a confidentiality agreement."

Nevertheless, my imagination took flight, and I tried to think about what I could bring to the Maine Book Shop that it doesn't already have.

It already has a terrific, knowledgeable staff.

It has a good history of bringing in interesting authors — both local and national — to speak and sign books. (Last year 443 events drew more than 23,000 people — that's more than 10 times the town's population.)

It recently had Douglas Preston there, and novelist/short-story writer Ann Beattie is scheduled this month.

The only thing I could think to add would be starting a small monthly publication in which we'd run book reviews and interviews with various authors.

And, well, I already do that in the job I have now.

Maybe I need to rethink this.

But in the meantime, I can dream of shelves of intriguing, not-yet-read books, and boxes arriving from publishers with paper treasures. ■

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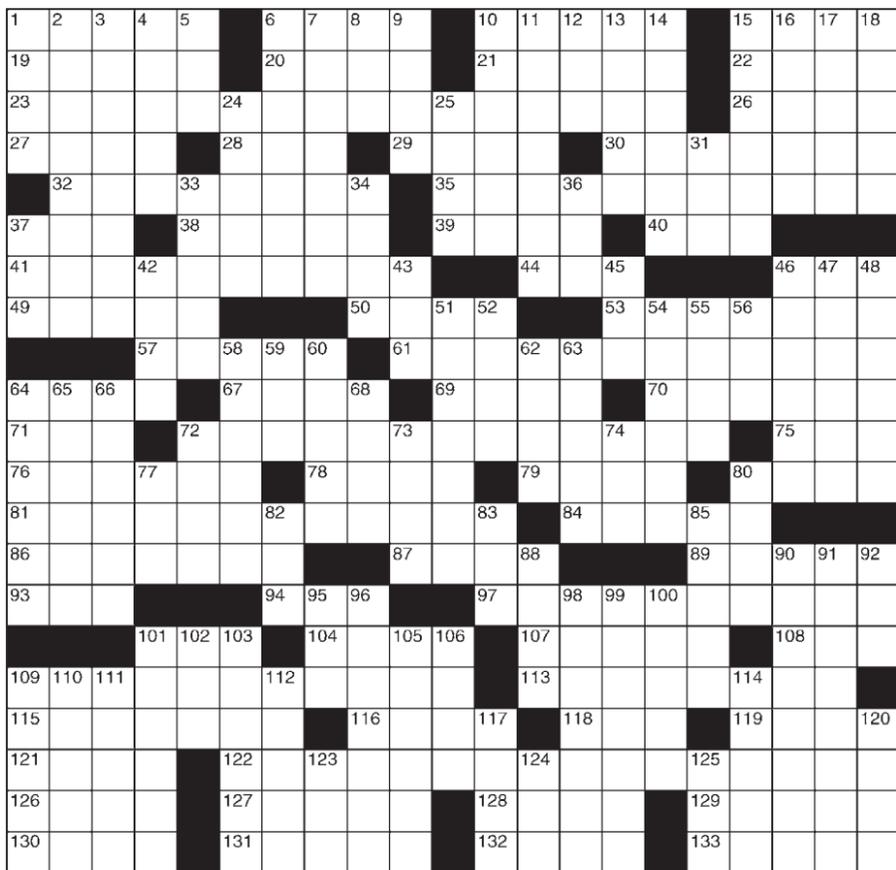
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Get — case!"
 - 6 1980s Chrysler line
 - 10 Walk
 - 15 Stockpile
 - 19 Writer — Boothe Luce
 - 20 Top-grade
 - 21 Say hi, in modern slang
 - 22 Baa maids?
 - 23 Jungle guy who loves high points?
 - 26 Corn-on-the-cob units
 - 27 Farming prefix
 - 28 Italian gold
 - 29 Input info
 - 30 Formal letter
 - 32 System of pontiffs
 - 35 Plea from an allergic person to a pair of gloves?
 - 37 Christmas quaff
 - 38 Piebald pony
 - 39 Auld lang —
 - 40 Fan settling
 - 41 Period of constant change?
 - 44 Wrap-up
 - 46 Derby, e.g.
 - 49 "I'll do it"
 - 50 V preceders
 - 53 Young baby
 - 57 Request that one attend
 - 61 Glassware for a burial urn?
 - 64 — serif
 - 67 Seized vehicle, often
 - 69 Actress Talbot
 - 70 Eye narrowly
 - 71 From — Z
 - 72 Luxury watch moving counter-clockwise?
 - 75 "... — penny earned"
 - 76 Numerous
 - 78 Swamp plant
 - 79 Mermaids' realms
 - 80 Preowned
 - 81 Take sailor Drake for oneself?
 - 84 Edifice tops
 - 86 Altar boy
 - 87 Letter-shaped hardware bit
 - 89 "... — iti" (cry upon arrival)
 - 93 Copy cats
 - 94 Miami loc.
 - 97 Writer Haley holding a grudge?
 - 101 Down dinner
 - 104 See 106-Down
 - 107 Swimmer Janet
 - 108 Family guy for a burial urn?
 - 109 Cuban revolutionary who loves cereal?
 - 113 Twinkling
 - 115 Part of EDT
 - 116 Jethro —
 - 118 Alias letters
 - 119 "... — it Memorex?"
 - 121 Stud money
 - 122 Chem lab reaction all over again?
 - 126 Hershey toffee bar
 - 127 "Milk" co-star
 - 128 Old music halls
 - 129 "It pleases me!"
 - 130 "Baseball Tonight" airer
 - 131 Kinds
 - 132 Hawk's home
 - 133 Ecstasy
- DOWN**
- 1 Bi- x four
 - 2 It may hold Old Glory
 - 3 Admiral who captured New Orleans in 1862
 - 4 Old U.S. postal mascot
 - 5 "Pro" vote
 - 6 Pop's — and the Waves
 - 7 Joint emcees
 - 8 Prop- or hex-ender
 - 9 Part of ROM
 - 10 1982 Pryor/Gleason comedy
 - 11 First hit for the Police
 - 12 Boat wood
 - 13 Meek as —
 - 14 Biblical lion's den survivor
 - 15 Tilting board
 - 16 Be in store
 - 17 Vivacity
 - 18 New Jersey county west of Hudson
 - 24 "I swear it!"
 - 25 Water lily leaves
 - 31 — Poke (candy on a stick)
 - 33 Church projections
 - 34 Anchor
 - 36 Finger count
 - 37 Grid org.
 - 42 Dec. 25
 - 43 Bad-check abbr.
 - 45 Genetic helix
 - 46 Actor Ed
 - 47 Not anxious
 - 48 Classified notice, e.g.
 - 51 Hip (to)
 - 52 Harvard or Yale: Abbr.
 - 54 City in Texas
 - 55 German automaker
 - 56 "Science Guy" of PBS
 - 58 "H.R. Pufnstuf" producer Sid or Marty
 - 59 — Aviv
 - 60 "Fideiio," e.g.
 - 62 Summers, in Sedan
 - 63 Seen less
 - 64 Respectful bow
 - 65 Immediately
 - 66 "Some other time"
 - 68 Plow team
 - 72 Classic theater name
 - 73 Domino's shape: Abbr.
 - 74 — Tomé and Príncipe
 - 77 Salt, in Sedan
 - 80 Plebes' sch.
 - 82 Mediator, for short
 - 83 Dell creation
 - 85 Initial
 - 88 "— yellow ribbon ..."
 - 90 Belgian king who abdicated in 2013
 - 91 Frameworks over oil wells
 - 92 Lead-in for skeleton
 - 95 Tyler of "Jersey Girl"
 - 96 Poet France
 - 98 Handheld plug-and-play diversions
 - 99 Delivers a lecture to
 - 100 Seminal '40s computer
 - 101 Nonresident doctor
 - 102 Survey info
 - 103 Tank topper
 - 105 Main points
 - 106 With 104-Across, 1/24 of a foot
 - 109 — and desist
 - 110 Actor Tom
 - 111 Prevent, in law
 - 112 Opponent Before"
 - 114 "— the Girls I've Loved Before"
 - 117 Writer — Hubbard
 - 120 Patsy Cline's "— Got You"
 - 123 Dunk
 - 124 Lyric verse
 - 125 Leaf vein

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HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Playing cat and mouse with a matter you don't really want to tackle wastes time, energy and, most important, an opportunity. Ask someone with experience to help you get started.

■ **VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A shift in policy might not please you, but before you put up a "no go" wall of resistance, examine the circumstances. You might be quite pleasantly surprised by what you find.

■ **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Yesterday's critiques about your methods might have already evolved into today's praise for your achievements. Good for you. Now go on and continue to build on your credibility.

■ **SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) An occasional temperamental flare-up might occur as you continue to help get things back to normal. Stay with it. You should soon get some idea of where to take things next.

■ **SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) A negative reaction to what you believe was a well-deserved request might mean that you need to reconsider your position and make changes accordingly.

■ **CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) There's always room for someone new at the Sea Goat's table. And the someone new this week could bring a message you've been waiting a long time to hear.

■ **AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A pile-on of personal matters

this week might seem too overwhelming to deal with. But handling them on a one-by-one basis could have you out from under it by the weekend.

■ **PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A friend might need your good advice regarding a matter. Be supportive. But unless you can be absolutely sure you have all the facts, be careful about any suggestions you might be asked to offer.

■ **ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) A relaxed mood early in the week could give way to high-temperature disputes. The Aries Lamb should resist being pulled into heated quarrels that could really singe your wool.

■ **TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Satisfy that practical obligation first, then you can feel free to indulge in your creative endeavors. Also, check for hidden or overlooked areas where repairs might be long overdue.

■ **GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Home is still the Twins' major focus this week. But outside matters begin to take on added importance, especially those involving possible career moves. Stay alert for signs of change.

■ **CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) A travel plan might need to undergo some considerable adjustment because of unexpected changes. Keep an open mind and let the facts guide you on how you want to handle this.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Few things make you happier than bringing people together and helping to forge new friendships.

By Linda Thistle

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BY STEVE BECKER

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You note that if you play the ace and another heart at this point, planning to ruff in dummy and lead the jack of diamonds, you will go down if East started with only Q-x of diamonds. There would then be only one trump left in dummy to take care of your two losing hearts, and you would lose a total of three tricks whatever you did next.

Consequently, you should have second thoughts about playing the ace and another heart, which could lead to a dead end. Instead, you find the exceptionally fine play of leading the queen of spades at trick five.

Once you do this, the defense collapses. If East takes his ace, it gives you the extra entry you need to establish and cash dummy's diamonds. And if East ducks the queen, you're still on firm ground. In that case, you play the ace and another heart, ruff in dummy and return the jack of diamonds.

When East shows out, you discard the six of spades, thus establishing dummy's diamonds while at the same time getting rid of your spade loser. You still have a trump left in dummy with which to reach the established diamonds, so the

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
 ♠ 8 7 4 2
 ♥ Q 7 5
 ♦ K 6 5 3
 ♣ A 4

EAST
 ♠ A J 10 9 3
 ♥ K J 10 6 2
 ♦ Q 8
 ♣ 6

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

The bidding:
 East 1 ♠ South 2 ♣ West 2 ♠ North 5 ♣
 Pass Pass Dble

Opening lead — ace of clubs.

only tricks you lose are a club and a diamond.

All of which goes to show that when the going gets tough — which is precisely what happened when West led the ace and another trump at the outset — the tough get going. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

Ricki and the Flash ★★

(Meryl Streep, Kevin Kline, Mamie Gummer) With her daughter's (Ms. Gummer) marriage in shambles, distant Ricki (Ms. Streep) comes back to town to offer support. Too bad she's not wanted. For a cast of this caliber, from a script by Diablo Cody and directed by Jonathan Demme, we have a right to expect much more than this standard and predictable dramedy. Rated PG-13.

Mission: Impossible – Rogue Nation ★★★

(Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Alec Baldwin) Ethan (Cruise) and his team try to stop a terrorist while the director of the CIA (Mr. Baldwin) wants to hold him accountable for all the damage Ethan has caused. It's an absolute blast, except for the action sequence at an opera, which lacks suspense. Still, you'll enjoy the high-octane ride. Rated PG-13.

Irrational Man ★★1/2

(Joaquin Phoenix, Emma Stone, Parker Posey) A depressed philosophy professor (Mr. Phoenix) finds a new zest for life, and it's not necessarily coming from relationships with his student (Ms. Stone) or his colleague (Ms. Posey). Writer/director Woody Allen is in top form, telling a psychologically and morally complex story in a straightforward way. Rated R.

Vacation ★★

(Ed Helms, Christina Applegate, Les-

lie Mann) Loving father Rusty (Mr. Helms) takes his wife (Ms. Applegate) and kids to Walley World, just as his father (Chevy Chase) did with the family 30 years earlier. Although it's a loving homage to the original "Vacation" (1983), it's not nearly as funny. Rated R.

Pixels ★★★

(Adam Sandler, Peter Dinklage, Kevin James) When aliens misinterpret a time capsule space probe containing 1982 video games as an act of war, gamer champions of yesteryear are called in to save the world. There's no denying it's lazy and stupid, but it's also good, clean fun. I got a kick out of it. Rated PG-13.

Southpaw ★★1/2

(Jake Gyllenhaal, Rachel McAdams, Forest Whitaker) A gritty boxer (Mr. Gyllenhaal) endures a tragic event and struggles to get back on his feet. Mr. Gyllenhaal, Ms. McAdams and Mr. Whitaker give strong performances, but the story derails in the third act. It could have been special, but it's disappointing instead. Rated R.

Cartel Land ★★1/2

(Jose Mireles, Tim Foley, Enrique Pena Nieto) This documentary follows two vigilante groups fighting Mexican drug cartels. It's fascinating to watch director Matthew Heineman's access to shootouts, interrogations and private moments within two groups battling both inept governments and the cartels. Rated R. ■

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"Fantastic Four?" Try "Fantastic Bore."

What a misfire. It's inexplicable how a story with Marvel Comics origins, not to mention two previous failed cinematic adventures in 2005 and 2007, could be so poorly told. Blame director Josh Trank ("Chronicle"), who rumor has it was fired from an upcoming "Star Wars" spinoff because of his erratic behavior while making this film.

This is an origin story, starting with Reed Richards and his friend Ben Grimm in fifth grade. We certainly didn't need to see them in elementary school, but this in microcosm is the film's problem: Far too much exposition, not enough actual story.

It takes about an hour for the titular "Four" to get their superpowers and another 20 minutes before there's finally a villain. Then, 20 minutes later, the movie is over. These are 100 of the most misshapen and ill-conceived movie minutes you'll ever see.

During the first hour, super science nerd teenager Reed (Miles Teller) invents the ability to teleport matter to an alternate dimension. He's given a full scholarship to a science institute, where he works around the clock to continue developing the idea and completely ignores everything else that's supposed to come with a college education.

Under the supervision of Franklin Storm (Reg. E. Cathey), helping Reed figure out where the teleportation goes (and how to return from it) are Sue Storm (Kate Mara), her brother Johnny (Michael B. Jordan) and Victor Von Doom (Toby Kebbell), who's a bit of a wild card.

One too many montages later, the experiment succeeds with a chimp. After a good round of drinking, Reed, his old friend Ben (Jamie Bell), Johnny and Victor teleport themselves. Disaster strikes, and even Sue is affected as she helps them return. Now Reed is super-stretchy, Johnny is ablaze, Ben is a rock "thing," Sue turns invisible and Victor is presumed dead.

The sad thing is, the potential is present and undeniable. The visual effects are fine, though there's not enough action and it's hard to see where the entire \$122 million budget went. The actors make the most of the cheesy dialog they're given



by writers Trank, Simon Kinberg and Jeremy Slater and seem to be having fun with their roles. And the fact that the story takes a gritty scientific "body horror" transformation approach is actually pretty cool — but it's all for naught when the overall construction of the movie is this off-key.

This is the third disappointing "Fantastic Four" movie from 20th

Century Fox in the last 10 years, and what's especially galling is this version feels like a big setup for more. An entire movie should never feel like the beginning of something greater, largely because that something greater might never come (remember "The Golden Compass"?).

Not surprisingly, a "Fantastic Four" sequel is scheduled for June 2017. At this point, we have to doubt that is going to happen, given the likely critical drubbing and poor box office performance this film deserves. I think it will be a good thing if it doesn't happen. ■

in the know

>> **Dan Castellana**, who provides the voice of Homer Simpson, Barney and more on "The Simpsons," plays a schoolteacher early on in "Fantastic Four."

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Veilleuse helps keep tea, soup hot by the bedside

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

The antiques auction catalog stated there was a rare and valuable “veilleuse” in the next sale. That is a descriptive word a seasoned auction-goer would understand, but the antiques meaning is not in most dictionaries. It is a French word that, when translated to English, means “sofa.” The second meaning in large dictionaries is “small nightlight.”

But the current meaning for antiques buyers is an object that is used to warm drinks near a bedside as well as serve as a nightlight. A small teapot was added to the veilleuse in the early 1800s. The teapot was heated by an oil lamp. A three-part Gothic Revival veilleuse, made in about 1840, was auctioned in May 2015 for \$1,476.

It was decorated with hand-painted views of people inside a cathedral. The teapot and borders were covered with gold glaze. White beading was on most horizontal edges.

The auction catalog said it might have been decorated by Dante. A search online gave no information about Dante. But a 1950s French book about French porcelains identified the Dante brothers as makers and decorators of porcelain vases and serving pieces, which would include a veilleuse, in Paris after 1825.

Q: I found a set of six bent plywood chairs tagged “Thonet.” They look mid-century modern, and have a molded seat and an upright piece that supports a shoulder-height backrest. Do they have

any value?

A: Mid-century modern furniture is popular today. Thonet is a well-known maker known for its bentwood furniture. Michael Thonet (1796-1871) began making bentwood furniture in the 1830s. He and his sons opened a factory in Vienna in 1853.

The company still is in business and makes modern furniture and a modernized version of the original chair. A set of six molded plywood chairs recently sold for \$350.

Q: I have a shadow box with the “Mysteries of the Rosary” below a picture of the Blessed Virgin. A knob on each side turns and scrolls through the different Mysteries. The box is 17 by 26 inches. On the back it says “Koenig Bros. 1912.” Can you tell me anything about this?

A: Jacob Koenig, was born in Germany in 1862, immigrated to the United States in 1883, and settled in Jersey City, New Jersey. He sold religious items door to door before starting Koenig Brothers. Scroll boxes like yours sell online for about \$40.

Q: I have an “Ideal” chest slow cooker with round heating stones made by The Toledo Cooker Co. The metal label reads “No. 18, Patented April 14, 1914, Patented July 7, 1914.” Can you tell me about it and its possible value?

A: The patents were granted to Charles E. Swartzbaugh, who invented the fireless cooker.



This veilleuse brought \$1,476 at New Orleans Auction in May 2015. It was used in the bedroom late at night to heat tea or soup. There is a modern version of the veilleuse that heats with electricity.

He founded the Peerless Cooker Co. in Buffalo, New York, in 1884. The company was renamed The Toledo Cooker Co. about 1900, after it moved to Toledo.

By 1916, the company was making

two lines of fireless cookers, “Ideal” and “Domestic Science.” The cookers worked something like today’s slow cookers, but were heated by hot stones, not a flame. Metal cook pots were set into a wooden box or chest insulated with asbestos.

Cooking could be started early in the day and kept warm to continue cooking for several hours, which saved fuel and kept the kitchen cool.

A recipe booklet issued by the company in 1917 claimed The Toledo Cooker Co. was the largest producer of fireless cookstoves in the world. Value of your cooker, about \$100.

Tip: When moving furniture, the simplest way to keep doors closed and drop-leaf table leaves secure is to tie pantyhose around the pieces.

Pantyhose are soft and will stretch. And always pick up a table by the apron, never pick it up by just the top. ■

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

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Is Zoey Deschanel expecting a child? What's up with 'GoT'?

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I noticed during some of last season's "New Girl" that Zoey Deschanel wore baggier clothes than usual, and was often carrying something in front of her stomach. Is she pregnant?

— Julie T, via email

A: Zoey was indeed pregnant while shooting quite a bit of season four of her Fox sitcom, however the writers decided not to write her pregnancy into the storyline. The actress gave birth to a girl Aug. 3. When the birth was announced, it was also revealed that she and fiancé Jacob Pechenik had secretly wed June 21 in Texas.

Q: Can you give me any "Game of Thrones" news? I'm going through some serious withdrawals.

— Donnie W, via email

A: Legendary actor Max von Sydow, who can be seen in December in "Star Wars: Episode VII — The Force Awakens," is slated to take over the role of the Three-Eyed Raven (played in season four by Struan Rodger) for season six. His character will teach Bran Stark how to use his supernatural gifts. In more "GoT" casting news, "Deadwood" alumnus Ian McShane will play an undisclosed role in the new season, and it's been reported that it will be a key role, although, like Max, he won't get a lot of screen time. ■



Zoey Deschanel

FOX

— Write to Cindy at King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.



'Cinderella' auditions open to ages 12 to 18

The award-winning musical theater program at Naples Performing Arts Center will hold auditions for "Cinderella" from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18.

Audition packets for ages 12 through 18 are available for pickup. Students need to come prepared to sing 32 bars of any song of their choice. The center is at 6646 Willow Park Drive.

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SATURDAY, AUG. 15, 10:30 P.M.
Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever

A 1983 salute to Motown on its silver anniversary reunites the Jackson 5, Diana Ross and the Supremes (Cindy Birdsong and Mary Wilson), the Four Tops, the Temptations and Smokey Robinson and the Miracles.

SUNDAY, AUG. 16, 9 P.M.
Masterpiece Mystery: Sherlock Season 2 A Scandal in Belgravia

Sherlock and Watson are plunged into a case of blackmail involving crafty dominatrix Irene Adler. It seems she has incriminating photos of a session with a British royal. Can she outsmart Sherlock at a battle he is ill prepared to wage — love?

MONDAY, AUG. 17, 8 P.M.

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Perry Como in "Starlight Ballroom," Aug. 14



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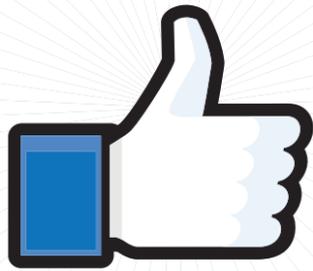
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Melissa Manchester to perform cabaret-style shows in Naples

Grammy award-winning singer and songwriter Melissa Manchester has been scheduled to perform two cabaret-style concerts at TheatreZone early next year.



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Artistic director Mark Danni announces that Ms. Manchester will perform at 8 p.m. Feb. 18 and 19 at TheatreZone in the G&L Theater Building at the Community School of Naples, 13271 Livingston Road. Tickets cost \$75 and \$50 and are

available at theatrezone-florida.com or by calling the box office at (888) 966-3352.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to experience this talented artist up close and personal in an intimate setting. Ms. Manchester's successful career includes headline performances at Carnegie and Radio City Music halls. Her first singing job, as a solo singer/pianist in the clubs of New York, is where she met Bette Midler. She was hired as a backup singer for Ms. Midler as one of the famous Harlettes, and six months later, she had her own recording contract. ■

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■ The fourth annual **Trendy Tours & Trendy Travel** luncheon and travel expo to benefit Champions For Learning takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for \$49 include a raffle ticket. Call 449-5065 for reservations or more information.

■ The 25th annual **Sand Dollar Awards** gala hosted by the Collier Building Industry Association takes place Saturday, Sept. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The silver anniversary theme is "Vintage Grace & Glamour." The evening begins at 6 p.m. and includes cocktails and dinner. Tickets are \$150. For reservations or more information, including details about various sponsorship opportunities, call 436-6100 or visit cbia.net.

■ Physician Led Access Network of Collier County hosts a **Swanky Speak-**

easy evening of fun Saturday, Oct. 17, at an as yet undisclosed location (you'll need a password, too). The night includes professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. Tickets are \$175, and numerous sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit plancc.org.



■ Project HELP hosts its 19th annual **Chocolate Extravaganza** on Thursday evening, Nov. 5, at Design Studio by Raymond. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live auctions and, of course, lots of chocolate. Tickets are \$95. For more information, call 649-1404 or visit projecthelpnaples.org.

■ Humane Society Naples holds its 17th annual **Fashion Show & Luncheon** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's theme is "Matinee at the Movies." For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hsnaples.org.

■ The seventh annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 5-8. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 5 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 6-8. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for

details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456 for information about becoming an NIFF member or sponsor.

■ Baby Basics of Collier County hosts its eighth annual **Champagne Brunch & Fashion Show** starting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Wyndemere Country Club. Guests will enjoy food, models and fall's latest fashions. Baby Basics participants and their parents will attend to speak about the program has benefitted their families. Tickets are \$85. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 352-4310 or visit babybasicscollier.org.



■ The 12th annual **Hats in the Garden: "The Confection Collection - Delectable Designs from Garden to Runway"** to benefit Naples Botanical Garden takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Garden. Leslie Fogg and Kathleen Rooney are this year's chairs; Kathy Wood is Hats in the Garden ambassador. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275.

■ The United Arts Council of Collier County hosts its annual **Celebrate the Arts** gala Thursday, Nov. 12, at the LaPlaya Resort. For more information, call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.

■ **Uncorked**, an evening of fine wine, fine food and entertainment to benefit Youth Haven, takes place from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Mediterra Beach Club. Tickets are \$125. For reservations or more information, visit youthhavenswfl.org.

■ The 57th annual **NCH Hospital Ball** takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Proceeds from this year's ball have been designated for the stroke program at NCH. This year's co-chairs are Kim Ciccarelli Kantor and Jan Kantor. Tickets for \$500 per person include live and silent auctions as well as dinner, dancing and entertainment throughout the evening. The NCH Physician of the Year and Nurses of the Year awards are also presented during the program.

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■ The Community Foundation of Collier County hosts its third annual **Power of the Purse** luncheon on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The event will feature a keynote speaker, drawings for 25 designer handbags and the announcement of the 2016 Women of Initiative honorees. The event is co-chaired by Jackie Pierce and Betty Aymar. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org.

■ Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida and the Naples Senior Center host **An Evening for Better Tomorrows** on Saturday, Jan. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. For information, call 325-4444 or visit jfcswfl.org.

■ The **Aqua Gala** to benefit the Guadalupe Center takes place Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, contact Megan Becker by calling 657-7124 or emailing mbecker@guadalupecenter.org.

■ The Shelter for Abused Women & Children holds its 16th annual **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope** luncheon Friday, Jan. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$350. For more information,

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■ The sixth annual **Home, Hope & Healing** luncheon to benefit Youth Haven takes place Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest speaker will be Jeanette Walls, whose memoir "The Glass Castle" has been a New York Times best-seller for more than six years. Lionsgate has purchased the rights to Ms. Walls' story and has cast Jennifer Lawrence to star in the movie. Luncheon chairs are Jill and Steve Miller. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Shelly Long at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or emailing shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

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CUISINE NEWS

Four-day benefit cooking camp set in October

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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The first Naples Originals Foodie Camp debuts Monday, Oct. 19 with a four-day series of 90-minute cooking classes with local chefs. The event will take place in 10 chef-driven restaurants with some of Naples' best-known chefs. Proceeds will benefit St. Matthew's House's culinary education program for residents and the Naples Originals Culinary Scholarship.

Chefs include Seth Berman of Noodles Café, Alexander Bernard of Alexander's, Lisa Boet of Chez Boet, Keith Casey of K.C. American Bistro, Kristofer Jubinville of St. Matthew's House, Adam Nardis of M Waterfront Grille, Isabel Polo and Mary Shipman of IM Tapas, and Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire. Organizers are drafting additional chefs for the event.

Classes are priced at \$50 to \$60 for morning, afternoon or evening sessions. Themes will be announced shortly on the event's website. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit foodiecampnaples.com.

percent off \$50, \$25 and \$15 certificates and 30 percent off \$200 certificates for Crave Culinaire catering. Visit naplesoriginals.com to purchase.

■ Through August, D'Amico & Sons' "date night" menu for two includes a salad, a choice of chicken penne with artichokes, egg fettuccine with porchetta or oven-roasted garlic shrimp for an entrée and a glass of red or white wine. \$32 for two. 4691 Ninth St. North. 430-0955 or damicoandsons.com.

■ Shula's American Steakhouse is serving \$5 WISH-tinis, a concoction of vodka, blue curacao, peach schnapps and sweet-and-sour mix, with proceeds benefitting Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. 430-4999 or shulasnaples.com.

■ Make Sunday "date night" at The Continental, where the menu for two features items such as baked oysters, beef tenderloin brochettes and cheesecake. \$50 for two. 659-0007 or continentalnaples.com.

■ In conjunction with the Florida back-to-school sales tax holiday, families can enjoy up to two complimentary children's meals when they dine at Jason's Deli through Aug. 17. 2700 Immokalee Road. 985-7215 or jasonsdeli.com.

■ Celebrate the joys of Champagne at Campiello every Tuesday through September, with \$4 glasses at 4 p.m., \$5 glasses at 5 p.m. and \$6 at 6 p.m., etc. through 10 p.m. Guests can also pop open a bottle of Perrier-Jouet on Tuesdays for \$55. 1177 Third St. S. 435-1166 or campiello.damico.com.

■ If it's Wednesday, head to Yabba Island Grill and enjoy 50 percent off any bottle of wine regularly priced from \$50 to \$100. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. 711 Fifth Ave. S. 262-5787 or gr8food.net.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifefor Naples.com - 5 Ingredients: Appetizers & Salads: Saturday, Aug. 15 (\$55); French Country Cooking: Thursday, Aug. 20 (\$60); Bring on the Bacon: Friday, Aug. 28 (\$60); Tapas: Thursday, Sept. 3 (\$55); Flavors of Cuba: Friday, Sept. 11 (\$60); Saute: Thursday, Sept. 17 (\$60); Southern Brunch: Saturday, Sept. 19 (\$50).

Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com - Great Grilling 4 Essential Recipes: Thursday, Aug. 13 (\$69); Date Night Summer in Provence: Friday, Aug. 14 (\$69); Date Night Havana: Saturday, Aug. 15 (\$69); French Macaron Workshop: Sunday, Aug. 16 (\$69); Learn to Cut Like a Pro: Sunday, Aug. 16 (\$59); Girls Night Out Best of Summer Cooking: Sunday, Aug. 16 (\$69); Spectacular Spanish Paella: Monday, Aug. 17 (\$69); Flavors of the South: Monday, Aug. 17 (\$69); Tacos with a Twist: Tuesday, Aug. 18 (\$69); Vegetarian Summer Favorites: Wednesday, Aug. 19 (\$69).

Take note

■ Physician's Led Access Network hosts a speakeasy-themed fundraiser at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. The location of the event is a secret that will be revealed to guests when they purchase a ticket. The event features brews from Ballpoint Brewery and signature cocktails from The Continental, which is the gathering's official bar sponsor, and catering from St. Matthew's House. Guests will also enjoy 1920s music, games, silent auctions and prizes. For more information or to purchase tickets for \$175, call Colleen Dunphy at 776-3016 or visit plancc.org.

■ Culinary Concepts hosts a job fair at noon Wednesday, Aug. 19 at Chops City Grill in Naples. The restaurant plans to hire 140 new employees to service its five Southwest Florida sites, which include Pazzo! Cucina Italiana, Yabba Island Grill, Chops City Grill in Naples and Bonita and Blue Water Bistro in Estero. The event features on-the-spot interviews and hiring for cooks, servers, hostesses, bartenders, bussers and food runners. Preceding the fair, Culinary Concepts is accepting applications submitted at its website or its office at 837 Fifth Ave. S. For more information, call 435-0990 or visit gr8food.net.

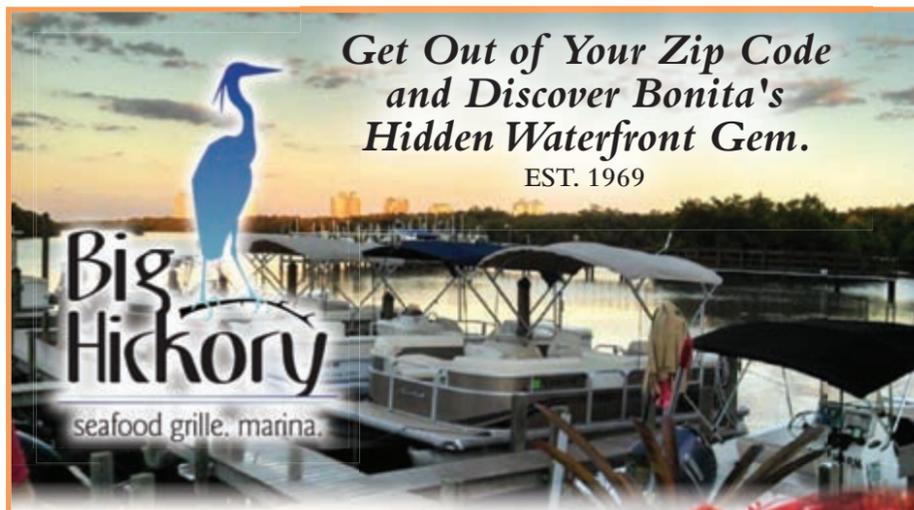
■ Barbatella hosts a six-week Italian cuisine cooking class starting Tuesday, Aug. 18. Guests will learn skills such as making pizza crust, gnocchi, pasta, ricotta and more. The cost is \$45 per class with 20 percent off the total price for full enrollment before the first class. 263-1955 or barbatellanaples.com.

■ The Continental's new happy-hour specials include half-priced signature cocktails, \$5 glasses of Cannon Road chardonnay or cabernet, raw oysters for \$2.50 each and \$5 appetizers that include baked oysters, chicken liver pate, spicy fried chicken and deviled eggs. The promotion continues through Saturday, Oct. 10. 659-0007 or continentalnaples.com.

■ Chez Boet offers diners the Alsatian white wine Hugel Gentil for \$18 a bottle or \$6 a glass through August. 643-6177 or chez-boetnaples.com.

■ Naples Originals' quarterly gift certificate sale starts Aug. 20 and continues while supplies last. The promotion features 30

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The Dish: Bacon, Egg and Cheese Biscuit

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The Place: The Survey Café, 10530 Wilson St., Bonita Springs

The Hours: 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Menu: thesurveycafe.com

The Dish: Have you ever seen a more beautiful breakfast sandwich? I first encountered this dish during an appointment when my interviewee ordered it. The sight and delicious smell have been figuring pretty largely in my mind at breakfast time, so I finally made

the trek to indulge this craving, and I'm so glad I did. The sandwich features a homemade buttermilk biscuit topped with a slice of broiled cheddar cheese, which itself is stuffed with more cheese, egg and lots of crispy bacon. It's simple, but so delicious.

One More Thing: Being a bit unfamiliar with Bonita Springs, I was so happy to find that the Survey Café is an unassuming, and cute, breakfast spot in a converted Florida-style home. It has the type of cozy charm that is a difficult to come by in our area, and I totally appreciate the relaxed, broken-in atmosphere. ■

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Araya Sushi Asian Grill, 2650 Immokalee Road, Naples; 593-3344

The creators of Fuji Sushi Bar & Asian Bistro, Jon and On Augsondthung, have opened a second, more upscale space with Araya. Like Fuji, it offers a wide range of sushi as well as cooked Thai and Japanese dishes. Stop in for the stellar sushi but stay to explore the cooked fare. Try any of the dozen yakitori items, priced by the skewer, and specials like sautéed chicken livers with asparagus or mainstays like spicy tuna nachos and carpaccio of hamachi with jalapenos. A tiger roll — shrimp tempura with asparagus, avocado, rice, seaweed, sesame seeds, masago, smoked salmon, eel and wakame — was huge and wonderful. A nightly special, the mummy roll, contained spicy blue crab in rice paper with mango sauce, tobiko and gold flake. Grilled salmon with baby bok choy and lychee duck curry were as delicious as the sushi. For dessert, try the Tokyo sundae — sticky rice, green tea ice cream, red bean paste, lychee and coconut. Beer and wine served.

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

Bar Tulia, 462 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 228-7606

If you love Chef Vincenzo Bertulia's Osteria Tulia, then you ought to try his second concept: Bar Tulia, a gastropub right next door. Here you can dine on small plates, pizzas, house-made sausage

and other items that appeal to the creative chef in a rustic yet hip atmosphere. Even the drinks are creative, like the pigalle, a refreshing blend of St. Germain elderflower liqueur, prosecco, soda and lemon, and a Hurricane, featuring three kinds of rum, passion fruit, bitters, grenadine and lime. Graze your way through the menu as we did: a generous plate of fresh ceviche; grilled octopus on greens and fingerling potatoes; a perfectly rendered pizza with house-made mozzarella and tomato sauce with fresh basil; grilled house sausage atop stewed white beans; deviled eggs with smoked trout roe; and a full-sized entrée of salmon with roasted carrots and beets. For dessert, try the Sicilian waffle with caramelized bananas and maple bourbon almond truffle. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Reviewed May 2015

Inca's Kitchen, Pavilion Shopping Center, 8955 U.S. 41, Naples; 631-5954

The Peruvian food crafted by chef/owner Rafael Rottiers is so good no one minded traveling to Golden Gate for it, but now he's opened a stylish Naples establishment as well. The second Inca's is filled with warm earth tones and Peruvian art, and the food is equally stellar. A Piscojito (made with Peruvian pisco liquor) goes well with any of the 11 varieties of ceviche and seven types of tiradito (a Peruvian style sashimi). The Mar y Tierra was a luscious blend of octopus, shrimp, aji limon (a Peruvian pepper), spices, tiger milk, crab, potato and corn. Sushi rolls — one with tuna pepper and sesame oil, the other

built around barbecued tenderloin — were delicious, too. Mancora sea bass with quinoa, scallops, mussels and clams tasted as good as it looked. A 10-ounce tenderloin with spicy red sauce and tri-colored potatoes will satisfy any carnivore. And don't skip dessert; order anything containing the caramel-flavored lucuma fruit.

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

Ristorante Enrico, Bonita Bay Plaza, 26831 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 949-2204

This spot is easily overlooked at the end of a Publix-anchored shopping plaza along Tamiami Trail. It's only when you walk inside that you discover something special: authentic Italian cooking with some surprising twists; genuinely warm hospitality from a big Italian family; a dark-red dining room with subdued lighting that creates a sense of romance and intimacy. Even if you've tired of the ever-present calamari, you'll find Enrico's is better than most — lightly breaded and not oily. The warm marinara was lushly textured and sweet. More of that sauce accompanied an appetizer trio of richly flavored meatballs. Enrico gets eggplant rollatini right, too. Crab is rarely seen on Italian menus here, so the penne al granchio was a pleasant surprise: abundant chunks of fresh blue crab tossed with a rosy cream sauce, tomatoes and pasta. Beer and wine.

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

Veranda E, Escalante Hotel, 290 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; (239) 325-3474

Hidden just off Fifth Avenue South at the Escalante Hotel, Veranda E is an outstanding establishment serving creative food in a lush, subtropical setting. When the weather is good, reserve a table in the courtyard where tables are dressed in white linens and overlook the hotel's pool. Do not miss the Veranda E calamari, a dish that might have ruined me for all other calamari preparations. Done kung pao style, it is tenderized and breaded, fried to a golden brown and topped with peanuts, peppers, chives and a spicy-sweet sauce. Also good were the gulf shrimp with stone ground corn grits and Creole bacon sauce; a salad with Asian pear, Humboldt Fog cheese, organic baby greens and walnut vinaigrette; Hawaiian salmon with strawberry-basil relish and verjus rouge; boneless beef short ribs; and house-made lemon ginger ice cream with fresh berries. Chef Bryan Sutton knows his way around the kitchen and also has a thriving organic garden from which he plucks herbs and veggies. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ ½
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CHEF PROFILE

Tricia Otto grows interest in plant-based eating



Tricia Otto

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Health-conscious locals are probably already familiar with Tricia Otto's ready-made vegan dishes from frequent visits to Food & Thought, but we thought we would introduce her to those foodies who might be looking for a tasty way to work a more plant-based philosophy into their diet. Ms. Otto offers a variety of services from her website, including cooking classes, and is also author of "The Ambrosia Kitchen Cookbook." To see what she does or to place an order, visit madebyambrosia.com.

Q: What is your culinary background?

A: My culinary training has come from on-the-job experience and a passionate love of learning. Growing up mostly in downtown Chicago, I had access to an incredible variety of great food. But when I made the switch to vegetarianism, I was disappointed with the food options available. At that point it became my focus to figure out how to make vegetarian food as delicious as the non-vegetarian food I had known and loved before.

Q: How did you come to a vegan lifestyle?

A: Initially my switch to veganism came when my husband and I were getting life insurance policies and his cholesterol came back very high. It was pretty obvious that it was the dairy in our diet that needed to be kept in check, so we made the switch together. Over the years, though, you find out all these other things going on in the world that make you proud to be a vegan, like the terrible impact of factory farming on the Earth and animals.

Q: What accommodations did you have to make in your cooking repertoire?

A: There is a learning process when you switch to a plant-based kitchen. With the great books available as well as the amazing resources the Internet provides, the transition can present you with a fun opportunity.

Q: What were the challenges?

A: The main challenge for me has been finding plant-based foods away from home. It is pretty necessary to vet

a restaurant's menu before dining there. Even if a restaurant does boast that they have vegetarian options, they are often lackluster and frequently consist of a couple side dishes with the cheese left off the top. It is a missed opportunity. More and more people are becoming aware of the benefits of a plant-based diet and would like to enjoy a meal out with friends. In any event, though, I always have snacks in my purse.

Q: How did you get started in Naples?

A: My first culinary endeavor in Naples came when I opened Sweet Cheeks Bakery at the Vanderbilt Farmers Market where we sold organic and vegan cupcakes, cookies, fudge and seasonal baked treats.

Q: What is Sweet Cheeks Bake Shop?

A: Sweet Cheeks Bake Shop is the reemergence of the treats we sold at the farmers market and Food & Thought in the past. Our online storefront allows people to custom order our sweets for delivery. Our menu has grown to include gluten-free and raw goodies as well as the classics.

Q: Can you describe Ambrosia Organic Kitchen?

A: Ambrosia is where I develop recipes and work with customers to come up with food that helps them through their day.

Q: Who is your average customer?

A: Ambrosia customers fall into a variety of categories. Some are busy professionals, some are going through

health changes and need assistance following a plant-based diet, some are families that want to ensure their they get a few healthy meals a week, some have allergy restrictions, some are on vacation and want to eat well while they visit and some just want a cake.

Q: What do you think the key to your success in Naples has been?

A: That's hard to say. I really love cooking and creating food that I enjoy and I think others will enjoy as well. It has been a great opportunity for me to feed so many people here in Naples, especially when I was able to put my goodies on the shelves at Food & Thought. Naples is filled with amazing people who are interested in making our community great.

Q: Any tips for people who might want to adjust their cooking toward veganism?

A: I think the most important thing that people need to remember when starting a vegan diet is that it is not about the things you can no longer have, but a celebration of all of the things you can have. Don't put so much pressure on yourself. It can be a drastic switch to become vegan, and it is OK just to start with one day a week eating like a vegan, to make the switch gradually. It is hard not to notice the benefits to the way you feel and look as you incorporate more plant-based foods into your diet.

Q: What are some of your favorite local ingredients?

A: I really enjoy the local lettuce greens in season, especially the oak leaf, as well as the tatsoi greens, lychees and okra. This year has been exceptionally good for our local corn, too.

Q: Favorite aspect of your business?

A: My favorite aspect of Ambrosia is that I get to work in a field that is so new. There is such growth in the vegan world right now and it is so great to be a part of it. I love creating new flavors and cleaning up classic foods.

Q: Do you have any other books planned?

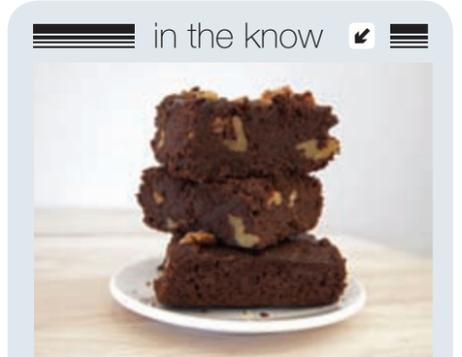
A: I am working on a second book this summer. A few of the new salad recipes from it can be found in the summer issue of Chickpea Quarterly Magazine. The idea of an all-sweets book is something I am exploring as well.

Q: What are your favorite resources?

A: I am a cookbook collector, so I use my collection as a resource regularly. The Internet is also an awesome resource. I follow Colleen Patrick-Goudreau, America's Test Kitchen, The Post Punk Kitchen, Marcel Vigneron and Minimalist Baker online. There are a few online stores too that are great for ordering hard-to-find vegan foods: Vegan Essentials, Food Fight and Pan-gea.

Q: Where can our readers find your products?

A: Just from me at the moment, but stay tuned. ■



Walnut Brownies

- >> 2 cups all-purpose flour
- >> 1½ cups evaporated cane juice or vegan sugar
- >> ¾ cup dark cocoa powder
- >> 1 tsp baking powder
- >> 1 TBS flax meal
- >> 1 tsp pink salt
- >> 1 cup warm water
- >> 1 cup melted coconut oil
- >> 1 tsp vanilla extract
- >> ½ cup walnuts, chopped
- >> 1 cup chocolate chips, melted

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Line a 9-by-13-inch baking pan with parchment.
3. Whisk together the flour, sugar, cocoa, powder, flax and salt.
4. Pour the water, oil and extract over the dry ingredients and fold together until no dry spots remain
5. Gently fold in the walnuts.
6. Spread into baking pan and gently tap the pan on the counter a few times to flatten batter into pan.
7. Bake for 22-25 minutes.
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\$509,900
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Gulf Access Pool Home
3/3/3 custom built pool home on triple lot. Southern rear exposure to enjoy the sunsets.
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3 Bedroom + Den
The ever popular Manchester model.
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NORTH FORT MYERS



Lakefront Home In Moody River
Gorgeous formal model home. 3 bed/2 bath plus den, furnished, salt water pool home. All new stainless appliances.
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SW Waterfront Gulf Accessible Pool Home
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\$429,900
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OPEN SUN 1-4

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Newly Remodeled Gulf Access Pool Home
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BOKEELIA



Waterfront Gulf Access Bokeelia
Well maintained 3 bed 2 bath, custom built in 1990, unique property extends to the other side of the street as well.
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CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Gulf Access 3/2/2 Home/NW Cape Coral
Beautiful gulf access 3/2/2 home in NW Cape Coral.
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Custom Built In 2009
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This 3 bedroom plus den, 2-1/2 bath Pelican Lake home shows like a model.
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Gulf Access Pool in South Cape Coral
This gulf access pool home has some spectacular features; a complete home generator, deep 3-car garage, fenced, and more.
\$369,900
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CAPE CORAL



Freshwater Canal, Southern Exposure
NW Cape Coral, over 2,700 SF of living area pool home with 4/2.5 bathrooms on 3 lot site. Built in 2006.
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3,013 Of Living Area in SW Cape!
Huge 2 story house, fully remodeled, 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, pool home. Very nice, huge master suite, tons of closet space.
\$365,000
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OPEN SUN 1-4

NAPLES



Waterways 3 Bedroom Lakefront Beauty
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NAPLES



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**OPEN SUN
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Beautiful David Weekly built 4br/3ba property located in the desirable Newberry Village of Panther Trace **\$298,000**
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NORTH FORT MYERS



Direct Access! Beautiful Canal Front Home
You have to see this 3 bed/2 bath pool home located in a quiet neighborhood of North Ft Myers! Boat dock/lift are already installed. **\$290,000**
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ST. JAMES CITY



St. James City
This one bedroom one bath home has been beautifully updated. Bathroom and master closet are spacious. **\$275,000**
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CAPE CORAL



NW Cape Gulf Access 3/2 Built In 2000
Gulf access 3/2. Tile floors through-out. New A/C and well pump 2012. Great room floor plan. One owner property. **\$254,900**
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CAPE CORAL



Direct Gulf Access Pool Home
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Kelly Greens Villa Home Upgraded!
Villa Home! 3/2/2 in Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club - 3 miles from the beach and Sanibel Island. **\$250,000**
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Single Family in Whiskey Creek at Shalley Circle
Great single family home in desirable Whiskey Creek subdivision overlooking the golf course, with beautiful lake view. **\$249,900**
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NAPLES



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ESTERO



Estero Lakefront Home
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BOKEELIA



1 Acre on Shady Pine Lane!
Lovely 2 bedroom 2 bath inside laundry, family room and office with separate entrance. pond, fenced, small horse stall. **\$205,000**
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NAPLES



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Naples Condo-Spectacular Golf Course/Lake Views
3/2. Private keyed entry to building, elevator & 2 private screened lanais. Secure storage area inside building. **\$200,000**
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Lakefront 3/2/2 Pool Home w/Spa
Over 2000 sq. ft. of living area, a fishing pier to relax or watch the beautiful view of the lake. **\$199,900**
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LABELLE



Beautiful 3/3/2 + Den w/adjoining Lot in Labelle
This large home features Spanish style offers 3/3/2 w/private bathroom, enclosed terrace, den/study large open kitchen. **\$199,900**
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LEHIGH ACRES



Custom Built Pool Home on 1/2 Acre
Home offers heated pool under screen, inside has a large living area that will not disappoint. Has home generator. **\$199,900**
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BOKEELIA



Pine Island Ridge
3 bedroom 2 bath home on a double lot, shed and small back building, open back porch, updated kitchen. **\$199,000**
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CAPE CORAL



SW Beauty 3/2/2 + Den!
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Legends Golf & CC in Ft. Myers is a golfers paradise! Built from '99-'05 by Lennar Homes. 18 hole Championship course.
\$187,995
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CAPE CORAL



Large 3 Bedroom Home Just Renovated
Has extra room for 2nd den or office and loft in addition to 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. New tile and new carpet.
\$184,000
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NAPLES



Beautifully Wooded 2.5 Acres
Wind down the long driveway surrounded by woods with total privacy. 2 story home fully secluded and west of Wilson Blvd.
\$180,000
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CAPE CORAL



Recently Renovated in Desirable Gator Circle Area!
Beautiful home with a brand new kitchen with granite counters and back splash, new slate appliances.
\$179,900
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NORTH PORT



One Owner, Built in 1992
3 bed/2 bath, solar heated pool, tile floors thru-out, wood laminate in bedrooms. Storage shed in backyard.
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH213314.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Gorgeous Community Pool
Excellent community area, 2/2/2 In Port Charlotte the Heritage Oak Park.
\$166,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH053782.

CAPE CORAL



Remodeled Kitchen Creates Open Plan
Must See! Lovingly Updated with a redesigned and remodeled kitchen.
\$164,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC042514.

FORT MYERS



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Premium Unit in Gulf Harbor Yacht Club
This is a must see! Spacious, 3/2 second floor condo w/vaulted ceilings and a view of the golf course. Many amenities.
\$164,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS030590.

CAPE CORAL



Cozy 3/2 in Quiet & Convenient Neighborhood
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LEHIGH ACRES



3/2/2 Beautiful Home Located Near Central Lehigh
This beautiful home located just outside of central Lehigh is a 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. This home offers a large open kitchen.
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Gorgeous Park Home with Club Membership
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FORT MYERS



Centrally Located 2 Bed, 2 Bath Fort Myers Condo
Beautifully furnished turnkey, 2 bed 2 bath second floor Condo. Features vaulted ceilings, large laundry room, and more!
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NAPLES



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Villa Home
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MOORE HAVEN



Moore Haven Home on 1/2 Acre
Well maintained home in Moore Haven w/many extras. Ready to move in. Near shopping. Motorhome carport.
\$125,900
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LEHIGH ACRES



Comfortable Home near SR-82 in Lehigh Acres
Single family 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage. Great room, cathedral ceiling w/screened lanai.
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Waterfront 3 Bed Condo in Bellasol
Waterfront condo located close to clubhouse and pool. Great rental property or second home. Low HOA fees.
\$119,000
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FORT MYERS



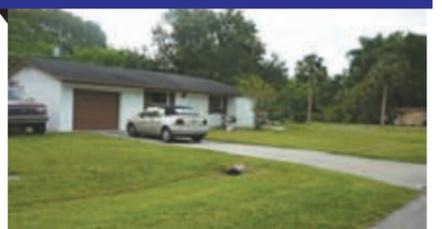
Triplex Fully Rented
Triplex fully rented. Concrete block with stucco siding and tiled roof. Separate meters for each unit.
\$119,000
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PORT CHARLOTTE



Turnkey Furnished Pool Home
2/2/1 just a few minutes to Murdock, Town Center Mall, restaurants & shopping. Enjoy the FLA lifestyle in this pool home!
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Oversized Corner Lot
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FORT MYERS



Condo in the Heart of Fort Myers
Don't miss this spacious 3/2 condo in the heart of Fort Myers! Live the FL lifestyle in this quiet, second floor retreat.
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PORT CHARLOTTE



2nd Floor Condo in Vel Gardens
Nicely maintained 55+ Community. Inside washer/dryer. Newer hot water tank. Close to everything!
\$59,900
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FORT MYERS



Complete Renovation
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LEHIGH ACRES



Nice 2 Bed/2 Bath Villa Home
Take time to come & see this nice 2 bed/2 bath home. Relax & enjoy the beautiful sunsets great buy will go fast
\$59,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE012949.

LABELLE



Port LaBelle 2/2
2 bedroom, 2 bath w/large Florida room on oversized corner lot in Port Labelle. Home needs rehab/updates.
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CAPE CORAL



Stunning 7 Bed/4 Bath with Direct Sailboat Access
This amazing 3,500 sq. ft. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms. This house has it all.
\$724,900
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FORT MYERS



McGregor Reserve Custom Home
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CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access 5 Bedroom 4 Bath Home
Plantation shutters throughout, wood & tile gourmet island granite kitchen w/SS appliances.
\$675,000
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Key West Style Home
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Designer Q&A

Michelle Lee Price brings a breath of fresh design perspective

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Design Society

A 'Par-Tee' golf-themed dress collection party

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Makeover

A party palace that stands on its own

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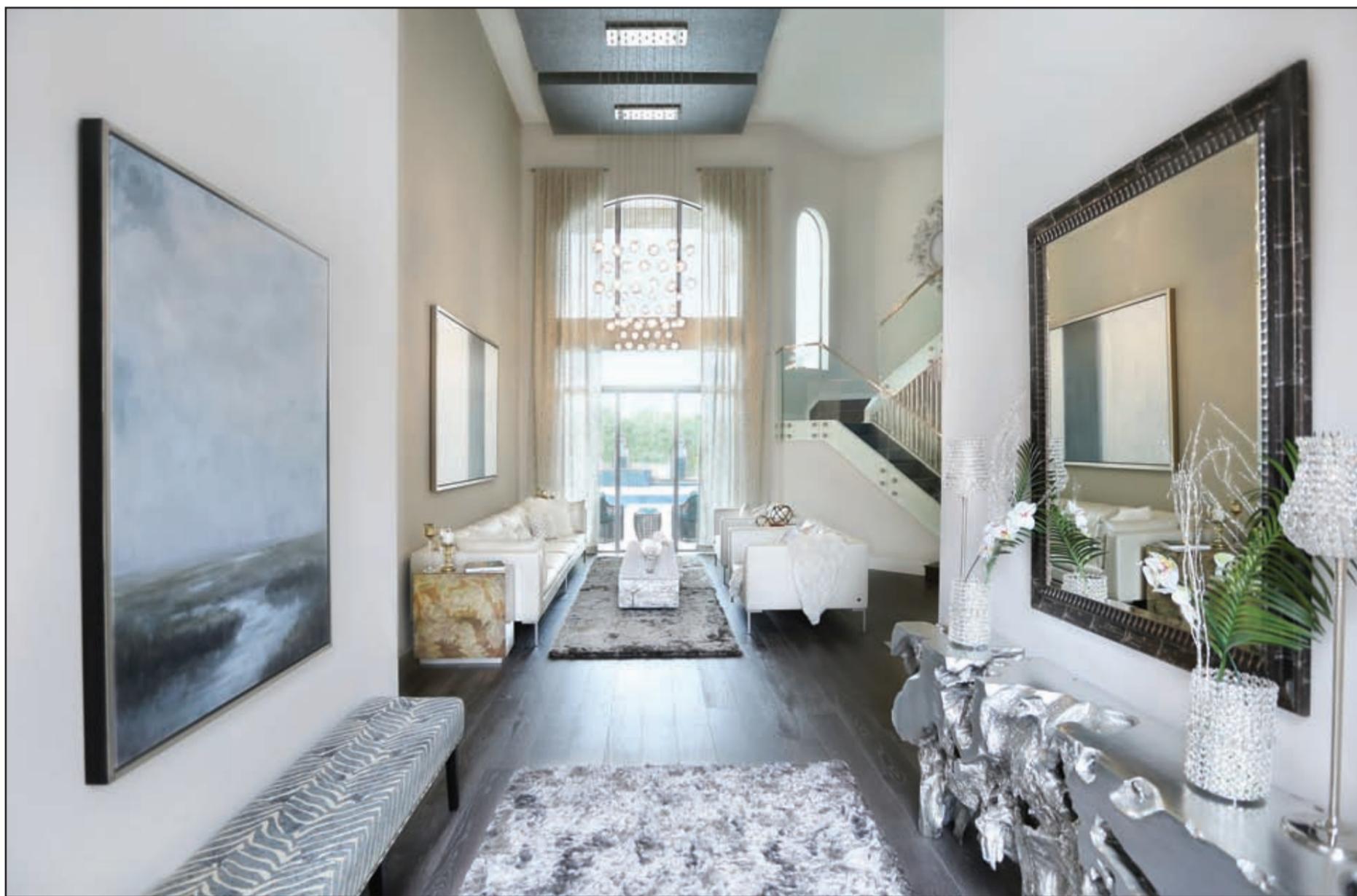
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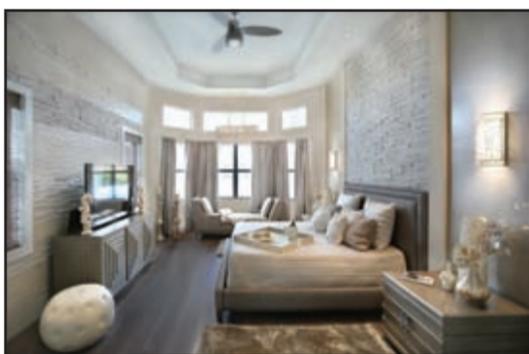
Bright and shiny, coastal blues and fresh air help define Michelle Lee Price's design schemes.

MICHELLE LEE PRICE

... brings a breath of fresh design perspective

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent



A long bedroom is both elegant and cozy.



A combo of coastal colors brings in light.



Mrs. Price designed this lovely wedding setting.

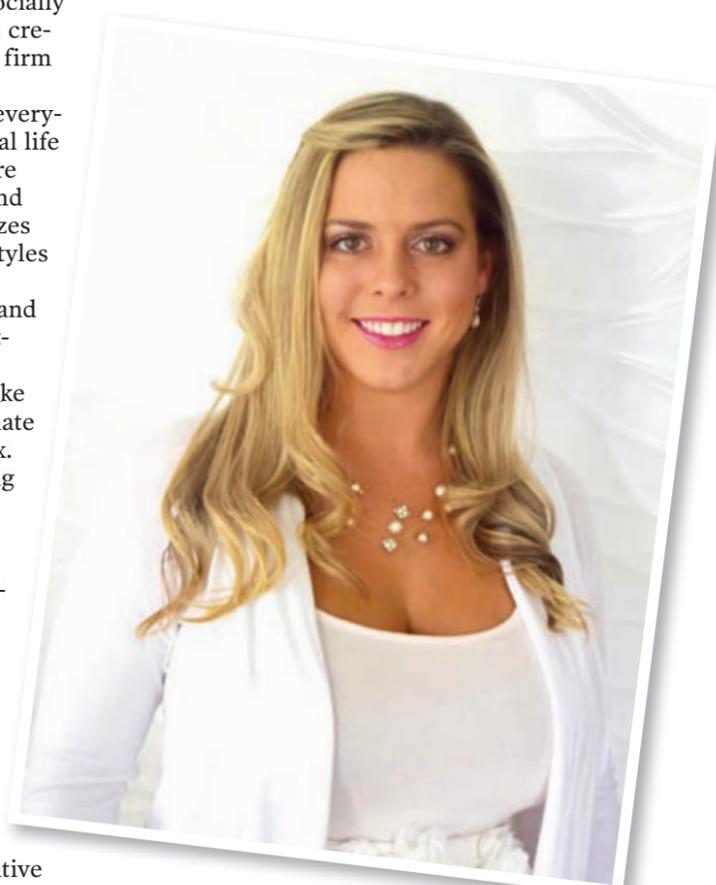
When Michelle Lee Price, ASID, founded Socially Inclined Design, she launched one of the most creative concepts in Naples. Her specialty design firm marries interiors, graphics and events.

With art and design in all forms saturating everything from homes to offices, weddings to casual life celebrations, designers must be able to do more than place a vase or hang a drape. As owner and principal interior designer, Mrs. Price specializes in creating coastal contemporary interior lifestyles for living and entertaining, and all they entail.

What makes this enterprising young lady stand out is her winning combination of a bright outlook and ability to create strategic plans. Mrs. Price may be outgoing and personable, but make no mistake, this Florida State University graduate and Naples native is detail-oriented to the max. She thrives on extensive research from meeting building-code standards to product specifications appropriate to each design application. When it comes to selecting items for her clients, green and environmentally friendly products are always at the top of her list.

"From an early age I have always gravitated toward a more creative challenges in life, spending my time making crafts, decorating, drawing, painting, sculpting and doing anything that involved using my imagination," Mrs. Price says. "With my mother making a living as a real estate broker, father as a general contractor, and my aunt as an interior designer, I have grown up submersed in a creative world revolving around the structural environment."

Mrs. Price is inspired to stylize social spaces, including hospitality, merchandizing, creative learning and lifestyle living concepts, which extends to graphics and events. She has become an expert in



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digital technology mixed with art of all mediums. Adding graphics and event services to her design business allows Mrs. Price to execute extravagant designs for weddings and soirees with all the trimmings, in addition to residential and commercial design projects.

We couldn't wait to catch up with this enterprising Neapolitan to hear her answers to our LUXE Living designer questions.

Q: What's your favorite home design trend right now?

A: I love coastal contemporary designs and I specialize in that. I believe incorporating relevant contemporary designs and technologies with the natural timeless elements of our beautiful coastal environment creates both comfortable and stylish interior lifestyles. In the use of exotic wood, stone and glass, the trends of the Floridian vacation lifestyle have evolved into a new classic style.

Q: If you could have another designer work in your house, who would that be and why?

A: I would choose Kira Krumm. She is every bit as beautiful as her designs, as if they were one in the same. I just adore her brand and style. Everything she designs is gorgeous. As a young, aspiring designer, I discovered her work in a design publication. Ever since, I have looked to her design and brand development as a positive influence on my career ambitions and our design community of entrepreneurial women who have discovered the art of success.

Q: What trends are you glad to see go by the wayside?

A: Being that I am a native Neapolitan, I have grown to adore the more sophisticated use of natural coastal elements. That being said, I am so thrilled that people have discovered that here in Florida our décor revolves around more than just palm trees and seashells. Rather than those being plastered everywhere, we have grown to stylize corals and shells in a more artistic sense.

Q: What architecture/design/build books or magazines do you recommend?

A: My favorite interior design book is "Modern Glamour: The Art of Unexpected Style" by Kelly Wearstler. Today, I find myself a product of our Internet and social-media craze, which has led me to the addiction of Pinterest. The latest trends and hot finds are always available on any subject matter or design detail. I find my inspiration running wild when I start to "pin" images. This often leads to the publication source, where I find several interesting magazines and blogs to follow.

Q: What was the most difficult project or home you've ever done? What were some challenges you overcame?

A: The most difficult project of my life is my own personal home design. I call it a living portfolio as it is ever changing with constant inspiration of new and exciting artistic décor designs. I write it off in my mind as a business investment, constantly learning and growing from hands-on experiences to create something that only



Pillows tie in to the artwork above this vast white sofa.

exists in the creative realms of my mind. When the vision comes to life, it is always beautiful. Every time I fall in love with a new beautiful product, stunning tile or mica wall covering, it makes me want to renovate all over again. My next challenge is my baby's room. Once I find out whether it's a boy or a girl, the nursery design will be in full force, which may just be my best design yet.

Q: What type of décor would you most like to have in your home?

A: My favorite home décor is glass. From chandelier crystals, decorative tiles and candelabras to mirrored furniture, there is just something about the sparkle of glass elements that makes me happy in my personal lifestyle designs.

Q: Please share any advice you have for a homeowner embarking on new-home construction.

A: Hire licensed, insured and educated professionals. I have learned over and over through personal experiences and from the eyes of the consumer that less expensive is not always better. Sometimes you end up spending more time and money fixing mistakes

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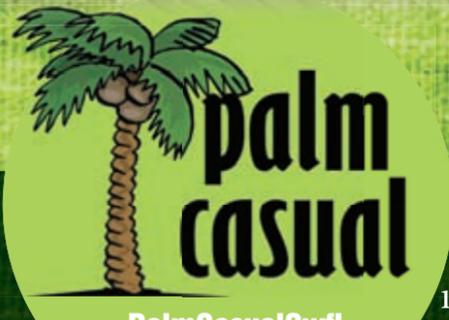


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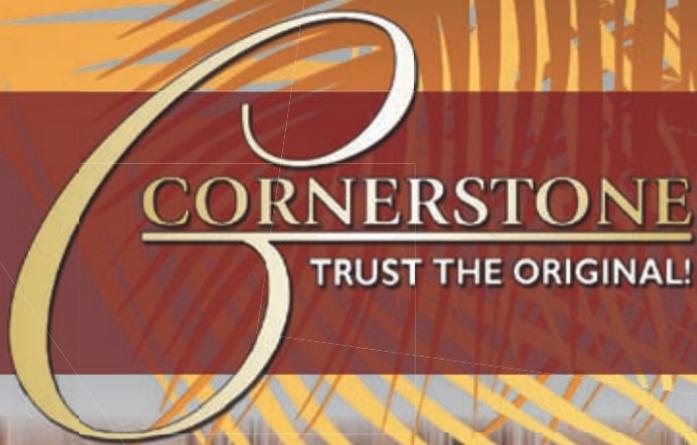
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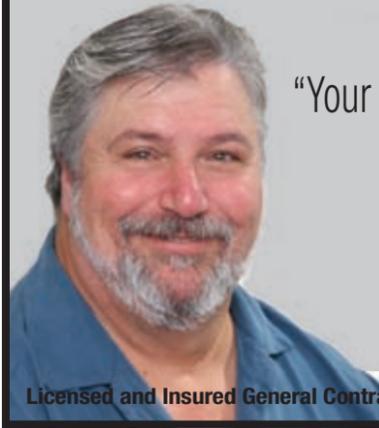
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— Diane Torrissi, interior designer



Diane Torrissi’s recent seminar on navigating the move from North to South was a packed house at Miromar Design Center.

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Leave your cares and furniture behind

BY KELLY MERRITT

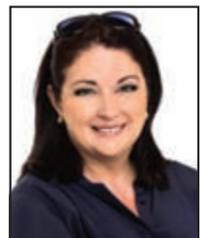
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THE DRESSER THAT WEIGHS MORE THAN YOUR FIRST CAR. A BED that looks like it came out of a time machine from 1972. The trunk your father’s cousin’s uncle’s roommate brought back from World War II. Or even that wicker rocking chair that scares your grandchildren. Furnishings become part of our lives as we age. They stick with us through life’s milestones. And as we go from house to house, beloved pieces go with us. It’s easy to become attached to furniture and décor, which is why homes tend to take on the personality of their inhabitants.

Moving to Southwest Florida is a lesson in detachment. Whether begrudged or happy to find new treasures, homeowners in our neck of the ‘Glades often have to say goodbye to the old and hello to change. Climate is a big reason many cold weather-suited furnishings don’t do as well here. Square footage also plays a role, as does the simple fact that what looked nice on your Franklin, New Jersey, deck looks dreadful on your new lanai and isn’t hurricane-proof.

The award for most evolved homeowners goes to Northerners who buy model homes on the Internet sight unseen, fully furnished. (Yes, it happens.) One New England couple recently was rumored to have purchased a massive model home in that manner. When they move here a year from now, they will literary retire, sell or donate everything they own but their golf clubs and drive here for good. All they’ll have to do after unlocking their front door for the first time is call the pro shop for a tee time.

In a perfect world, everyone would have that luxury, but then again, that takes all the fun out of the design



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metamorphosis that must take place when homeowners fly south for the winter, or forever.

A critical juncture in the process is whether to go it alone or hire help. Homeowners who transfer existing furnishings without a designer's help have an experience not unlike "Jurassic Park." As actor Jeff Goldblum's scientist character famously said, "It begins with 'Wow!' but then there's running and screaming." It's only natural to start moving to Southwest Florida with a positive attitude, a la, "We got this!" But more often than not, it ends with, "We brought this?"

The benefits of calling in the pros range from saving thousands of dollars in moving expenses — dollars that could be used to outfit your beach home with something new or to make improvements. This is the land of codes, permits, rigid move-in times and uber-cliques that rule homeowner associations like dictators. The comfort of having a designer advocate on your side who knows these ins and outs cannot be overstated.

Miromar Design Center might be called the Mother Ship for Southwest Florida newcomers. There are seminars on everything from how to ready your guestroom for the gazillion houseguests who will flock here to visit after you move here to how to make good use of limited space. With so much confusion on how to use what you have from up north and how to select new pieces, no wonder interior designer Diane Torrisi's recent seminar on navigating the move from North to South was a packed house at the center.

"I'm guessing that the majority of you sitting here today are not Florida natives?" Mrs. Torrisi asks the crowd, most of whom nod yes. "Recently, a lady stopped me in the atrium here at Miromar slightly frustrated, and she said to me, 'I've moved 10 times in my life and successfully decorated my homes each time. I move down here and nothing works!'"

This time, the nods increased, and there might have been a few empathetic eye rolls. Mrs. Torrisi feels their pain, having moved here from Europe. When she moved, she joyously packed more than 60 boxes and a container of furniture and made the trek to beautiful (but scorching) Naples.

"I had a pair of burgundy paisley window panels — custom made — that I proudly hung in my new Florida living room. Today, 10 years later, I have no idea where they are, and I now have off-white linen panels hanging in my living room," she shares.

Mrs. Torrisi had hooked her audience, which came to the seminar looking for answers on if they, too, should migrate the things they love to this area, or shed them and start fresh. Those who sell homes up north to move here will encounter challenges and headaches. But the good news, Mrs. Torrisi said, is how a move like this is the start of something new and exciting. She made it more about embracing the climate and year-round activities as the beginning of a new chapter, rather than a chore.

"An interesting phenomenon that we observe is that people who are decorating their second or third home here tend to choose a completely different style than the one they have in their forever home up north," Mrs. Torrisi says. "They tend to go very colorful and/or more contemporary. The headaches start when we attempt to merge the familiar traditional style with the



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The award-winning Dune Showcase is from Kira Krumm International Design's signature Koastal Kollektion product line.



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Pillows pop on a bright white couch in the Henredon Interior Design showroom.

lighter transitional style that we are currently decorating with here."

Joan Lurquet ran into the lighting issue when she moved here. She couldn't wait to fling back the curtains and relish in the sunlight. But by 10 a.m., her house was more inferno than inspiration. And it wasn't long before her expensive furnishings felt the burn and began to fade in the harsh light.

"I had to make some major changes ... changes I wish I'd anticipated before-

hand because it cost me a small fortune to move all of my large furniture here," Mrs. Lurquet says. "Now, I'm working on my outdoor area and our in-law suite, which also has to be redone, since the furnishings we brought don't work well within the space."

In some cases, when the furnishings work in multiple areas, vast changes are unnecessary and the bottom line, Mrs. Torrisi says, is that if a homeowner really loves something and can't



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Diane Torrisi recommends built-in bookshelves for storage and display. These are by TEC Construction.

part with it, she makes it work. The Lurquets measured before they moved, but that often isn't enough.

"Have you ever looked out of a plane window and noticed how vibrant the colors were? The blues are more intense, the greens brighter and it's due to the bright sunlight we benefit from in South Florida," Mrs. Torrisi tells the audience. "Natural light affects color. Northern light casts a cool, blueish tint and remains consistent throughout the day, but southern light is warm and can be too intense or glaring."

This is huge in the design world, right down to paint color and wallpaper. The abundance of natural light here in Florida can be deceiving, causing homeowners not to consider artificial lighting options carefully enough.

No basement for you!

One of the most painful of the Southwest Florida moving demons is storage, or lack thereof.

"Probably the number one challenge everyone experiences when moving here is the obvious lack of storage," Mrs. Torrisi laments to audible groans from the audience.

One audience member said she felt "lost" without her basement storage, where she had copious space to store her children's mementos, supplies, large

boxes and holiday decorations. Mrs. Torrisi has a client making a permanent move to the area within the year who confessed to having 27 plastic bins with Christmas decorations. She is a textbook case for the designer's top pick for storage: investing in built-in shelves.

"It is so worth it to make your life so much more organized and easy, especially if you're like me and can't stand wire shelving that you see in so many homes," she says.

When built-ins aren't an option, designers and homeowners have to get creative. Many call on businesses such as California Closets for lush organizational ideas, finishes and accessories that make homeowners forget they ever needed a basement. California Closets has renovated every type of closet and conducted some magical makeovers. Insufficient hanging spaces and eyesore shelving become part of a beautiful new living experience. Storage adds value to a home as well. Even something as simple as finding space for a hamper is a challenge that most homeowners don't consider, but a designer would.

Get back to nature

Upscale as it may be, Naples — beyond the charity events, pinky-raising and mani-pedi schedule — and its surrounding area is a natural wonder. The Ten Thousand Islands, Everglades, many lagoons and canals and even the Gordon River mean it's all about the water here. That's why here is where coastal design shines brightest. Kira Krümm of Kira Krümm International Design has always strongly believed that a home's interior should be a reflection of the homeowner's lifestyle and inspired by the surrounding natural environment.

"Southwest Florida is an area of the United States that continues to attract new residents from all over the globe who flock here to enjoy the pristine weather and lush tropical landscape, so it's important that homeowners enlist a designer who can help create an interior in tune with this lifestyle and who understands the region's unique coastal aesthetic," she says. "The heavy, formal styles of older, Mediterranean homes are something of the past and have made way for fresh, current, coastal themes."

Mrs. Krümm had her work cut out for her when she helped a family on Marco Island find their Southwest Florida groove. In a Marco Island single-family home, she showcases cottage-coastal kitchen with transitional cabinetry, brushed white oak flooring and exotic quartzite countertops that complement the mother of pearl glass tile backsplash. All of those facets of the design complement the natural world around the home.

"Clean, sleek lines, natural washed finishes and light neutral hues exude a look that is relaxed and luxurious," says Mrs. Krümm, who invites homeowners to see the "Dune" showcases outside of her showroom as part of the signature Koastal Kollektion product line. "Plush, slipcovered seating and crisp, inviting bedding in soft, washable fabrics provide a cozy-yet-sophisticated setting for a casual lifestyle, perfect for a Southwest Florida coastal retreat."

Something old, something new

Discussions about the dreaded "Florida look" drew laughs and more nods as Mrs. Torrisi and her audience waxed poetic about the pressure some homeowners feel to fit in here. Designers, says Mrs. Torrisi, can help homeowners find special pieces or work with what you already own.

"If you never loved monkeys in your decor up north, there's no reason to adopt them here because you feel it fits the 'look,'" she assures attendees. "People sometimes think they have to deco-



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Plump pillows make a deep sofa even more inviting in the Henredon Interior Design Showroom at the Miromar Design Center.

rate around a theme — for example, monkeys or palm trees or the infamous Tuscan-style — but one of the many advantages of working with a designer is having them broaden your vision." ■

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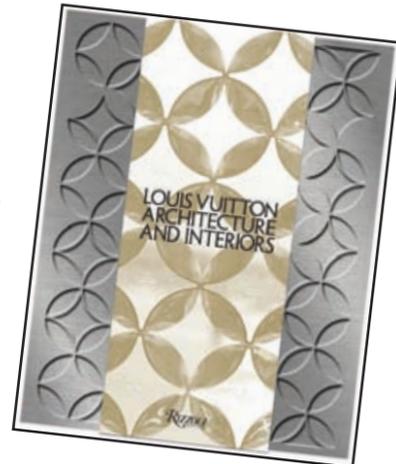
BY KELLY MERRITT

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Louis Vuitton. The name itself conjures images of the LUXE lifestyle: elegant and stylish. For decades, the brand has been a storied legend, its products coveted by the rich and famous. Although not as flaunted as the luggage or fashions, Louis Vuitton literary collectibles are also the ultimate status symbol. Travel books and city guides aside, this month's LUXE reading recommendation, "Louis Vuitton: Architecture and Interiors," speaks to the company's charmed history and architecture.

The book by Frederic Edelmann documents the pioneering design concepts of Louis Vuitton. Most intense is the chronicling of the company's architectural headquarters and workshops, which reach across the globe. The unpublished sketches illustrate riveting interviews with architects and designers including Jun Aoki, Peter Marino, Christian de Portzamparc, David McNulty and Christian Reyne.

Filled with contemporary interiors and architecture, the book lets readers see a side of Louis Vuitton that to many remains elusive — what some have described as a more playful side of retail space designs, spaces that allow for inspiration to occur and creativity to blossom. Homeowners can take cues from displays throughout the book on contemporary design and how to achieve comfort even in the face of all that luxury. Possibly the best part of this Louis Vuitton architectural volume is becoming acquainted with its many international properties, including industrial sites and projects that have remained unrealized. To read "Louis Vuitton: Architecture and Interiors" is to catch a glimpse into what it takes to house this legendary fashion powerhouse. ■



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This party palace by Luxury Home Solutions has a pool/cabana/guest suite addition in a standalone building separate from the main house.

A party palace that stands on its own



The outdoor kitchen has all the ingredients for a fabulous pool party.

BY KELLY MERRITT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

THE WORD “CABANA” CONJURES IMAGES of bucket-list beach destinations, over-water villas and fantasy islands. In Southwest Florida, however, you don’t have to get on a plane to have those amenities in your backyard. Case in point: the party palace built by Luxury Home Solutions that features a pool/cabana/guest suite addition. It’s a standalone building separate from the main house that includes a living room, guest suite and outdoor living space. As if that alone isn’t a dream come true, there is also an outdoor kitchen, pool and spa.

“The owner wanted a pool/cabana bungalow with a complete outdoor kitchen for entertaining and house guests, but something that could also serve as a private riverside sanctuary for sunbathing and relaxation,” said Norman Bloxham, president of Luxury Home Solutions.

Paradise that it is, building the addition was anything but easy breezy. The house is on a river, which presents its own set of cautionary tales. Challenges included finding sustainable products that would be low-maintenance and durable when exposed to the elements, but that are still visually pleasing and complementary to the overall look of the addition.

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“With this project, we utilized cypress on both the cabinets and the ceiling to provide a durable product with a stunning aesthetic,” Mr. Bloxham says. His favorite aspect of the makeover is that the entire outdoor living area under roof is able to be enclosed with electronic roll-down screens, which he calls an amazing feature for the area during summer.

“The screens themselves are recessed into the ceiling beam and therefore hidden from sight until used,” he says. “This allows us to keep the space open and inviting with a great visual flow, but also allows for total protection from insects during our Florida summer nights.”

Mr. Bloxham says with standalone additions, homeowners have much more freedom to make the space their own and can be truly creative with color schemes and technology as opposed to the main house.

What’s his top tip for a stressless outdoor makeover? Pick colors and themes to make the addition a show-place.

“Generally, we suggest more neutral colors and fixtures for a main home,” he says. “With an addition like this one, homeowners can use something like a nautical theme or bolder color choices because the addition itself is like an accent to the home.” ■

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The sitting area and kitchen are part of an open design that’s ideal for entertaining.



In addition to the outdoor living area, there is a guest bedroom and full bath in the cabana building.



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With everything for the home, from textiles to furnishings and decorative accents, the Henredon Interior Design Showroom is the source.

Passion for design

Henredon Showroom offers lots of choices, and gracious hospitality

BY KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

A walk into the Henredon Interior Design Showroom at Miromar Design Center is your entrance to all manner of home design and décor inspiration.

Lovingly curated by Vivian Armenti, the showroom includes Henredon, Barbara Barry Realized by Henredon, Drexel Heritage, Hickory Chair, Lane Venture, Pearson, Maitland Smith and La Barge. Managing this many brands

and educating designers and customers who come through her doors is no easy feat. How does Mrs. Armenti do it? She says it’s all in imagining the end result.

“My secret is to create a dynamic environment that makes showroom visitors walk away with an emotion of, ‘That’s what I want my room to look like!’” Mrs. Armenti says. “With this in mind, it’s developing a connection with our clients that they feel



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The vast expanse of the showroom allows visitors to envision how furnishings might be arranged in their own homes.

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comfortable, glamorous, cozy and leave with a memory point.”

Mrs. Armenti also employs a method that might seem old-fashioned in a world where customer service so often begins and ends with a mouse click: she cares. She enjoys hearing about how her brands have enhanced a home or how designers have used them in projects.

“I treat the business like my own company, with a welcome feeling, as a big design center can be intimidating because there is so much to look at,” she says. “We welcome consumers to visit and see our collections and try to educate them about the importance of working with a designer if they are starting a new home or design project, since that makes the process easier and the scale of selections are correctly made.”

Although the Henredon Interior Design showroom is a designer-based model, meaning they sell directly to designers, customers in the market to outfit a home abound in the showroom. They come looking for inspiration or as part of working with a designer to select pieces.

“We always inquire from the consumer visiting if they are working with a designer and offer pictures to those that are so they can show their designer what they saw and liked in our showroom,” Mrs. Armenti says.

Typically, the designers are already familiar with Henredon, the showroom and family of brands. Those brands include the fabric and finish customization of Drexel Heritage, Henredon’s wood collections,

upholstered and custom options that include Barbara Barry Realized by Henredon and Celerie Kembel for Henredon. Made in America Hickory Chair features upholstery craftsmanship while outdoor furniture fashions come from Lane Venture. Maitland Smith is all about the handcrafted side of furniture, along with lighting and decorative accessories. The classic La Barge line, including stunning, heirloom-quality mirrors, and Pearson’s upholstered furniture round out the brands available in Mrs. Armenti’s showroom. Together, they satisfy design themes that Mrs. Armenti says include casual elegance, coastal chic, traditional and classic, with several contemporary and urban casual options. Textiles are an important part of the process, and this showroom collection is a feast for the eyes.

“Our showroom represents a mix of all our brands that we represent within the higher-end price points, yet still fall into value-priced collections, and no matter the design desires or budget requirements, we have a vast collection of options, plus we dress the showroom, which gives a room a finished presentation,” she says. “Having the opportunity to buy selections introduced by our manufacturers for the showroom is a wonderful experience, to see the results of what I envision, and each space is presented with a lifestyle in mind so that designers and consumers can sense the emotion of the way the room looks.”

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Above: A bedroom vignette brings sweet dreams to mind.



Left: Tabletop displays inspire ideas.



Below left: Fun accents include a cigar-smoking alligator.

Below: Inventive storage options abound throughout the showroom.



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