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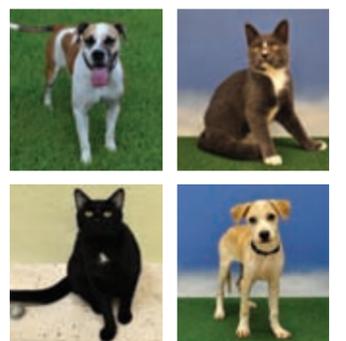
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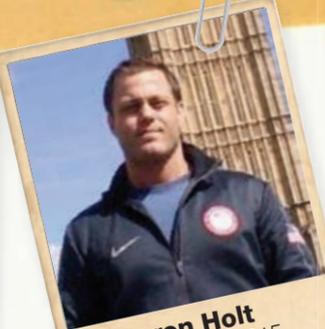
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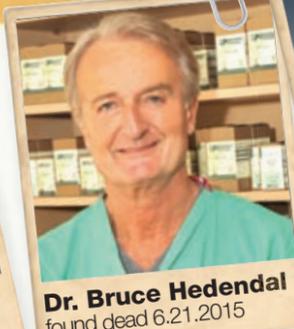
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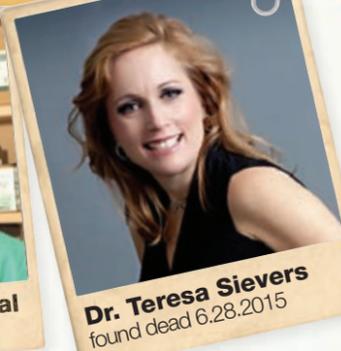
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■ **Dr. Jeff Bradstreet** was found dead in a river with a gunshot wound to his chest June 19. Authorities say it was a suicide but theorists took issue with this finding. The Melbourne-based physician preached controversial autism research, implicating vaccines.

■ **Dr. Baron Holt** died unexpectedly June 21. The 33-year-old chiropractor, who once practiced in Naples, was said to have been a vigorous athlete who was looking to "change the practice of health care so that we can relieve unnecessary human suffering, disease and early death," according to his website.

■ **Dr. Bruce Hedendal** was found dead in his car June 21. The 67-year-old chiropractor out of Boca Raton was an alternative medicine practitioner and robust athlete.

■ **Dr. Teresa Sievers** was found murdered in her Bonita Springs home June 28. The 46-year-old physician focused on an "integrated approach to metabolic and nutritional medicine, providing solutions to current biomedical problems, including biomedical aging," according to her website. Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott said when all is known, books and movies will be written about the case.

BY BILL CORNWELL

Florida Weekly Correspondent

WE DERIDE THEM, DECRY THEM AND denounce them, and most of us would like to think that we are above them. We are talking conspiracy theories here, which are the intellectual equivalents of a bloody, three-car pileup on a busy highway. As with a gory automobile collision, we are at once repelled and intrigued by conspiracy theories. We may hate ourselves for slowing to catch a quick peek at an accident or setting aside time to read or speculate about the latest outlandish rumor, but more often than not we yield to our base instincts.

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FWC challenges public to bag Burmese pythons

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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After a three-year hiatus, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission has reprised its Python Challenge for 2016, encouraging hunters to capture as many invasive Burmese pythons as possible between Saturday, Jan. 16, and Sunday, Feb. 14.

One of the five largest snakes on the planet, the python has become an increasingly problematic invasive species in South Florida, where the state's breeding population resides. Though they mostly inhabit Everglades National Park, pythons have been seen all over the state and into Alabama and Georgia.

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Burmese pythons can be identified from other invasive pythons in the Everglades by their giraffe-like markings and arrowhead-shaped wedge on the top of their head.

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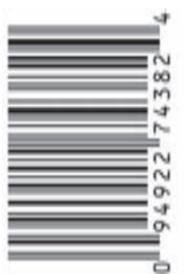
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COMMENTARY

The Shubert Theatre solution



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a variety of well-fed conservatives as “socialist,” along with the president who championed soup lines.

As for problem two, a friend of mine, the writer Bill Kilpatrick, told me that one of the big draws at the Shubert Theatre in New York in the 1930s was an “air-cooled” environment for audiences advertised prominently on the marquee. It drew them by the thousands. Big blocks of ice were ferried into the city and set up in the back of the theater. Fans were then aimed at the ice to blow cold air across the crowd.

Since to my knowledge that was not the idea of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, it was not a “socialist” solution. It was a capitalist solution, which just goes to show you how well public and private enterprise can work together in times of eat-and-heat extremes.

At any rate, my youngest son quickly resisted the DTs (the Donald Trumps, of course) by adapting the Shubert Theatre solution to local conditions: Fill a Styrofoam cooler with ice. Cut three holes in the lid, two smaller circles for little elbow chimneys of the tin kind that fit behind clothes dryers, and a third for a little fan. Fasten the chimneys into the lid so they’re pointing at you, place the fan facedown so it blows air onto the ice, and let cold-air contravention blast hot-air jingoism.

Then (in his case) get up the next morning and go off to your first day of eighth grade — which, fortunately, presents the opportunity for more suffering.

Unfortunately, there’s a lot more hot air in politics (or the eighth grade) than ice

and coolers can handle. And some of it comes from the so-called left.

Hillary Clinton, for example, apparently doesn’t give a fig about maintaining open records for the public, either classified (we get to see them later) or not (we get to see them now), unless votes are at stake.

Some of my critics may be delighted to hear me point this out, because they think that not only am I a biased lefty, but so are all reporters.

“I’ve been reading and watching politics for many decades and one thing I know is true: the mainstream U.S. media is not only liberal; it’s socialist, ‘progressive’ in the extreme and any other voice is to be silenced and stamped out as not authentic,” wrote Janet Thomas last week. “Listen to the biggest failure to ever sit in this White House as he consistently derides, ridicules and hopes you will all help him destroy lil’ old Fox News.”

Wrong. Here are the words of award-winning former investigative journalist Lee Melsek, addressing some of his colleagues. He speaks for me, as well.

“I’m puzzled, and a bit saddened, (after) failing to detect any outrage at all among some respected journalists regarding Hillary Clinton’s smuggling of State Department records into the privacy of her home.

“Public records are sacred to newspaper people. They are a vital piece in insuring the people’s right to know. Good papers have always been quick to go into court to protect that concept and see that they are not removed from access.

“In Florida, officials can go to jail for doing what she did.

“I would like to know why some journalists don’t seem to believe she should be held to the same standard.”

I reckon my kid has enough ice for Hillary Clinton or Janet Thomas. But what about that paragon of lefty darkness, George Soros?

“Why don’t you talk about George Soros? Explain how he is the Wizard behind every Democratic move. The hypocrisy is ridiculous,” writes Cathy Alberson.

We might have to get a couple more coolers and fans if either Mr. Soros or Ms. Alberson carry on.

None of this is fair, of course — and a woman writing as Jeanibelle knows it. Responding to my last column pointing out that American women as a whole continue to lack equal opportunities or pay in this society, she offered this note: “Your first sentence (‘there is no such thing as equality’) is correct; everything else is conjecture... ‘Fairness,’ as is everything else, is totally subjective. Your training in ‘moral relativism’ should have taught you that.”

Well, no. My training in “moral relativism” has taught me that hot air is neither relative nor moral. It’s just hot.

So now we’re going to have to abandon the Shubert Theatre solution as too retro.

Now, we’re going to have to tighten our belts and just get a new reinforced capacitor — quickly, before The Donald opens his mouth again. ■



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OPINION

No trophy for you



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Special to Florida Weekly

NFL quarterbacks fear Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison. So should participation trophies, the ubiquitous trinkets given to children for merely showing up and rounding out the rosters of local sports leagues.

The other day, Mr. Harrison learned that his sons had brought a couple of them home and was none too pleased: "I came home to find out that my boys received two trophies for nothing, participation trophies!"

He swiftly returned the offending tokens and explained himself on Instagram: "These trophies will be given back until they EARN a real trophy. I'm sorry I'm not sorry for believing that everything in life should be earned and I'm not about to raise two boys to be men by making them believe that they are entitled to something just because they tried their best."

Mr. Harrison can be forgiven for having any touchy-feely sentiment wrung

out of him by clawing his way to the top of the most punishing meritocracy in all of sports. He was signed by the Steelers as an undrafted rookie, got cut multiple times and considered quitting and becoming a truck driver like his dad, until he finally caught on in the NFL, where they don't honor you for participating.

Most people are still with Harrison, if a Reason-Rupe poll from last year is to be believed. It found that 57 percent of people think only winning players should get trophies, putting a clear majority on the side of the atavistic impulse to reward only victory.

The trophy has gone from exceptional reward for excellence, to nice gesture, to practically an entitlement. When a cash-strapped Little League in Oklahoma canceled its participation trophies a couple of years ago, one parent complained, "Thanks little league for failing my son and disappointing him as well."

Writing in *The New York Times*, author Ashley Merryman cites a Southern California branch of the American Youth Soccer Organization that distributes about 3,500 awards per season, with about a third of players getting two awards each. Local branches of the soccer outfit, according to Ms. Merryman, spend

as much as 12 percent of their budget on trophies.

The popular i9 youth sports league exemplifies the award-happy times. As a newspaper report explained, "To protect the other children's self esteem, there are no MVPs. Every player is given a sportsmanship award, a participant award and a celebratory icon in their online i9 'Trophy Case.'" What, no ESPY Arthur Ashe Courage Awards?

There is such a thing as winning and losing, and excelling and failing. It's OK for kids to understand that, and in fact, if they don't, they are going to be shocked by life. There's no reason to try to hide it under a raft of automatic trophies that will never be as valued as something truly extraordinary or truly earned.

Participation — and effort — should be its own reward. No one gave us trophies when my Little League team scuffled to a pathetic losing season on the dusty neighborhood ballfield. We participated, we got humiliated, and we moved on, having indubitably established what James Harrison said of his sons' unearned trophies: "Sometimes your best is not enough." ■

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Politics on a stick



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In most parts of the country, it is state fair time again, but not so in Florida.

We of the endless summer have no need to fear an early frost and gather our rosebuds while we may. Plenty of time for that, so February seems as good as any month to have our state fair.

Elsewhere, state fairs are a watershed moment announcing seasonal change, a mellowing of summer on its way to fall, the last blast of warm weather to do something mostly outdoors before things get seriously cold again. Yet no matter when a state fair appears on the calendar, they all share a uniquely American appeal that speaks to our inner farmer.

Everyone finds something entertaining and the price of admission is pretty much all-inclusive. The attractions are plentiful, and move along on a schedule like apples on a conveyor belt, and the smells, sounds, sights and colors hit all the brain's pleasure centers.

From the midway to the exhibition halls, it is a cornucopia of thrills, chills and hobbies gone wild. The food always gets the star billing. It is a chance to eat something so pimped out by its lack of nutrition it demands to be eaten, from a deep fried Snickers bar, to a bacon-wrapped, macaroni and cheese cupcake.

Then there are all the animals on every urbanites' fantasy farm: horses, mules, cows, poultry, rabbits, pigs, sheep and goats; and a menagerie of the unexpected for the forward thinking, such as emus, alpacas and llamas. You wander from barn to shed to arena, remembering what a piece of cheese or a chicken finger looks like before it was one.

Still, the timing of Florida's own state fair seems a bit of a shame. We seem to be missing all the fun just now.

Iowa had its 11-day extravaganza in Des Moines this month, and what a show it was. It attracts a million or so attendees each year, "the single largest event in the state."

This could be an indication not much is going on in Iowa the rest of the year or that this is the only place in the state you can find anything to check off your bucket list. Either way, with hundreds of exhibitors and more than 70 bizarre food combinations, it is a crowd pleaser.

This year, it had the additional draw of a beauty pageant for 2016 presidential hopefuls. Thirteen Republicans and five Democrats put on their best faces to schmooze the crowd. The only thing missing was a clone of Bert Parks and the state of undress typically required of pageant competitors.

It hardly mattered. While it was lacking in eye candy, the candidates satisfied our appetite for deep-fried politics on a stick.

Wannabes stepped eagerly onto a hay-strewn "soapbox" provided by *The Des Moines Register*. Candidates had 20 minutes to show off their political assets before a hoot-and-holler audience drunk on carbs. The talent show was the most entertaining aspect of the exhibition.

You might recall the last time presidential candidates exposed their wares before this fair-going constituency: Republican candidate Mitt Romney remarked to his would-be fans, "Corporations are people, my friend. Of course they are."

This was like calling a building full of children the same thing as a child. Mr. Romney lost the popular vote among people who knew the difference. Though Mr. Romney failed to win the presidency, he won the consolation prize that year for "The Thing I Wish I

Had Not Said."

This year, all the candidates seemed wary of stepping in remainders on their way to success. They were careful to take their cues from the fair-going crowd to appear as if they actually belonged there. They paid homage to the cow molded from butter, ate pig, sucked lemonade, took selfies and surfed the crowd.

Donald Trump flew in on his Sikorsky copter, one of three he owns, worth \$7 million a pop. It was an "Eat my dust" entrance taking the luster off the competition trailing him in the polls.

He emerged from the copter, unloaded on his competitors, issued a verbal death certificate for the American dream; and then, to resurrect our crestfallen selves, he said he has raising the dead in his skill sets, like a famous someone of 2,000 years ago,

With a final flourish, he commanded a pop-up midway, free rides for the kids in his dream machine.

The sideshow done, he turned and swept into the fair crowd as if he were entering Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The only thing missing was the donkey, but it was probably in there somewhere.

Will Rogers, who famously had little use for politicians of any stripe, once said, "You can take a sob story and a stick of candy and lead America right off into the Dead Sea."

The good folks in Iowa and a substantial part of the Republican Party seem determined to prove Mr. Rogers right. ■

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Marianne Kearns has been executive director of the PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee for five years. She has worked with teenage girls throughout her career and was with PACE for seven years prior to coming to Immokalee, beginning as a program manager in Pasco County. She relocated to open the Lee County center in Fort Myers, where she worked as program director for two years before she was tapped to lead the Immokalee center.

"The girls are expected to show up," she says about the 67 young women who are in the program this year. "If they aren't with us, they aren't learning. We provide a lot of incentives for the girls to come to the program. We focus on the positive changes and accomplishments, and reward good behav-

Talking points with Marianne Kearns

Mentor(s): While studying for my master's degree in Germany, I had a wonderful professor, Mark Antonio. He has since passed away, but he was a gentle man with so much insight and compassion for human beings in general. Learning with him was a real joy. I also have enjoyed being mentored by fellow executive director from the PACE-Broward center, Aggie Pappas. She's been with PACE for 25 years and shares those qualities Dr. Antonio had.

Something your mother was always right about: What goes around comes around.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? A TV news anchor or a fashion designer.

High school job: I was a chambermaid at the Ocean Cliff resort in Newport, R.I.

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? I would be providing mental health services in a private practice.

Guilty pleasures: Watching Phil Michelson play golf live at tournaments or on TV.

One thing on your bucket list: Travel to the United Kingdom for the British Open. I don't play golf. I am only a fan and spectator of the sport.

Next vacation destination: To the Bahamas for a friend's

bachelorette party and then to Mexico for her wedding!

Skill or talent you wish you had: I really wish I could surf because I love the beach.

Best thing about kids: What I love about kids, especially the girls we work with at PACE, is their resilience.

Something that's been on your mind: Finding balance. I feel that I work around the clock, especially when we are gearing up for our signature fundraiser for PACE, Love That Dress (coming up Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande; visit lovethatdress.org for information).

What makes you laugh? I am an introvert who is constantly thinking and processing, so when I am with a small group of close friends and something funny happens, I enjoy letting go. When you work with children who have experienced trauma, laughing and being able to laugh is important.

What's on your bookshelf? After Love That Dress!, I'm looking forward to reading "Fierce Conversations" by Susan Scott — preferably on a beach with one of those fruity drinks topped with a little pink umbrella straw.

Something you'll never understand: The violence that one human being can do to another.



Pet peeve: Drama.

What are you most proud of? I am proud that I have made a career with PACE. I am certainly not perfect, but I have found personal growth and value through my work with people, communities and our girls. We are implementing a national expansion strategy that is very exciting, and I look forward to being a part of our growth.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: The sun and the beach.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: More single men!

ior. When our girls start experiencing success, attending is not an issue."

Marianne is the product of a military lifestyle. Her Vietnam veteran father was a career Army officer, and the family moved around every three years, from east coast to west coast and overseas. As a "military brat," she says, she learned to value culture,

diversity and so much more.

She earned a bachelor's degree in political science at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C., and then went to Germany to complete a master's degree in guidance and counseling at Boston University. She worked throughout her schooling and was also very involved with her sorority, Delta

Zeta, which she credits for her skills in community service, organization, fundraising, public speaking and leadership Z — "all skills that I use in my position at PACE."

Marianne was married in 2002 and one week later moved to Florida. "The marriage didn't last," she says, "but I liked Florida and I liked PACE, which is why I stayed." ■



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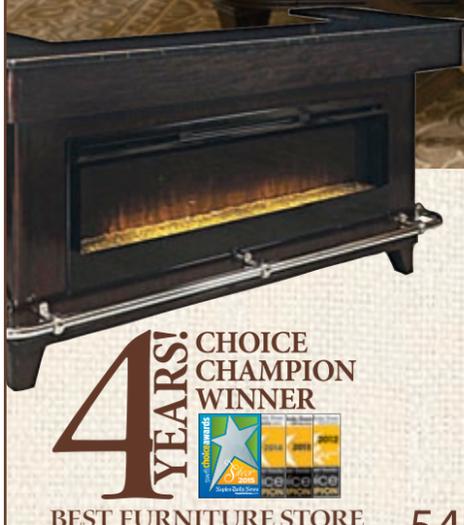


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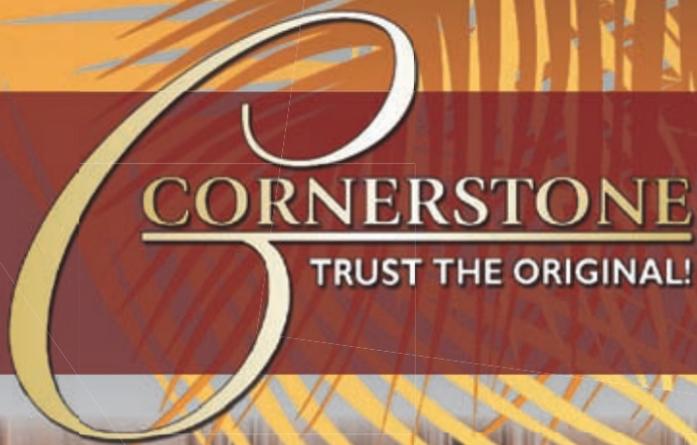
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So, no matter how much we poo-hoo conspiracy theories or proclaim them to be the province of fools and nut jobs, it seems as if we — as a society — cannot get enough of them.

Perhaps we shouldn't feel such guilt when we indulge our curiosity about the absurd and unfathomable. It seems to be encoded in our DNA. Conspiracy theories have been around for millennia, and the pages of history are littered with plots and intrigues that range from the documented (the assassinations of Julius Caesar and Abraham Lincoln, for example) to the plausible (the murder of John F. Kennedy) to the fully imagined (such as the beliefs that the Bush administration orchestrated the 9/11 attacks or that President Barack Obama colluded with others to produce a fraudulent birth certificate or that extraterrestrials crashed a spaceship in Roswell, N.M., in 1947 and the United States government has kept their little green corpses under wraps for almost 60 years). In essence, then, one man's conspiracy theory is another man's proof positive. Some of us are more selective in what we believe and demand a higher level of documentation, but all of us, experts say, do subscribe to conspiracy theories in one form or the other.

"No matter what you believe about the how and why of the (9/11 attacks) on New York and Washington, D.C., it's a conspiracy theory," Dr. Matthew R.X. Dentith, a philosopher who lives in New Zealand and has written a book titled "The Philosophy of Conspiracy Theories," tells *Florida Weekly* in an interview conducted via email. "For example, if you accept the official theory, that's a theory about a bunch of plotters who acted in secret to commit a terrorist attack. That is a theory about a conspiracy. It just happens to be one that is well-accepted."

This view that conspiracy theories can encompass the real as well as the imagined is echoed by another expert in the field, Dr. Joseph E. Uscinski, coauthor of the book, "American Conspiracy Theories."

"Watergate and Iran-Contra are conspiracies," says Dr. Uscinski, an associate professor of political science at the University of Miami. "Sometimes conspiracy theories actually unearth information we wouldn't have had otherwise."

Still, it is not a stretch to conclude that the bulk of today's conspiracy theories involve wildly exaggerated claims that routinely are manufactured by linking actual events to a highly speculative hypothesis. Once this is done, the conspiracy theory can be set loose on the



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Internet, where it will find a receptive, if limited, audience that is eager to confirm its own worst fears and prejudices. This is not to say that everyone who espouses a conspiracy theory is a pajama-clad blogger who operates out of the basement in his parents' home. Some are learned skeptics asking legitimate questions about puzzling events.

Undoubtedly, though, the Internet affords almost anyone — be he erudite, demented or somewhere in between — the opportunity to spew gibberish. And that seems to be the case of a recent conspiracy theory — rooted, at least in part, on the east and west coasts of South Florida. This particular nugget of web-generated lunacy posits that a cabal (possibly composed of and funded by large pharmaceutical companies and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration) is hunting down practitioners of alternative medicine and killing them. At this conspiracy's core are the unrelated deaths of five health professionals. Four of the deaths have connections to Florida. On June 19, a homeopathic physician who had practiced in Melbourne, Fla., before moving to Georgia, was found dead in what was ruled to be a suicide. Two days later, two chiropractors died unexpectedly and in a similar fashion in Boca Raton and Jacksonville, and then on June 29, a holistic physician was found brutally murdered in her home in Bonita Springs.

As conspiracy theories go, this is hardly in the same league as the Roswell incident or the 9/11 coverup, but it has gained some traction, and it does provide a neat — if not wholly explicable — look at how this sort of stuff begins.

In the matter of the alternative doctors, disparate and unrelated cases have been tied together with the thinnest of strings and presented as evidence of a vast plot whose aim is to silence those who criticize mandatory vaccinations and advocate for non-traditional medical practices. Those circulating this rumor/conspiracy contend that these practices threaten the very core of the medical establishment, which now seeks to annihilate its crusading enemies and mislead the public. According to Dr. Dentith, a dubious proposition such as this can make for a very "good" conspiracy theory.

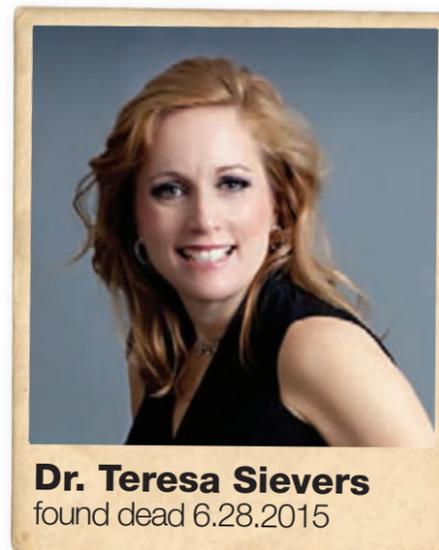
"On one hand, a good conspiracy theory is a story of everything you know is wrong," he says. "So, the medical

community is lying to you about the real reason for vaccinating your children. These stories endure because they often hint at real fears people have."

A key piece of this bizarre and convoluted theory about a plot to kill medical practitioners is the case of Dr. Teresa Sievers, a 46-year-old physician who was found murdered in her Bonita Springs home on June 29. The case remains unsolved, and authorities are revealing precious little about their investigation.

This absence of a definitive explanation for this savage crime leaves the field wide open for speculation — no matter how irrational or irresponsible it may be. Mystery, fear and sensationalism are crucial to a conspiracy theory, and Dr. Sievers' horrific murder possesses all of those elements.

In spades.



Dr. Teresa Sievers
found dead 6.28.2015

IF INVESTIGATORS KNOW WHO KILLED Dr. Sievers and for what reason, they are keeping that information to themselves. Her body was discovered when co-workers became concerned when she failed to show up at her clinic. Those who knew Dr. Sievers well described her as a caring and dedicated physician who had a keen interest in holistic and nutritional medicine, anti-aging procedures and acupuncture.

Dr. Sievers, her husband and their two children had been visiting relatives in Connecticut. On the night of June 28, Dr. Sievers flew home alone so she could be at work the next morning. Her family planned to return to Florida later in the week. When her flight landed, she telephoned her husband to report her safe arrival. That was, apparently, the last contact she had with her loved ones.

There have been reports that at least one neighbor heard screams coming from Dr. Sievers' home early in the morning on June 29. There has been another TV report that Dr. Sievers was beaten with a hammer. Neither report has been confirmed by police.

The Lee County Sheriff's Office has been parsimonious with information regarding the investigation. But Sheriff Mike Scott's early comments on the case proved to be as provocative as they were cryptic and enigmatic. Specifically, the sheriff said the attack did not appear to be random or arbitrary. He further described the crime as a "complicated set of circumstances with many intricacies." Sheriff Scott also raised eyebrows when he said that — when all is known and disclosed — books and movies will be written about the

case. (Tony Schall, spokesman for the LCSO, says there are no new details to disclose.) Sheriff Scott's comments certainly did not point followers of the case in any one direction. But they were ambiguous enough to provide an opening for conspiracy theorists.

These theorists — led by an Internet maven who identifies herself simply as "Erin Elizabeth" — have taken the murder of Dr. Sievers and linked it to the deaths of other alternative practitioners. In the eyes of Erin Elizabeth and others who adhere to this particular conspiracy theory, actual, verifiable connections in these cases are unnecessary. The practitioners did not know each other. They did not share cases or patients. There is no evidence that they were in contact with one another. And only one of them — the doctor whose death was ruled a suicide — had any unpleasantness as of late with the FDA.

Mr. Schall, the LCSO spokesman, was asked about a possible connection between Dr. Sievers' murder and a medical conspiracy.

"A lot of people have called and asked that exact question," he says. "We haven't seen any evidence (that would support or bolster the conspiracy theory)."

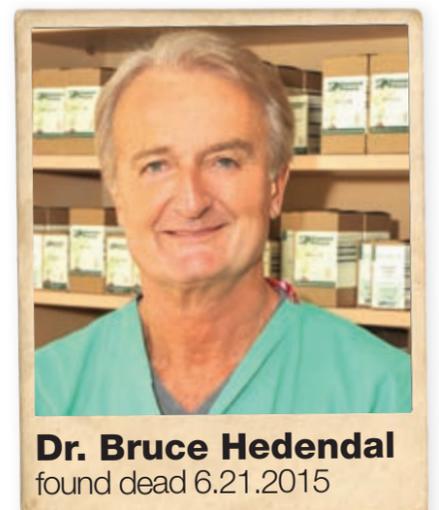
No evidence at all?

"None," he says.



ON JUNE 21, DR. BRUCE HEDENDAL, a 67-year-old chiropractor who practiced in Boca Raton, was found dead in his automobile. Dr. Hedendal, conspiracy theorists like to point out, was a robust athlete who was extremely active for his age. In fact, they note, he had participated in the discus throw at the Sunshine State Games shortly before he was discovered dead. But they either ignore or play down the fact that Dr. Hedendal had appeared ill at the track meet and had gone to his car to recuperate. Authorities found no sign of foul play.

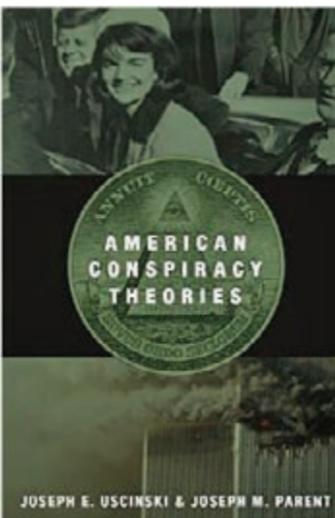
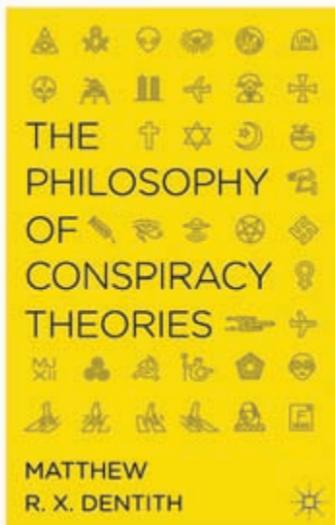
In Jacksonville, on the same day, Dr. Baron Holt, a 33-year-old chiropractor from North Carolina, died unexpectedly. Dr. Holt was also said to be vigorous and athletic, but his family told a North



Dr. Bruce Hedendal
found dead 6.21.2015



Dr. Jeff Bradstreet
found dead 6.19.2015





Dr. Baron Holt
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Carolina newspaper that he had been “struggling with health issues,” which were not described further. As with Dr. Hedendal, no foul play was suspected and autopsy results are awaited.

Two days before Drs. Hedendal and Holt died, Dr. James Jeffrey Bradstreet’s body was found in the Broad River near Chimney Rock, N.C. Dr. Bradstreet had Florida roots. He had obtained a medical degree from the University of South Florida and had practiced in Melbourne before relocating to Buford, Ga. Dr. Bradstreet, 61, died from a gunshot wound to the chest, and a weapon was found in the water near his body. The death scene was near a lake that Dr. Bradstreet and his wife often visited on vacations. Authorities declared it a suicide. Almost immediately, though, conspiracy theorists took issue with that finding.

Of all the practitioners who died, Dr. Bradstreet was, by far, the most widely known and most controversial. And it was his notoriety that seems to have fueled the conspiracy theory.

“To thousands of supporters, he was a savior; a physician who claimed that vaccinations caused autism and promoted radical procedures to treat those afflicted, including his own son,” *The Washington Post* wrote shortly after his death. “To many others, however, he was a crackpot; a man who, despite his medical license, ignored science and championed dangerous, discredited and occasionally deadly treatments.”

Dr. Bradstreet, the *Post* noted, “had been a leading voice in the anti-vaccine, or ‘anti-vaxxer,’ movement for nearly two decades.” He also was the subject of apparent investigations by federal and state authorities shortly before his death.

“Multiple law enforcement officials said the U.S. Food and Drug Administration searched Bradstreet Wellness Center last week,” the *Gwinnett Daily Post* in Georgia reported June 26, a week after Dr. Bradstreet’s body was found.

In that same article, the *Daily Post* said that “some of Bradstreet’s supporters were speculating that his death wasn’t a suicide, but a conspiracy.”

This conspiracy angle began to gain traction principally through the efforts of a self-described “health nut” who goes by the name “Erin Elizabeth” and who maintains a full-throated presence on her website, “Health Nut News.” Erin Elizabeth, according to postings, operates out of Ormond Beach.

(Erin Elizabeth did not respond to *Florida Weekly’s* requests for an interview.)

Online, Erin Elizabeth says she has “a passion for the healing arts... (and) is an author, public speaker and advocate for healthy living.” She further claims to have overcome “(vaccination) inju-

ries, Lyme disease, a significant weight gain and more.”

Her Facebook page lists almost 5,000 “friends” and almost 8,000 “followers.” On Facebook she also reveals that she is “in a relationship” with Dr. Joseph Mercola.

Dr. Mercola is an osteopathic physician and a controversial figure in his own right. He is wildly popular in the alternative medicine realm. Dr. Mercola is an icon of the anti-vaccination movement and has been criticized by the FDA for his marketing practices.

Erin Elizabeth has continually linked the doctors’ deaths to the possibility of a wide-ranging conspiracy. She is careful, though, to leave some wiggle room in her arguments.

“I don’t claim to have all the answers,” she writes, “but I don’t think anyone does. Yet.”

The assertions of Erin Elizabeth and others caught the attention of Snopes.com, the website that routinely debunks conspiracy theories, urban legends and widely circulated Internet rumors.

“While ‘Erin Elizabeth’ took credit for ‘breaking’ this rumor, it was concurrently or subsequently spread on a range of disreputable alternative medicine sites,” Kim LaCapria, the writer and researcher who looked into the doctors’ conspiracy for Snopes, informs *Florida Weekly*.

“We get hundreds of emails every day, but none have mentioned ‘Health Nut News’ until these rumors appeared.”

Ms. LaCapria exhaustively investigated the allegations of a conspiracy and, not surprisingly, could find nothing to support such a conclusion.

Asked to assign the conspiracy theory a score on a scale of 1 to 10 (with 1 signifying absolute truth and 10 representing a total falsehood), Ms. LaCapria says she is “inclined to say a 10.”

The underpinning of the doctors’ theory is rather “straightforward,” she explains.

“Is the government or big pharma deliberately murdering doctors for unknown but sinister reasons?” she says. “Not only do I think it’s a level-10 untruth, I’m not convinced some of the people spreading it truly suspect they’ve genuinely uncovered a vast conspiracy. If taken as plausible or true, the allegation is actually a pretty terrifying one, but no one spreading it seems too worried about the purported cabal’s reach.”

Ms. LaCapria also points out a consequence of such a conspiracy theory that might go unnoticed by the public at large: The pain that such rumor and innuendo might bring to grieving families.

“There’s also the matter of these doctors’ deaths being recent (and indeed, some were quite young or died tragically),” she writes in an email to *Florida Weekly*. “It might be distressing for their loved ones to endure the spread of frightening rumors like this in their time of (very recent and unexpected) grief.”



IN AN OBLIQUE WAY, THE DOCTORS’ DEATHS highlight how so-called fringe issues (e.g., the wisdom of mandatory vaccinations) and conspiracy theories can be pulled into the mainstream. The vaccination question has proved to be a stumbling block for some presidential candidates — especially on the Republican side.

“Today, the debate about whether or not to vaccinate is just not a burning political issue among the Democratic Party’s grass roots that it is for Republicans,” Mara Liasson, national political correspondent for National Public Radio, wrote earlier this year, adding that the vaccine question makes it hard for GOP candidates to “reach out to the conservative base of their party and appeal to the mainstream at the same time.”

Two recent controversies, both in Texas and both involving high-ranking Republican politicians, shed light on how bizarre conspiracy theories can not only gain widespread attention but also shape and inform public policy. Although the Texas stories involve Republicans, conspiracy theorists are not restricted to any one political party or political philosophy, experts say.

“There is absolutely no difference between the left and the right on conspiracy theories,” says Dr. Uscinski, the University of Miami political scientist.

“I think people from all over the map, politically speaking, end up believing in different kinds of conspiracy theories,” adds Dr. Dentith, the academic from New Zealand.

Last month in Texas, a bill was proposed and passed that would allow hospitals to hold for four hours patients who appeared to be a danger to themselves or others. The bill’s intent was to allow psychiatric professionals to evaluate obviously deranged individuals before they were allowed back on the streets. Proponents of the bill hoped it might be at least one step in preventing incidents such as mass shootings by mentally ill individuals.

Senate Bill 359, as it was styled, enjoyed rare bipartisan support. It breezed through the Texas House and Senate. It was endorsed by the Texas Society of Psychiatric Physicians and the Texas Medical Association. But despite all that, Gov. Gregg Abbott vetoed the measure.

Why would he do such a thing?

Well, Gov. Abbott decided to side with a group known as the Citizens Commission on Human Rights — an outfit founded by the Church of Scientology — which had lobbied long and hard against the bill. The commission, as does the Church of Scientology itself, believes that psychiatry is junk science and little more than a means by which big pharmaceutical companies can drug the public into submission.

The outrage over the veto was immediate.

The *Dallas Morning News* published a stinging editorial headlined, “Abbott sided with conspiracy theorists to kill mental health bill.”

“In his veto proclamation, Gov. Abbott wrote that only law enforcement officers, and not ‘private parties,’ should have the right to detain someone,” the

newspaper wrote. “In this case, the private parties are doctors with training and experience to know when someone could be a danger to himself or the community.”

Furthermore, the newspaper said the governor “sided with fear mongering” by killing a bill that “would have helped doctors, law enforcement and the mentally ill.”

This was not the first time that Gov. Abbott had hopped aboard the conspiracy train. Early this year, he stoked the paranoia that gripped Texas after it was announced that military training exercises (named “Operation Jade Helm” by the Pentagon) would be held there.

“Plans for a 17-city Army Special Operations exercise in Texas stirred some ultra-right-wing fears of a government takeover of the Lone Star State,” the *Houston Chronicle* wrote in March.

Alex Jones, a Texas-based right-wing radio loon who has been warning of a federal takeover of Texas for years, seemed to get things rolling on Jade Helm.

“We’ve got huge news, ladies and gentleman,” Mr. Jones reported on one broadcast. “They’re having Delta Force, Navy SEALs with the Army basically trained to take over.”

According to Mr. Jones, federal authorities had deemed Texas to be a “hostile” site. Why the federal government would want to “invade” and take control of an entity that was already a part of the United States was a question that went unanswered.

By June, a survey conducted by the *Texas Tribune* revealed that an astonishing 44 percent of those polled believed that the military was about to impose martial law on Texas.

Gov. Abbott further inflamed the situation by instructing the Texas State Guard (a state force that is separate from the National Guard) to “monitor” the Jade Helm exercises.

“During the training operation, it is important that Texans know their safety, constitutional rights, private property rights and civil liberties will not be infringed,” the governor wrote in his formal instructions to the commander of the Texas State Guard.

Even Chuck Norris, the ineffable action figure who calls Texas home, weighed in on the looming threat.

“It’s neither over-reactionary nor conspiratorial to call into question or ask for transparency about Jade Helm,” Mr. Norris wrote on a website. “To those who merely think we should check our brains at the door of the White House and trust what government does, I would reiterate to you the words of one of our government’s primary founders, Benjamin Franklin, who said, ‘Distrust and caution are the parents of security.’”

In Washington, Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) likewise announced that he, too, would be keeping an eye out for any indications that his state was about to be placed under federal military rule. Like the governor and Mr. Norris, he promised to stand firm on the matter.

This would all be merely comical if not for the fact that some of the crazies who subscribe to theories such as Jade Helm regard them with a deadly seriousness.

Not long ago, the FBI uncovered a plot by three North Carolina men that was aimed at murdering federal troops after luring them into an ambush in South Carolina. The motive behind the thwarted attack?

Revenge for Jade Helm.

These arrests are a sobering reminder that conspiracy theories — as with most things in life — can have consequences. “Conspiracy theories once in a while lead to violence,” Dr. Uscinski says. “It can come from a lone wolf or a group. You never know.” ■



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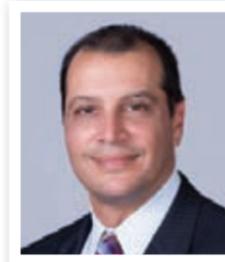
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Spend a day at the beach with the Collier County Sheriff's Office on Saturday, Aug. 29.

That's when the CCSO Marine Bureau will hold the seventh annual Keewaydin Cleanup. Transportation will be provided by the sailing vessel Sweet Liberty, which will depart from Naples City Dock at 8:30 a.m. and return from the island around 12:30 p.m.

A cleanup for the southern half of the island is also scheduled for this day and will launch out of Isles of Capri aboard the Calusa Spirit, which will depart from Pelican Bend restaurant on Isles of Capri at 8:30 a.m. and return from the island around 12:30 p.m.

Participants will enjoy this pristine stretch of Collier County coastline while doing their part to keep it clean.

Seats are limited to 35 aboard each vessel. To reserve a spot, send an email to keewaydincleanup@gmail.com. Include your name, telephone number of each participant and vessel preference.

Bottled water will be provided. Don't forget to bring your own sunscreen. ■



Watch out for traffic deputies on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of Aug. 31-Sept. 4:

Monday, Aug. 31

Glades Boulevard and Palm Drive: Red-light running
 Immokalee Drive and North 15th Street: Red-light running
 Old 41 Road and Tamiami Trail North: Speeding

Tuesday, Sept. 1

Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
 Davis and Lakewood boulevards: Speeding
 Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Speeding

Wednesday, Sept. 2

23rd Avenue S.W. and 49th Terrace S.W.: Speeding
 Golden Gate Parkway and Tropicana Boulevard: Red-light running
 Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary School: Aggressive driving

Thursday, Sept. 3

Santa Barbara and Devonshire boulevards: Aggressive driving
 Vanderbilt Beach and Livingston roads: Aggressive driving
 Everglades and Randall boulevards: Red-light running

Friday, Sept. 4

Oil Well and Immokalee roads: Red-light running
 Naples Boulevard: Speeding
 Green and Collier boulevards: Aggressive driving ■

Distinguished rabbi will lead Marco High Holy Day services

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island welcomes Rabbi John Spitzer to lead High Holy Day services for the year 5776. Following his ordination from the Hebrew Union College in 1973, Rabbi Spitzer served as an associate rabbi for Congregation Shaare Emeth in St. Louis, Mo., before moving to Temple Israel in Canton, Ohio, in 1981, where he served for 27 years.

He earned a doctor of ministry from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and has been awarded two honorary doctorates and served as associate professor of Jewish studies at Walsh

University. He has been honored by the National Martin Luther King Commission, The Jewish Chautauqua Society, Walsh University, State of Israel Bonds, Canton Rotary, the Greater Stark County United Way and the Greater Stark County Chamber of Commerce.

He has made some 20 trips to Israel, leading many interfaith groups and family B'nai Mitzvah trips.

JCMI's High Holy Day observance schedule is as follows:

Friday, Sept. 4: 8 p.m. Shabbat/Selichot services

Sunday, Sept. 13: 8 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Monday, Sept. 14: 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah service

Friday, Sept. 18: 8 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah service

Tuesday, Sept. 22: 8 p.m. Yom Kippur Kol Nidre service

Wednesday, Sept. 23: 10 a.m. Yom Kippur morning service; 3:30 p.m. Yizkor, Ne'ilah service

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Cecil speaks

The distress across the Western world in July over the big-game killing of Cecil the lion in Zimbabwe was apparently misdirected, according to veteran “animal communicator” Karen Anderson of Elk, Wash., who told Facebook and Internet visitors (AnimalCommunicating.com) that Cecil and she had discussed his demise and that he was over it. Also, Cecil apparently speaks in formal, graceful Eng-

lish, as Anderson quoted him (according to London’s *The Independent*): “Let not the actions of these few men defeat us,” said Cecil, “or allow darkness to enter our hearts.” “I am,” he added, “grander than before as no one can take our purity, our truth or our soul.” (Anderson’s usual fee to speak with deceased pets is \$75 for 15 minutes, but she did not disclose whether she had a client for Cecil’s tab.)

Chutzpah

■ In May, three Santa Ana, Calif., police officers who had just raided the unlicensed Sky High Holistic medical marijuana dispensary were caught on the facility’s surveillance video eating supposedly seized cannabis-infused chocolate bars, and an “internal affairs” investigation was opened. However, in August, the *Orange County Register* reported that the cops went to court to have the video suppressed. Their familiar legal argument is that the video violates their right to privacy — in that they had purposely disabled the cameras before they began munching the contraband and thus had the requisite “expectation of privacy” that triggers the

right. (Possibly, they had missed a camera.)

■ The mother of three children in Grandview, Mo., suspected that Dameion McBride, 22, had sexually molested his two daughters (ages 4 and 8) and son (age 3), but Mr. McBride indignantly denied it, claiming that he is a child-abuse survivor himself, and booked himself on the national “Steve Wilkos” TV show in May to take a lie detector test to clear his name. However, he failed the test as to each child and was subsequently arrested. (The Associated Press reported that Mr. McBride insisted on a police lie detector test — and failed that, too.)

The continuing crisis

On Aug. 1, one of the world’s weirdest border disputes came to an end, as India and Bangladesh exchanged more than 160 “enclaves” — sovereign territory completely surrounded by the other country’s sovereign territory (in principle, making travel out of the enclaves impos-

sible unless the enclave had an embassy or another office that issues visas). In fact, there was one Indian enclave (Dahala Khagrabari) completely within a Bangladeshi enclave that is completely inside an Indian enclave inside Bangladesh.

The litigious society

■ The estate of Dr. Rajan Verma filed a lawsuit in July against the Tralf Music Hall in Buffalo, N.Y., after Dr. Verma fell to his death following a concert when he lost his balance sliding down the banister. The estate claims that there must have been a sticky substance on the railing. The estate’s lawyers said that since alcohol was served at the concert, the promoters should have known to take extra safety precautions for banister-riders.

■ Who gets badly hurt playing musical chairs? Robin Earnest, 46, told an

Arkansas claims hearing that she broke two fingers and was forced into “years” of surgery and physical therapy over a game that was part of a class at the College of the Ouachitas in 2011 and demanded at least \$75,000 from the state. The July hearing was dominated by a discussion of the proper way to play musical chairs because the instructor had ordered three students to contest one chair — with Ms. Earnest asserting that everyone knows it would be two chairs for three people.

News that sounds like a joke

■ “Green-fingered residents” can show off their hard work each year at the Quedgeley Show in Gloucestershire, England, entering arrangements of colorful, plump garden-grown vegetables. However, attendance has been off in recent years, reported the *Western Daily Press*, leaving the show’s future in doubt — until organizers announced that this year, to increase the number of entries, supermarket-bought vegetables could be submitted.

■ “Number Two, Turn to the Right and Growl”: Magistrates in Ceredigion, Wales, fined Edward Davies the equivalent of about \$1,130 in June, finding that it was his dog that bit a teenage girl last October, sending her to a hospital with swelling and bruising. Aberystwyth authorities had set up a formal police lineup of dogs from the neighborhood, and the girl had made a positive ID of Mr. Davies’ dog as the perp.

The aristocrats

(1) Wallace Berg, 81, was charged with public indecency in Stratford, Conn., in July after a neighbor showed police a video he had made of Mr. Berg, naked and (according to an Associated Press report) “performing a sex act with some shrubbery.” (2) “Where the sun don’t shine” is now a standard hiding place for contraband, including for Matthew Smith, 36,

arrested in Greendale, Ind., in July. After he drew attention with a long restroom session at a Shell station, police confronted him about the white powder on his nose, and Mr. Smith sheepishly handed over the minutes-ago-removed pills and cocaine — but he had also extracted, inexplicably, a fishing bobber, a screwdriver and an “open tire plug kit.” ■

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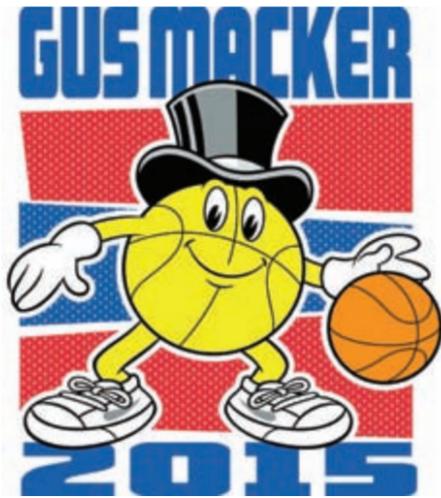
Hoops tourney welcomes all ages

The Greater Naples YMCA, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Immokalee and the 1-by-1 Leadership Foundation, hosts the first Naples Gus Macker Basketball Tournament on Sept. 19-20 at Golden Gate High School.

"Gus Macker basketball is one of the best-known 3-on-3 tournaments in the country, and we're thrilled to bring the event to Naples," says Paul Thein, YMCA president and CEO. "It appeals to players of all backgrounds and levels, whether you're an experienced older team or an athletic college-based team."

Open to players ages 7 to 70-plus, the double-elimination format tourney guarantees two games for each four-person team; one spot on the roster is held for a single substitute. Teams are computer-matched into male and female divisions in junior, adult or top categories. The age, height and experience of all four players are considered.

The tournament also includes a consolation bracket — the "Toilet Bowl" — for teams losing their first two games. A GusBuster maintains law and order on each court and calls all fouls and violations in the Junior Divisions. Addi-



tional tournament activities include a dunk contest, free-throw contest, guest celebrity judges and kids' courts.

Registration is \$132 per team, with proceeds to be divided between the Greater Naples YMCA and the Rotary Club of Immokalee and earmarked to support youth programs.

Online registration at macker.com must be completed by Aug. 31. For more information, call 597-3148. ■

PACE loves volunteers for fundraiser

PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee needs a few good volunteers to help out at Love That Dress!, the nonprofit's major fundraiser coming up Wednesday evening, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande.

The feel-good shopping spree of the year, Love That Dress! features new and gently loved dresses and accessories for nominal prices, plus a silent auction,

camaraderie and cocktails from 6-9 p.m. General admission is \$30; VIP admission (early entry at 5 p.m. and access to the private dressing rooms, express check-out, complimentary cocktails and hors d'oeuvres and more) is \$150.

For information about volunteering, call Marianne Kearns at 842-5406. To purchase tickets to shop, go to lovethatdress.org. ■

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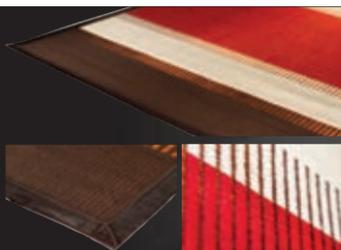
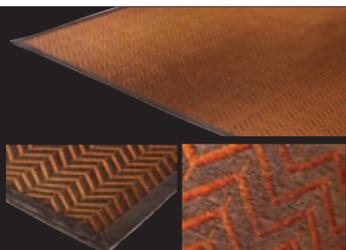
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PYTHONS

From page 1

While the Python Challenge captures the imaginations of hunters around the country to go tramping through backwoods swamps, the point of the hunt is to increase public knowledge about the species and their capture.

"Burmese pythons continue to be a significant issue in the Everglades," FWC Commissioner Ron Bergeron says. "We hope these efforts will increase sightings and the removal of pythons over the long term in this valuable ecosystem."

In 2013, more than 1,500 hunters registered for the month-long competition and captured 68 snakes. Brian Barrows bagged six snakes to take home first-place honors and \$1,500 in the general competition. In the permit holders' competition, Ruben Ramirez snagged the top spot and \$1,500 for capturing 18 snakes.

Mr. Ramirez is a lifelong reptile collector who does not kill his captures, but works with the University of Florida, FWC and the South Florida Water Management District to monitor the snakes. During the past 30 years, he has honed his "herping" skills to detect the sneaky species, and other reptiles, and turn them over.

"Every python I catch, the adrenaline is like the first time," he says. "Today, I can go into my backyard and tell you the 'Burms' aren't moving."

Years of practice and study enabled Mr. Ramirez to capture his winning total of "Burms" three years ago. While he plans to participate in the 2016 challenge, he doesn't necessarily have his sights set on recapturing first place. "I want to participate in the aspect of guiding and helping



COURTESY PHOTO

Ruben Ramirez, who won the 2013 Python Challenge for permit holders by bagging 18 snakes, has been capturing reptiles since he was 12. He now puts those skills to use by removing invasive species from the wild and relinquishing them to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission or the University of Florida.

others more," he says.

All participants must complete an online education course to learn how to identify and humanely capture the snakes, Lisa Thompson of the FWC says. The agency also plans to conduct in-person training around the region in the coming months in hopes that more planning and education will improve the competition.

"During the first python challenge, I saw a lot of native snakes killed that looked similar to pythons," Mr. Ramirez says, adding most hunters "didn't know

the difference between a python and a corn snake." For the upcoming challenge, he adds, "I think people realize they need to come more prepared. They've had a lot of time to do more research and learn a little more."

FWC will post rules, geographical boundaries, prize information and more for the 2016 Python Challenge on the website pythonchallenge.org in the coming months. In the past, only live captures have been allowed and were submitted to the agency to be humanely euthanized. In the upcoming challenge, live captures will only be required in certain areas, Ms. Thompson says. The agency is still finalizing details about competition rules.

Burmese python sightings in Florida go back to the 1980s, and wildlife experts agree that the state's population of the invasive species most likely began as escaped pets. There is speculation the problem was compounded during Hurricane Andrew, when breeding facilities near Homestead were severely damaged, likely resulting in escaped snakes finding refuge in an ecosystem that strongly suits their cold-blooded aquatic bodies.

"As far as the Burmese python, I think it's pretty much a reality, sorry to say," says Art Roybal, senior fish and wildlife biologist with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "They're going to be part of the natural landscape."

Officials do not have an estimate of how large Florida's population of Burmese pythons is, mostly because the snake has proven too slippery to pin down. Most low estimates start at 10,000 snakes.

"Due to an exceedingly low rate of detection, population numbers remain elusive," FWC's Ms. Thompson says. "Though capture rates are often used as a proxy for gauging population trends, there is no statistical correlation between captures and population." ■

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■ **Greater Naples Delta Gamma alumnae** meet for Girls' Night Out from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at Bio Tuscan Grille in Waterside Shops. September gatherings are as follows: Coffee klatsch from 9-11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at DeRomo's in the Promenade at Bonita Bay; bus trip to Sarasota for a tour of Southwest Guide Dogs and lunch at the Columbia from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 18; and GNO from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Dock at Crayton Cove. RSVP to any of the above by calling Andrea Pandaza at 992-2119 or emailing naplesdeltagamma@gmail.com. All Delta Gamma sisters are welcome.

■ **The Naples Digital Photo Club** begins a series of lectures/workshops with noted photography experts from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 29, at Florida SouthWestern State College-Collier. For the opening program, Mike Corrado, of Nikon Professional Services will discuss "Impact, Energy and Emotion" as the key ingredients for a successful image. Attendance is free for club members and \$30 for others (which includes membership and free admission to future workshops).

Through September, club members are exhibiting 50 images with a "water" theme at Shangri-La Springs in Bonita Springs. Most images are for sale, with 40 percent of the proceeds designated to help fund activities at the venue. For more information, call Sonny Saunders at 777-0053 or visit dpi-sig.org.

■ **The Gulf Breeze Button Club**, whose members collect and study antique clothing buttons, meets at 11:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. The next meeting is Sept. 1. Guests are always welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

■ **The Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 10670-Naples** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Sept. 2.

Members also serve a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. Admission for \$5 includes pancakes, eggs, bacon or sausage and orange juice. All proceeds ben-

efit the EAA Young Eagles program that acquaints youth ages 8-17 with aviation as a career. The next breakfast is Sept. 13.

EAA The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

■ **The Naples Orchid Society** invites all orchid aficionados to its next meeting and workshop Thursday, Sept. 3, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6 p.m. for a session with the "Orchid Doctor" and club member Bill Overton; bring in an orchid for diagnosis or culture recommendations. Judging for the plant competition will be at 7 p.m., and the program starts at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker Segundo Cuesta of Quest Orchids in Miami will discuss pollinating orchids. Members can bring a plant if they want to self it or two plants of the same genus if they would like to make a cross.

A selection of orchids will be for sale. Attendance is free. For more information, visit naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **The Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to a luncheon and fashion show at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Quail Creek Country Club. St. John's Thrift Shop will introduce models wearing an array of fashions from the shop. Inspirational speaker Tamra Nashman Richardt will present "Just a Bump in the Road," and musical guest will be singer-guitarist Jeff Leigh. Cost is \$28. Call 514-2207 or email cwc-naples@gmail.com for reservations.

■ **Naples Writers Forum** offers free weekly workshops for writers of all levels from 10 a.m. to noon Saturdays starting Sept. 5 at St. John The Redeemer Church, 625 111th Ave. N. (in the Claussen Family Center, which is the third building on the campus). Attendees should bring 10 copies of one page of fiction, non-fiction, memoir or poetry for critique. For more information, call Gary Melhart at 949-3621 or email gwmelhart@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 Sat-



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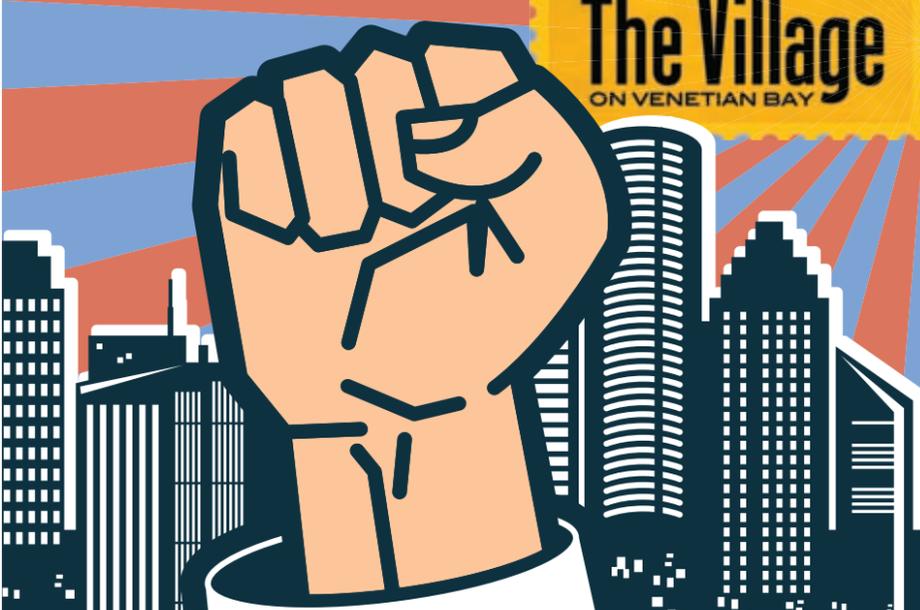
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urdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Sept. 5 and 19. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dritchier@comcast.net.

■ **The Northwestern University Club of Greater Naples** welcomes alumni, parents and friends to kick off the football season when Northwestern hosts Stanford on Saturday, Sept. 5, beginning at noon at Bokamper's Sports Bar & Grille at the corner of Vanderbilt Beach and Airport-Pulling roads. For more information, email NUNaples@hotmail.com.

■ **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 conversation 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.

■ **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 Sept. 10. 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, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae** are invited to join the Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs chapter for monthly luncheons, speakers, socials and other events. The next event is a luncheon starting at noon Monday, Sept. 14, at M Waterfront Grill in the Village on Venetian Bay. RSVP is required by Sept. 10 and can be made by calling

Betsy Penzo at 404-3075 or emailing penzob@aol.com. For more information, contact Linda Shafer, chapter president, by calling (402) 770-3737 or emailing lsworklife@msn.com

■ **Pi Beta Phi alumnae** in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to socialize from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, at Baleen Restaurant at La Playa Beach and Golf Resort in North Naples. For reservations or more information, call Barbara Craig at 908-7301 or email bhc9514@gmail.com.

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have moved to the area within the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking and conversations over coffee. A coffee for prospective new members

takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. The next meetings are Sept. 8 and 22. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ **The Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the second Wednesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at varying locations. The next meetings are Sept. 9 and 23. For more information, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

The **Marco Island Civitan Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are Sept. 8 and 22. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

■ **The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets on the third Thursday of every month at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. In addition to a guest speaker, members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging, and an orchid raffle is help. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The next meeting is Sept. 17. Admission is free for all, and guests are always welcome.

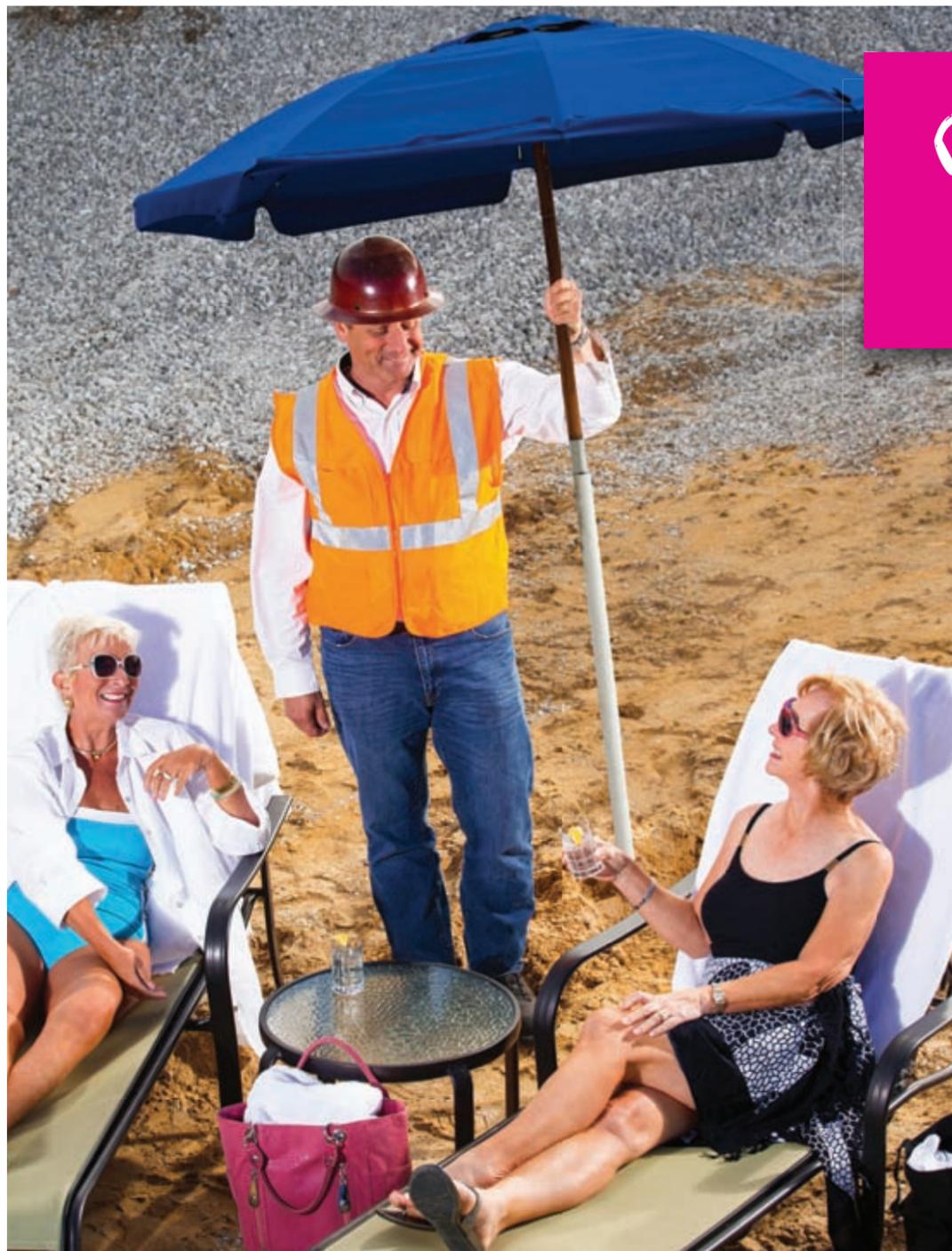
The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information about the alliance, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ **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 Sept. 17. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.org.

■ **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 Sept. 19. 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 Sept. 21. 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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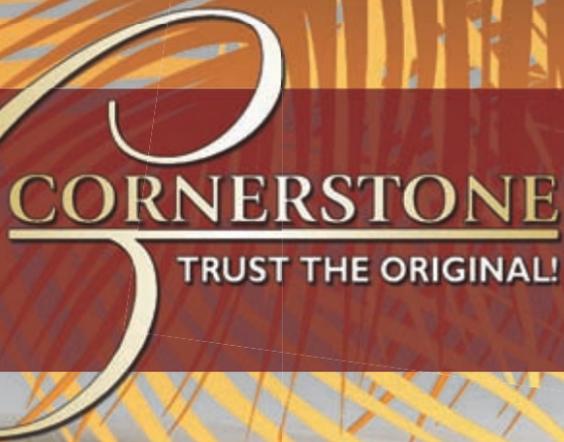
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Thursday, Aug. 27: 6:30 p.m. at **Naples Park Elementary School**

Monday, Aug. 31: 6:30 p.m. at **Tommie Barfield Elementary School**, Marco Island

Tuesday, Sept. 1: 6:30 p.m. at **Avalon Elementary School**

Tuesday, Sept. 1: 6:30 p.m. at **Veterans Memorial Elementary School**

Wednesday, Sept. 2: 6:30 p.m. at **Calusa Park Elementary School**

Thursday, Sept. 3: 7 p.m. at **Vineyards Elementary School**

Tuesday, Sept. 8: 5:15 p.m. at **Parkside Elementary School**

Tuesday, Sept. 8: 7 p.m. at **Sea Gate Elementary School**

Wednesday, Sept. 9: 6:30 p.m. at **Osceola Elementary School**

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30 p.m. at **Lely Elementary School**

For more information about Girl Scouts in Collier County, call Barbara Van Essen at (800) 232-4475, ext. 404, or email barbarav@gsgcf.org. Membership and program scholarships are available based on financial need. ■

Partnerships with community groups making a difference at Youth Haven

Youth Haven is getting ready for season by partnering with six community organizations in the next six weeks.

The first event, Paint-Palooza, takes place Saturday, Aug. 29, with the Rotary Club of Naples at Youth Haven. Club members will repaint the counseling center with paint donated by Home Depot. Members of Rotaract Club of Naples will descend on the campus Saturday, Sept. 5, to clean and paint the chickee hut.

On Saturday, Sept. 12, volunteers from the Naples Junior Women's Club will help get Youth Haven's campus garden ready for fall. And from Aug. 30-Sept. 19, Living Word Family Church is holding a food

drive to stock the pantry shelves at the emergency shelter.

On Saturday, Sept. 26, the children of Youth Haven will participate in The United Way's Walk for the Way, and on Saturday, Oct. 3, they will take part in the annual Hodges University Diversity Festival.

Thanks to community partners like these, Youth Haven is able to continue providing services to the area's most vulnerable citizens: abused, neglected, abandoned and homeless children and teens. For information about numerous ways to get involved as a Youth Haven partner, call Angela Navarro at 687-5178 or email angela.navarro@youthhavenswfl.org. ■

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Adonis Autism sponsors fourth annual conference

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 adonisaautism.org. ■

Stroke takes toll on health of caregiver spouses

Caregiver spouses of stroke survivors are at an increased risk of mental and physical health issues that can continue for years, according to research in the American Heart Association journal Stroke.

Swedish researchers evaluated 248 stroke survivors younger than age 70 (average age, mid-60s) and their spouses at stroke onset and compared the results with 245 non-stroke controls for seven years after the stroke event.

At the seven-year follow-up, 16.5 percent of survivors had suffered a recurrent stroke. Spouses of survivors reported lower scores in several mental and physical areas — more health issues affecting their lives, less vitality and reduced social function — not

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Exploring the benefits of a difficult childhood

BY DON ST. JOHN, PH.D.

Special to Florida Weekly

Most of us have had our share of challenges and sorrows.

Maybe you didn't receive unconditional love from both your parents throughout the formative years of your childhood.

Or maybe you didn't grow up in a home in which your parents showered each other — or your siblings and you — with affection.

Perhaps you didn't grow up in a home in which your parents helped you to understand, clarify and express your feelings in a clear and strong way without aggression. Maybe it wasn't easy for your parents to be firm, authoritative and loving.

Though your childhood may have been less than perfect, what you may not realize is that having a difficult childhood can have benefits and opportunities. Here are some examples of what can bloom from a seemingly desolate upbringing:

■ You become an adventurer.

You may begin walking a path that eventually will bring you experiential riches that you could not have begun to imagine at the outset. At first you may just want to feel better. Then you realize there is so much more than just reducing your anxiety or depression. There is the exciting adventure of becoming who you were truly meant to be. There is no greater adventure than the one of becoming whole — of becoming you.

■ You want more than what the culture offers.

You are less likely to be satisfied with what the culture has to offer you. All the important indexes measured by our culture are financial. There's the gross domestic product, the Dow Jones, employment statistics, but there are no wellbeing indexes. There are no indexes to measure personal, spiritual development or relationship satisfaction. If all was "just fine" at home, you might never challenge the dominant cultural values passed on to you by your family. But if your childhood wasn't all so peachy, it can be easier to find the courage to begin your own journey and become your own person.



■ Settling for "normal" isn't an option.

You may be more likely to challenge the concept of what is "normal" and look for what is possible.

In our cultural paradigm, if you don't have symptoms, you're normal. That assumption is applied both to our physical body and to our emotional wellbeing.

When you begin to question this assumption, you realize that "normal" is the last thing you want to be. What you want is to thrive. You want to remain vital throughout your lifespan. You want your marriage to stay juicy for decades, not just for the honeymoon.

Most normal people, for example, believe their erotic potential diminishes with age. In one sense, it obviously does. But in a fuller sense of the word erotic, it doesn't have to. The information and the resources to do so are available, and those who have begun the journey are much more likely to find and utilize them.

■ Compassion comes more easily.

Once you begin the process of healing, you will have more texture, depth and empathy than those who say they had a good childhood. However you have healed a wound, there will be empathy for others with similar issues. Those who deny their own pain and

their own wounds often have little compassion for the obvious suffering of others. If they don't see it in themselves, they can't bear it in others.

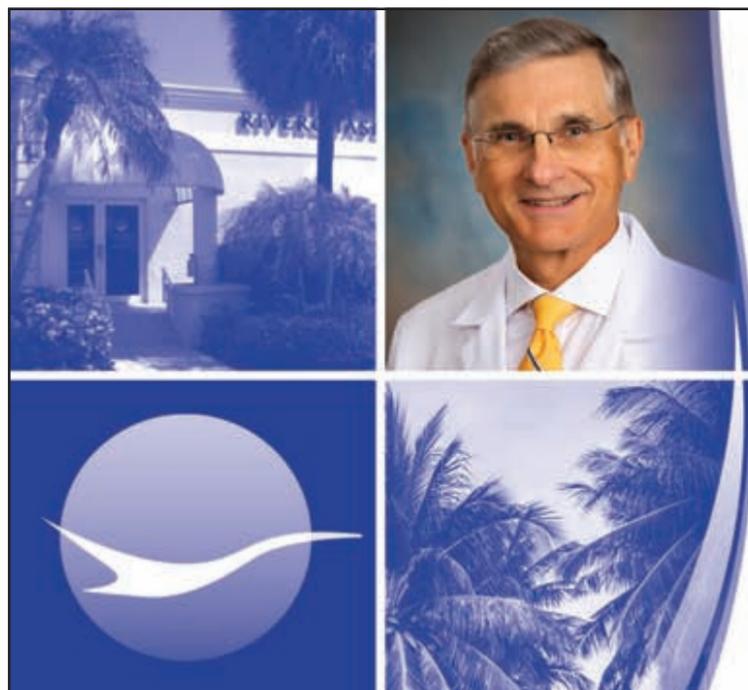
But simply stated, those who have embarked on the path of healing are more compassionate.

■ You treasure what is truly important.

Treasuring what is important is the genuine, heartfelt connection to life and those we love. It is to engage in the world wholeheartedly and to leave the world just a little better than how we found it. It is to realize that love-connections, those moments when two people truly meet, are precious and nourishing. They are not luxuries; they are essential life nutrients.

Even if you've had a difficult childhood that you wouldn't want to relive, you can become an alchemist. You can turn cheap metal into gold. All the raw materials are there, waiting for you to begin. ■

— Don St. John, Ph.D., is the author of "Healing the Wounds of Childhood." To learn more, visit healingthewoundsofchildhood.com.



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Quest for Blue Zone designation is good for entire community



Our community is embarking on a journey to improve the wellness of every resident, and NCH is leading by example. The journey is called the Blue Zones Project, and NCH leadership is vital for its success.

The project is about one thing: creating a healthier environment for all of us. As Deb Millsap, executive director for the local effort, is fond of saying, this is a “we” initiative, meaning that every sector of our community must play a role. We will start with education about the various healthy-living choices we can make and the science behind them. We will share best practices and encourage each other’s well-being.

At NCH, we’ve got a head start. More

than 87 percent of our 5,800 colleagues and their family members have been on this road to wellness for six years. The journey started in 2009, when three of our nurses were belatedly diagnosed with breast cancer because, like too many caregivers, they did not prioritize their own mammograms.

This was a wake-up call to all of us. We began by securing a better insurance plan and by agreeing to participate in age- and gender-appropriate diagnostic testing, following the recommendations of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force. Early results were shocking. The number of colleagues with occult cancers (breast, colon and prostate), high blood pressure and early diabetes was nothing short of alarming. Most of the tests were easy — blood tests, height, weight, waist and hip circumferences, mammograms, etc. The one uncomfortable test was colonoscopy at age 50 and every 10 years thereafter.

No one was forced to participate, but

those who signed on also had to commit to avoiding the use tobacco products.

Over time, the progress we have made improving the health of our colleagues has been heartening. Three years ago we stopped hiring smokers and mounted a campaign to encourage our smokers to quit. We shared the data that non-smokers live, on average, 10 years longer than smokers; if you had grandchildren, this would typically be the decade you could attend their weddings in person, rather than as a memory. On a personal level, that kind of emotional connection helped motivate individuals to stop smoking. Again, no one was let go if they couldn’t quit, but the campaign had a huge impact.

NCH’s health-care costs have dropped an average of 7.8 percent per year over the past five years for our 5,800 people insured. But we are nowhere near finished. We still can and should do better, and we constantly encourage our colleagues to help themselves by creating a

culture where the healthy choice is the easier choice.

This is the Blue Zones Project journey that we are leading in Southwest Florida, using our health-care resources for prevention more than repair, just as others have done in 27 communities across the country. We’ll begin the formal effort this fall, offering our NCH colleagues and anyone in the community educational briefings and opportunities to take the free and confidential “Vitality Compass” assessment to see how we can add years to our lives.

There is nothing mystical about the Blue Zones Project. It’s designed to help everyone — ourselves, our families and our neighbors — live longer, happier and healthier lives. And that’s a goal on which everyone can agree. ■

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

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only during the first years after stroke but also in the long term.

Caregivers’ quality of life was most adversely affected by their spouses’ level of disability, cognitive difficulties and depressive symptoms.

“It is known that spouses of older stroke patients experience health-related physical and mental issues, and that

the degree of their problems is associated with the severity of the stroke, but ours is the first long-term study of seven years follow-up to explore this in a younger group of people,” says study author Josefine Persson, a researcher and Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Neuroscience and Physiology at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

“Our results also highlight the impact on the spouses’ mental health due to demanding changes in the life situations of these families, not only during the first years after stroke onset but also in the long term.”

Juggling work and caregiving is different among younger and older caregivers, researchers say.

“Caring for a spouse after a stroke can be demanding and can reduce a husband or wife’s time spent at their occupation, which also can be a burden for many younger families, and the underlying problems can continue several years,” Ms. Persson said. The findings also have implications for health-care policymakers and call attention to the need for greater social support for these individuals, she says.

Researchers surveyed spouses using questionnaires to measure their health

status and calculate their quality of life. Age, children, education and work status were also included in the review. They made subjective reports of mental health, vitality, social functioning and emotional status of spouses by phone questionnaires or face-to-face evaluation.

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PET TALES

Hot dog

What should you do if you see a dog in a car on a hot day? Experts weigh in

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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It's 69 degrees and cloudy at the beach, with a humidity level of 83 percent and no breeze. You see a dog locked in a truck with the sunroof open but all the windows rolled up. There's no sunshade blocking the windshield, and the dog doesn't appear to have water. He's barking frantically.

Several news stories recently have reported on people breaking into cars to rescue dogs locked in, only to be arrested for their good deed. In response, at least one state, Tennessee, has legalized the act, making it an extension of the state's Good Samaritan law — but only if the rescuer takes certain steps beforehand, such as searching for the owner and notifying law enforcement.

How do you know when a dog is at risk, and what should you do?

Factors to consider include whether the car is in the shade, the color of the car (dark-colored cars get hotter faster), whether windows are rolled down, if there's a breeze and the age and breed of the dog or cat, says Valerie Schomburg, animal control supervisor for the Newport Beach, California, police department. Older animals or those with heavy coats or short snouts are more susceptible to heat.

"Brachycephalic breeds like pugs have a hard time breathing anyway," she says. "If you put an older pug in a black



A rule of thumb is that if it's warmer than 70 degrees, it's too hot to leave your dog in the car. Short-nosed dogs are especially at risk.

car with the windows rolled up, he's going to be at a disadvantage."

Look to see if the owner has made an effort to protect the pet from the heat, such as parking the vehicle in the shade with all windows open, covering the windshield with a sunscreen or the cargo area with an awning and crating the dog with a full water dish and a running crate fan. If that's the situation and the dog is calm and not in distress, you likely have less cause for concern.

Use common sense. If it's a summer evening after sunset and dogs are in cars with windows open and the owners are standing right there, the dog's not at risk. (Yes, I have seen someone raise concerns in just that situation.)

If the dog doesn't have a shady spot in the car and is panting heavily, drooling, seems disoriented or shows other signs

of distress, take action. That can range from going inside a coffee shop or grocery store and having the owner paged to calling the police or animal control.

"Some people may be embarrassed to call law enforcement, but you want to get someone on the way who can do something," says Temma Martin of Salt Lake City, a spokeswoman for Best Friends Animal Society. "If it takes them 10 minutes to get there, that 10 minutes could be as long as the pet has in the car on a hot day."

Ms. Schomburg says Newport Beach officers respond to all calls. "If it's December and it's cold and rainy, we still respond. We don't ever want to make a judgment like, 'Oh, I think it's OK today.'"

Be prepared to give information as to the condition of the dog and the description and location of the car. If you can, stay there to flag down the responder so he or she knows where to go.

Unless the dog is barely alive, it's best not to try to remove him yourself. He could bite you or run away or the owner could have you charged with breaking into the car. Once animal control or police show up, give a statement and leave. Don't get into a screaming match with the owner if he or she shows up. Let law enforcement handle it.

"Between pet owners making good decisions and witnesses making good decisions, lives can be saved," Ms. Martin says. ■

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This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit colliergov.net/pets.

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Lamenting the Summer of Fugly while imagining sweaters and boots



A gaggle of girlfriends and I recently sat around in one of our living rooms for a mid-afternoon happy hour, enjoying icy-cold cocktails and discussing the Summer of Fugly.

For those who've never heard of "fugly," it basically takes the state of ugly to a whole new freaking degree. You can use whatever F-word you fancy. Whether it's "fantastically ugly," "ferociously ugly," "flamingly ugly" or something else, any way to say it, fugly makes ugly look almost pretty.

And the Summer of 2015 is fugly to the extreme.

It's far too hot outside to care about how we look. It's not that we've given up — far from it — it's just that beauty-wise, we're on hold until the heat index dips somewhere below 107 degrees.

We all agreed: It's too hot for makeup. Under-eye concealer just perspires right off, mascara melts and foundation seems to sink quickly into pores that have enlarged themselves due to unusually high humidity levels. When the sweat on your collar is the beige/toasty color of Maybelline Fair to Medium, you know it's the Summer of Fugly.

But we also all agreed that we must



snap ourselves out of the fugliness. Granted, we're in Southwest Florida, so while other parts of the United States start preparing for that thing they refer to as "Autumn" by purchasing gourds and gathering pretty leaves with which to decorate and bringing out their favorite cozy sweaters, we instead hunker down for the most sweltering month of the entire year: September.

Oh, sure, my gal pals and I agreed

we would love to start thinking about Pumpkin Spice lattes, cute scarves and boots with leggings. But that's not any Southwest Florida girl's reality heading into September, when the average temperature is 704 degrees. The Summer of Fugly simply leads into the Fall of Super Fugly.

The conversation started because my friends Asha, Brooke and Lara are headed to a wedding in Chicago in a couple

of weeks.

"It's too hot to paint my nails or color my hair or work out," Asha lamented. "In this heat, it's all I can do to even brush my teeth or shave my legs. It's too hot to care." But she and the girls are off to the northern climes for a sparkly event, and while it's disgustingly hot here, for them it's time to suck it up and remove the fugly.

It's time to color the gray hairs, get a pedicure and exfoliate everything. I realize it's still too hot for Spanx, but we must at least entertain the idea. While I'm not going to Chicago, I did check my calendar and noted at least three major galas right here in Southwest Florida next month. Apparently, gala organizers are oblivious to the fact that we have no autumn here; they want us to don gowns and heels and suffer in the heat.

So as the kids return to school, I shall return to the wonderful woman who waxes my eyebrows. I will attempt to ignore the temperature and try to care about my hair instead of tossing it up in a clip every day so it doesn't stick to my dripping neck. I will pay a nice lady to paint my toenails because I don't quite have the energy to do it myself yet.

The Summer of Fugly has gone on too long — (deep breath) bring on the September of Spanx. ■

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

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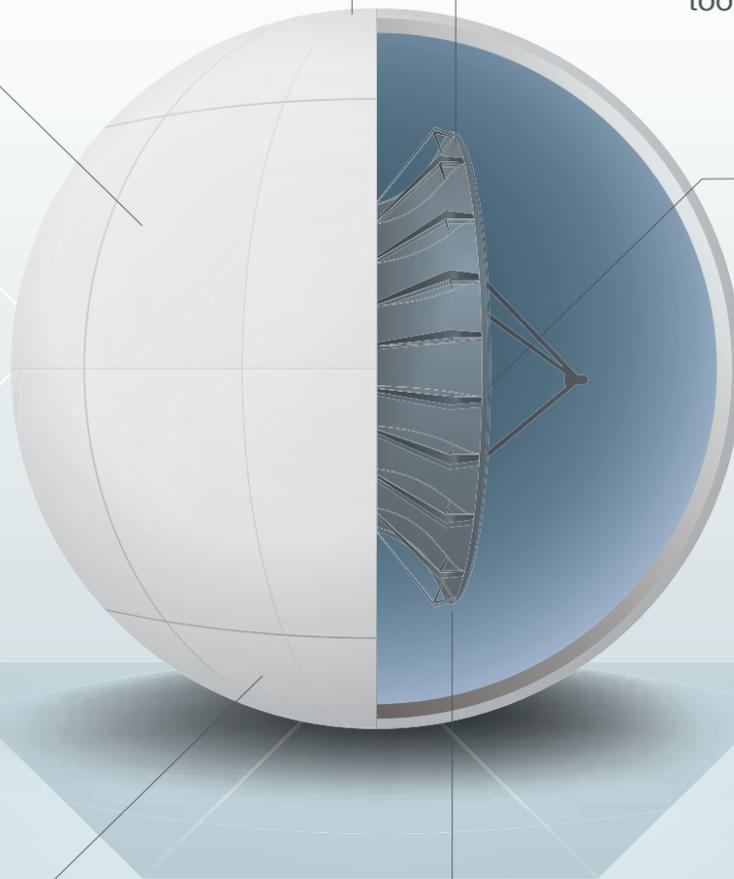
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Celebrity chef Alton Brown's kudos for 11: Eleven's avocado grilled cheese got business flowing.

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Electronic shout-outs

More and more, good reviews on websites bring big business

BY NANCI THEORET
 Florida Weekly Correspondent

Reuben's Smokehouse, 11: Eleven Café, McCarthy's Wildlife Sanctuary and other local businesses are benefiting from the power of the online customer review and the celebrity shout-out. When customers and celebrities rate, others read. As several businesses in Southwest Florida and West Palm Beach have discovered, rankings by TripAdvisor and visits from famous foodies will ratchet up customer counts and improve their online cred.

Three months after Internet powerhouse TripAdvisor named Reuben's the fourth-best barbecue restaurant in the country, the Fort Myers business is still packed to its rafters. Celebrity chef Alton Brown's gushing kudos to the avocado-grilled cheese sandwich at 11: Eleven



COURTESY PHOTO

Reuben Sliva with Arvey Krise in front of Reuben's Smokehouse.

in Fort Myers and the Hostess cupcake milkshake at Relish in West Palm Beach also created a similar avalanche.

"Forty percent of our business continues to be from people who saw us on TripAdvisor," says Arvey Krise, Reuben's

co-owner. "It's such a wonderful tool for businesses and for people in the area looking for a place to eat. We have just 11 tables and recently had visitors from Sweden, France, Germany and Great Britain here at the same time. They all heard about us from TripAdvisor."

Mr. Brown's favorite restaurant finds, unearthed during his recent North American tour, were featured in *USA TODAY* and print and online media outlets worldwide as were the recent TripAdvisor top 10 national rankings for Reuben's, Brooks Gourmet Burgers and Dogs and Harborwalk Scoops & Bites.

"Thousands of people came in who had no idea we were here," says Ms. Krise, "Even older people were finding us online and on their smartphones. It's been absolutely great. There were people

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When I was in elementary school, I went through a very extreme pro-environment phase. It was spurred on by a school assembly speaker from a national environmental group who scared the bejeezus out of us with pictures of rainforests being cut down, acid rain and dead wildlife. He then told us that by the turn of the century, the world will have run out of oil and we all would be riding horses again unless we cut back our consumption. I can remember actually not talking to my parents for a week because they warmed up their car for five minutes on a particularly cold day. I thought that they were wasting a resource that was about to run out any day.

Flash-forward 30 years and the world is awash in cheap oil. So why didn't we run out of oil and why is the price of the commodity currently at multi-year lows?

There was actual solid math behind the claims in the 1970s and '80s that the world would run out of oil. If you divided the amount of proven reserves by the amount of oil the world was using per year, you would get an answer of around 30 years of oil remaining.

However, what my scare-tactic environmentalist speaker failed to take into account was human ingenuity. He did

not foresee deep-sea drilling or fracking or drilling in the arctic or horizontal drilling. Every year we find, and are able to tap, new pockets of oil that were undiscovered the year before. The cost to bring this new oil to market may be more expensive than previous finds, but I believe we will continue to discover new sources of oil for centuries into the future.

But if new oil finds are more expensive to tap, why is the price of oil currently plummeting? The simple answer is that there is more oil supply compared to demand and there are two primary reasons for this.

The first cause is Saudi Arabia. Historically, the largest exporter of crude oil in the world has been a steady force in the oil markets. When prices fell, the Saudis would hold back oil to drive the price higher. When prices rose, they would export more to keep prices from rising too high. It was in their best interest to keep oil prices within a certain range so they could make a good profit while stimulating global economic growth and thus oil demand.

Recently, however, the Saudis changed their export strategy and announced that they would continue to produce high volumes of oil regardless of how low prices fell. They explained this policy shift by stating that they wanted to defend their market share and didn't want customers buying oil from other sources. However, many analysts believe that Saudi Arabia is undertaking this policy to first punish its primary rival in the Middle East, Iran.



many drillers have hedges in place that guarantee their profits for years to come. So there is no reason for them to stop drilling for oil and supplies just increase even more.

So does this mean that oil supplies are always going to be higher than demand and prices are going to be depressed forever? Absolutely not. Most significantly, almost every oil company across the globe has slashed their exploration budgets for this year and into the foreseeable future. That means as current oil wells are drying up, there will not be new wells coming online to replace them. That isn't affecting prices this year but it will have an effect in the not so distant future.

And the demand side of the oil equation is not static, either. Whether the Chinese economy will continue to grow or will start to contract will have a significant effect on oil prices in the next several years. Other growing countries such as India will also impact oil demand in the near and long term.

But with OPEC and North America pumping away, oil surpluses and low prices should be around for years to come. In fact, today, the world produces more than a million barrels per day more than is consumed. I guess I won't need to be taking those horseback riding lessons after all. ■

— Eric Bretan, the co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks.



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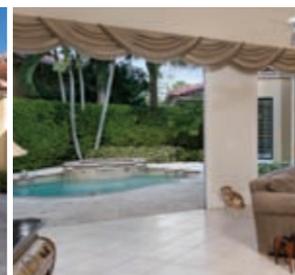


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ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Darin Henry, senior sales manager at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa, has been named 2015 Associate Member of the Year by the Florida Society of Association Executives. The award was presented at FSAE's annual conference held recently at The Renaissance Vinoy Resort & Golf Club in St. Petersburg.



HENRY

Will Reynolds, managing partner of The Capital Grille in Naples, has attained Darden Restaurants' Diamond Club status. He joins a group of top-performing managing partners recognized for their commitment to delivering guest experiences at the highest level, while making a difference in the lives of guests and employees and in their community. Mr. Reynolds is one of five managing partners selected from the more than 55 Capital Grille restaurants in North America.



REYNOLDS

Board Appointments

Linda Carp and **Lisa Campbell** have been elected to the board of directors at TheatreZone, a non-profit professional Equity theater company. Ms. Campbell was born and raised near Minneapolis, Minn., and attended the University of Minnesota and Augsburg College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business and marketing and a master's degree in business. Her professional experience includes four years as an independent sales representative in children's clothing overseeing a five-state territory and more than 20 years as a flight attendant with 3M Company. She also served as a board member at Gulfstream Aerospace.

Ms. Carp was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. A former schoolteacher who holds bachelor's and master's degrees in education, she belongs to the Hadassah and ORT organizations dedicated to raising funds to help Jewish people in Israel and around the world and is a founding member of S.P.O.K.E. (Spouses and Partners of Kodak Executives), which is dedicated to assisting organizations and charities in Rochester, N.Y. She has also served on the board of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra.



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New Location

Southwest Florida Estate Planning PLLC has opened a Naples office at 7935 Airport-Pulling Road. The law firm is dedicated to helping people protect their legacies and plan for incapacity.

Health Care

Dr. Ali Yazback has joined the staff at Ayan Dentistry as a licensed general dentist. Dr. Yazback was born in Dunedin and spent the first nine years of his life in Dakar, Senegal, immigrating to the U.S. in 1997. He holds a bachelor's degree in bio-

medical sciences with minors in public health and biomedical physics from the University of South Florida and earned his doctor of dental medicine degree from the University of Florida. He is a member of the American Dental Association, the Florida Dental Association and the Academy of General Dentistry.

Interior Design

Luann Powers Gliwski has joined the team of professional interior designers at Romanza Interior Design, an affiliate of London Bay Homes. A graduate of Florida State University, Ms. Gliwski brings more than 20 years of design experience to the Romanza team. She most recently worked at Robb & Stucky Furniture & Interiors.



GLIWSKI

Information Technology

Matthew Thomas has been promoted to service delivery manager at TeamLogic IT, a national provider of comprehensive IT management services for businesses. An employee of the company since January 2012, he previously was a technical support team leader. In his new role he will be responsible for managing the delivery of all technical services to TeamLogic IT customers. He is working toward a bachelor's degree in computer information technology at Hodges University.

Law

Pamela Lundborg has joined the Naples office of Bond, Schoeneck & King as an associate, relocating from the firm's Syracuse, N.Y., office. Ms. Lundborg deals primarily in business law, handling matters such as commercial transactions and contracts, mergers and acquisitions, debt restructuring and bankruptcy. Her clients include corporations, partnerships, sole proprietorships and nonprofits. She completed her undergraduate and law school studies at Syracuse University.



LUNDBORG

Leann Miljus has been named office administrator in the Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP. Ms. Miljus is responsible for day-to-day office management, including operating budgets, marketing activities, staff supervision and facilities. She has extensive experience in law firm management, most recently serving as office administrator for a firm with offices in Naples and Fort Myers. She also previously held management positions in human resources, administration and personnel with a number of other organizations. She earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Ohio State University and has completed graduate coursework in personnel management and financial-managerial accounting at OSU and George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. She is a 2008 graduate of The Leadership Institute executive management program.

Marketing

Taylor Loethen has joined Naples Harley-Davidson as marketing manager. She most recently has held leadership roles for several charity events in Cape Coral and worked as community director for the March of Dimes.

Nonprofit Organizations

Chris Brislin, **Kelly Lowman** and **Jeffrey Binder** have joined the staff of Gulfshore Playhouse as general manager, director of development and artistic associate, respectively. Mr. Brislin has stage managed for Jim Nabors, The Honolulu Symphony, Ballet Hawaii, Hawaii Ballet, Honolulu Dance Theatre and Tao Dance Theatre and has traveled through Europe, Asia, Africa and the Middle East as the production stage manager for Pilo-bolus Dance Theatre, Cameron Mackintosh and Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines. As director of operations for Cirque du Soleil, he provided logistics and production support for more than 100 artists and technicians on the South American, European and North American tour of "Quidam."



BRISLIN



LOWMAN



BINDER

Ms. Lowman began her 15-year career in fundraising in private education. She holds a bachelor's degree in history from the University of South Florida.

Mr. Binder has starred in numerous Broadway productions, including

as James in "Lieutenant of Inishmore," Zazu in "Lion King," George Banks in "Mary Poppins" and Clifford in "Side Man." He starred as Matt in the Gulfshore Playhouse/Capital Repertory Theatre premier of "The God Game." His television roles have included recurring characters on "Damages" as well as parts on "Law and Order," "Law and Order: Criminal Intent," "The Guiding Light" and "All My Children."

Jim Warnken has joined the David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, as chief planning and business development officer, a newly created executive management position. Mr. Warnken comes to DLC with extensive leadership experience in health-care administration and not-for-profit executive management. He most recently served as executive vice president of The United Way of Collier County and prior to that was CFO of the NCH Healthcare System, CEO of DSI Laboratories and CFO Brandywine Hospital and Trauma Center in Pennsylvania. A licensed CPA, he earned a bachelor's degree in business with a major in accounting from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. He currently serves as vice chair of the board of directors of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and is a graduate of the Leadership Collier Class of 2001 and Leadership Lee Class of 1999. In 2015, he was honored by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce as Chamber Volunteer of the Year. ■



Back Row: Anna Liu, Ken Thomas, Bob Schoonmaker and Ann Howard Banzet. Front Row: Bill Hallal, Kathy Houck and Thomas Abood.

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SHOUT-OUT

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driving from Chicago and all over the country to eat here. It brought all these tourists to Fort Myers during the off season.”

“We had a lot of new business just piling in the door. Our business increased 30 percent overnight” says Todd Brooks, owner of Brooks Burgers in Naples, ranked sixth-best burger joint in 2014 and ninth in 2015. “It was pretty amazing how much power the rating gave us. By getting mentioned it pulls us up to the top of search engines. It gives us a great advantage.”

Although Google, Yelp and Facebook garner customer reviews, TripAdvisor is the king of the travel and hospitality world with 375 million unique monthly visitors, 250 million worldwide reviews and 160 new contributions every minute, according to Julie Cassetina, senior public relations specialist.

Instant celebrity

Throughout the year TripAdvisor releases top 10 lists, using an algorithm for businesses with fewer than 10 locations and factoring in quality, quantity and customer bubble scores. A five-bubble rating is the best.

“People are very passionate about food and we help them uncover lesser-known places for pizza, barbecue and ice cream,” Ms. Cassetina says. “There’s a huge appetite for food stories and our team at TripAdvisor has a lot of fun putting them together.”

Sometimes its timing, however, isn’t the best, especially for high winter season destinations. Ron and Claudia Thomas, owners of Scoops & Bites in Punta Gorda, were on vacation in Brazil when the news broke Aug. 11 of their No. 1 rating. Brooks Burgers in Naples wasn’t at full staff when it received its ratings in July.

“You are not told in advance this is happening and it’s announced during our off season,” Mr. Brooks says. “We went from having a solid lunch business to suddenly an hour wait with half our staff. The first week after was pretty rough. We loved the attention, but we also wanted to live up to the reputation.”

Ms. Krise learned of Reuben’s ranking from a chef friend in Bonita Springs who read it on CNN.com.

“Customers were coming in in droves,” she says. “People were standing across 41 taking pictures and coming in requesting pictures with me. We smoke 500 pounds a day, are a scratch kitchen and couldn’t keep up. It was wonderful and an honor but was very grueling the first month or two. Now it’s manageable.”

TripAdvisor also recognizes the top hospitality businesses each year, award-

ing its Certificate of Excellence to those that maintain at least a four bubble rating, have been on the site for a year and have a minimum number of reviews.

As one of Florida’s almost 9,000 certificate holders, Ann Nabbs, co-owner of the British Open Pub in Bonita Springs, makes a concerted effort to monitor the restaurant’s bubble scores. She also insists on responding to each review.

“I know some restaurant owners don’t like the power of TripAdvisor, but we’re fortunate that we get good reviews,” she says. “Responding to a review is something we have to do. If someone takes the time to write a good review you have to acknowledge it. Even if it’s bad, I tell them I’m sorry they were disappointed and to please come back and we’ll make it right.”

Celebrity Chef Emeril Lagasse recently put Coolinary Cafe in Palm Beach Gardens in the media spotlight while taping a segment for his Cooking Channel series “Emeril’s Florida,” scheduled to air in January. Coolinary’s chef-owner Tim Lipman’s farm-to-table restaurant remained crowded even during the height of the traditionally slow summer season.

As a wintertime playground for the rich and famous, Palm Beach has long attracted its own cadre of celebrity A-listers, including a decades-long relationship with celeb chef Daniel Boulud and hairstylist-to-the-stars Frédéric Fekkai at the boutique Brazilian Court Hotel. Mr. Boulud regularly gives a shout-out to other local restaurants when he’s in town.

One of his favorite hangouts is Havana, a Cuban restaurant that boasted one of the first takeout windows of its kind north of Miami. Locals often see Mr. Boulud sipping a late-night cafecito with local chef Marcello Fiorentino of Marcellino’s La Sirena.

Mr. Brown also recognized Havana, writing on his website: “The pork on this Cuban was out of this world.” He also praised the brews at Subculture Coffee and recommended the Lou Reed cocktail and a speck ham pizza at Hullabaloo in downtown West Palm.

Businesses are reaping the benefits from online customer reviews in an era when more patrons want to express their opinions, either good or bad.

TripAdvisor’s reach extends into everything travel-related, including shopping, activities, attractions and accommodations. Many of Glenn Novotny’s customers mention finding his Adventures Kayaking in Bonita Springs through the website. The kayaking outfitter is currently rated the top three of 15 tours and activities in Bonita Springs.

McCarthy’s Wildlife Sanctuary is rated by TripAdvisor reviewers as the top thing to do in West Palm Beach. “By far TripAdvisor is bringing in the most customers,” says owner Mark McCarthy, who only recently opened his 25-year-old rescue and rehabilitation refuge to the public.

He checks his bubbles every day.

The ever-changing rating

With a TripAdvisor-estimated 723 places to eat in Fort Myers alone and an infinitesimally small divide between the top tier, restaurants jockey for position monthly. Many are just fractions of a bubble apart and one review can change a restaurant’s ranking.

Ms. Krise says she’s more content when Reuben’s is No. 3. “As much as it is an honor to be number one, it puts a bullseye on you. One bad review and you can go down four notches. As long as you’re in the top 10, you’re fine.”

Like many local TripAdvisor-rated business owners, Ms. Krise and Mr. Brooks make a point of monitoring and replying to their virtual reviewers.

“It’s like checking your bank account,” Ms. Krise says. “That’s how serious this is. I want to know if there’s a server people don’t like or if their food isn’t exactly what they expected. I use this to gauge the quality of our food and service. I try to respond to almost all the reviews because I appreciate customers taking the time. Some are long and heartfelt; others are just a few lines. But I know people are reading them.”

The online customer review world also extends into other businesses serving the public with rankings appearing on Google, Facebook, Yelp and even industry-specific websites. While restaurants generate hundreds, even thousands of user reviews, other businesses are lucky to have 20 or even a handful of customer comments.

Jon Bates, owner of Addicted 2 Fitness in Naples, credits online reviews for generating a lot of his business.

“Businesses nowadays don’t have to use the Yellow Pages because everything is online,” he says. “In this industry, most people search for gyms online. People see our reviews and they’ll call. We’re a small family owned and operated business and don’t have a big advertising budget. We rely heavily on referrals and social media. We’re on Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn but have been super successful on Facebook.”

While Mr. Bates monitors reviews occasionally, he dedicates up to two hours daily harnessing the power of social media to promote his business. He posts client workout videos and photos and shares health tips throughout the day. He frequently includes updates on his 8-year-old twin girls who recently placed first and third in a national gymnastics competition.

“I tell a lot of small business owners if they’re not using social media, they’re missing the boat,” he says. “A lot of companies hire someone to manage their social media, but I would never do that. To me, social media is a very personal thing and it would take away the personal touch.”

For Animal Oasis Veterinary Hospital



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Dr. Stacey Huber, owner/DVM of Animal Oasis Veterinary Hospital.

in Naples online reviews are a “huge lifeblood of our business,” co-owner Andrea Balogh says. “Most of our business comes from word of mouth and our online presence.”

New clients, she says, are always asked how they found out about the hospital. “Google is top.”

The negative review

Most business owners remember the customer and the situation that caused a bad review. Despite safeguards in place — TripAdvisor employs 200 staffers with criminal investigation backgrounds, according to Ms. Cassetina — some single out their competition for giving them a bad rap.

Oasis’ Ms. Balogh makes a point of responding to bad reviews and apologizing. “We pride ourselves on providing an exceptional experience,” she says. “I approach it positively and ask them to reach out to me personally to discuss the issue so we can learn from it.”

“You know when you mess up,” says Mr. Brooks. “We try to put our best foot forward but we’re not flawless. We’re human like everyone else. I get a bad review and it keeps me up all night. I take it really personal.”

Although TripAdvisor allows businesses to dispute a bad bubble rating, many linger years later for the entire world to see.

Gloria Cabral-Jordon, owner and chef of Gloria’s La Trattoria Café Napoli in Fort Myers, has an online presence but has no use for TripAdvisor ratings and the negativity they can generate. (For the record, La Trattoria has a 4.5-bubble rating, Certificate of Excellence and was recently ranked fourth for desserts and 26th of the 723 places to eat.)

“I go out and greet my customers,” she says. “If they have something to say, I want them to say it to my face. I believe more in reviews from food writers who went to school for that. I think more people should try to find out what a food writer has to say.”

Local business owners are paying it forward during their travels.

“When I go out of town now, I go on TripAdvisor to find a good restaurant,” says Ms. Krise. “It’s a wonderful tool for people.” ■

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Be Careful With Analyst Ratings

It's easy to put too much faith in an announcement that a Wall Street analyst has, say, upped its rating of a stock from "neutral" to "buy," while setting a price target 10 percent above its going price.

That's not as meaningful as it may seem, because analyst ratings are riddled with troubling concerns. (We refer in this article to "sell-side" analysts, who often work for big brokerages, providing research that other companies buy, and not to "buy-side" analysts, who work for institutional money managers and make in-house recommendations.)

For one thing, analysts rarely issue "sell" ratings. Could it be that they don't want to tick off companies that might hire their employer in the future? That would be a conflict of interest. The Bespoke Investment Group recently found that out of 12,122 company ratings, only 7 percent were "sell," vs. 48 percent "buy" and 45 percent "hold."

Remember that analyst target prices are just based on estimates, which may well prove to be too optimistic or too conservative. They're also based on comments and guidance from management, which we can look up and evaluate on our own, in earnings press

releases and post-earnings conference-call transcripts.

Most troubling is that these analysts, in general, don't care as much about their accuracy and results for investors as you might think they do.

According to a survey of 365 analysts by business professors Lawrence D. Brown, Andrew C. Call, Michael B. Clement and Nathan Y. Sharp, "... accurate earnings forecasts and profitable stock recommendations have relatively little direct impact on their compensation."

Instead, industry knowledge and connections are what count. Also more important than accuracy and profitability is the analysts' "success at generating underwriting business or trading commissions."

Instead of paying a lot of attention to analyst ratings and price targets, you will likely be better served in your investing by studying companies on your own and assessing their health, growth prospects, management quality, competitive advantages and performance trends. Or get guidance from trusted, proven sources, not from possibly conflicted analysts. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Ultra-Short — and Ultra-Risky

My dumbest investment was an exchange-traded fund (ETF) that sold short stocks in the financial industry, aiming to deliver investors three times the value of the decline if the stocks fell. I learned not to bet against the banks, as it's like betting the casino will lose money. Totally stupid. I lost only a few hundred dollars, but at the time that was big money for me.

— J.M., online

The Fool Responds: Many ETFs, such as ones with low fees that are based on indexes tracking broad markets, are solid and will serve investors very well. You're referring, however, to a dangerous kind of ETF — one that uses leverage (debt) and derivatives in order to amplify gains. One of the problems with such ETFs is that they amplify losses, too, if the underlying investments don't move in the expected direction.

ETFs with "2X" or "3X" in their names are extra-risky, as are ones that are bearish or "short," betting against a group of investments or the overall market. After all, the market and most industries will tend to grow in value over time, albeit not in a straight line. Don't bet against them unless you're confident that they're likely to fall.

Note that these ultra-short ETFs are not meant to be used over long periods, as their returns are generally based on daily price movements. Most of us should steer clear of them. ■

Last week's trivia answer

My history begins with a failed attempt to make granola in 1898 that resulted in flaked grains and the introduction of Bran Flakes in 1915. I produced K-rations for the military in World War II and for the Apollo II astronauts. During the Great Depression, I created a fourth manufacturing shift to employ more people. Today, based in Michigan, I'm a food giant with annual sales topping \$14 billion, more than 1,600 food products and the leading global position in cereals. My offerings include Cheez-It, Eggo, Mini-Wheats, Rice Krispies, Pop-Tarts and Froot Loops. My ticker symbol is special. Who am I? (Answer: Kellogg) ■



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Ask the Fool

Triple Witching

Q What are "triple-witching" days?
— J.O., East Syracuse, New York

A Triple witching occurs on the third Friday of March, June, September and December. It's when stock options, stock-index options and stock-index futures all simultaneously expire. The "triple-witching hour" is the one before the market closes on that day (from 3 to 4 p.m. Eastern time), and it's when the stock market is likely to be more volatile than usual as traders buy and sell various securities before the final bell.

You can enjoy a profitable investing life without giving much thought to triple witching. Most options and futures represent contracts based on short-term pricing rather than long-term business growth. If you're a long-term investor, these things don't matter much.

Q I've sometimes heard that a certain stock would be good as a long-term investment. What, exactly, does "long-term" mean?

— H.K., Las Cruces, New Mexico

A Such expressions generally don't have specific time frames in mind, but they often mean at least a few years instead of a few weeks or months. Aiming to hang on to great stocks for many years is a good strategy for building significant wealth, as great companies can grow for decades.

When it comes to taxes, though, Uncle Sam defines long-term differently. The IRS considers an investment long-term if you held it for at least a year and a day before selling. Any such gain would be a long-term capital gain, and can qualify for a lower tax rate — currently 15 percent for most of us and 20 percent for high earners. Assets held for less time are short-term, with short-term capital gains taxed at your ordinary income tax rate, which could be 25 percent to nearly 40 percent. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to 1925 and an evaporated milk processing facility in Illinois. Today, based in Dallas, I'm the nation's largest processor and direct-to-store distributor of fluid milk. In 2001 I was bought by Suiza Foods, which took my name. Over the years I acquired many companies and spun some off, such as TreeHouse Foods and WhiteWave Foods. My brands today include Alta Dena, Berkeley Farms, Country Fresh, Dairy-



Pure, Garelick Farms, Lehigh Valley Dairy Farms, Mayfield, McArthur, Meadow Gold, Oak Farms, T.G. Lee, TruMoo and Tuscan. I rake in more than \$9 billion annually. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

Big Biotech

If you're interested in a company developing cutting-edge treatments for cancer and inflammatory diseases, consider fast-growing Celgene (Nasdaq: CELG), with a market value recently topping \$100 billion.

Celgene sports the blockbuster cancer drug Revlimid, and its ability to continually expand Revlimid's label for new indications, such as newly diagnosed multiple myeloma, has boosted its earnings and revenue. Celgene has been successful applying a similar approach to its other top cancer drug, Abraxane, and its new anti-inflammatory medicine Otezla.

The net result of this "growth by label expansion" approach has been soaring sales volumes for these drugs. This upswing in volume has been the main driver behind the biotech's 20 percent

annual average growth rate over the last five years.

Collaborations are another major growth driver for Celgene. It has more than 30 partnerships currently on its books (including a recent \$1 billion, 10-year deal with Juno Therapeutics), which could land it the licensing rights to a number of first-in-class therapies. These include CAR T-cell immunotherapies and cancer stem cell-targeted drugs.

Better still, Celgene has a deep pipeline of drugs in development and isn't threatened by looming patent expirations, as most of its best-selling and highest-growth drugs appear to be protected well into the 2020s. (The Motley Fool has recommended Celgene and Juno Therapeutics and owns shares of Celgene.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

■ **Young Professionals of Naples** meet for After Five networking from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27, at Pazzo! on Fifth Avenue South. For more information, visit ypnnaples.com.

■ **The Florida Gulf Coast Real Estate Investors Alliance** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Road. The next meeting is Sept. 1. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgreaia.com for more information.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9, at the Hilton Naples. Leadership Florida President Wendy Walker will discuss "Engaging Across Differences to Create a Better Florida." A limited number of tabletop exhibit space is available. Call Judi Menard at 298-7928 or email judi@napleschamber.org.

■ **Business After Hours** for members of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at Gulfcoast Coin & Jewelry, 24355 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or visiting bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** holds its annual "How to Get Discovered by the Media" program from 11:30 a.m. to

1 p.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the Hilton Naples. Sue Huff will emcee a panel consisting of Phil Borchmann of Gulfshore Business; Penny Fisher, the *Naples Daily News*; Jean Gruss, the Business Observer; Denyse Smith Mesnik, Beasley Broadcasting; Karen Moore, Southwest Florida Business Today; Cindy Pierce, *Florida Weekly*; and Brent Struense, Fox4. To sign up or for more information, visit aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** welcomes Brooke Gabrielson of vTech with "Securing Your Data in the Virtual Minefield" for its next Power Networking lunch program from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Artichoke & Company in Bonita Springs. Ms. Gabrielson will discuss the best ways to protect your network using

the principle of "defense and depth" and will help attendees identify where their company's greatest weaknesses might lie. Admission is \$35 for chamber members, \$45 for others. Sign up by Sept. 14 at bonitaspringschamber.com. For more information, call 992-2943.

■ **The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts the 2015 Excellence in Industry awards celebration from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the Hilton Naples. The following awards will be presented: Business Expansion, Chairman's Award, Company to Watch, Heart of the Community, Pillar Award and Young Professional of the Year. For more information, visit napleschamber.org. ■

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

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Lunch programs will shed light on association issues

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Iberiabank and Henry Johnson & Associates PA invite condominium and homeowners association board members and management companies to a series of educational lunch programs. The first takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the bank branch at 2150 Goodlette-Frank Road and will cover construction lien laws, contract breaches and insurance issues.

Henry Paul Johnson has worked with condominium and homeowners associations throughout Southwest Florida for more than 30 years and is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and chairman of the education committee for the Collier Building Industry Association. In addition to his presentation, Anita Tynski and Karen Shawdee of Iberiabank will discuss the different types of loans that are available to condominium and homeowners associations for capital improvements and new construction projects. The two have nearly 65 years combined financial experience and work with more than 2,500 associations in Florida.

The seminar is free and open to the public, however, seating is limited and registration is required in advance. Call 403-6670 to sign up. ■

NABOR numbers indicate summer activity strong

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Activity in the Naples area housing market continues its upward momentum as evidenced in the latest market report released by the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

An 8 percent increase in overall pending sales (homes under contract), from 845 in July 2014 to 913 in July 2015, is one indication that real estate professionals stayed busy in July. Unlike July 2014,

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House Hunting:

366 Central Ave., Old Naples

Built in 2005, this cottage-style home epitomizes understated taste and panache. Its design influence nods to the traditional; inside, its mood is casual yet elegant and timeless. It's easy to think of this as the modern equivalent of an old-school Florida home. The open floor plan joins indoor and outdoor living spaces creating two spacious entertaining areas. The first-floor master suite has marble and onyx in the bath, and a covered patio with fireplace overlooks the pool with fountains and a splash ledge. Details include walnut flooring, 10-foot ceilings, hurricane windows, a fenced backyard with southern exposure and a real-alley access garage. All that, plus proximity to beaches and shopping.

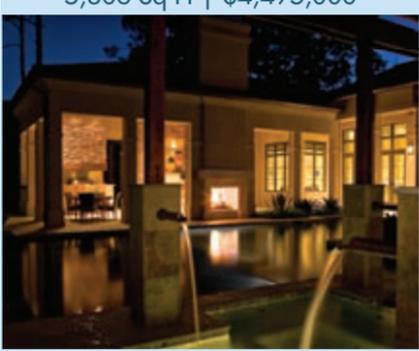
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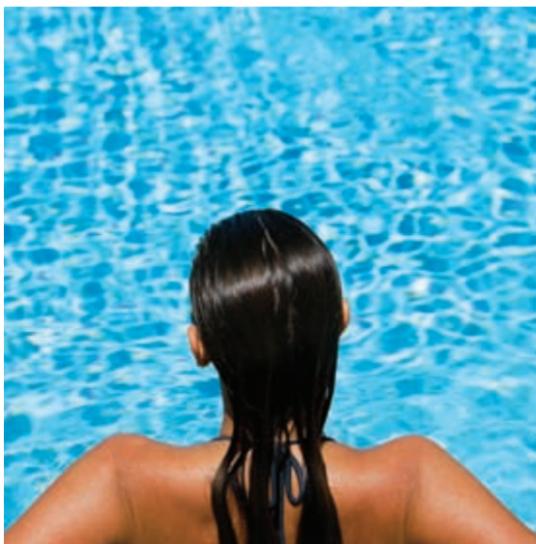
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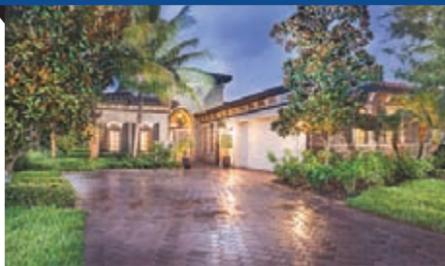
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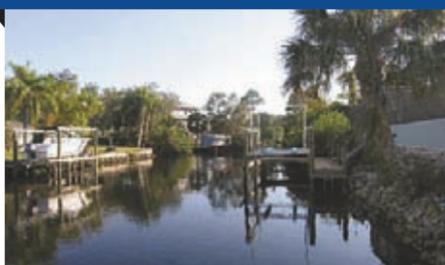
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Only two home sites remain in Caprini at Miromar Lakes

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Caprini, a Tuscan-inspired single-family villa neighborhood on Lake Como in Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, has only two sites remaining, both on a quiet cul de sac. The builder, Distinctive Communities, has introduced floor plans designed to maximize the shape and size of each site, with the buyer being able to customize selections.

The new plans present casual yet elegant comfort with progressive, energy-efficient features.

The Capri has three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a library and a two-car garage in 3,769 total square feet (2,965 under air). The home features an octagonal foyer with coffered ceiling details. The foyer is the pivot point from which several areas of the home are accessible. Double doors on the left open to the library, while an adjacent hallway leads to the powder bath, laundry room and a storage closet. The library's proximity to the half-bath and closet make it a potential guest room option. To the right of the foyer are two guest bedrooms, each with a full bath.

An open great room plan accommodates a living room and formal dining area. A wall of sliding glass doors connects the great room to the lanai and pool area. The gourmet kitchen integrates into the great room and features a three-sided eat-in counter.

Double doors from the great room lead to the hallway of the private master suite including a spacious master bathroom with soaking tub, shower enclosure and his-and-hers vanities. A door from the master bedroom provides direct access to the lanai.

The Custom Courtyard design has three bedrooms, 3½ baths, a library, family room and three-car garage in 4,842 total square feet (3,532 under air). A unique feature of this plan is one of the bedrooms and a bathroom are in a cabana guesthouse that includes a sitting room and kitchenette.

A gated entry leads to an interior courtyard with a pool, a spa, brick paver sundeck and a covered patio with summer kitchen and bar countertop. The freestanding guest cabana is adjacent to the gated entry, just across the pool deck from the main house where a double door entry opens into a large angled foyer.

The foyer opens to the living room that has a tall wall of curved windows. The formal dining room with a tray ceiling is adjacent to the living room.

To the right of the foyer are the kitchen, family room, library, a bedroom and utility room. The kitchen is between the dining room and the family room, making it ideally situated for entertaining or for relaxed family dining. A breakfast nook overlooks the patio. The bedroom has a full bath and walk-in closet. The library also has a walk-in closet and is adjacent to the powder bath, making it an option for additional guest accommodations. The family room, library and bedroom all overlook the pool, and each room has sliding glass doors providing direct access to the deck.

The master suite occupies the entire west wing of the Custom Courtyard home. The bedroom has a coffered ceiling, a spacious sitting area and double doors to the deck and pool area. His-and-her walk-in closets are on either side of the hallway leading to the master



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Interior finishes can be customized for on each of the final two home sites available in Miromar Lakes' Caprini villa neighborhood.

bath, which has an oval soaking tub, separate walk-in shower and dual vanities with sinks.

Exterior features in both the Capri and Custom Courtyard plans include a custom-designed heated pool and raised spa, a full outdoor kitchen and wet bar, a 2¼-inch mahogany front door and Andersen impact-resistant windows.

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Final phase of sales begins in two Fiddler's Creek neighborhoods

The villages of Runaway Bay and Sonoma by national homebuilder Lennar Homes are in the final phase of sales at Fiddler's Creek, the luxury master-planned community on Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island.

In Runaway Bay, only 19 home sites remain available, featuring lake and golf course views or a location along Fiddler's Creek. The Mediterranean-style residences include three- and four-bedroom floor plans ranging from 2,800 to 3,659 air-conditioned square feet. Each home offers a three-car garage, gourmet kitchen, study and screen-covered lanai, with options for a luxury heated pool and spa package and an outdoor kitchen.

The two-story Laurel is the largest residence in Runaway Bay, with 3,659 feet of living space under air and 4,733 total square feet. The home has three bedrooms, four baths, a private study and formal dining room around a centrally located living room. The kitchen and breakfast nook are adjacent to the living room and great room, which opens to the screen-covered lanai. The second floor features a balcony and bonus room with a wet bar and full bath. The base price of the Laurel is \$764,999.

The Lantana also has a two-story floor plan, featuring four bedrooms, three full baths and two half-baths. The home has 3,542 air-conditioned square feet and 4,660 total square feet, with a formal dining room, private study, balcony and second-floor bonus room. The Lantana's base price is \$734,999.

The one-story Bougainvillea design has three bedrooms, three baths, a study and dining room around a spacious great room and kitchen. The floor plan, covering 2,800 air-conditioned square feet and 4,152 total square feet, is base priced at \$664,999.

The Camellia is a one-story home with a split floor plan offering four bedrooms and three bathrooms. An expansive living room is the home's focal point; the spacious kitchen and break-



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The Bougainvillea is available in the Runaway Bay neighborhood at Fiddler's Creek. A move-in-ready home is offered at \$841,234.

fast nook lead to a large family room for more relaxed activities and entertainment. A private den can also serve as a home office. The Camellia, with 3,043 air-conditioned square feet and 4,148 total square feet, is base priced at \$694,999.

Runaway Bay also offers three move-in-ready homes: a Camellia model at \$892,753, a Bougainvillea at \$841,234 and a Laurel at \$1,028,952.

In Sonoma

In the village of Sonoma by Lennar, fewer than 15 of 44 coach homes remain. The village consists of 11 two-story buildings, with only four homes per building and two unique floor plans.

The Florence is a first-floor residence with three bedrooms and two baths. The split floor plan has 1,741 square feet of air-conditioned living space and 2,338 total square feet. The home features a spacious living room, kitchen, breakfast area and dining room. Other features include a screen-covered patio and a two-car garage.

Upgrades throughout the Florence include: granite countertops in the kitchen and baths; 42-inch raised-panel wood cabinets in the kitchen; Colonial-style wood casing and baseboards; crown molding in the living areas and master suite; and 20-inch diagonal tile throughout the wet areas and entryways. The base price for the Florence is \$304,990.

The Verona is an upstairs coach home with three bedrooms and two baths around a spacious living room, with adjoining dining area, kitchen and breakfast nook. The master bedroom is located toward the rear of the home for maximum privacy and features an oversized walk-in closet and master bath.

The Verona has 2,110 square feet of air-conditioned living space and 2,858 total square feet. The home includes a spacious, screen-covered patio as well as a two-car tandem garage. Numerous upgraded features are standard in the Verona, which is base priced at \$324,990.

Residents of Fiddler's Creek enjoy amenities including the 54,000-square-

foot Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek, a fitness center, tropical lagoon-style swimming complex, tennis courts and both casual and elegant dining. The Club & Spa offers a luxurious resort lifestyle and hosts numerous community-wide parties and special events for residents of all ages.

Fiddler's Creek residents have the opportunity to join The Golf Club, featuring The Creek Course, a championship golf course ranked in Golfweek's 100 Best Residential Golf Courses in the U.S. for the 10th consecutive year. Residents of the master-planned community also can join The Tarpon Club for beach and boating experiences including beach access at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort. A limited number of non-resident, annual and seasonal memberships, with term date flexibility, are currently available at both The Golf Club and The Tarpon Club.

For more information about Fiddler's Creek, call 732-9300, stop by the sales center at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway or visit fiddlerscreek.com. ■

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where overall pending sales and overall inventory both decreased 13 percent, activity in July 2015 had many peaks and very few valleys. For example, overall inventory decreased 1 percent, from 3,563 in July 2014 to 3,518 in July 2015, but inventory for single-family homes rebounded with a 7 percent increase, from 1,906 single-family homes in July 2014 to 2,040 this July.

Overall pending sales for homes over \$300,000 increased 23 percent from July 2014 compared to July 2015, and overall closed sales for homes over \$300,000 increased 16 percent, from 4,123 homes in the 12 months ending July 2014 to 4,783 homes in the 12 months ending July 2015.

Kathy Zorn, broker/owner at Florida Home Realty, says the \$1 million and above price categories have been interesting to watch this summer. "We don't typically see a high level of activity for this segment of the market during the summer months," she says, "but the demand is there and appears to have shifted from condos to single family homes."

Ms. Zorn is referring to pockets of heightened activity in the report including a 70 percent increase in pending sales for single-family homes in the \$1 million to \$2 million price category, from 23 homes in July 2014 to 39 homes in July 2015, and a 68 percent increase in inventory for condominiums in the \$2 million

and above price category, from 28 condominiums in July 2014 to 47 condominiums in July 2015.

At the low end of the market, inventory continues to dissipate at double-digit rates, with overall inventory for homes in the \$300,000 and below category decreasing 26 percent, from 1,281 homes in July 2014 to 945 homes in July 2015.

The NABOR numbers show inventory in most other price categories during July was replenished, however. This is most apparent in the single-family homes market, where the \$300,000 and below price category fell 31 percent, but other categories saw big gains.

The July 2015 report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. Here are some of the overall findings:

- Overall pending sales increased 8 percent, from 845 homes in July 2014 to 913 homes in July 2015.

- Overall closed sales increased 1 percent, from 9,751 homes in the 12 months ending July 2014 to 9,879 homes in the 12 months ending July 2015.

- Overall closed sales for condominiums in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 category increased 38 percent, from 686 in the 12 months ending July 2014 to 947 condominiums in the 12 months ending July 2015.

- Overall median closed price increased 14 percent, from \$259,000 in the 12 months ending July 2014 to \$295,000 in the 12 months ending July 2015.

- Overall median closed price for

homes over \$300,000 decreased 5 percent, from \$550,000 in the 12 months ending July 2014 to \$520,000 in the 12 months ending July 2015.

- Overall median closed price for homes in the \$2 million and above price category increased 16 percent, from \$2,850,000 in the 12 months ending July 2014 to \$3,300,000 in the 12 months ending July 2015.

- Overall inventory decreased 1 percent, from 3,563 homes in July 2014 to 3,518 homes in July 2015.

- Condominium inventory decreased 11 percent, from 1,657 condominiums in July 2014 to 1,478 in July 2015.

- There is a 4.35-month supply of inventory.

- Conventional sales comprised 40 percent of all transactions in July 2015.

- Average days on market did not change between July 2014 and July 2015, remaining at 77 days.

Broker/owner Bill Poteet at Poteet Properties says the report shows inventory in the commercial market is down about 4 percent. Wes Kunkle, a commercial broker at Kunkle Realty, adds that sales in the commercial sector are driven by the residential market.

"Many homeowners are feeling confident that their homes have regained some equity," Ms. Zorn notes. "Years ago, summer was usually a slow season for sales in this area. Not anymore," she adds.

Mike Hughes, NABOR president and vice president/general manager of Downing-Frye Realty Inc., agrees, saying, "The past several years have had strong real estate sales in the summer months." ■

Town of Ave Maria sales numbers ahead of 2014

Ave Maria Development announces more than 200 new home sales so far in 2015 from its three builders — CC Homes, Del Webb and Pulte Homes. This reflects a more than 30 percent increase in new home sales year-to-date over 2014.

The robust sales pace was noted in two recent market studies by MetroStudy, a Hanley Wood company, with Ave Maria earning the top single-family sales spot for both first and second quarters in 2015 for Collier and Lee counties, according to Cee Cee Marinelli, director of development for Ave Maria.

The town of Ave Maria offers 35 floor plans in several styles of homes, with prices starting in the high-\$100,000s. Community amenities include a waterpark, Panther Run Golf Club, tennis and bocce, Town Center shopping and dining as well as sports fields and playgrounds. Seventeen models are open daily.

Ave Maria is at the intersection of Oil Well and Camp Keais roads in eastern Collier County. For more information, call 352-3903 or visit avemaria.com. ■



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Presidential-worthy Martha's Vineyard property listed for \$22.5 million

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As a tourist, President Obama has been a homebody trailing almost every president since John F. Kennedy in vacation days taken. Like most presidents, however, he has his favorite vacation spots.

Since he became president, Mr. Obama and family have spent Christmas vacations at the beach in Hawaii. But like President Bill Clinton and many Washington, D.C., executives, President Obama and family enjoy Martha's Vineyard in the summer, when temperatures in the Capitol frequently soar past the 90s.

One of the prettiest vacation spots for the Obama family is a private compound on Martha's Vineyard, Chilmark Pond, with views over the pond and crashing waves on the beach a short rowboat ride away. Chilmark is where Steven Spielberg filmed "Jaws" in 1975 and home to Obama friends Ted Danson and Mary

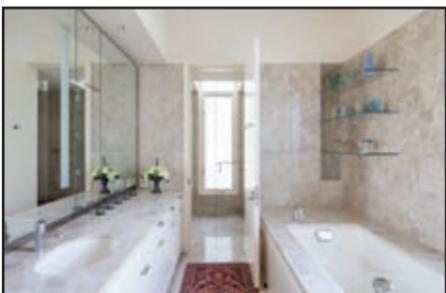
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Now for sale at \$22.5 million, Chilmark Pond is the most expensive listing on the island.

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The 6,967-square-foot main house sits 120 feet above sea level. There are six bedrooms and seven baths, three fireplaces and floor-to-ceiling windows. A two-bedroom guesthouse is also on the property.

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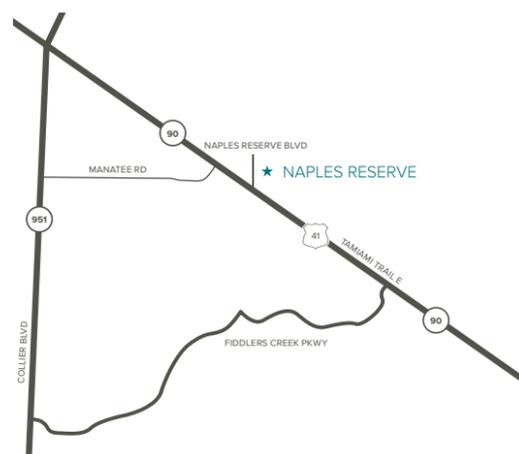
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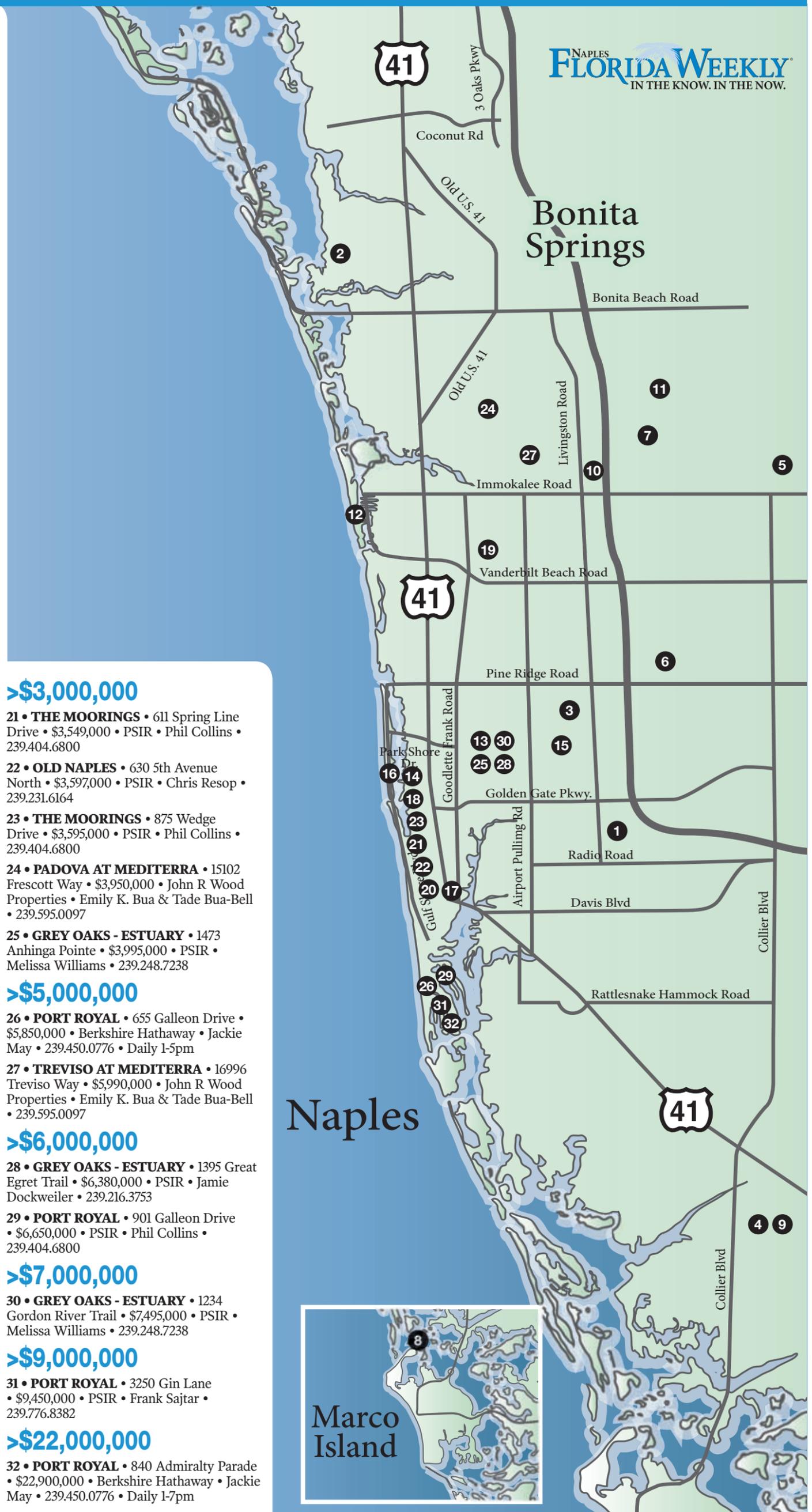
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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF AUG. 27-SEPT. 3, 2015

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

What a DOLL

Doll maker inspired by influential, sometimes overlooked women in history

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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WALK INTO ANY TOY SECTION IN A big-box store and you will see a proliferation of pink, overly mature and unrealistically molded dolls available for young girls to take home. For almost a generation now, mothers, grandmothers, aunts and beloved female role models have wrestled with the dilemma of whether to purchase these toys for the young girls in their lives.

Now a local seamstress is inserting herself into the problem by creating a line of huggable, un-pink dolls modeled after accomplished women in history.

Rosa Leon Riley, a Naples mental health counselor and owner of the craft website Twirling Tiny Sticks, recently launched her line of "Joan and Her Rad Friends" dolls. Only available on her

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Rosa Leon Riley with dolls Joan of Arc, Harriet Tubman and Loretta Perfectus Walsh

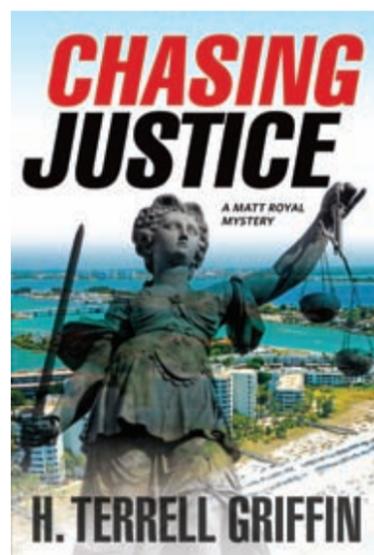
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Four plays announced for New Works Festival

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Four plays have been chosen for Gulfshore Playhouse's third annual New Works Festival, which will bring playwrights, actors and directors from across the country to The Norris Center Sept.

24-27.

Each of the works is assigned a director and actors who work together for 14.5 hours before performing a public staged reading.

The New Works Festival allows playwrights to transition from writing in a

solitary environment to adding actors and ultimately an audience to help them understand how their plays work in performance. Audience feedback is a vital part of the process.

"I am passionate about what I view

SEE PLAYS, C16 ►

SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

A beauty contest worth winning



On a recent Monday morning, I packed a stack of pages to edit and headed to my local nail salon. Never mind the fact that I wore old jeans and a T-shirt, sported no makeup and had my hair pulled back in a ponytail. Who dresses up for a pedicure?

Women who want the gorgeous nail tech, that's who.

I had forgotten about him until I arrived: the painfully good-looking young man at the nail salon who only seemed to work on the most attractive women. He'd talk to them in a low voice while he filed their nails, and the women would giggle and blush. When he'd start in on the foot rub, they'd lean back and close their eyes, a rapturous expression on their lovely faces.

On this particular Monday, the salon was empty except for one other customer, a matronly woman deep in the middle of a session with a female nail tech. I was led to a pedicure chair in the back and offered a seat. As



the tub filled with hot water, I rolled up my pants legs and stepped in, grimacing at the obvious fact that I'd gone a few days without shaving. I gave a mental shrug. Surely the lady

working on my feet wouldn't mind.

Just as she started to strap on her rubber gloves, an older man came over and whispered something in her ear. There was a brief discussion, and she yielded her place to him. He smiled at me as he sat down, but before he could even begin to cut my big toenail, the gorgeous nail tech appeared.

All activity in the salon stopped as the handsome young man surveyed the room. The woman in the corner was almost done with her pedicure and that

left — I realized with a flush — only me. The young man exchanged a few words with the man on the stool at my feet, and the older man stood so that the young man could take his place.

Up close, the nail tech was even more handsome than he had been at a distance. He spoke to me softly, reassuringly, as he pulled on his rubber gloves. My cheeks burned; of all the days to leave the house looking like a wreck. When the young man was gloved and ready, he clicked on the utility light hanging overhead. As my legs and feet blazed into blinding clarity, every unshaven hair seemed to stand up and announce its presence. I looked at the nail tech; he raised his eyebrows only slightly.

As he filed and buffed, he asked me polite questions about my life — Was I a teacher? Did I have pets? — and spoke sweetly about his own. When he started in on the foot rub, I leaned back and closed my eyes. It was, without exception, the best foot massage I've ever had.

Suddenly, I realized why the other women I'd seen at the salon always looked so good, their hair done, makeup just right. Their effort had seemed excessive at the time, but now I understood what was at stake. I would never show up unprepared again. ■

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

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DOLL

From page 1

website, the line features depictions of medieval military phenom Joan of Arc, freedom fighter Harriet Tubman and Naval yeomanette Loretta Perfectus Walsh.

A friend planted the idea with Ms. Riley via an offhanded comment during a museum visit.

“She said, ‘When I have kids, they’re only going to play with dolls that are educational figures,’” the doll maker recalls. “The conversation didn’t go any further than that, but I kept it in my mind and thought it was a good concept.”

Ms. Riley picked up sewing and crafting when she was 28 years old and her seamstress mother gifted her with a sewing machine. Since then, and after a few overly ambitious projects, she has taught herself how to sew and launched Twirling Tiny Sticks over a year ago. She now has an Etsy shop and is a fixture at local farmers markets.

Her blog, also names Twirling Tiny Sticks, is another creative expression evolution as a seamstress and businesswoman. Through posts about things from finishing felt rosettes for a relative’s funeral to how to make dreams come true, followers can see that her sewing aspirations are a culmination of personality and drive. She admits in one caption, “I remember when zippers used to scare me,” after successfully executing an intimidating recessed zipper for a purse project.

In her first post in February 2014, she writes:

“In recent years, I’ve contemplated creating blogs about things like mac

and cheese (yes, I love it) or foot woes (yes, I’ve had multiple surgeries and constant issues with one of my feet), but very easily the time escaped me! When I revisited the idea, I could not think of anything better than starting a blog about my favorite hobby — making things! Some days it’s sewing and others it’s leaving trails of hot glue and sequins all over our kitchen table, which doubles as my official craft office. On other days, I’m attending a class, making something for our home, or struggling with tangled yarn.

“For me, sewing has been something that brings so much pleasure and fun and creativity ...”

The bulk of her business consists of selling items such as crossbody bags, bibs, cocktail napkins and other small household and personal items she makes. Launching Twirling Tiny Sticks has been a learning process, she says, and she hopes to one day turn it into a full-time occupation.

“It’s within the last year-and-a-half that I’ve been doing it, but it has never been as serious as it is now. When I started my blog, I really wanted to do this as more than just a hobby,” she says. “I’m going full force to have a crafting business.”

She started working in earnest on “Joan and her Rad Friends” last March. She had no experience at all creating



VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Rosa Leon Riley, shown here in her workshop, is also a mental health counselor and enjoys that her line of dolls, “Joan and Her Rad Friends,” blends her interests in women’s advocacy and sewing. “Once you’re an advocate, you can never leave that behind,” she says.

them and had to work out every details: construction, prototypes and, of course, subjects.

“Ideas are only so much. I thought I needed action,” she says. “Beliefs can be

limiting and I thought I just needed to do something.”

One detail she wasn’t anticipating was running into rights of publicity, meaning that some figures have entities controlling their name and likeness. Therefore, her dolls are modeled after women who are not living today. The whole point of the line, she adds, is to also recognize overlooked and influential women, which is how Loretta Perfectus Walsh got added to the line-up.

“I want people to know about women no one really knows,” she said. “I wanted to include people who didn’t get credit for what they did at the time.”

For now, she intends to create the dolls as she receives orders from her website. Included with each order is just enough information about the subject to pique girls’ interest.

“My hope is that parents and caregivers will spend time with their children learning more about ‘Joan and her Rad Friends’ and that these dolls will help them to not only dream big, but work to make those dreams come true.”

Each doll is \$47.99. A portion of each sale from the first 100 dolls will be donated to Girls on the Run of Collier County. Ms. Riley also creates custom dolls for \$57.99 each.

For more information, visit twirlingtinysticks.com. ■



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FLORIDA WRITERS

Two murder cases vie for attention in new Matt Royal mystery



■ **“Chasing Justice” by H. Terrell Griffin. Oceanview Publishing. 400 pages. Hardcover, \$27.95.**

Call it Phil’s law. Whenever you have a mystery novel with two separate murder cases, the chances are they will become linked in some way. Such is the situation in the latest from H. Terrell Griffin in his Matt Royal series.



GRIFFIN

A couple of murders are occupying their time and energy, though Longboat Key Police Det. J.D. (Jennifer Diane) Duncan and usually retired lawyer Matt Royal find plenty of energy for each other.

In J.D.’s professional lap is the question of why a nude, beautiful, surgically enhanced blonde named Linda Favereaux had been found, skull crushed, in her enormous, luxurious beach home. Her husband, two-plus decades her senior, is nowhere to be found.

Matt has agreed to come out of retirement to defend his good friend Abby

Lester, wife of J.D.’s police chief boss. She has been accused of murdering a shady local businessman named Nate Bannister. Worse yet (though what’s worse than murder, really?), she has been accused of having had an affair with the man.

A piece of physical evidence puts Abby at the scene of the crime. She says she had never even met Bannister. If that’s true, how did that evidence get there?

What’s going on? Why is the case moving so quickly? What does it mean that the prosecuting attorney is borrowed from another jurisdiction within the state? Why has the investigation been given over to a state law enforcement agency? And why does the agent in charge seem to be so eager for this assignment?

Back to J.D.’s case: While the Favereaux couple has been living on Longboat Key for a couple of years, hardly anyone knows them. They keep to themselves. It’s obvious that they are enormously wealthy, but what is the source of that wealth?

These mysteries are like two giant piñatas with many smaller mysteries inside.

J.D. has a case that leads to upper echelons of clandestine government operations. Yet it remains pretty much a straight, detective-focused murder mystery.

Matt’s story turns into a legal procedural and ultimately into a finely crafted courtroom drama. His case, too, becomes tangled up with people in high places

— power players who have a lot to hide, including who really killed Nate Bannister.

The pacing of “Chasing Justice” is mighty fine, as is the dialogue between Matt and J.D. as they share what they can and brainstorm each other’s cases. It’s fascinating to get into their heads as they turn over possibilities, second-guess motives, run what-if scenarios and review emerging pieces of evidence.

As ever in a Matt Royal mystery, there is a sterling cast of supporting players. Once again, we meet the mysterious Jock, a superspy with access to national leaders and usually inaccessible records. He has been a kind of deus ex machina in earlier Matt Royal adventures, so it’s something of an in-joke when he shows up again.

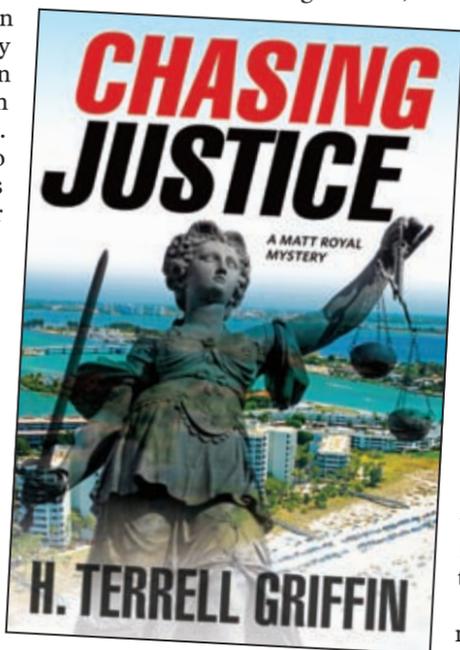
We also meet Victoria “Tori” Madison, a piece of bad-girl work if there ever were one. And what about George Swann, the conceited prosecuting attorney who lords it over Matt and has readers waiting for Matt to destroy him (in

the courtroom, that is). The presiding judge, Wayne Lee Thomas, is another fascinating, well-drawn character. His manner and his rulings are important ingredients, lessons in respect for the law, the process and the office he fills.

Mr. Griffin’s handling of the Sarasota area setting is as sure-handed and appealing as ever. The charm of the community radiates through the novel with the impact of an additional major character. It’s a place for fun, and is thus the perfect setting for the good-natured humor that the author works into his totally convincing and appealing major characters and their relationships.

The Matt Royal mystery series is one of the best going, and Matt’s temporary resurrection of his career as a lawyer provides a splendid variation on a captivating theme. ■

— 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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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.

Photo Know-How – Naples Digital Photo Club hosts Mike Corrado of Nikon Professional Services for a lecture about "Energy, Impact and Emotion" as key components of a photographic composition. Class starts at 9 a.m. at Florida Southwestern College. \$30, includes club memberships and free admission to future lectures. Call Sonny Saunders at 777-0053 or visit dpi-sig.org for more information.

Wonder Garden – Kids can learn about the world of water from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday, Aug. 30, at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.com.

Tricks are for Kids – Let Masquerade & Balloons Galore teach the kids some new tricks in a workshop from 2-3 p.m. Good for ages 8 and up. \$15. 2100 Trade Center Way. Reservations required. 643-3330.

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

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

Clowning Around – Brian Corrion, the 6-foot-5, 300-pound "Disgruntled Clown," brings his signature sense of humor to Room2Laugh at Nana's Diner at 8:30 p.m. \$18. 5555 Golden Gate Parkway. 455-2844 or room2laugh.com.

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

SUNDAY 8.30

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

MONDAY 8.31

Ommmm – Chelsea's Resale Shoppe hosts evening meditations starting at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. Peace offering welcome. 949 Second Ave. N. 261-0005.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "The Wind Rises" (USA, 2013) at 7 p.m. A look at the life of Jiro Hirokoshi, who designed Japanese fighter planes during World War II. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 9.1

Take a Walk – Take a 90-minute guided stroll along the shaded, 2.25-mile boardwalk at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary starting at 9:30 a.m. Free with regular admission (\$12 for adults, \$6 for college students, \$4 for ages 6-18, free for ages 5 and younger). Limited to 12 participants. Tours are offered every Monday, Tuesday and Friday through October. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Rec Room – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts mah jongg, bridge and cards at 11:30 a.m. Free for members, \$3 for non-members. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

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

WEDNESDAY 9.2

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.

Love That Dress! – The fifth annual Love That Dress! to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee takes place at 6 p.m. at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets are at lovethatdress.org.

Paint FUNdraiser – Vino's Picasso hosts a guided painting session at 6:30 p.m. to benefit the Collier County Bar Foundation. \$46 includes all supplies. 2367 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 341-8750 or vinospicasso.com.

Kids DIY – Miromar Outlet hosts arts and crafts for kids from 3-12 years old starting at 10 a.m. in MundoFox Playland. Free. 948-3766 or miromaroutlets.com.

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.

COMING UP

Ranger Hike – Join a ranger-led walk around Delnor-Wiggins State Park at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Grow Organic – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a workshop on organic vegetable production at 9 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. \$35 for Garden members, \$40 for others. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Garden Clinic – Bring photos or samples of your ailing greenery to Naples Botanical Garden for diagnosis and tips from 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, Sept. 3. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.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.

Alla Fun! – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs invites guests to create a piece of art while enjoying pizza and wine starting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3. \$55. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

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

Foreign Film – South Regional Library screens "Amour" (France, 2012) at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. When an octogenarian couple's grown daughter has a stroke, their bond of love is severely tested. Free, registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

Foxy Night – The Betty Fox Band performs at 6:30 and 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4, at Artis—Naples. \$15. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Free Fun – The Conservancy of Southwest Florida offers free admission to kids 12 and younger every Saturday in September. 262-0304 or conservancy.org.

Find Furry Friends – For Footed Friends and Collier County Domestic Animal Services host an adoption event at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 5 at the pet store. 13040 Livingston Road. 384-9999 or forfootedfriends.com.

Improv Night – Enjoy ad-libbing at its finest starting at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 5, at the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$12 for members, \$15 non-members in advance, \$17 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

T.G.I.M. – The Fort Myers Film Festival kicks off a new season of T.G.I.M. screenings and discussions at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 7, at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center in downtown Fort Myers. sbdac.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

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.

Labor Day BBQ – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a barbecue buffet at 12:30 p.m. on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. Bring a card game or board to enjoy with others. Make reservations by 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 4. \$15 for members, \$18 for others. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Story Time – Bring the kids to Lovers Key State Park for a 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.

Free Film – Headquarters Regional Library screens “Still Alice” (USA, 2015) at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. A linguistics professor and her family find their bonds tested when she is diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer’s disease. Free, registration required. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0177 or collierlibrary.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.

Champagne & Chocolate – Shula’s Steakhouse hosts the fifth annual Champagne & Chocolate Sunset Cruise to benefit The United Way setting out on the Naples Princess at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. \$85. Reservations required. 659-3176 or shulasnaples.com.

Along Came a Spider – Learn about Florida’s spiders at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 at Delnor-Wiggins State Park. Registration required. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Classical Concert – South Regional Library hosts a chamber concert at 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10. Free. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

Raku for You – Richard Rosen guides participants through painting a bisqued vase using the ancient technique of raku from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10, at his studio in the Naples Art District. \$48 includes a casual buffet dinner. 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-0161 or rictra@earthlink.net.

Funny Lady – Comedian Tammy Pescatelli takes the stage at Off the Hook Comedy Club Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 10-13. Check website for prices and showtimes. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or offthehoodcomedy.com.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “13 Tzemeti” (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 presents 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.



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■ **Skate for Hope**, a nonprofit dedicated to breast cancer research and education, glides into Germain Arena on Saturday for a show featuring U.S. Olympians and National Champions in figure skating. — germainarena.com

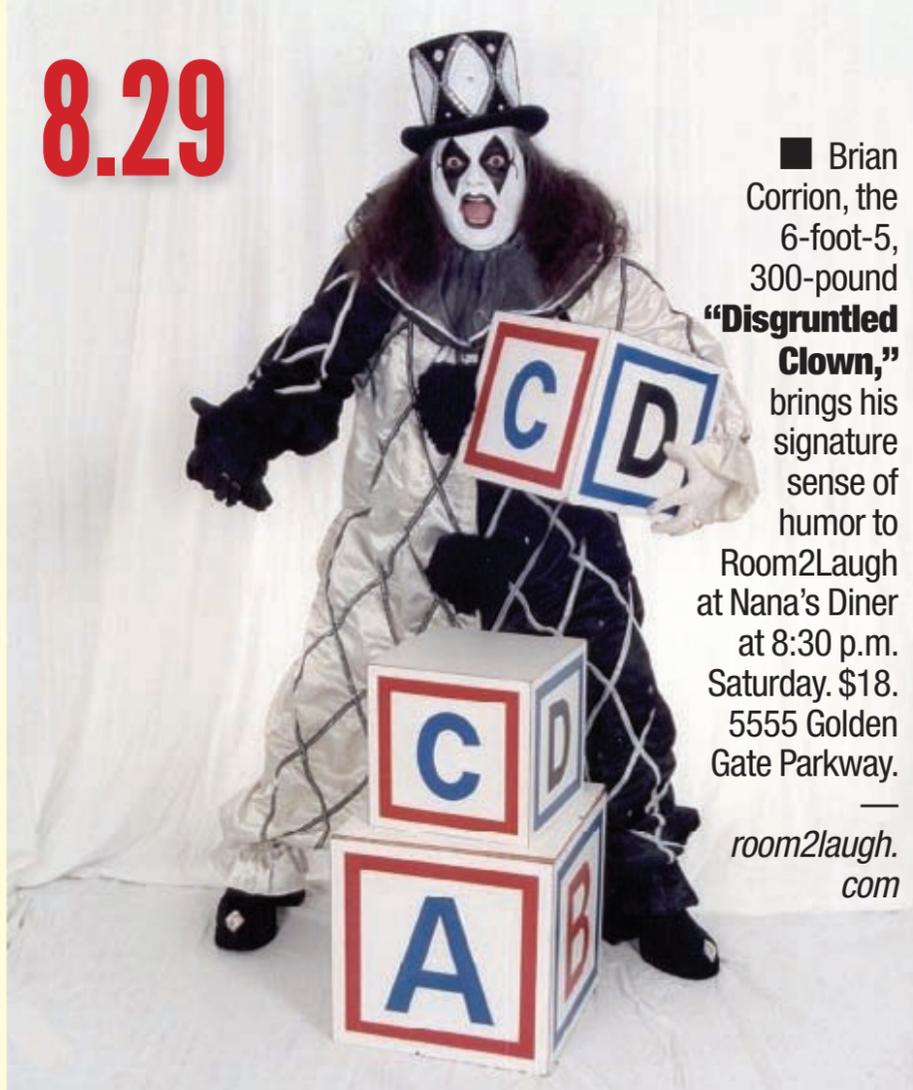


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■ Known locally for his Tuesday gigs on B103.9-FM, **Gary Spivey** brings his psychic talents to Seminole Casino Immokalee at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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#PLAN IT



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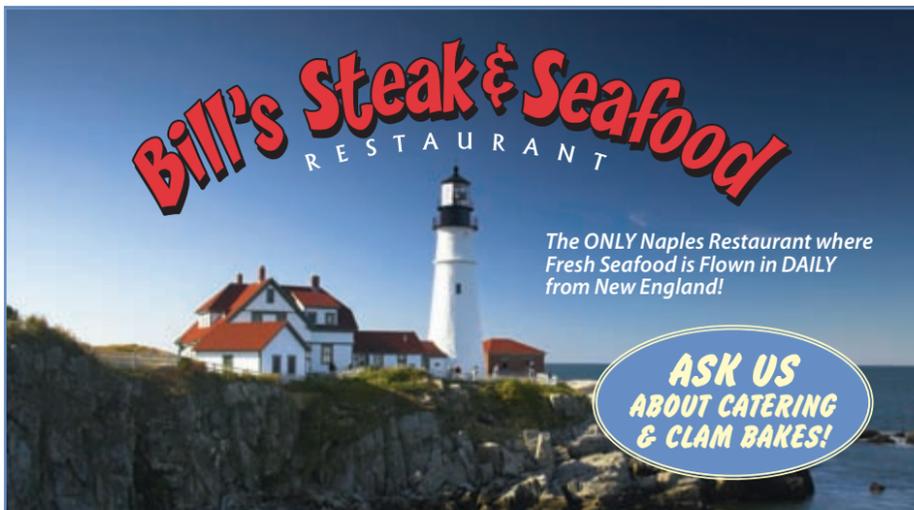
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■ The fifth annual **Love That Dress!** to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Refresh your wardrobe at great prices for a great cause.

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Great Bowls of Fire – Learn some glazing techniques while creating your own ceramic bowl in a session starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, at the Center for the Arts Bonita Springs. \$55. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Kids' Concert – Artis—Naples presents “The Snow Queen” with the Naples Philharmonic for homeschoolers and families starting at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18. Check website for dates. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Dinner Social – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts a four-course dinner with dessert and coffee at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, followed by cards and mah jongg. Proper attire required (no shorts or jeans). \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Paws in the Day – The Continental and Humane Society Naples host Bow Wow Brunch, a dog-friendly meal for young professionals who want to learn about getting involved with HSN at 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 20. \$30. 643-1555 or hsnaples.org.

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WHERE TO GO

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

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Buena Vista Social Club” (France, 1999) at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 22. Aging Cuban musicians are brought out of retirement by an extraordinary bandleader. \$10. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Remember the Ladies – Naples Regional Library hosts a one-woman play about the rich and varied life of Abigail Adams at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23. Free, registration required. 263-7768 or collierlibrary.org.

Mangrove Walk – Explore the mangroves and learn about the unique ecosystem from a park ranger at Delnor-Wiggins State Park at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Script Club – Headquarters Regional Library launches a new club that explores how theater artists interpret scripts as they prepare for stage performances. The first session is at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24. Gulfshore Playhouse staff will lead a discussion about “The Glass Menagerie.” Register and pick up script 14 days prior to meeting. Free. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0177 or collierlibrary.org.

Passion for Fashion – Waterside Shops hosts its third annual Craving Fashion event at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25, to benefit Make-a-Wish Southern Florida and The United Way of Collier County. Sip, shop and stroll while enjoying bites from dozens of area 40 restaurants. \$50. 598-1605 or watersideshops.com.

Balancing Workshop – Shangri-La Springs holds a chakra balancing workshop at 7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25. \$25. 27750 Old 41 Road. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

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.

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 friendsloverskey.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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Using the photo shown here as a

starting point for your creative process, we'd like you to come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. There is no minimum length. No poems, please. *Florida Weekly* will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an email until midnight, Saturday, Aug. 29.

There will be more photo prompts in the months to come. Previous entrants are welcome to submit again.

Email your stories to writing@floridaweekly.com and we will print the best submissions. No "snail mail" copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information

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For more information on the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, visit fgcu.edu/siwc.

Thanks for writing, and good luck. ■

M.A. + J.T.

By Scott Collier,
Port Charlotte

Madeline Adair was nine years old when she moved into the green house across the street from Jack Thompson's yellow one. The moment he saw her drag herself out of her parents' car and trudge up to the front door, he knew she was the one. She was his age. He would walk her to school every day. They would be in the same class. They would always be together. It was a revelation — a prophecy.

Destiny.

Maddie paused on the welcome mat. She felt eyes on her. She cocked her head to the side and cut her eyes over to look at Jack looking back at her from across the street. She would always know when he was staring at her. She smiled at him with the corner of her mouth and then darted inside. This new, green house would be — OK.

Jack melted beneath his basketball hoop.

They were perpetually dirty. Dirty clothes, dirty hands, dirty knees, dirty faces. Maddie wore her blond hair every which way but how her mother wanted. Jackie-boy---as she alone called him---rarely combed his hopelessly cowlicked, brown hair. They were inseparable from the start, like two railroad tracks, forever running and playing together everywhere except their own backyards. A hobo's ride through Arrowhead, Arkansas, would take you past all their secret forts in the woods. In the afternoons, you were sure to catch a glimpse of two half-feral children chasing something, or each other, between the trees and down the riverbanks.

July 4th was celebrated each year with fireworks at Calloway Hill Park downtown. That first summer, Maddie grabbed Jack's wrist and pulled him off the picnic table bench. Their mothers reproached them about running with hotdog-filled bellies. They cackled and plunged down the long, grassy slope toward an abandoned railroad tunnel cutting through the base of the hill. The great, yawning maw greeted them with inky blackness and the promise of cool quietude within. Jack hesitated.

"What's the matter?" Maddie asked, irritated. She tugged on his aching wrist, leading him to the entrance. In the distance, the tunnel faithfully terminated with a keyhole-sized aperture of blinding sunshine. Jack balked again.

"Come on!" chided Maddie. "You're not scared, are ya?"



"I'm not scared. I just..." A chill draft billowed out of the tunnel. Maddie closed her eyes and faced into the inviting breeze, her dirty blond hair fluttering off her shoulders. Jack stared at her. She was fearless — magnetic.

"Do ya love me, Jackie-boy?" Maddie inquired lowly. She opened and then cut her eyes to look at him looking at her.

"I... Yes. I guess so. Maddie, I..." Jack melted under the bricked archway. Maddie smiled her half-smile at him.

"Prove it!" she shouted and dashed off into the abyss before them.

Without thinking, Jack entered the tunnel, stumbling over ties and rocks and groping about in vain. Now a hundred yards inside, his eyes had only just begun to make out the faintest of shadowy contrasts. Jack stopped.

"Maddie!" he called out, the tremulousness of his voice echoing up and down the length of the tunnel.

"Yes?" she whispered. He wheeled around and was immediately confronted by a dark silhouette inches from his face. Suddenly, her hands sprang out and grabbed him viselike by the shoulders. She leaned in and kissed him square on the lips.

Two Mississippi, three Mississippi.

Her lips were ice cold. Suddenly, she disengaged and pushed him backwards with a jolt. He fell hard on the unforgiving gravel and timber. Jack lay there for a minute in pain and ecstasy, thinking about a lot of things.

"You gonna lie there all day?" Maddie's voice

came bounding down the shaft. He sat up and saw her crouched over at the tunnel's entrance, her icy hands moving together with exertion against the interior wall. He quickly rejoined her there. She stood up and dropped an old, rusty railroad spike. Together, they beheld her handiwork: M.A. + J.T., deeply etched into the masonry, encircled with a large heart.

Arrowhead grew bigger. Jack grew taller. Maddie grew wilder. She stole candy bars and magazines from the corner store. She shoplifted earrings and CDs from the mall. She smoked cigarettes and chugged cans of beer pilfered from her deadbeat father. She ransacked her mother's medicine cabinet for pain pills. She got caught half of the time. Jack resentfully took the rap for her whenever he could.

Justice is as blind as love, though. She did a stint in juvenile detention. Afterwards, Maddie wised up just enough to escape the long arm of the law, as well as her mother's short, shaky reach. Her dad got pinched a couple of times for buying smack.

Jack couldn't have escaped her gravity, even if he had wanted to. She was too powerful — too entropic. He stared at her as the moon stares at the Earth, night and day, unturning. As the latest authority figure upbraided her, she would cut her eyes at her Jackie-boy, seeing him scowling at her. The corner of her mouth would smile at him, and he would melt under her cosmic radiation.

In high school, Jack made varsity this and All-American that. He managed to get A's and B's when Maddie wasn't raising hell. His G.P.A. remained high enough, and he was offered a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Arkansas. His life was straightening out in front of him, just like those railroad tracks which would bear him straight out of Arrowhead to Fayetteville.

Maddie, on the other hand, won "Most likely to get suspended." A German shepherd finally did her in, though, senior year. She was expelled for having painkillers in her locker.

Jack's childhood prophecy held mostly true. When they could be together, they were together. She went to his games. He went with her to court. They sat next to each other in the movie theater — Maddie watching the film, Jack watching Maddie. She would feel him staring at her and roughly grab his wrist. Then, she would cut her eyes at him and smile her half-smile. Her hands and lips were always ice cold.

Jack graduated in June. Maddie promised she would go for her G.E.D. after he left for college in August. They went downtown to Calloway Hill Park on the Fourth of July as usual, but they missed the fireworks that year.

Police cars and ambulances will often forego their sirens in the wee hours of the morning, but their red and

blue, flashing lights can still wake up a neighborhood.

Jack had been home only a few hours. Now, he sat up in bed and looked out the window at the green house across the street. The lights were all on. Uniformed people passed in and out through the front doorway. Upstairs, the shade in Maddie's bedroom window was pulled down, but intermittent flashes of white betokened someone taking photographs. Soon, a man stepped out of the green house and into the middle of the street. White shirt, black tie, gold badge. He leveled his eyes at the yellow house in front of him, then up briefly at Jack's darkened, bedroom window. The detective lowered his head and visibly sighed — despondent. He continued up the flagstones leading to the Thompsons' front door.

Earlier that evening, as the sun was setting on Arrowhead, Arkansas, and the cloudless sky foretold yet another splendid fireworks display, Jack Thompson and Madeline Adair took a long walk down to the base of Calloway Hill. He had his arm around her as they walked. All afternoon, he had held her close to him. She had seemed different lately — softer. Frailer. Was he only now noticing this? How long had she been — fading?

Yet, was she not still happy? He had never known her to be otherwise, despite everything. They had shared their youth with each other, and they were as happy now as in the beginning. Presently, they stood beside each other beneath the bricked archway of the tunnel's entrance, gazing down fondly upon a heart-shaped mathematics expression.

"Do you remember that day?" she asked him. "It was the Fourth of July, shortly after I moved to Arrowhead." Her voice was faint and sweet.

"Of course I remember," replied Jack tenderly. "How could I forget?"

"Do you remember what I asked you, Jackie-boy?" she quizzed him. "Right here?"

"Yes." Jack was staring at her now, as before — as ever since. "Do you remember my answer?"

Maddie looked through the blackness of the tunnel, all the way to the now dimming point of light at the far end, just as she had done those many years before. Then, she cut her eyes toward Jack, seeing him staring at her, melting under her spell. She turned herself completely to face him this time, smiling broadly and fully up at him. M.A. reached out and gently took J.T.'s hand, her fingers interlacing with his in a warm union.

"Prove it," she said.

He followed her into the abyss. ■

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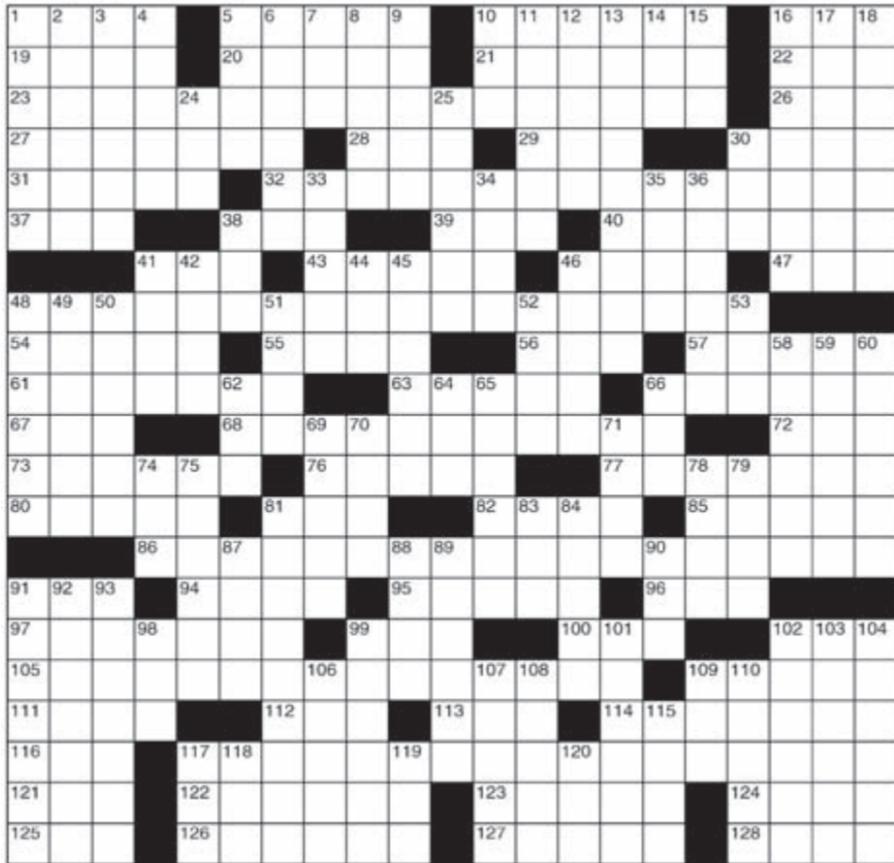
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- 1 On — with (equivalent to)
 - 5 Viking letters
 - 10 South American plains
 - 16 Cap for a Scot
 - 19 "Us" or "them"
 - 20 Prefix with structure
 - 21 Lacking scruples
 - 22 — culpa
 - 23 Place for test tubes
 - 26 Bruins great Bobby
 - 27 Lemonade alternative
 - 28 Diving ideal
 - 29 Zero
 - 30 Blind as —
 - 31 "Can it"
 - 32 Warehouse or silo, e.g.
 - 37 Prom suit
 - 38 Antique auto
 - 39 Chum
 - 40 Noisy turkey
 - 41 Hearth residue
 - 43 Title giver
 - 46 Lord's lady
 - 47 Koch and Bradley
 - 48 Saying "Yay mel," say
 - 54 Oldsmobile's last model
 - 55 "Strange — may seem ..."
 - 56 — out a living
 - 57 "You are not!" retort
 - 61 Is a sign of
 - 63 It parallels the fibula
 - 66 Pago Pago inhabitant
 - 67 VCR tape displacer
 - 68 Place for excavating building
 - 72 Corrosive cleaner
 - 73 Sobieski of "Max"
 - 76 Beach locale
 - 77 In ciphertext
 - 80 Scandalous company of 2001
 - 81 Senator, e.g.
 - 82 "— shame!"
 - 85 La Scala show
 - 86 Uproar over a disputed matter
 - 91 Kennel noise
 - 94 "... friend who never made —": Tennyson
 - 95 Laundry cycle
 - 96 Lion's place
 - 97 Brussels site
 - 99 Suffix with racket
 - 100 Up "til
 - 102 Many run Windows
 - 105 Winner's loot
 - 109 "Ave —"
 - 111 Medium gait
 - 112 Refrain syllable
 - 113 Former Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 114 Twofold nature
 - 116 Lend support
 - 117 Obsolete hypothesis about the universe's origin
 - 121 British verb suffix
 - 122 Wounded
 - 123 Serving a purpose
 - 124 Rock group
 - 125 Springfield's Flanders
 - 126 Have a fixation (on)
 - 127 Repasts
 - 128 Give lip to?
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Give a hand
 - 2 Machu — (site of Incan ruins)
 - 3 Farewells, in France
 - 4 Oboe's pair
 - 5 Starchy grain
 - 6 Antsy feeling
 - 7 Falcons' org.
 - 8 Bard's Muse
 - 9 Cavalry sword
 - 10 Ford product
 - 11 Blown away
 - 12 Recurring subject
 - 13 Spread, as ideas
 - 14 Rowboat propeller
 - 15 Furtive
 - 16 Big name in cell service
 - 17 Made bubbly, in a way
 - 18 They suffer for believing
 - 24 To the — degree
 - 25 Via wagering
 - 30 Balkan Peninsula
 - 33 Salad bar tool
 - 34 Wise adviser
 - 35 "Hot Diggity" singer
 - 36 Two-nation peninsula
 - 38 Letter before sigma
 - 41 Bushy '60s do
 - 42 File resident
 - 44 Jackie O's Onassis
 - 45 Kathy of country
 - 46 Capital of Senegal
 - 48 Wrangler's seat
 - 49 An hour before noon
 - 50 Shylock, e.g.
 - 51 Publisher Condé —
 - 52 Starship princess
 - 53 Holiday tuber
 - 58 Crumble into particles
 - 59 Bears Hall of Famer Gale
 - 60 Eventually
 - 62 Suffix with Peking
 - 64 High figs. for brains
 - 65 Shirt fastener
 - 66 Thesaurus word: Abbr.
 - 69 Christmas carol opener
 - 70 Court plea, in brief
 - 71 Be a parent to
 - 74 "NCIS: — Angeles"
 - 75 Involve by necessity
 - 78 Shore nook
 - 79 Unrestricted
 - 81 Advocates
 - 83 Seat holders
 - 84 Have the helm
 - 87 "That makes two —!"
 - 88 Liberated, in German
 - 89 Big-top event
 - 90 Poem variety
 - 91 Not partake
 - 92 Musical echo
 - 93 Inundated
 - 98 "Skedaddle!"
 - 99 Dodges
 - 101 High school in "Grease"
 - 102 A — (deductively)
 - 103 Lemon, e.g.
 - 104 Agree (to)
 - 106 Draw up
 - 107 Hollywood's O'Neal
 - 108 Preach, say
 - 109 — jongg (tile game)
 - 110 Smart — (wise guy)
 - 115 Plains tribe
 - 117 HBO rival
 - 118 Indenting to key
 - 119 NFL gains
 - 120 Aunt, to Inés

HOROSCOPES

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might want to suggest resolving an old disagreement before it can affect a matter expected to come up for discussion. It's always best to start with a clean slate.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** The week favors combining dollops of creativity and practicality to work out both professional and personal problems. A longtime friend could have something of note to suggest.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Some surprising facts could come to light if you decide to probe deeper into an "opportunity" than you might usually do. What you'll learn could determine what you'll earn.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Someone close to you might seek your counsel. Hear him/her out, but hold the line at giving actual advice until you get credible answers to all your questions.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** What seems to be an overwhelming workplace project can be dealt with quite well if you handle one category at a time. Things will soon begin to fall into place.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A personal matter might need more of your time than you had expected. Try to prioritize between your many outside commitments and your domestic responsibilities.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A developing situation still needs

more time to grow, and more time to study before you can plunge in and make some attention-getting waves. Patience is best for wise Pisceans.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Cupid is strong in the Aries aspect this week, with the cherub opening romantic possibilities for single Lambs, and strengthening ties 'twixt loving pairs already in a caring relationship.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your dramatic flair might make things more interesting as you recount an event to your colleagues. But be careful not to exaggerate reality to the point that facts and fancy combine to form fiction.

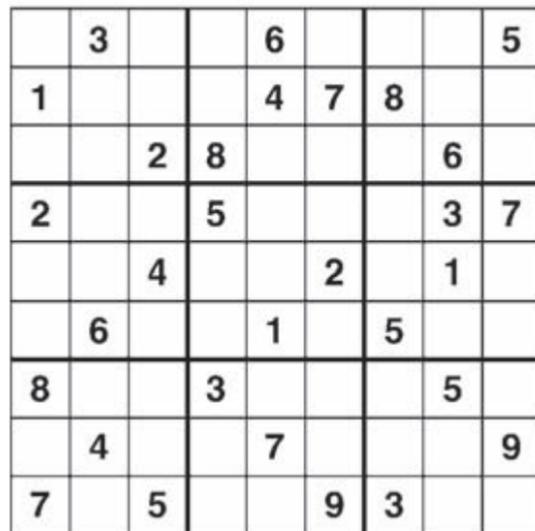
■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You love to talk, and this week you should get lots of chances to share your thoughts with people who will not only pay attention to what you have to say, but will want to hear more.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** The pattern of recent changes could begin to shift from mostly workplace-related events to more personal matters. Continue to keep an open mind as you prepare to deal with them.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** An opportunity for work-related travel could be just what the Terrific Tabby needs to get a new perspective on a balky situation. The trip also could prove to be personally rewarding.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a gift for organization that would make you a fine archivist. (Are you listening out there, Library of Congress?) ■

By Linda Thistle



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Haste makes waste

BY STEVE BECKER

A declarer who neglects to plan the play must sometimes pay a heavy penalty for his negligence.

Take this case where West leads a heart against four spades. South plays low from dummy, winning East's queen with the ace, and returns the king of diamonds. East defends well by ducking, then takes the next diamond with the ace and shifts to the jack of clubs.

South must now go down one regardless of what he does next. He can't get to his hand to cash the jack of diamonds and discard a club from dummy, and he eventually loses two trumps, a diamond and a club.

At first glance, it would appear that the contract failed because East made a good defensive play by ducking the diamond at trick two. But closer examination reveals that South lost the contract at trick one by playing the seven of hearts from dummy instead of the jack.

It costs declarer nothing to play the jack rather than the seven, since he will score three heart tricks either way. But the advantage of playing the jack is that South guarantees a second heart entry to his hand later on with either the ace or ten if a defender ducks the king of diamonds at trick two.

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠	J 10 7 4 3 2		
♥	K J 7		
♦	9 7		
♣	A 6		
		EAST	
		♠	A K
		♥	Q 8 2
		♦	A 10 8 4
		♣	J 10 9 2
WEST			
♠	—		
♥	9 6 4 3		
♦	6 5 3 2		
♣	K 7 5 4 3		
		SOUTH	
		♠	Q 9 8 6 5
		♥	A 10 5
		♦	K Q J
		♣	Q 8

The bidding:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 4 ♠

Opening lead — three of hearts.

In the actual deal, declarer wins East's queen of hearts with the ace and loses the second diamond to the ace. After taking East's club shift with the ace, South leads the seven of hearts to the ten, cashes the jack of diamonds, discarding a club from dummy, and easily makes four spades. ■



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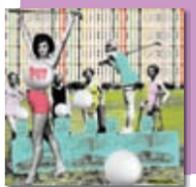
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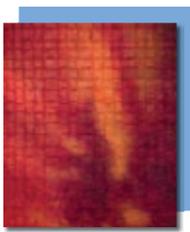
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Straight Outta Compton ★★ ★ 1/2

(O'Shea Jackson Jr., Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell) The early days of pioneering rap group N.W.A. are highlighted in this tremendous biopic from director F. Gary Gray ("The Italian Job"). The music and story are well done, but the real highlight of the film is the performances, particularly Mr. Mitchell as Eazy-E. Rated R.

The Man From U.N.C.L.E. ★★ ★ 1/2

(Henry Cavill, Armie Hammer, Alicia Vikander) In 1963, a CIA agent (Mr. Cavill) and KGB agent (Mr. Hammer) reluctantly work together to stop the construction and sale of a nuclear warhead. It has some whimsical, breezy charm and decent action, but there's nothing spectacular here. Rated PG-13.

Fantastic Four ★★

(Jamie Bell, Kate Mara, Michael B. Jordan) Young scientists teleport to an alternate dimension, only to return with superpowers. You can see the potential, but poor story structure undoes anything the movie has going for it. Rated PG-13.

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 (Mr. 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. Rated R.

Vacation ★★

(Ed Helms, Christina Applegate, Leslie 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) When aliens misinterpret a time capsule space probe containing 1982 video games as an act of war, gamer champions of yesterday are called in to save the world. There's no denying it's stupid, but it's also good, clean fun. I got a kick out of it. Rated PG-13. ■

Steve Details

Messages

Hey Shane, remember what we talked about at the bbq last week? I think it's finally "that time." I'm freakin' out a little bit!

Congrats buddy! You're finally ready to take the plunge! haha. What are you planning to do? Do you have a ring yet?

She loves the water, so I'm thinking intercoastal, 5 star restaurant. I have NO IDEA what to do or where to go for the ring.

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Is it worth \$10? No

"American Ultra" lost me in its opening scene and never got me back. This is one of those movies in which the ending is immediately revealed and we work back to that dramatic moment teased early on — a storytelling technique that's almost always a mistake. Doing this undermines any drama or tension the film might have, essentially forcing us to wonder "How did he get there?" as opposed to the much-preferred "Where is he going?" — and all for no good reason.

But wait, it gets worse.

Not only do we learn where the protagonist, Mike (Jesse Eisenberg), will end up, director Nima Nourizadeh ("Project X") then gives us a reverse-chronological, rapidly edited flashback that show moments from the film all the way back to three days earlier. The big question is why do this? There is no reason to structure the story this way, as it adds nothing to the narrative aside from inevitability.

The filmmaker's hope is that the opening tease will get us hooked and intrigued. Alas, seeing a battered and bruised Mike in handcuffs about to be interrogated in a well-lit room, followed by close-ups of random pictures, isn't nearly enough to draw us in.

Poor setup aside, the script by Max Landis ("Chronicle") did have potential. Mike is a longhaired stoner loser do-nothing who isn't even trying to get his act together. His girlfriend Phoebe (Kristen Stewart) accepts him for who he is, even though she knows they're going nowhere together. In fact, there's really nothing interesting about them

until Mike easily kills two dudes outside the grocery store at which he works.

Come to find out Mike was the subject of a failed CIA experiment to create a super agent, and now he's in danger. Desk jockey Victoria (Connie Britton) began the now-dormant program, and CIA ladder-climber Adrian (Topher Grace) has swooped in to clean up her mess. But Victoria, feeling protective of Mike (for no good reason), "activates" him so he can defend himself against Adrian's assassins.

Yes, the plot is "Harold & Kumar" meets "The Bourne Identity." There are too many holes to count, Grace isn't a convincing villain, and it's not nearly as funny as it thinks it is. Casting Mr. Eisenberg and Ms. Stewart was the right choice for actors who can mix comedy with action and dramatic moments. Still, it doesn't come together.

Part of the reason is the aforementioned flawed setup, and another is the excessive violence. We hear bones cracking, see blood splatter, observe deaths by all sorts of household appliances. It's a bit much for the otherwise silly premise of a stoner who fights back against a secret government experiment gone wrong. A lighter PG-13 rating would have suited Grace's "Oh jeez, come on!" villainous approach better, and allowed for more comedy, less violence and a better overall experience. ■



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With a story that today's audiences will connect with, while at the same time borrowing beautifully from the theatrical and historical past, "Ariadne on the Island" asks the timely and important questions: What are the effects of war on varied peoples? How do we recreate ourselves and our social structure in destruction's wake? And can we ever truly love our enemy?

■ **"Embalmed, Buried, Gone,"** by Ashlin Halfnight - When a young man kills himself under unusual and upsetting circumstances, his sisters immediately return to their childhood home in Michigan to honor his memory. When



the town denies his body a proper burial, and even a funeral looks unlikely, the family members battle fiercely amongst themselves to claim his legacy and to come to terms with his life and death.

■ **"Other than Honorable,"** by Jamie Pachino - Grace Rattigan is a former military officer who resigned her commission under sealed terms and now works in a high-profile Washington, D.C., law firm. When a new client arrives at her office - AWOL after stabbing her immediate superior - Grace's old wounds are reopened. As she pursues the case, the layers of her own experience with the base's commanding officer leave Grace at a crossroads: She can come forward and tell the truth about her past, or she can stay AWOL from that part of her life.

Touching on hot-button issues in the news right now, "Other Than Honorable" is the story of one woman confronting the real meaning of the military's codes of honor, courage and loyalty.

■ **"White,"** by James Ijames - Gus wants to be a famous painter, and Vanessa wants to be a famous actor. When the two artistic dreamers cross paths, their assumptions about being an artist and making art are dismantled. Gus' desire to be acquired by a major contemporary art museum looking for "new perspectives" inspires him to "sculpt" a woman to claim his work as her own.

This modern take on the Frankenstein

tale spins out of control as it explores issues of race, gender, sexuality and art.

Here is the schedule of the staged readings:
8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24: "Embalmed, Buried, Gone"
8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 25: "Ariadne on the Island"
8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 26: "Other Than Honorable"
3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27: "White"
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Local artists invited to submit works to be juried for November exhibition

Storytellers Creative Arts invites Southwest Florida visual artists to create and submit artworks for a juried art exhibition as part of the annual Evening of Music & Arts concert and awards ceremony.

The deadline for submission is Oct. 20. This year's event takes place Friday, Nov. 6, at Covenant Church of Naples.

The art exhibition will be held in tandem with the sixth annual Storytellers Creative Arts conference set for Nov. 13-14. Works to be considered for the exhibition should be based on the theme, "Chrysalis, A New Creation" and can include abstract and representational art. They should also be available for purchase.

Jurors will include Cheri Dunnigan, the 2014 Art Expo curator, master goldsmith and landscape painter; Arturo Samaniego, painter; and Marco Bronzini, painter and sculptor, who is also the curator for the show. Cash awards will be made in the Professional and Community Artist divisions.

For details about submitting artwork for consideration, visit storytellerscreativearts.com/callforartists.

In addition to the art exhibition, the Evening of Music & Arts will include a concert by The Annie Moses Band, seven siblings whose innovative sound has delighted audiences around the world via PBS broadcasts and performances on stages as diverse as Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry.

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sisters bring Juilliard-honed chops to Nashville-styled music making.

Tickets for \$25 general admission and \$50 VIP are available at storytellerscreativearts.com. A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County.

About the conference

The Storytellers Creative Arts conference itself encompasses all of the arts including visual, music and worship, film and production, drama and theater, dance and writing. Presenters will include celebrated "storytellers" in each of these areas who are making a difference in the world using their creative gifts.

The purpose of the conference is to motivate and inspire emerging and experienced artists, as well as art lovers. The conference will be held at Florida Gulf Coast University.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Wooden art a hot commodity

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Glass, pottery, bronze, silver and of course, paper and canvas, are all used to make important, and often expensive, works of art. But wood has been somewhat neglected as art, although highly regarded for useful furniture. Eighteenth-century furniture was made with hand tools and decorated with carvings, inlay and the selection of attractive grain in the woods. The 19th century increased the amount of carved decoration. By the 1890s, there were Black Forest benches, tables, hall trees and other furniture held by life-sized carved wooden bears. Twentieth-century craftsman and artist George Nakashima (1905-1990) made his unique wooden art furniture from slabs of wood. Wendell Castle (born 1932) made modern furniture, including a carved wooden coat and hat rack holding a wooden coat, and a park bench that appears to be growing from a tall tangle of vines.

Artists today are using wood to make sculptures, statues, puzzle boxes and huge burl bowls that are sold at art galleries, not furniture stores. Now is the time to start collecting wooden art. There are artists making everything from realistic to abstract and science fiction-inspired carvings. Go to art shows, or just browse the Internet and find the carvings that you admire. Trust your taste. There are caricatures, humorous figures, life-size statues and tiny imaginary animals. A talented Italian artist, Livio De Marchi, makes life-like carvings of everyday items. He leaves them unpainted so the wood grain and defects

will show. A golf bag with six clubs, a single piece of carved wood, sold for \$3,240 at a recent Skinner auction in Boston.

Q: I have two gunpowder dispensers that I believe are from the Civil War era and belonged to a relative who fought in that war. One is made of copper and the other of leather. Both are in great condition and work well. One still has grains of gunpowder in it. Is there any monetary or historical value to these items? I'm considering donating them to a museum.

A: First, get rid of the gunpowder! Old explosives can be dangerous. You can take the powder flask to a gun range and ask them to dispose of the residual powder. Reenactors and people who collect Civil War memorabilia might be interested in your powder flasks, especially if you can give them information about your ancestor and his service in the Civil War. Powder flasks that are signed or have decoration sell for more than plain powder flasks. A signed copper Civil War powder flask sold for \$47, and another for \$135 recently. Leather powder flasks with historically significant decoration sell for \$100 or more.

Q: I recently bought a bankers chair by W.B. Moses & Sons dated 1914. There doesn't seem to be much information about their fur-

niture. What can you tell me about the company and its furniture?

A: W.B. Moses opened a furniture store in Washington, D.C., in the 1860s. Business expanded and by 1898 W.B. Moses & Sons occupied several buildings, including shops and manufacturing facilities. The company redecorated some of the rooms in the White House in 1881, supplying new carpeting, drapes, and furniture. Value of your chair, \$50-\$100.

Q: I received this lamp from my mother-in-law. It's brass, has a pierced corrugated frame over a burner, and a small plaque on the front that has a wolf and reads "Permissible Miners Flame Safety Lamp, Safety Lamp Co. of America." It also has a tag with the number 28 and a hook for hanging. Can you tell me a little about its history and value?

A: You have a coal miner's lamp, made by the Wolf Safety Lamp Co. of America of Brooklyn, N.Y. Until the development of safe electric lamps in the early 1900s, coal miners used flame lamps to pro-

vide light. Lamps with open flames could ignite flammable gas or dust and cause explosions, so safety lamps were invented to enclose the flame. Before World War I, Wolf was a distributor for safety lamps made in Germany. After the war, the company made lamp tools and accessories and their own safety lamps that burned naphtha, vegetable oil and carbide. Wolf operated until the 1960s. Your lamp burned a mixture of carbide and water. The "permissible" engraved on the lamp means it passed safety tests and was approved by the U.S. Bureau of Mines (in 1921), and the hang tag represents the miner's number. Your lamp is from the early 1920s and is worth about \$100.

Tip: To avoid breakage, glasses should be stored with the rims up. The rim is weak and easily chipped if bounced on a hard surface. Keep the glasses a half inch apart and never stack one inside the other. ■

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No, it's not a golf bag. It is a life-sized unpainted wood sculpture by a contemporary Italian artist. It sold at a Skinner auction, Skinnerinc.com, in Boston for \$3,240.

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Art Fest Naples invites artists to submit works for consideration

Art Fest Naples at Fleischmann Park is seeking artists working in all media to exhibit at the annual juried show that takes place Jan. 23-24. Artists must apply online at artfestnaples.com by Oct. 15.

Proceeds from the festival benefit the Special Needs Children's Fund and its work to improve the lives of children and young adults with physical and developmental disabilities, including autism, in Collier County.

"Some of the nation's finest artists will be participating in Art Fest Naples, displaying and selling their work ranging from oil, acrylic and water color

paintings, blown glass, turned wood pieces, sculptures, jewelry to a variety of mixed media," says festival director Taire Malloy.

"Art Fest Naples is a major fundraiser for us and we greatly appreciate the community's support," says Julie Stanley, president of the Special Needs Children's Fund. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For information, call Ms. Malloy at 634-2337, email artfestnaples@gmail.com or visit artfestnaples.com.

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Here Come the Mummies are a sure bet for fun at the casino

Here Come the Mummies bring their Viral Tour to Seminole Casino Immokalee on Saturday, Oct. 10. Show time is 8 p.m., and tickets are on sale now.

Shrouded in mystery, the show band consists of Eddie Mummy, Java, K.W. Tut, Mummy Cass, Spaz, The Pole, Midnight, Mummy Rah and The Flu, all roused from a sort of semi-vegetative torpor to perform funk/ R&B originals chiefly extolling the virtues (and vices) of the opposite sex. Everything is in search of the ultimate riff, which the Mummies believe can unlock an ancient curse and let them finally rest in peace. (Some say the Mummies were cursed after deflowering a great pharaoh's daughter, while others claim they are reincarnated Grammy-winning studio musicians.)

Despite their dusty hearts and withered appendages, the Mummies have produced six studio albums, numerous EPS and a full-length concert film, "Rejuvenation," that aired across the U.S. in Season 3 of "Front and Center" on American Public Television. Their song "Pants" aired on NBC's "Sunday Night Football" last season.

February 2015 brought the launch of the Viral Tour, which in addition to Seminole Immokalee Casino includes appearances at the 15th annual Summer Camp Music Festival as well as Common Ground, Riverbend and Voodoo Fest.

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'Twin Peaks' to return for new series

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Is it true that "Twin Peaks" is coming back on the air? Where and when? Will David Lynch be involved?

— Justin D., via email

A: In order, your answers are: yes, Showtime, hopefully sometime next year, and yes. Showtime's head honcho David Nevins spilled the beans recently about the reboot, and one of those beans is that David Lynch will be there to direct season three, which will have at least nine episodes, with some sources reporting as many as 18 episodes.

Mr. Nevins also teased about whether former series stars will be back (as you'll recall, the series starred Kyle MacLachlan, Lara Flynn Boyle, Richard Beymer, Sherilyn Fenn and Madchen Amick, and featured a young David Duchovny): "You should be optimistic that the people that you want will be there, and there will be some surprises in addition. I'm hoping we make 2016. It's not clear. It's ultimately going to be in their control. They're going to shoot the whole thing and then they'll start posting... but I'm hoping sooner rather than later."

Q: Can you give me any "Arrow" news?
— Kylie F., Baltimore

A: There's lots of casting news for sea-



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son four, most recently that Rutina Welsey of "True Blood" and Parker Young of "Suburgatory" are joining the cast as Liza Warner and Alex Davis, respectively. Liza is a cop and a member of an anti-vigilante task force, while Alex will be a love interest for Thea. And finally, after much teasing throughout season three, we'll finally meet the mysterious Damien Darhk, who'll be played by Neal McDonough. Season four of "Arrow" premieres at 8 p.m. Oct. 7 on the CW.

Q: I love Tommy Dewey, especially his role of Josh Daniels on "The Mindy Project." Can you tell me what else I can see him in?

— Ginger D., via email

A: Coming in October, you can watch Tommy in Jason Reitman's latest project called "Casual," which will air exclusively on Hulu. The story centers on divorced mom Valerie (played by Michaela Watkins) as she rediscovers herself while living with her brother, Alex (Tommy), and her teenage daughter, Laura (Tara Lynne Barr). The dry, sometimes-dark, dysfunctional-family comedy will have a 10-episode first season, with a new episode released each week (not all at once like Netflix tends to do). The series will follow the same approach as Hulu-exclusive series such as "Difficult People" and the newly acquired "The Mindy Project." ■

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'Castles for Kids' sand-sculpting competition to benefit the Golisano Children's Museum of Naples



Jonathan Collier



Ryan Abel (front), Lisa Wilkinson, Allison Loos and Charlie Young (back row)



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CUISINE NEWS

Naples Winter Wine Festival gives sneak peek at 2016 auction lots

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have raised more than \$135 million to support the Naples Children & Education Foundation, which gives out annual grants that have provided more than 200,000 local children with services and resources.

The Naples Winter Wine Festival: "Great Expectations" takes place Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 28-31. Ticket packages start at \$10,000 per couple. For more information, call (888) 837-4919 or visit napleswinefestival.com.



Take Note:

■ Dagny's Spirits hosts a free wine and liquor tasting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 27. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9421 or dagnysspirits.com.

■ The fifth annual Shula's Steakhouse Champagne & Chocolate Sunset Cruise to benefit The United Way of Collier County sets sail aboard the Naples Princess at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 9. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres and giveaways while sipping bubbly provided by Shula's and sweets from Norman Love Confections. \$85. To make reservations, call Jeff Jerome at 659-3176 or visit shulasnaples.com. ■

— Email dining and restaurant news to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com.

The Naples Winter Wine Festival has released a first look at some of the auction lots that will be on the block for festival guests in 2016.

"The heart of the Naples Winter Wine Festival is the live auction, and our amazing team has assembled some of the most exciting auction lots we've ever seen," says Tom Moran, co-chair for next year. He means what he says.

Among the exotic, indulgent packages up for bid next year: dinner with country star Martina McBride; a private tour and dinner at Versailles; a trip to New York City for dinner with a Broadway star and tickets to his/her show; custom and engraved rings from goldsmith Christoph Wellendorf; two magnums of Hamel Family Wines and a trip to Sonoma Valley that includes a private tour, tasting and dinner at the Hamel Family Estate; private access to Bulgari's High Jewelry event and a private preview of Bulgari's latest High Jewelry collection; 14 nights aboard The World, the largest privately owned residential yacht on Earth.

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The Full Menu: sweetcarolinesnaples.com

The Details: Last week, I embarked on an ill-advised health crusade that intersected with an unplanned lunch date. While this endeavor promises some scintillating menu selections for this column, the Veggie sandwich at Sweet Caroline's is one nutritious item that won't leave well-intentioned glut-

tons like myself crying in our sprouts. Between two slices of homemade wheat bread, you'll find cucumbers, bell peppers, tomatoes, shredded carrots, green olives, sprouts and Parmesan cheese, all moistened with honey mustard dressing. The olives and dressing sound like an odd combination, but it's actually genius, the briny bite of the olives cutting through the honey mustard in a way that keeps diners chomping through about two RDAs worth of vegetables.

One More Thing: The café has two cases of fresh-baked goods that sorely tested my resolve to cut sugar. Should you find yourself at Sweet Caroline's, order a brownie in my honor. ■

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Here are some capsule reviews of previous restaurant reviews:

■ **The Bay House, 799 Walkerbilt Road, Naples; 591-3837**

When you're seated in the dining room gazing out on the tranquil mangrove-lined Cocohatchee River, it's hard to believe busy U.S. 41 is just yards away. The grand view is matched by superb food and polished service. Executive Chef Andy Hunter and his team do a masterful job of showcasing fresh seafood with a nod to carnivores in the form of steak and one chicken dish. An appetizer called South of Broad features perfectly cooked fried green tomatoes, tangy goat feta, basil puree and tomato jam. A roasted beet and citrus salad with horseradish panna cotta was equally good. The Coastal Pan Roast featured golden tilefish, shrimp, a Tampa devil crab, Carolina gold rice, baby vegetables, corn pudding and red wine sauce. Seafood pirlau, a Low Country version of bouillabaisse, contained scallops, shrimp, mussels and an outstanding house-made seafood sausage in a mild seafood brandade served with seafood fumet on the side. Florida Sunshine — goat cheese cheesecake with pink grapefruit gelee and pools of blood orange and lemon curd, finished with tangy lime granita — was an excellent end to a top-notch meal. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Service: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed May 2014

■ **Lamoraga, 3936 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 331-3669**

The first U.S. branch of this stylish Spanish chain features contemporary tapas in a setting to match. Pick a table or settle in at the sprawling tapas bar and watch the culinary team craft dishes such as berenjenas, three small fried eggplant with smoky, crisp skins filled with soft flesh, topped with tobiko flakes, mirin and honey; artisanal meat and cheese plates; Andalusian garlic shrimp; and Moorish lamb skewers. There are large plates as well such as baked black cod, beef short ribs and dry-aged New York strip steak. For dessert, try the warm roasted fig tart with pistachio ice cream. Lamoraga does a fine job on beverages as well, with an interesting selection of wines and cocktails served by an eager-to-please staff. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Service: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
 Reviewed May 2014

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

Pizza Fusion's food tastes good, and the burgeoning franchise does good at the same time. The eco-friendly chain offers a menu that's 75 percent organic, with vegan and gluten-free options available and easily identified on the menu. While pizza gets a starring role here, other worthy contenders include the zucchini al forno (zucchini stuffed with walnuts, breadcrumbs and bell pepper) and salads such as the pear and gorgonzola with a vibrant balsamic vinaigrette dressing. Pizzas come in two sizes: personal and large. We liked the Greek, a mix of kalamata olives, roma

tomatoes, organic tomato sauce, feta, parsley, mozzarella and provolone on a crisp multigrain crust. And don't skip dessert: The fresh-baked chocolate-chip cookies are divine. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Reviewed January 2014

■ **Poached (formerly Toast) of Bonita, 24600 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 221-8256**

With its sweet homemade banana bread, creative French bread stuffings and flights of food fancy (see the "I Don't Want Salad" Salad topped with a burger and fries), Poached torches some of the predictability of going out for breakfast or lunch. If you're bananas about fruit for the morning meal, tuck into the banana-bread French toast topped with bananas. Can't decide between a BLT and an egg salad sandwich? Poached puts them together in one buttery croissant. The Country Benedict was a filling combination of flaky biscuits (swapped for the usual toasted English muffins), peppery pork sausage patties instead of Canadian bacon, sautéed mushrooms and onions. The eggs were perfectly poached, with silken whites and sunny, creamy yolks. It's hard to imagine a better or heartier Benedict. Even ho-hum chicken salad gets a tasty makeover stuffed into a pineapple with dried cherries and other goodies. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Service: ★★★★★
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★
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■ **Ridgway Bar & Grill, Third Street South and 13th Avenue South, Naples; (239) 262-5500**

Chef/owner Tony Ridgway has been offering great food and service in stylish setting for 37 years at a variety of top-notch restaurants. Ridgway Bar & Grill combines some of the best features of all that came before (Truffles, Chef's Garden and Villa Pescatore, among them). The garden from Chef's Garden is still splendid. The wine list is exemplary. All the baked goods are made in-house, including the breads served as a prelude to the meal. A goat-cheese tart with ratatouille was superb and big enough to share. Mussels arrived in a hot cast-iron skillet and were perfectly done in a flavorful broth. Whether you want chicken potpie or pan-roasted Florida shrimp with a sweet corn grit cake, Scottish salmon filet with braised lentil and leeks, a simple steak or a vegetable plate selected from 13 options, it is all available. And save room for dessert; the Truffles carrot cake is always a good bet. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Service: ★★★★★ 1/2
 Atmosphere: ★★★★★ 1/2
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CUISINE

Fresh tortillas part of Tortilleria La Rancherita's claim to fame

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The renown that Tortilleria La Rancherita in Bonita Springs has earned for its tacos belies the modest setting where the staff cranks out thousands of fresh tortillas a day. Half grocery/half restaurant, Rancherita seats just 30 diners — but then, three-quarters of its business is takeout, according to owner and professionally trained chef Paul Judice. Those fresh tortillas are a key component of what have been called the best tacos in Southwest Florida.

“The fresh, hot corn tortillas certainly play an important if not the most important role, but the other components need to be fresh, loud with flavor and seasoned well,” Mr. Judice says. “Fresh corn tortillas are the staple and foundation of Mexican food, and without them you can’t expect anything else to be done right.”

“We started in 1999 with fresh corn tortillas, a Coke machine and cans of jalapenos. Yes, our tortilla machine is big and requires a lot of TLC, but she’s well worth it. This is what we founded our business on.”

“On weekdays, we manufacture about 5,000 corn tortillas and on the weekends about 10,000 a day.”

Q: At what point did you find your passion for cooking and decide to devote your career to it?

A: As a young child, I had great interest and curiosity for food. My father specialized in Asian cuisine and grilling. My mother was the “commander of the kitchen,” knowledgeable “off the cuff” to pull anything off, and always experimenting with recipes to expose the truth, sometimes with sultry star ratings. We were the guinea pigs, but it didn’t matter, because we all knew she tried her best and played by the rules. My parents offered unfettered access to the kitchen, and by high school my passion for food was realized. On to Johnson & Wales, and the rest is history.

Q: What have you learned about succeeding in the food industry since opening in 1999?

A: There was the understanding that high standards and quality had to be established and implemented from day one. Fast-forward almost 16 years and we



Chef Porfirio Guebarra runs the tortilla machine while Chef Paul Judice shows off the finished product at Tortilleria La Rancherita.

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have still held that commitment. It’s also been the most challenging. I believe passion, dedication, hard work and sacrifice are all important components of success, but more important is applying a balanced approach to what means the most to you, leading to happiness.

Q: What role does your wife, Yesenia, play in the business?

A: Yesenia has been the heart and soul of our restaurant. She has lent unconditional inspiration and respect to our clientele and employees. She’s been gifted with presentation, which encourages customers who just want to come in for one or two items to purchase more. She is also 100 percent Mexican, so you know that the flavors that are represented and influenced by the passion and love that she brings to the longevity and success of this unique dive.

Q: Did you learn Mexican cooking from her?

A: Yesenia inspired me to learn more about Mexican cuisine when she made me a torta de jamon (grilled Mexican ham sandwich). From that day forward, I could not resist the bold, loud but simple ingredients that this cuisine embraces. I also have traveled to Mexico on numerous occasions and read many books to gain knowledge and understanding.



Monica Mendoza works in the kitchen and the dining room.



Through trial and error, this has resulted in recipes that I believe are delish.

Q: I appreciate the fact that you don’t top dishes with loads of cheddar cheese and sour cream like a lot of Americanized Mexican restaurants. Do you think most Americans understand what authentic Mexican food is?

A: People who have traveled to Mexico/Central America or have lived in states like Texas, Arizona or California are in the know about how real Mexican food should look and taste. Unfortunately, too many people — not only here locally, but also nationwide — haven’t had the pleasure and experience of enjoying the embodiment of true

Mexican flavor.

Q: The tamales aren’t always available, though I did enjoy some the last time I visited. They were so light but had just enough structure to hold together. Are they difficult to make?

A: Tamales are certainly a science and take time, almost like baking, as it relates to the measuring of ingredients, preparation and cooking. We cook in small batches to maximize the freshness of the tamale, and at times clientele will walk in and order large quantities, which is why we don’t always have them available. My suggestion would be to call ahead for large orders and know that if we’re out, we normally will have availability the following day.

Q: Any plans to expand the menu or the business?

A: The menu has just been fine-tuned and updated, so there are no major changes on the horizon. There are new projects pending on franchising the great stories that have made us successful. Stay tuned!

Q: What do you do when you’re not thinking about food, talking about food or making food?

A: Stay positive, make a difference, take care of myself as best I can and spend as much time as possible with my three beautiful children. ■

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in the know

Paul Judice

- >> **Age:** 42
- >> **Restaurants:** Tortilleria La Rancherita 26751 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs, 498-4633 (dine-in/carryout); 5474 Rattlesnake Hammock Road, Naples, 417-5611 (carryout only); 316 New Market Road W., Immokalee, 658-2777 (carryout only); 4960 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, 331-7220 (carryout only)
- >> **Hometown:** Wendell Depot, Mass.
- >> **Culinary education:** Culinary arts program, Franklin County Vocational Technical School, Turners Falls, Mass.; Johnson & Wales University, Providence, R.I.
- >> **Previous restaurant experience:** The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort, Naples; Marriott Marco Beach Resort, Marco Island.

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\$378,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM000363.

ST. JAMES CITY



Gulf Access Waterfront
2/2 home on deep water canal with gulf access on a large lot, second floor has large master bedroom & bath.
\$359,900
1-866-657-2300 800PI045930.

NAPLES



Waterways 3 Bedroom Lakefront Beauty
3 bedroom/2 bathroom/3 car garage. Hurricane shutters/heated pool/gorgeous long lake view. Tile throughout the home.
\$359,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA016460.

FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Lake View Single Family Home
Upgraded St Charles style single family home in Kelly Greens Golf and Country Club-a gated bundled golf community.
\$352,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM029748.

CAPE CORAL



Exceptional Lakefront Home On Alhambra Lake
3 bedrooms, 2 bath home built by Villa Homes. Granite counters, stainless steel counters, large lanai, screened pool.
\$349,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC055303.

NORTH PORT



Gorgeous Home in Heron Creek
This immaculately maintained 3/2/2 custom pool home is located in a gated, golf course community.
\$349,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH210850.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Gulf Access Pool Home
Elegant gulf access home perfect for entertaining. Large open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, large kitchen.
\$349,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC064066.

ST. JAMES CITY



Gated Island Acres
Beautiful 3 bedroom 2 bath pool home in exclusive gate community, formal dining, living and family rooms, private lake.
\$349,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI044190.

CAPE CORAL



Waterfront - 3 Car Garage - Southern Exposure
Enjoy this large 3/2 home w/den which could be a 4th bedroom. Beautiful heated pool & spacious lanai. A must see!
\$345,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC034172.

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Gorgeous Danforth Lakes
A beautiful 4 bed/2.5 bath/2 car garage + den/2 story home is waiting for you!! 2918 sq. ft. of natural light & bright.
\$339,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM032031.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Waterfront Pool Home
Welcome to the sweet spot! 3 bed/2 bath/2 car garage - vaulted cage over pool - lanai area! 1917 sq. ft. of luxury.
\$329,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM040215.

FORT MYERS



Catalina Isles Living
Beautiful home in Catalina Isles. 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 story home. New paint, carpet and fixtures.
\$324,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC045659.

BOKEELIA



Famous Shell House in Bokeelia
Terrazzo floors, 1 bed, 1 bath upstairs with living area, kitchen and screened porch. Downstairs 1 bed, 1 bath, patio.
\$319,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI031167.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful Gem very near Cape Harbour
Stunning views to your heated pool with pocket sliders. New kitchen, roof, fence, and more.
\$305,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC030713.

PUNTA GORDA



Stunning 3 Bed 3 Bath 3 Car Garage
3288 sq ft under air, 2 story custom home in Punta Gorda.
\$299,990
1-866-657-2300 800CH213984.

RIVERVIEW



Beautiful 4/3/2 Located in Panther Trace
Beautiful David Weekly built 4 bed/3 bath property located in the desirable Newberry Village of Panther Trace.
\$298,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE040854.

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 installed.
\$290,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE040067.

FORT MYERS



Located in Desirable Gated Community
Great four bed /two bath home in desirable Silverlakes in Gateway. Eat in Kitchen, formal dining & living room.
\$274,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM038140.

CAPE CORAL



Waterfront Home with West Exposure
Kayak or boat to 7 lakes. Spectacular sunsets from your pool or dock. City utilities are in.
\$269,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC036987.

BOKEELIA



Pineland Area of Bokeelia.
Absolutely gorgeous 3 bedroom/2 bath home completely furnished, turnkey, community pool, lovely furnishings.
\$259,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI039286.

CAPE CORAL



Spacious 5 Bedroom Executive Home
Large single family home located in the sought after Coral Lakes subdivision with so many amenities to enjoy!
\$249,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC033084.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access Convenient Cape Coral Location
Gulf Access, 1 bridge to river, 3/2 split floor plan, well maintained, roof 2010, great location near Mid-Point bridge.
\$239,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM029160.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 4 Bed Pool Home in Varsity Lakes
Owning this pool home is anyone's dream. Large spacious home with screened pool enclosure is waiting for you.
\$239,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE034338.

FORT MYERS



2nd Floor Veranda 2/2
Championship golf 3.5 miles from the beach.
\$220,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM043704.

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
1-866-657-2300 800PI037600.

NAPLES



Spectacular Golf Course/Lake Views
3/2. Private keyed entry to building, elevator & 2 private screened lanais. Secure storage area inside building.
\$200,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA028638.

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
1-866-657-2300 800LE031651.

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
1-866-657-2300 800LE054726.

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.
\$194,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH203224.

CAPE CORAL



Attention Boaters!! You've Just Found Paradise
Sunnybrook Harbour waterfront condo community sits on the beautiful Bimini Basin.
\$189,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC005518.

CAPE CORAL



3 Bedroom + Den Pool Home
Newer home just waiting for family to call it home. Quick closing. Make an appointment today! You won't be disappointed.
\$187,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC045430.

FORT MYERS



Legends Golf Community, Bundled Golf & Social
Legends Golf & CC in Ft. Myers is a golfers paradise! Built from '99-'05 by Lennar Homes. 18 hole Championship course.
\$185,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS026907.

LEHIGH ACRES



Beautiful 3/2 Pool Home
3/2 Pool Home in Lakewood Terrace on quiet cul-de-sac & with view of Lake Camille, adjoining lot for sale by same owner.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE044827.

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CAPE CORAL



Recently Renovated Desirable Gator Circle Area
Beautiful home with a brand new kitchen with granite counters and back splash, new slate appliances.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC038641.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious Salt Water Pool Home 3 Bed 2 Bath
Spacious pool home is waiting for its new owners. Has formal living & dining room, kitchen overlooking family room.
\$179,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE045562.

CAPE CORAL



Concordia Condo With Garage
This spacious second floor condo has large floor plan. Three bedroom, laundry room, and 2 car side by inside garage.
\$175,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC030075.

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.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Ground Floor - Riverbend Golf & Boating Community
This feels more like a house w/1500+ sq ft! There is plenty of room for family & friends 2/2!
\$174,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC021681.

FORT MYERS



Ready to Move in Pool Home in San Carlos
Looking for a great 3 bedroom 2 bathroom pool home in San Carlos? This house has everything you need to enjoy SWFL.
\$174,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE045274.

BONITA SPRINGS



Move in Ready 3/2 Condo!
Newer appliances, breakfast bar and cathedral ceilings. Great community with nice amenities. One car garage. Wow!
\$169,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS032107.

VENICE



Minutes to Venice Beach & Golf Course
3 bathroom 2 bath 1 car garage, split plan home with large living room & dining room. Spacious lanai.
\$169,000
1-866-657-2300 800CH209790.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Gorgeous Community Pool
Excellent community area, 2/2/2 In Port Charlotte the Heritage Oak Park.
\$166,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH53782.

CAPE CORAL



Cozy 3/2 in Quiet & Convenient Neighborhood
Beautiful 3/2 in quiet neighborhood with library across street. Custom molding, many upgrades!
\$159,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC031868.

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Flamingo Bay!
Great get away, end of the canal location, great enclosed porch, cement dock and lift, community pool and clubhouse.
\$159,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI054159.

BOKEELIA



Bokeelia 2/2
Neat & clean 2 bedroom 2 bath home in Bokeelia. Spacious living room, kitchen and florida room.
\$159,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI064563.

CAPE CORAL



2/2 Gulf Access Condo
Well maintained 6 unit complex on 200' Rubicon Canal. New interior paint & flooring.
\$157,500
1-866-657-2300 800CC042119.

CAPE CORAL



Centrally Located SW 3/2 Pool Home
Centrally located SW 3/2 pool home. Recently updated with tile floors in main living areas, new kitchen and much more!
\$154,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC041307.

LEHIGH ACRES



3/2/2 Beautiful - Located near Central Lehigh
This beautiful home located just outside of central Lehigh is a 3 bed bath 2 car garage. Home offers a large open kitchen.
\$150,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE040861.

FORT MYERS



Estate Sale-As Is. Golf/Lake Views from 4th Floor
Dated but priced accordingly. Lower unit has been modified from original 3 bedroom plan to 2 bedroom. Utility room, elevator.
\$145,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC044282.

BONITA SPRINGS



Single Family Home in Bonita Springs
Near downtown Bonita. Well maintained with outdoor features. Enjoy living in this quiet neighborhood.
\$139,995
1-866-657-2300 800BS043163.

NAPLES



2/2 Condo
Recently updated 2/2 condo - Hurricane glass throughout. Two resort style pools. Tennis courts. Water views.
\$139,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM033148.

FORT MYERS



Affordable 55+ Condo with Gulf Access!
2 bedroom 2 bath condo, remodeled throughout! Amenities include charming marina, clubhouse, tiki bar, community pool!
\$134,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM040964.

NAPLES



2 Bed 2 Bath In Berkshire Village-Furnished
View of the clubhouse and pool area from your lanai. Minutes to downtown Naples and all the amenities Naples has to offer.
\$133,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA045549.

NAPLES



2 Bedroom 2 Bathroom Villa Home
Charming 2/2 villa home with enclosed sunroom. Conveniently located to downtown & beaches, shopping & parks.
\$128,000
1-866-657-2300 800NA033425.

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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2 Bed/2.5 Bath Townhouse-Convenient Location
Well kept community of Cypress Landings is close to shopping. **\$118,900**
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CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 1 Bed, 1 Bath With A Loft
Located in the quiet neighborhood of Concordia. This unit features granite counter-tops in the kitchen and bathroom. **\$117,700**
1-866-657-2300 800CC066117.

PORT CHARLOTTE



FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Condo
Super clean 2 bedroom 2 bath, 3rd floor condo with Elevator access! End unit. **\$84,900**
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Walk to Everything Manufactured Home
Two bed two bath, large two car garage, close to all shopping, walking distance to everything. **\$79,900**
1-866-657-2300 800PI011654.

FORT MYERS



Winkler Ave Area Condo
Freshly painted 2 bedroom 2 bath condo in a convenient area close to the corner of Winkler and Metro. **\$67,850**
1-866-657-2300 800FM003985.

IMMOKALEE



Nice
Sellers open to all offers, Very motivated. **\$65,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM036622.

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



Stunning Canal Home
Breathtaking views of the bay! Watch sea life & shrimp boats! Superb location. Open floor plan. **\$1,800,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM032841.

CAPE CORAL



Cape Coral Riverfront
Simply the best! Gorgeous Riverfront home. The best of everything in this wide open floor plan. **\$1,750,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM024728.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Key West Style Riverfront Estate
Custom built home. Boasts crown molding, wood trim, wainscoting plantation shutters and more. 2nd floor master. **\$1,699,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC058253.

CAPE CORAL



Elite Estate Home in Tranquil Country Setting
Come explore this hidden gem on 10.6 perfectly manicured waterfront grounds. **\$1,195,000**
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CAPE CORAL



Riverfront
Boat lift & Dock. Heated pool & spa. 2 story 3 bedroom 3 bath 2 car garage **\$1,095,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM068880.

CAPE CORAL



Custom Built
Over 3400 sq. ft. gulf access home with private media room. 3 bed & 3 bath with all top of the line features. **\$895,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC038451.

FORT MYERS



10 Acres On Caloosahatchee River
Scenic river views. Deep water protected boat dockage. For horse lovers there is a 2 stall barn with tack room. **\$860,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC024756.

CAPE CORAL



Stunning High-End Gulf Access Home
This 3000 sq ft home has it all. Beautiful spacious kitchen with granite counter tops and island. **\$749,000**
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FORT MYERS



McGregor Reserve Custom Home
5 bedroom custom home with 4 full baths, 2 half baths, chefs kitchen, lake front views, pool, wood burning fireplace. **\$675,000**
1-866-657-2300 800PI028165.

CAPE CORAL



Gulf Access 5 Bedroom 4 Bath Home
Plantation shutters throughout, wood & tile gourmet island granite kitchen with stainless appliances. **\$675,000**
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FORT MYERS



Live on the Golf Course
Spectacular Views of the Golf Course and Sunsets! Large Island Kitchen with wood cabinets, granite counter tops & more **\$559,000**
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MATLACHA



Waterfront Paradise! Deep Water Direct Gulf Access
Stunning views of Matlacha Pass from almost every room of the house. **\$535,000**
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