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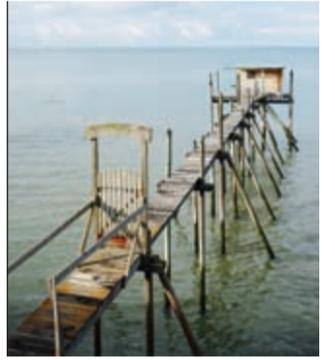
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Collecting too many possessions can lead to inner emptiness, as people in a consumerist society are often reminded. But for at least 2 to 5 percent of us, estimates the American Psychiatric

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Joe Murgalo and Randy and Paula Greenfield with canine greeters Hoss and Honey Bear.

## Canine concierges get attention at Hyatt Regency Coconut Point

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More and more people are lingering longer and longer in the lobby of the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa — children in air conditioning with their swimsuits dripping, small huddles of hotel employees carrying on and on, globe-trotting grown men lying right down, smack-dab in the middle of the floor.

Two Newfoundland dogs are to blame — strike that — two newlywed Newfoundland dogs.

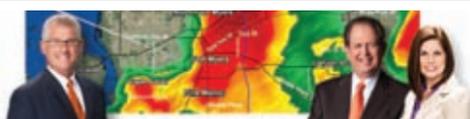
Hyatt ambassadors/bow-wow concierges Hoss and Honey Bear are here to lend a wagging tail and coat to pet to guests who may have left their dogs at home. To those who do not have dogs, Hoss and Honey Bear let them pretend.

The canines were married July 31 in the Banyan Courtyard at the resort. Hoss had his bachelor party at Mangroves Bar. Honey Bear enjoyed a day at Stillwater Spa. She had a veil fitting with a professional stylist. She accessorized with a tiara and

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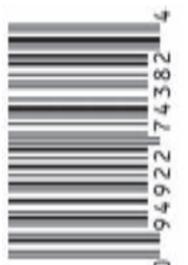
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## COMMENTARY

## Picking up peace



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In the American catalogue of heroic suicide, the most singular image is that of the soldier throwing himself on a grenade to save his friends.

Such a sacrifice is widely embraced as virtuous by Americans (including me) and Western Europeans.

Which makes me wonder what cultural imperatives exist to compel heroic suicide in other cultures, where the sacrifice is made to destroy rather than to save others.

Muslim self-sacrificers form the prominent contemporary version of this phenomenon: suicide as heroic destruction, rather than suicide as heroic preservation.

If such acts aren't widely embraced by the Muslim world, they aren't abhorred widely or publically enough, either, by that world.

Their practitioners often seem to have a few things in common: They come from environments of need, insult or anger; they've experienced education narrowly, as religion; and they're relatively young.

In the case of the terrorists who acted out their sacrifices on Sept. 11, 2001, most were in their 20s and most were from Saudi Arabia.

But such acts have not been limited to them or their causes.

I began thinking about this recently when a friend and mentor, Dr. Robert Hilliard,

presented me with a gift that would be mine, he said, if I could lift it: a collection of more than 250 *New York Times* front pages. They date from 1851, when Millard Fillmore succeeded Zach Taylor as president, to 2012, when Barack Obama won his second term as president.

The book weighs so much it has gravity, sucking in big questions the way the sun sucks in big asteroids. For example, what in the world do Zach Taylor, Millard Fillmore and Barack Obama have in common, anyway?

There's an answer, it turns out: Each has led a nation willing to accept heroic suicide as a worthy act for the preservation of somebody else, usually in war — but never for the destruction of somebody else.

Without Dr. Hilliard's gift, this would not have occurred to me. I opened the book first to the year 1924, the year before he was born in Brooklyn, the son of a woman from Paris who believed deeply in education (not narrowly defined), and a man from Russia who believed deeply in working seven days a week in the family's small shop to survive the Great Depression.

The front-page headlines in the *Great Gray Lady* for Sunday, June 1, of that year included 13 stories: three about robbery, kidnapping or murder; three or four about the actions of President Calvin Coolidge; one about Robert "Fighting Bob" La Follete, the progressive Republican senator from Wisconsin who was trying to boost the wages of rail workers through federal legislation; one about a Catholic bishop found guilty of heresy by his peers; one about lobbyists seeking "the French vote" (Dr. Hilliard's mother, perhaps?) for New York state governor and

presidential hopeful Al Smith, who promised to repeal prohibition and immigration laws, thus opening U.S. markets to French wine and food; and two about the Japanese and their disapproval of our trade policies and actions.

One of those two headlines was this: "Japanese Kills Himself Near Tokio Embassy; Hari-kiri Victim Assails Us, Asks Vengeance."

A 40-something man had "slit his abdomen crosswise and then upward in the classical way" with a 6-inch dagger near the American embassy in Tokyo (spelled Tokio, then), leaving two letters behind, one to the American people and one to the Japanese empire, according to the *Times* report.

To Americans he wrote, "I request by my death the withdrawal of the Japanese exclusion clause because I greatly regret that your country, which has always advocated peace from a humanitarian viewpoint and has been known as a leader for peace throughout the world, enacted the Japanese exclusion clause in complete disregard of humanity. The indignation caused by this insult is impossible to overcome..."

The exclusion clause prevented "the liberty of entry, travel and residence" for Japanese in the U.S. — and thus it prevented robust trade, something we'd guaranteed them in a "gentlemen's promise" of 1911, the Japanese reportedly said.

As self-sacrifices go, the man's suicide seems peaceful enough. But he left a second letter to his own people that called for his nation "to rise to avenge the insult embodied in the action of America."

That sounds like suicide aimed at the destruction of others — in this case indi-

rectly. And given what happened 17 years later at Pearl Harbor and after, when almost 5,000 Japanese pilots sacrificed themselves as kamikazes, it hardly seems innocent.

When I mentioned this briefly to Dr. Hilliard, who joined the Army at 18, in 1944, and was wounded several times fighting in and after the Battle of the Bulge, he had this to say:

"The two different kinds (motivations/justifications?) of suicide attest to the role of cultural education (brainwashing/propagandizing) in one's upbringing."

In other words, people will sometimes express their patriotism — their heroism — in self-sacrifices celebrated by their parents, aunts, uncles, teachers, friends or peers.

And that's the reason Dr. Hilliard — by career a playwright, novelist and professor emeritus from Emerson College in Boston, but by nature and instinct a teacher who will never retire — rarely attends events to honor veterans.

Nor will he ever parade around in an old uniform with his medals.

"It tends to glorify war," he concludes. It can become "an aggrandizement for those who think patriotism should be worn on one's sleeve, a reinforcement for the types who may not have been in a war and publicly wish they had been, but if they know anything about war, privately are glad they weren't."

So let's consider something new, with the 12th anniversary of 9/11 nearly upon us.

Instead of martial action, perhaps the most heroic or patriotic sacrifice that any person of any culture might make in any era, is this: to put down war for good, by picking up peace forever. ■



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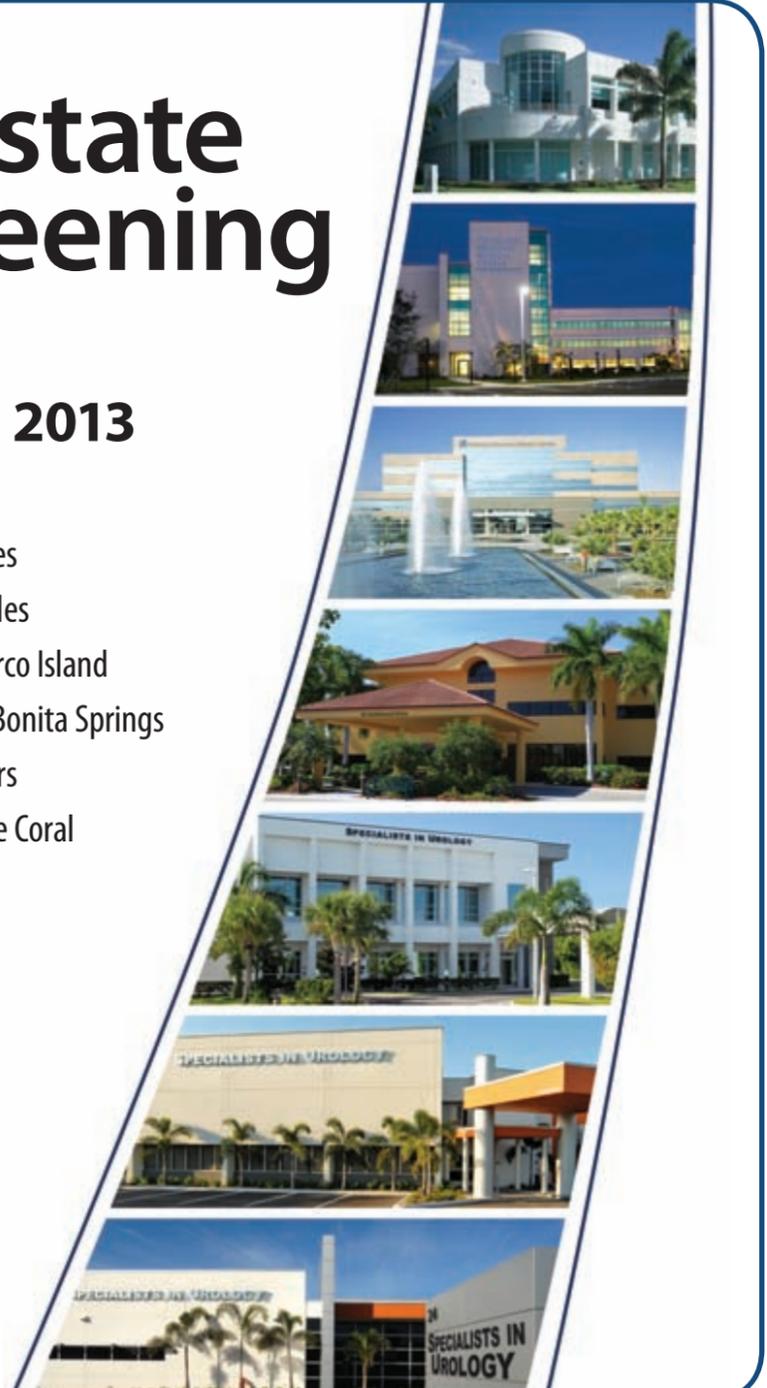
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# OPINION

## Reforming the prison-industrial complex



**richLOWRY**

Special to Florida Weekly

Prison is one of the most important institutions in American life. About a quarter of all the world's prisoners are behind bars in the United States, a total of roughly 2 million people. It costs about \$60 billion a year to imprison them.

This vast prison-industrial complex has succeeded in reducing crime but is a blunt instrument. Prison stays often constitute a graduate seminar in crime, and at the very least, the system does a poor job preparing prisoners to return to the real world. Since 95 percent of prisoners will eventually be released, this is not a minor problem.

In an essay in the journal *National Affairs*, Eli Lehrer sets out an agenda for reform geared toward rehabilitation, and the conservative group *Right on Crime* advocates a similar program.

Most fundamentally, prisoners should be required to do what many of them have never done before, namely an honest day's work. Fewer than a third of offenders hold full-time jobs at the time

of their arrest, according to Lehrer. They won't acquire a work ethic in prison. University of Pennsylvania Law School professor Stephanos Bibas notes that only about 8 percent of prisoners work in prison industries, and about 4 percent on prison farms.

Labor unions and businesses have long supported restrictions on productive work by prisoners for fear of cheap competition, but their self-interested concerns shouldn't obstruct attempts to instill the most basic American norm in people desperately in need of it. Prisoners should be made to work, but be paid for it and rewarded if they are particularly diligent and skilled. As Bibas argues, some of the proceeds can go to restitution for victims, to paying for their own upkeep, and to support for their families.

Lehrer notes that about 40 percent of ex-prisoners are rearrested within three years. The goal should be to reduce recidivism as much as possible. Offenders shouldn't be discharged without a photo ID. In the job market, they shouldn't be denied occupational licenses when the job in question has nothing to do with their crime. They should, if their crime wasn't too serious, eventually have it expunged from the records

for most purposes.

Ex-inmates out on parole or on probation should be monitored more closely. As Lehrer writes, "Transition programs should increasingly involve random, unannounced home visits, subject offenders to round-the-clock electronic monitoring, require them to take random drug tests, and offer them swift and certain punishment for slip-ups."

Playing against type, hang-'em-high Texas has been a model of prison reform and innovative re-entry programs. It has sent fewer people to prison, while crime has continued to decline in the state. It has funded more slots for treatment for substance abuse and mental illness, and increased the use of drug courts, creating alternatives to prison. It has strengthened supervision of probationers and parolees, by reducing caseloads for officers and fashioning a system of swift and certain sanctions for violations.

We have proved that we can lock a lot of people up. The challenge now is if we can do it more humanely and intelligently and, ultimately, create less work for the prison-industrial complex. ■

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

## Suggested vacation reading for President Obama: 'Catch-22'



**amyGOODMAN**

Special to Florida Weekly

As the Obama family heads to their annual summer vacation on Martha's Vineyard, perhaps the president should take along a copy of "Catch-22" for some beach reading. Joseph Heller's classic, satirical anti-war novel, published in 1961 and based on his experiences as a bombardier in World War II, is sadly relevant today, as Obama's wars, in Afghanistan and beyond, drag on.

Heller's title refers to a fictional military rule that said you could get out of military duty if you were crazy, but if you requested relief from military duty, you were clearly sane, so you must serve. He wrote, "There was only one catch and that was Catch-22, which specified that concern for one's own safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind. Orr [a pilot in the novel] was crazy and could be grounded. All he had to do was ask; and as soon as he did, he would no longer be crazy and would have to fly more missions."

Barack Obama ran as the anti-war alternative when he was a primary challenger to Hillary Clinton, whose nomination as Democratic presidential candidate in 2008 was widely held to be inevitable. It was his Oct. 2, 2002, speech in Chicago where he declared his opposition to the imminent invasion of Iraq, calling it "a dumb war. A rash war. A war based not on reason but on passion, not on principle but on politics." As a U.S. senator, he pledged to filibuster any bill that granted retroactive immunity to large telecommunication corporations that cooperated with the Bush administration's warrantless wiretapping of U.S. citizens. And on his first day in office,

you might recall, he vowed to close the military prison at Guantanamo Bay.

Has Obama ended the war in Iraq? Certainly not for the Iraqis. July was one of the bloodiest months there since the height of the insurgency against the U.S.-imposed Iraqi government. So far this year, more than 4,000 Iraqis have been killed, mostly by bomb blasts that targeted civilians, and close to 10,000 have been injured, in attacks by Sunnis against Shias or vice versa. On July 22, a military assault was launched against the Abu Ghraib prison, made notorious 10 years ago by the shocking photos of abuse of prisoners at the hands of their U.S. captors. Five hundred prisoners were freed in the course of the attack, including, reportedly, many senior al-Qaida leaders. Transparency International ranked Iraq the seventh-most corrupt government on the planet, narrowly edging out Sudan, Afghanistan, North Korea and Somalia. Thirteen U.S. soldiers were killed in Afghanistan in July, including Spc. Caryn Nouv, a 29-year-old mother of two.

Obama's embrace of the surveillance state is now well-known, following revelations from National Security Agency whistle-blower Edward Snowden. It was in December 2007 when Obama's Senate office issued a press release stating, "Sen. Obama unequivocally opposes giving retroactive immunity to telecommunications companies and has cosponsored Sen. Dodd's efforts to remove that provision from the FISA bill. Granting such immunity undermines the constitutional protections Americans trust the Congress to protect. Sen. Obama supports a filibuster of this bill, and strongly urges others to do the same." Months later, not only didn't he filibuster the bill, he voted for it. Now, President Obama is refusing to meet with President Vladimir Putin in Russia next month, since Putin granted Snowden temporary asylum there.

Then there's Guantanamo. The hunger strike among up to 100 prisoners there, out of the total of 166, has just passed the six-month mark. The Pentagon is force-feeding many of them. Eighty-six have been cleared for release. A majority of the 166 have never been charged, with some held that way for more than 11 years. Despair is said to be rampant among them, so much so that they would rather starve themselves to death than endure more. "I don't want these individuals to die," Obama said in April. So he has them violently force-fed to keep them alive, uncharged, with no end in sight. Even if the Obama administration releases two prisoners, a plan press secretary Jay Carney revealed last Friday, there will still be 164 prisoners languishing there.

Before heading on vacation, Commander in Chief Obama gave a rousing speech to Marines at Camp Pendleton, Calif. Elsewhere, Pfc. Bradley Manning sat for another day of his sentencing hearing. Heller's protagonist in "Catch-22," Captain Yossarian, holds a wounded comrade, named Snowden, coincidentally, who dies in his arms. The experience cements Yossarian's opposition to war. Bradley Manning, too, went to war, and hated what he saw. He took action, leaking documents to spark a national debate.

Heller's depiction of war — grim and stark — was fiction, though based on his own experience. Obama's wars, his drone strikes, his war on whistle-blowers, are all too real. ■

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# Backpack distribution paves the way back to school for Immokalee children

Lipman Produce, in partnership with Pacific Tomato Growers, distributed backpacks filled with school supplies to more than 1,400 Immokalee elementary and middle school students in preparation for their return to the classroom. Funds to purchase the backpacks and school supplies were collected during the produce companies' "Home-run Harvest" softball tournament last spring. In addition to Lipman and Pacific Tomato Growers, tournament sponsors included Everglades Farm Equipment, Intergro, Produce Connection, Aljoma and Crop Production Services.

On the day of the backpack distribution, numerous organizations were on hand to provide information and services to families, including Harry Chapin Food Bank, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida, Title I School Migrant Education Program, the Ronald McDonald Caremobile, Amigos Center, Guadalupe Center, Immokalee Housing and Family Services and Southwest Florida Works. ■



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Volunteers handed out backpacks to Immokalee children.

## Volunteers needed to help spread the Junior Achievement message

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida invites volunteers to help spread the Junior Achievement message throughout area classrooms this fall. The program serves more than 12,000 students, at public and private schools, across Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. Students from kindergarten through grade 12 learn about financial literacy, entrepreneurship and work readiness.

Volunteers, who spend about 10 hours in classrooms during the school year, receive comprehensive training and all materials to help inspire students of various ages and backgrounds to set high goals and achieve personal success.

Junior Achievement is also looking for businesses that would like to adopt a classroom. By doing so, companies are able to give back to their local schools as well as earn community service hours.

For more information, contact Cecilia St. Arnold by calling 225-2590 or e-mailing cstar-nold@jaswfl.org. ■

## Speakers sought for STEM Conference

The 2013-14 STEM Conference presented by Collier County Public Schools is set for 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12, at Golden Gate High School. New this year, the conference will offer a strand of sessions for students to learn about careers in science, technology, engineering and math.

The school district is soliciting

proposals from anyone who would like to speak at the conference about professional development and/or specific careers in STEM fields. Proposals are due by Friday, Aug. 30. Applications will be reviewed and potential presenters notified on Sept. 9.

Conference attendance is free. Online registration opens on

Sept. 16.

For information about submitting a proposal online, contact Jennifer Kincaid at kincaije@collierschools.com or Traci Kohler at kohlet@collierschools.com, or call the district's Communications and Community Engagement Office at 377-0180. Details are also available at www.collierschools.com. ■

## When and where to get on the bus

School bus stops and schedules for Collier County Public Schools are available online in advance of the first day of school Monday, Aug. 19. Visit [www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com) and click on the red

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“I’ve never interviewed a hoarder who didn’t have either a severe loss or a series of severe losses in their life.”

— Mark A. Chidley, mental health counselor

## HOARDERS

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Association — 23,000 to 57,000 people in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties — it’s not a moral failing. It’s a distinct mental illness called hoarding disorder.

At least one famous case dates from the 1930s in New York City, where the infamous “hermit hoarders of Harlem,” the Collyer Brothers, lived.

In recent years, the hit A&E television program “Hoarders” raised awareness to an all-time high showing some of the most extreme cases.

Hoarding is even politically correct.

“It’s an equal opportunity kind of disease,” said Marcia Monroe, vice president of clinical services for Central Florida Behavioral Health Network.

But it was only this May when the American Psychiatric Association officially recognized hoarding disorder as a mental illness in an industry tome, the long-awaited fifth edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, or DSM, opening the door for more research and treatment tailored to people who suffer from hoarding.

It used to be considered a type of obsessive compulsive disorder. That’s changed. Now it’s a “distinct disorder with distinct treatments,” defined by a “persistent difficulty discarding or parting with possessions, regardless of their actual value,” and other criteria.

### Treating hoarding disorder

The inclusion in the definitive psych manual was based on decades worth of research regarding hoarding, said Dr. Katharine A. Phillips, M.D., professor of psychiatry and human behavior at Brown University and chair of the work group responsible for including hoarding disorder in the DSM-5. For instance, one study showed that depression was a far more common symptom related to hoarding than obsessive-compulsive behaviors.

“Most hoarders don’t meet the criteria for OCD,” Dr. Phillips said.

Even so, a hoarding disorder diagnoses could include symptoms of both depression and obsession, as well as anxiety and other mood disorders.

“It’s like a kitchen sink of mental illnesses —that’s why it takes real intensive treatment over time,” said Mark A. Chidley, a private practice licensed mental health counselor in Fort Myers.

One of the few local mental health professionals who has made hoarding a specialty, he wrote “Helping Hoarders: A Guide for Families, Counselors, and First Responders” (2011).

“The mental health community is late coming to the party,” said Mr. Chidley. “It’s really only been studied in an academic way and with some sincerity since the early 1990s.”

Even with all the research done in the last two decades, less is known about how to treat hoarding than other illnesses like drug addiction.

“Less treatment research has been done for hoarding than a lot of other serious and common psychiatric disorders,” Dr. Phillips said.

Nevertheless, some clinicians have had success treating it using cognitive behavioral therapy, a standard approach used for a variety of psychological disorders, to address how patients’ thinking influences their behavior.

“I think in general the best advice (for health-care providers) is to follow a manualized treatment that has some data supporting its efficacy,” she said.



An “object hoarder’s” home discovered by Lee County Animal Services workers.

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Treatment for hoarding disorder could include helping patients develop “more accurate beliefs” about the value of all their stuff, so they can start to get rid of it.

It may also include “motivational interviewing” to nudge hoarders toward seeking treatment.

“A lot of times they aren’t really interested in treatment,” Dr. Phillips said.

It’s also important to distinguish between hoarding and “just a little bit of a messy house or normal collecting,” Dr. Phillips said. “One of the things that makes it a disorder is the impact it has on those who suffer from it and the people in their lives.”

In the DSM-5 definition, “we really tried to get across how it differs from normal collecting,” she said.

The effects of the new DSM-5 criteria for hoarding disorder are already rippling through the ranks of health-care providers in Southwest Florida and the United States. It will likely effect how some patients who hoard are diagnosed, and how they’re billed for services.

The David Lawrence Center in Naples has plans to train staff about the disorder. It will also update electronic medical records to include new diagnostic and billing codes.

“We are now forming a focus group to begin a thorough and thoughtful evaluation of the DSM-5 changes,” wrote Geryn Poletti, director of access and outpatient services. “This process will take several months and involve many staff members and departments. In our profession, a revision of this magnitude, which last took place in 1994 when the DSM-4 was originally published, is a large undertaking.”

### Few services available

While health-care professionals are adjusting to the change, it leaves too few services for Southwest Floridians or their loved ones afflicted with hoarding, said Mr. Chidley.

His hoarding support group meets twice a month on Tuesday evenings in Fort Myers.

“You can walk into it and there’s no judgment or anything,” said Kathleen Vereen, who is in recovery. “We’re there to help each other and support each other as we go through this. And that’s so important. Because people don’t understand hoarding. People think you’re a pig and it has nothing to do with being a pig.”

Mr. Chidley doesn’t know of another local group for hoarders, or another local clinic that’s actively taking hoarding cases.

“And I’m not enough,” he says. “A family might get them into Ruth Cooper or the David Lawrence Center if they get really bizarre, but those systems aren’t really there to address hoarding.”

Three years ago, Lee County started a Task Force on Hoarding, which drew together local agencies including animal services, fire, police, family and legal services, as well as private businesses that specialize in cleanup, and therapists like Mr. Chidley, for education and awareness about a disease they all have a stake in.

In the absence of hoarding-focused mental health services, perhaps, officials from animal control agencies or workers from cleanup crews have begun to offer their own kinds of unofficial therapies.

Averill Preman, who runs ACT (Accident Crime Trauma) Cleaning and Restoration with her husband and son, is on the Lee County Task Force. Her business specializes in compassionate cleanup services for hoarders throughout South Florida.

Often in denial about the problem, her customers must show a desire to get help before her crew comes in to clean. Even then, she’s careful, sorting out their most treasured items from the rest, and encouraging them to follow through with ongoing help. Out of roughly 20 inquiries a month, maybe one will want to start the cleanup process, she said.

“Very few people follow through to the end with the proj-

ect. It’s generally loved ones who are concerned and realize there’s more to it than just throwing items away.”

### A hoarder’s perspective

When her disease was at its worst, Kathleen Vereen couldn’t open her door or her blinds. She was too embarrassed. In the first few years after her husband died (the second husband she had lost), she began hoarding. After a few years, she’d acquired a sizeable sanctuary of junk, but could still use the kitchen and bathroom in her condo.

But by the end nothing worked and she was living amongst trash and mold. Ms. Vereen grew up on Long Island and moved to Florida about 25 years ago. She has worked as a nurse’s aide and a school bus driver, and is now retired.

“You realize there’s something wrong,” she explained. “I showered and went to work. On my way home, I’d say, ‘OK, I’m going to clean this up tonight.’ But I would get home, stop and get food, eat my dinner, go on the couch and that was it.”

After county officials discovered her hoard in 2009, she sought help and was diagnosed with depression. Lately, life for her has regained a sense of normalcy with the help of therapy and medication. She follows a routine, a set of rules,

she said, getting up in the morning, taking the dog out, having coffee, reading the paper, and making her bed. Although she relapsed once and began hoarding again, after the death of a friend, Ms. Vereen went back to therapy meetings, determined not to let it happen again.

When she was in early recovery from hoarding she loved to open the blinds, since they had been closed for so long.

“One of my big things was as soon as I got up in the morning, I opened the blinds,” she said. “At 6



o'clock, even if it was dark outside, I opened the blinds."

Ms. Vereen has mixed feelings about hoarding's newfound TV fame, with its jump-cuts to recoveries that appear instantaneous but actually take months or years. The upside, she concludes, is that it could lead to hoarders getting help before they are in the midst of total crisis, when walls crumble, plumbing fails, bio-hazard cleanup crews appear, and legal troubles mount.

"I hope it will take us away from being a hidden, dark, dirty secret," she said. "Hopefully as the years go by, more people become aware and more interventions are done early on."

**Animals and kids**

Often the first public agency to reach those troubled by hoarding, animal control officials have found homes loaded with sick cats or dogs, even birds and other creatures.

But for others, their piles are made up of just about anything, and frequently everything: food, bills, electronics and magazines, to name a few. And of course, some hoarders are parents.

"We've seen kids in there, children in there who go to school," said Lt. Brian Jones, division manager of Charlotte County Animal Control Services. "And they smell because that smell just becomes a part of them. And that's sad."

It can lead to bullying at school, social isolation, and low self-esteem later in life, experts say. Children tend to be treated like "extensions of the hoard," said Boston area resident Barbara Allen, who wrote a book about growing up with a parent who hoarded, "Nice Children Stolen from Car" (2012). Now in her 50s, Mrs. Allen said her childhood is like a faded bad dream.

"It's a huge child welfare issue we just don't talk about," said Dr. Belinda Bruster, Ph.D., a licensed clinical social worker and assistant professor at Florida Gulf Coast University. "We isolate the hoarder and forget about the child."

**Filling the void**

Whatever the result, the underlying causes of a hoarding disorder are as varied as other major disorders such as drug and alcohol addiction.

Mental health counselor Mr. Chidley found that hoarding can spring from trauma, and is also a degenerative illness, growing worse over time if left untreated.

"I've never interviewed a hoarder who didn't have either a severe loss or a series of severe losses in their life," he said. "That could be growing up as a child somewhere along the way but something happens that's traumatic in nature, scary, confusing. These folks, their mind doesn't digest it the way other people's minds do. They don't have a normal grief response, a grief process. They tend to get stuck."

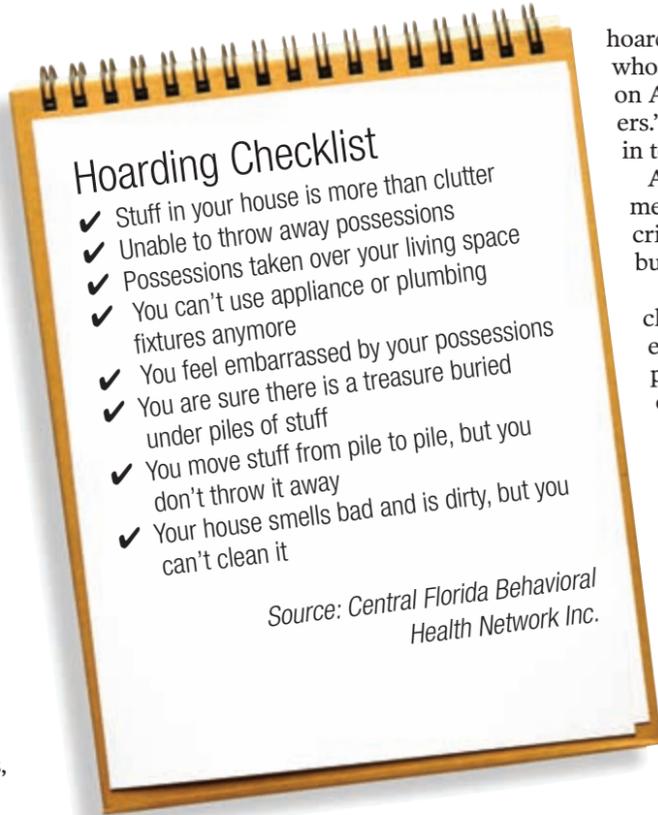
Genetics may also play a role.

"If that comes together just right with a severe loss, hoarding can kind of be selected or occur even as a very young child as an answer to the pain inside," he said. "The objects or the animals or whatever they pull around them becomes a swaddling or a buffer to all that pain. Not unlike addictive substances, there's a soothing quality for the hoarder that's surrounded by their things."

**Shocking sights and smells**

Some hoarding cases are charmingly quirky, no matter how impractical. In one case, a person had tens of thousands of VHS tapes. Each was categorized by the year they were recorded, and the actors who starred in them.

"It was a very interesting collection



**Hoarding Checklist**

- ✓ Stuff in your house is more than clutter
- ✓ Unable to throw away possessions
- ✓ Possessions taken over your living space
- ✓ You can't use appliance or plumbing fixtures anymore
- ✓ You feel embarrassed by your possessions
- ✓ You are sure there is a treasure buried under piles of stuff
- ✓ You move stuff from pile to pile, but you don't throw it away
- ✓ Your house smells bad and is dirty, but you can't clean it

Source: Central Florida Behavioral Health Network Inc.

and it was wonderfully done, and it was done with caring and neatness," said Ms. Preman of ACT Cleaning. "If someone has 30,000 or 40,000 VCR tapes ... it's difficult to dust and clean behind them."

The person was also unable to use the home's kitchen. ACT's cleaning crew was ultimately able to save a smaller portion of the treasured recordings, a more manageable collection.

"We were so pleased with that and the family members were pleased with that," Ms. Preman said.

"While some people who hoard may not be particularly distressed by their behavior, (it) can be distressing to other people, such as family members or landlords," the American Psychiatric Association says like a stern parent wagging his finger.

But too often it turns tragic. People in Southwest Florida have been found living in squalor, a stench in their home so revolting that those unaccustomed to it put on haz-mat suits before entering. In at least one case, a person whose bathroom wasn't reachable used Tupperware containers instead, then hoarded those, also.

"I've been with this department for 16 years. I never get used to it," said Lt. Jones of Charlotte Animal Control. "There are certain smells and odors you just never get used to."

In recent years, popular "reality" television shows have highlighted some of these sensational (though not rare) cases, bringing hoarders, usually intensely private people, into the public eye. By one estimate, only 5 percent of hoarding cases are reported.

"Twenty years ago, no one really knew what

hoarding was," said Cory Chalmers, who has become a familiar figure on A&E's popular show, "Hoarders." He and his crew are brought in to clean up the nastiest messes.

A former fire department paramedic and captain, he runs a crime scene and trauma cleanup business in California.

A&E's show offers therapy and cleanup services to people in exchange for sharing a deeply private condition with the rest of the United States.

"It's embarrassing for people that suffer from it because now they're labeled," Mr. Chalmers said of the publicity both the shows and the DSM-5's new label have lent. "But I think just the awareness is the biggest benefit to all this media exposure."

Off the air, Mr. Chalmers works with hoarders in the Los Angeles area, including "the rich and famous, along with the poor," he said. "It effects millionaires just like it

effects the homeless person who's filling up his cart."

That's also true here.

"You'd be surprised, it's not just low-income people," said Joe Lanktree, franchise owner of Junk Genius in Southwest Florida. "We've done half a million dollar homes."



Lee County Animal Service workers were called to this trailer home of a "cat hoarder." The home was eventually condemned.

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At one residence, his crew threw out more than 6,000 pounds of mail, he said, and there was still much work to be done. But on the second day of work the owner, in tears, paid them, gave them hugs, and asked them to leave.

After working thousands of cases, Mr. Chalmers has found that a quick cleanup can backfire.

"If they're not ready and you go in and clean them out, they will fill that home up faster than they ever did before, and more full," he said. "It's no different than walking up to an alcoholic and taking his bottle away and saying, 'I cured you. You're welcome.'"

**Lee Task Force forms**

In 2009, Lee Count Domestic Animal Services investigated a case in which the inside of a home had been turned, in effect, into an industrial garbage bin. There were a few cats living there as well.

As they walked through the home on top of the junk, their heads were near the ceiling, said Ria Brown of Lee DAS. As it turned out the woman living there wanted help, but the cleanup and therapy needed for recovery were beyond what code enforcement officials could provide.

"We found out there really wasn't anybody to provide that kind of help," said Ms. Brown. "She

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533-1464

**Books:**

- >> "Nice Children Stolen from Car" by Barbara Allen (2012).
- >> "Helping Hoarders: A Guide for Families, Counselors, and First Responders" by Mark A. Chidley
- >> "Buried in Treasures: Help for Compulsive Acquiring, Saving, and Hoarding" by David Tolin, Randy Frost and Gail Steketee
- >> "Stuff: Compulsive Hoarding and the Meaning of Things" by Gail Steketee and Randy Frost.

**Websites:**

- >> www.hoardingcleanup.com
- >> www.childrenofhoarders.com

doesn't live in that house anymore, but she's OK. She stays in therapy so she can try to stay on track."

In the meantime, Lee County DAS, along with the Department of Human Services, started the Task Force on Hoarding, dedicated to education and awareness in the community.

The United Way of Lee, Glades, and Hendry County's 211 call-in hotline and social service referral service helps funnel hoarding cases to the proper resources.

"Every hoarding situation is unique and different," said 211 director Linda Hafner. "We work to bring the members (of the task force) together to problem solve and try to get the appropriate resources to assist."

Julie Boudreaux, program manager for Lee County Human Services, is the Task Force's coordinator. The group holds seminars, quarterly meetings and is overseen by a steering committee.

At one presentation Ms. Boudreaux gave for employees in the human services department, people came up to her afterwards to tell her about an old neighbor, or an aunt; that someone they knew sometime who had "a really really messy house," she said.

"They see it on TV but they just don't think it happens here," she said.

**Evolving attitudes**

As awareness of hoarding as a psychological condition grows, attitudes about it are shifting.

"I remember we criminally charged the first couple of (animal hoarding) cases we processed," said Lt. Jones of Charlotte County Animal Control. "Was that the right decision? I don't know... They're still hoarders. The key is to get them help so they don't do it again, and get the animals out of there."

"I'm glad we took that shift though. It didn't feel right to arrest them for something they probably didn't have a lot of control over. So we're evolving, too."

"We're still learning. That's the way I look at it."

In one house he visited over a Christmas holiday, in the midst of the mess, there was a tin of cookies on the table and a few were missing as if a kid had swiped them, Lt. Jones recalls: "That little snippet of normalcy and everything around it is chaos."

The thing that amazed him the most was that someone lived there. ■

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### Roach motel

At age 20, Kyle Kandilian of Dearborn, Mich., has created a start-up business to fund his college expenses, but it involves a roomful (in the family home) of nearly 200,000 cockroaches. The environmental science major at University of Michigan-Dearborn breeds species ranging from the familiar household pests, which he sells on the cheap as food for other people's pets, to the more interesting, exotic Madagascar hissing roaches and

rhino roaches, which can live for 10 to 15 years. (Mr. Kandilian told the *Detroit Free Press* in July that of the 4,000 cockroach species, only about a dozen are pests.) Why not choose a more conventional "pet"? Because "(m)ammals smell," he said. (Missing from the *Free Press* story: details on the likely interesting initial conversation between Kyle and his mother when he asked if he could have 200,000 cockroaches in the house.) ■

### Can't possibly be true

■ A 55-year-old woman in the Netherlands seemed to be experiencing orgasms emanating from her foot, she said, and Dr. Marcel Waldinger of Utrecht University (writing in the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, online in June) produced a possible explanation. The applicable left foot nerve enters the spinal cord at about the same level as the vaginal nerve, Mr. Waldinger wrote, and the woman's recent foot injury might have caused the nerves to cross. The woman reported "five or six" orgasms per day that felt exactly like "regular" orgasms and, she said, were making her feel terribly guilty and embarrassed. After treatment with a nerve anesthetic, she reported being orgasm-free (in the foot, at least) for eight months.

■ The intersection of West Gateway Boulevard and North Congress Avenue in Boynton Beach, Fla. (pop. 60,000), is nine lanes wide, busy even at 11 p.m. on Sunday night, as it was at that time in July when a 2-year-old girl darted across,

a combination of good fortune and sometimes-rare Florida driver alertness allowing her safe arrival on the other side without a scratch. "It's a miracle," said Harry Scott, who witnessed it. "I'm telling you the truth." Mom Kayla Campbell, 26, was charged with felony neglect, as she appeared "oblivious," said police, to the child's absence from home.

■ An unnamed restaurateur from Nagoya, Japan, has filed a lawsuit against an affiliate of the country's largest organized crime syndicate, Yamaguchi-gumi, demanding a refund of "protection" money she had been paying for more than 12 years (in total, the equivalent of about \$170,000). The affiliate, Kodo-kai, burned down a bar in 2010, killing people, in a similar protection arrangement that went bad, and the plaintiff said she, too, was threatened with arson when she decided to stop paying. According to an expert on Japanese "yakuza," a relative of one of the victims of the 2010 fire may also sue Kodo-kai. ■

### Unclear on the concept

■ In June, following his guilty plea in Corpus Christi, Texas, to possession of child pornography, Jose Salazar, 70, offered to perform public service to reduce the 12-year sentence a federal judge had handed him. Salazar said he "had a lot to offer society," according to an Associated Press story, and could be "useful" in mentoring children.

■ At Atherstone, England's, Twycross Zoo, a program is under way to try to teach quarter-ton giant tortoises to speed up. An extended outdoor pen had been built for Speedy (age 70), Tim, 40,

and Shelly, 30, but that meant it took a longer time to round them up for bed at the end of the day. The *Leicester Mercury* reported in June that zoo officials were trying to use the lure of food to get the tortoises to significantly improve their way-under-1-mile-per-hour gait.

■ The British sex toy manufacturer Ann Summers issued a recall in June of a certain model of its popular Ultimate O Vibrator because of a problem with the electrical charger. The company said it was being cautious but that the risk of danger is low. ■

### Inexplicable

■ Tina Marie Garrison, 37, and her son Junior Lee Dillon, 18, of Preston, Minn., were charged in June with stealing almost \$5,000 worth of gopher feet from the freezer of a gopher trapper in Granger, Minn., and selling them for the local offered bounty of \$3 per pair. Ms. Garrison, Dillon, and the victimized trapper were friends, and it was not clear why the thinly populated gopher-foot

market would not have deterred them.

■ Louann Giambattista, 55, a 33-year-veteran American Airlines flight attendant, filed a lawsuit against the company in July alleging that it had subjected her to baseless hassles because of co-workers' accusations that, argued her attorney, were wrongly "making her out to be a nut." One of the accusations was that she was "hiding rats in her underwear." ■

### Strange Old World

■ The Best of the International Press: (1) In July, the governor of Gorontalo province in Indonesia decreed that female secretaries should be replaced immediately with males. He was responding to a recent excessive spate of extramarital affairs by male bureaucrats with their female secretaries. ("(O)ld women who are no longer attractive"

could also be hired, he said.)

■ Japanese media were abuzz in June describing the social trend of teenagers who lick each other's eyeballs as a sign of dating commitment (roughly equivalent, said the website *Japan Crush*, to "getting to second base"). Health authorities said it is also an excellent way to spread "eye chlamydia" and conjunctivitis. ■

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## Keep Collier Beautiful encourages the creation of wildlife habitats

Nearly 40 Collier County residents gathered at The von Liebig Art Center recently for the inaugural Community Wildlife Habitat seminar hosted by Keep Collier Beautiful and GreenCare.

Gordon Vanscoy, president of GreenCare and a member of the board of directors for KCB, welcomed attendees and explained that the goal is to certify at least 400 homes, five schools and six businesses — as well as places of worship and other locations such as parks, hospitals and common areas within the community — as Community Wildlife Habitats. Mr. Vanscoy and his GreenCare partner, Paul Long, sponsored the seminar in hopes of educating local residents about the importance of creating outdoor habitats that are healthy for native wildlife.

Luwana Milner, a KCB volunteer and board member, explained that only four elements — water, food, shelter and a place to raise young — are needed to create a wildlife habitat in a backyard, condo green space or commercial/business courtyard. She stressed that the size of the space is not important.

“When we think of wildlife, we don’t want people to attract bears, panthers and other animals that belong in a larger natural habitat such as the Everglades,” Ms. Milner said. “The species we want to help thrive in our communities in certified wildlife habitats are birds, butterflies and small animals such as rabbits and turtles.”



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**Aimee Schlehr of the Naples Art Association, seminar presenter Gordon Vanscoy of GreenCare and Luwana Milner and Jim Zimmerman of Keep Collier Beautiful. See more photos on page B8.**

Registering your backyard or place of business as a wildlife habitat is fairly simple. KCB volunteers are available to walk interested parties through the registration process.

To date, through the National Certified Wildlife Habitat program, more than 146,000 sites including yards, schools, businesses, community gardens and parks, and places of worship have been certified. Keep Collier Beautiful is working to become part of this distinguished group.

For more information about becoming involved in KCB’s efforts to promote Community Wildlife Habitats, e-mail Ms. Milner at [keepcollierbeautiful@aol.com](mailto:keepcollierbeautiful@aol.com). ■

## Learn about orchids from the experts

Members of the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance lead free classes on growing orchids in Southwest Florida from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 and Sept. 21, at Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs.

Attendees are encouraged to bring in their own orchids for help repotting or mounting and for advice about pest and disease control. Seating is limited, so be there on time.

The Everglades Wonder Gardens is now operated by landscape photographer John Brady, who is preserving the history and heritage of the garden while expanding its legacy. Renovations and additions include a butterfly house and Japanese garden, a flamingo park and settings for observing native animal species such as alligators. Volunteers from the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance and Naples Botanical Garden are collaborating on an orchid walk, clearing an area that has revealed decades-old rare trees that will become hosts for mounted orchids.

For more information, call 498-9741. ■



**Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance members Jim Connell and Bob Printz with John Brady at Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs.**



**Overgrowth has been cleared for an orchid walk. Orchids will be mounted on this rare Cuban mahoe tree and throughout the gardens.**

## Pitch in to clean up Marco beach

Beachgoers of all ages are invited to help make a clean sweep of the shores of Marco Island by pitching in for the city of Marco Island Beach Advisory Committee’s beach cleanup on Sunday, Aug. 18. Meet at 8 a.m. on the sand side of the city’s South Beach Access.

Business sponsors are Rick’s Island

Salon and CJ’s on the Bay. Publix is providing trash bags, globes and bottled water for all participants.

For more information, contact Nancy Richie, environmental specialists for the city of Marco Island, at 389-5003 or [nrichie@cityofmarcoisland.com](mailto:nrichie@cityofmarcoisland.com). ■

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Challenge participants ride a 60- or 40-mile road course or a 15-mile off-road course. There is also an option to pedal 20 miles by turning around at the 10-mile mark.

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seriously ill children and their families. Attendance is free.

For more information about how to support the local Quarles & Brady team, contact Shantel Jilani by calling 262-5959 or e-mailing shantel.jilani@quarles.com.

■ Specialists in Urology, 21st Century Oncology and Gulf Coast Runners invite adults and children to participate in the third annual **Prostate Cancer Awareness 5K** race Saturday morning, Sept. 28, at Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge. Awards will be given to the top three males/females, top masters males/females and top three in each age group.

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■ The American Cancer Society's **Making Strides Against Breast Cancer** sets out Saturday morning, Oct. 12, at Cambier Park. Breast cancer survivors, those in treatment, those who care for them and those who have lost a loved one to the disease are encouraged to participate either by collecting pledges for walking the walk (3 to 5

miles), making a pledge to someone signed up to walk or by volunteering to help behind the scenes leading up to and on the day of the event.

A BYOB (Bring Your Own Bra) kick-off party for the event is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at The Club at Olde Cypress. Guests are encouraged to decorate and wear a pink bra. RSVP by Aug. 23 by calling 261-0337, ext. 3863, or e-mailing [Marilyn.Tiburski@cancer.org](mailto:Marilyn.Tiburski@cancer.org).

For more information about the nationwide Making Strides Against Breast Cancer campaign, visit [www.makingstrideswalk.org](http://www.makingstrideswalk.org).

■ The Alzheimer's Association's **Walk to End Alzheimer's** is a nationwide movement to reclaim the future for millions. The Naples event takes place Saturday morning, Oct. 19, at Cambier Park and consists of a 2-mile walk as well as a tribute ceremony to honor those affected by Alzheimer's disease. Information about advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment and support programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association will be available for all.

To register or for more information, call Nicole Melnick at 405-7008, e-mail [melnickn@alzflgulf.org](mailto:melnickn@alzflgulf.org) or visit [www.act.alz.org/naples](http://www.act.alz.org/naples). ■

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Paula and Randy Greenfield with Honeybear and Hoss.

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flowered collar on her wedding day.

Their ceremony was rather traditional, "We are gathered together ..." The story was picked up by nearly 30 different media outlets across the country and appeared on the newsfeed of more than 30,000 Facebook and Twitter subscribers.

"We wanted to show the services we provide to real brides and grooms through the marriage of Hoss and Honey Bear," Patricia George, public relations manager, says of the extravaganza.

Settling into married life, Hoss and Honey Bear work a full 40-hour work week at the Hyatt. They walk along the boardwalk, ride the trolley and join vacationing children for story time.

"When people come here, we want them to feel relaxed and comfortable," Ms. George says. "Hoss and Honey Bear really help set the tone: You're here on vacation, so relax and enjoy."

Three-year-old Hoss has a mini Mohawk much like Mad magazine cover boy Alfred E. Neuman. But there's nothing mischievous about Hoss, he's shy and loyal.

Before moving to Florida, Hoss worked at the Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort in Austin, Texas. When Forbes magazine came to cover the resort the general manager sent the photographer up in a helicopter to see the expansive golf course and lavish swimming pools. When the article ran, there was only one picture: Hoss in a kayak.

Honey Bear has a halo of golden hairs

around her brown face. But don't let that fool you. She's a pistol. She's the year-old puppy who scatters dog toys around the house, pulling every pillow off the couch and every pillow off the bed to look up at her owners when they come home like, "Aren't you proud of me? I got every pillow."

Recently, a family with three small children drove down from Atlanta. When they arrived, they were cranky. But when the little ones saw Hoss and Honey Bear it was like they saw a unicorn or the dog-like luck-dragon from "The Neverending Story." The children were instantly happy.

Their mood changed before their parents had even finished checking into their room.

"I wish other Hyatts would start this program," says Paula Greenfield, Hyatt dog concierge, owner and handler of Hoss and Honey Bear. "The secret to the dog program is that you have to have something different and usual ... People are attracted to different and unusual."

One little boy mistook Hoss' black-and-white fur for a panda. All little ones are surprised to hear the 140-pound dogs are just puppies. And some youngsters are eager to become pen pals with Hoss and Honey Bear.

Their second week on the job Hoss and Honey Bear received a package, special-delivery: homemade peanut-butter dog cookies. The note attached read: "We hope you remember us, Hoss and Honey Bear. We love you!"

Ms. Greenfield will always remember what the woman working the front desk said. Her words put the pooch patrol in full effect: "I can't even get a comment card and the dogs are getting special-delivery boxes." ■



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# UNDERCOVER HISTORIAN

## A lesson in reading, writing and 'rithmetic in the good old days

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With local students heading back to the classroom next week, I thought it apropos to turn back the hands of time and write about Collier County schools in the good old days of Everglades City, where teachers have been educating youngsters since 1893.

The earliest classes — consisting of a half-dozen students under the instruction of Tennessean J.W. Todd — were held in a room in home of George Storter (now known as the landmark Everglades City Rod & Gun Club).

The town's first school building was constructed in 1895 and was washed away in a cyclone, according to local school records. It was rebuilt on the same site; however, it was last seen floating upriver following the 1910 hurricane. (Rob Storter's primitive sketch of the floating schoolhouse is on page 71 of his book, "Crackers in the Glade: Life and Times in the Old Everglades.")

By the fall of 1923, a new school was in place, with two rooms and two teachers for 45 pupils. One resident described physical education classes as mostly swimming lessons, saying two older boys would watch out for alligators while the others dove into the river.

The school was expanded in 1926 and, until 1948, accommodated the entire student population of Everglades City, all the way through high school. The current school was built in 1961 and remodeled in 1995.

Everglades City School has the rare distinction of being one of just two K-12 schools in the state of Florida (the other being in Cedar Key, 50 miles southwest of Gainesville). In addition to those who live within Everglades City proper, students come from nearby Ochopee, Jerome, Lee-Cypress, Copeland, Plantation and Chokoloskee. Graduates per year typically number in the single digits.

One of the more colorful teachers in Everglades City, and certainly the one with the longest tenure, was the late Ruth

Neal. As a college graduate from Indiana, Miss Neal arrived in the summer of 1926 to visit her father, Otto Neal, who was in charge of construction of the Tamiami Trail construction. She stayed in town to teach science and mathematics and was on staff when the first students graduated in 1928. She also coached girls' sports. Miss Neal retired in 1973, never miss-

Chokoloskee children only received an eighth-grade education until the late 1930s, when some of them began attending high school in Everglades City and Naples. The island's second school was built in 1957. An old-timer once told me the classroom was designed with a row to represent every grade. Teachers lived on the premises.

Local black students started their education in a one-room church in Port DuPont near the Barron River Bridge in 1924. Four years later, classes moved into a boarding



COLLIER COUNTY MUSEUM / COURTESY PHOTO  
**The first school built in Everglades City, 1923.**

ing a day in her 45-year career.

Chokoloskee was isolated from the rest of the world until the causeway opened in 1956. Over the years, the little community had neither schools

nor churches in continuous operation. The first records of a school on the island indicate classes taking place in a Catholic mission that was established to serve the children of the farmers and fishermen who traded by sailing vessels between Fort Myers and Key West.

The first actual school on Chokoloskee was built in 1918. Teachers were erratic with their own attendance, with many simply opting not to adapt to the outback conditions. According to a column written by C.G. McKinney, "the sage of Chokoloskee," and posted in the weekly *American Eagle* newspaper in November 1924: "We have no school. We heard of a he-teacher who started down here and got as far as Marco and found out he did not have his fighting spirit along; so he went back up the coast."



**Children from Chokoloskee traveled aboard this boat to get to school in Everglades City from 1953-1956. A.C. Hancock built the boat. His son, Chris Hancock, provided this photo.**



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**The Chokoloskee schoolhouse, 1918.**

house that had been used by crews working on the Tamiami Trail. The DuPont School for elementary grades was built in 1957; older students were bused to Bethune High School in nearby Immokalee.

Integration began in 1966 and was completed within two years. ■

— Maureen Sullivan-Hartung arrived in Naples in 1981. Following a year's stint as a reporter for the former weekly *Everglades Echo* newspaper, she began freelancing. Her first book, "Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby," was published in 2010 by *The History Press* in South Carolina. Learn more about Ms. Sullivan-Hartung at [www.maureen-writes.com](http://www.maureen-writes.com).

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■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Aug. 15. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ The **Naples Ski Club** invites members and guests to learn about trips planned for the 2014 season from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 20, at M Waterfront Grill in the Village on Venetian Bay. The group plans to ski Snowmass, Colo., Jan. 25-Feb. 1 and Taos, N.M., Feb. 22-March 1.

Happy hour prices will be in effect for drinks and appetizers from 5-7 p.m.; guests will also receive a coupon for \$25 off dinner for two that evening. Raffle tickets will be sold for \$10, with the winner getting \$100 off the price of a ski trip.

Club membership is \$40 for singles, \$70 for couples. For more information, call Linda Byrd at 963-6396 or visit [www.naplesskiclub.com](http://www.naplesskiclub.com).

■ The **Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered around various social activities. Members meet to share a variety of interests and activities, including couples and singles groups, bridge, mahjonn, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffees, movies, card games and book discussions. Membership is for women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years.

Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [www.naplesnewcomers.com](http://www.naplesnewcomers.com).

■ Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join the new **Chess Club at the Moorings**, meeting from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park. Each morning will begin with a brief discussion by various experts about some aspect of the game.

Participation is free. Bring your own chess set or use one provided by the

Moorings. Moorings Park is on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. Stop at the entrance gate to receive directions to the Chess Club meeting. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525.

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**Marco Island Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Elkcam Circle, Marco Island. E-mail Chris Pritchard at [colliertoastmasters@gmail.com](mailto:colliertoastmasters@gmail.com).

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

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# CLUB NOTES

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** invites all orchid aficionados to its "Third Thursday" event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 15, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church (across from Sam's Club on Immokalee Road). American Orchid Society award-winners Tricia Rose, David Genovese, Tom Coffey and Jim Longwell will discuss various aspects of exhibiting and judging orchids.

Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance members are encouraged to bring their blooming orchids for display and to be used to illustrate the speakers' points.

Admission is free, and all are welcome. Annual membership in the alliance is \$25 (\$45 for joint membership, free for ages 18 and younger). For more information, call 498-9741 or visit [www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com](http://www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com). ■



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Above: Tricia Rose leads a workshop for the Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance.



Right: Jim Longwell offers orchid advice.

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## Free screenings for prostate cancer

Men can receive free prostate cancer screens and PSA blood tests at Specialists in Urology locations in Collier and Lee counties Saturday, Sept. 7 and 21. This is the 10th year that SIU physicians, physician assistants and nurses have volunteered their services for the day of free testing.

SIU is a division of 21st Century Oncology. The free prostate screenings are offered at three SIU offices in Naples and at its locations in Marco Island, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers and Cape Coral. Appointments are required by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6, and can be made by calling 434-6300. ■

## Learn the basics of esoteric healing

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The Salt Cave is at 4962 Tamiami Trail N. RSVP by calling 403-9170. ■

## Ultrasound patch heals wounds in human trial

In a small clinical study, researchers administered a new method for treating chronic wounds using a novel ultrasound applicator that can be worn like an adhesive bandage. The applicator delivers low-frequency, low-intensity ultrasound directly to wounds, and was found to significantly accelerate healing in five patients with venous ulcers. Venous ulcers are caused when valves in the veins malfunction, causing blood to pool in the leg instead of returning to the heart. This pooling, called venous stasis, can cause proteins and cells in the vein to leak into the surrounding tissue leading to inflammation and formation of an ulcer.

The technology was developed by researchers at Drexel University, Philadelphia, with funding from the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Venous ulcers account for 80 percent of all chronic wounds found on lower extremities and affect approximately 500,000 U.S. patients annually, a number that's expected to increase as obesity rates climb. It's estimated that treatment for venous ulcers costs the U.S. healthcare system over \$1 billion dollars per year.

Standard treatment for venous ulcers involves controlling swelling, taking care of the wound by keeping it moist, preventing infection, and compression therapy — a technique in which patients wear elastic socks that squeeze the leg to prevent blood from flowing backwards. Despite these measures, wounds often take months and occasionally years to heal.

"Right now, we rely mostly on passive treatments," said Michael Weingarten, M.D., chief of vascular surgery at Drexel Medicine and a researcher in the study. "With the exception of expensive skin grafting surgeries, there are very

few technologies that actively stimulate healing of these ulcers."

In an article to be published in the Journal of the Acoustical Society of America, the Drexel researchers report that patients who received low-frequen-

wound size during the same time period.

One of the greatest challenges of the study was designing and creating their battery-powered ultrasound patch said Peter A. Lewin, Ph.D., at Drexel

"Most ultrasound transducers require a large apparatus and need to be plugged into the wall. We wanted this to be fully wearable as well as portable, so we needed to make it battery-powered. To achieve that, we had to design a transducer that could produce medically relevant energy levels using minimum voltage," said Dr. Lewin.

Their resulting ultrasound patch weighs just 100 grams — the equivalent of a king sized candy bar — and is connected to two lithium ion batteries that are fully rechargeable. Dr. Lewin says the design gives patients the option of using the transducer in a home environment, while still wearing their compression socks. It also prevents the need for a doctor's visit, which can be a difficult task for patients with chronic wounds.

In the future, the researchers anticipate that patients with other types of chronic wounds, such as diabetic or pressure ulcers, may also benefit from therapeutic ultrasound. Because the ideal treatment frequency, duration and intensity may be unique for each type of wound, Dr. Lewin and his colleagues have developed and are currently testing a diagnostic monitoring component of their ultrasound patch, which would help physicians optimize treatment for each patient.

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**A battery operated ultrasound patch delivers therapeutic ultrasound to heal venous ulcers.**

cy, low-intensity ultrasound treatment during their weekly check-up (in addition to standard compression therapy), showed a net reduction in wound size after just four weeks. In contrast, patients who didn't receive ultrasound treatment had an average increase in

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Dr. Teresa Sievers of Restorative Health & Healing will discuss the effects of sugar on the body during a lunch program from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Carrabba's Italian Grill in Bonita Springs. The program is sponsored by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce and is open to the public. Dr. Sievers will offer tips on

how to become more aware of sugar consumption and explain sugar cravings and how to resist them.

Cost is \$25 for chamber of commerce members and \$45 for others. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Sign up by calling 992-2943 or visiting [www.BontiaSpringsChamber.com](http://www.BontiaSpringsChamber.com). ■

## Cruise beckons family caregivers

Family caregivers understand all too well the stress of caring for an aging loved one. What better way to relieve that stress than a getaway? That's why Home Instead Senior Care invites Florida residents to nominate deserving family caregivers, including themselves, for the opportunity to win a four-night, five-day cruise for two.

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For more information, visit [www.homeinstead.com](http://www.homeinstead.com).

To take a caregiver distress assessment and learn how you can help guard against the potential dangers related to caregiver stress, go to [www.FamilyCaregiverStress-Relief.com](http://www.FamilyCaregiverStress-Relief.com). ■

Nominations are due by Aug. 24. The Home Instead Caregiver Cruise sets sail Feb. 3-7, 2014, on the Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas, departing from

## Need for blood donors remains

Donations of blood slow to a trickle during the summer months in Southwest Florida, but the need for blood of all types does not. Donors are urged to take the time to donate at the Community Blood Center or its bloodmobile.

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■ Friday, Aug. 16: 1-4 p.m. at the PGA Superstore in Naples Plaza, U.S. 41 and Golden Gate Parkway.

■ Saturday, Aug. 17: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Big Corkscrew Fire & Rescue, 13254 Immokalee Road, Naples.

■ Sunday, Aug. 18: 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Cambier Park.

■ Monday, Aug. 19: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Chick-fil-A, 5825 Airport-Pulling Road.

■ Wednesday and Thursday, Aug. 21-22: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads.

The center is on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza Building at 311 Ninth St. N., next to the NCH parking garage. Complimentary valet parking is offered for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

In Bonita Springs, the CBC bloodmobile makes a regular visit to the parking lot at Sunshine Plaza on the second Monday of the month. Look for it next from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 9.

Here are some additional stops for the bloodmobile coming up:

■ Thursday, Aug. 15: 1:30-4:30 p.m. at the U.S. Post Office, 4080 15th Ave. SW,

Donors can safely give blood every 56 days. The minimum age to give blood is 16 (parental consent required). Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, should eat and be well hydrated prior to giving blood and must present photo ID.

For more information, call 624-4120 or visit [www.givebloodcbc.org](http://www.givebloodcbc.org). ■

# Throbbing pain isn't a matter of the heart

## THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

Throbbing pain might pound like a heartbeat, but University of Florida scientists have discovered the sensation is all in your head — or more precisely, in your brain waves.

The finding could drastically change how researchers look for therapies that can ease pain, said Dr.

Andrew Ahn, a neurologist at the UF College of Medicine. He and his colleagues reported their findings in the July issue of the journal Pain.

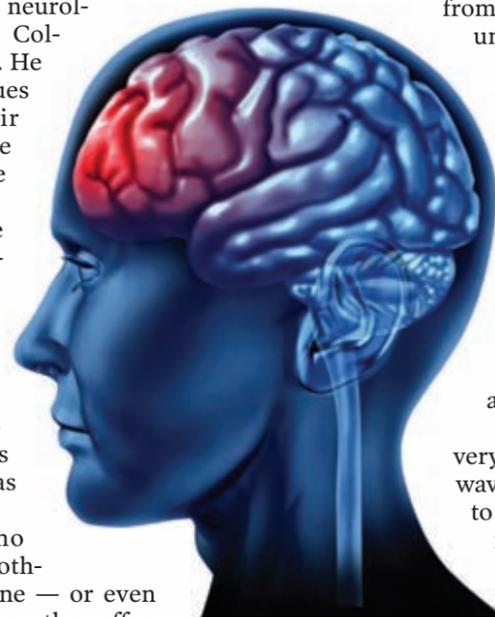
"Aristotle linked throbbing pain to heart rhythm 2,300 years ago," Dr. Ahn said. "It took two millennia to discover that his presumption was wrong."

People who experience a toothache or a migraine — or even just hit their shin on the coffee table — can note a throbbing quality to the pain that physicians have long associated with arterial pulsations at the location of the injury. Some medicines even constricted blood vessel walls in hopes of lessening the effect.

"Current therapies for pain do not adequately relieve pain and have serious negative side effects, so we thought that by examining this experience more closely we could find clues that would lead us to improved therapies to help people who suffer from pain," Dr. Ahn said. "It turns out that we have been looking in the wrong place all along."

Along with researchers Jue Mo and Mingzou Ding from the UF College of Engineering and Morris Maizels of

the Blue Ridge Headache Center in Asheville, N.C., Dr. Ahn examined a patient who had a throbbing sensation that remained even after her chronic migraine headaches had resolved. They simultaneously recorded the patient's sensation of the throbbing pain and her arterial pulse and found that they differed from one another, indicating that the pulsing of blood from the heartbeat was unrelated to the throbbing quality of pain.



Through the use of an electroencephalogram, they found that the throbbing quality was correlated with a type of brain activity called alpha waves.

"We understand very little about alpha waves, but they appear to have an important role in attention and how we experience the world," Dr. Ahn said.

"In addition, by analogy to how a radio works, alpha waves may also act as a carrier signal that allows different parts of the brain to communicate with itself."

What scientists don't know yet is exactly how alpha waves cause throbbing pain. But the current findings indicate that the experience of pain is linked more to how the brain works and not to the pulsations of blood at the location of the pain. Understanding this will allow researchers to design new studies to discover better treatments for pain.

This work was supported by the Facial Pain Research Foundation and in part by grants from the National Institutes of Health. ■



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## CHAMBER MATTERS

## Streamlining regulatory processes could spur growth

BY MICHAEL WYNN

Special to Florida Weekly

In our last Chamber Matters, we reviewed local history and how it has influenced our current business climate, as well as recent progress we have made. This month we ask some important questions that highlight steps we can take to streamline the regulatory process as well as some unique opportunities for economic growth here in Collier County.

Streamlining the regulatory process is essential in improving our business climate. As more plans and permits are maintained electronically, we should see inspectors visiting job sites in the future with tablets or Internet-enabled devices. Failing a site inspection due to plan/permit paperwork not being in the permit box should soon be a thing of the past. Everything could be reviewed and approved in real time, reducing costs to both builder and buyer, and shortening the window to getting those buildings occupied.

Or, consider these ideas:

- What if inspections of certain equipment could be handled by e-mailing photos to the county instead of requiring a physical inspection?



Michael Wynn

- What if the fire districts could come to a common understanding and interpretation of the current standards?

- What if we could create a certification process whereby builders, HVAC companies and tradespeople could earn the right to receive only random inspections? A company would have to go through a certification process and meet a specific quality standard on jobs for a set period of time to qualify. Those caught cheating the process would suffer large fines and be required to go back to mandatory inspections for every job.

If the above scenarios were to take place, would the quality of work increase? How much money would be saved and reinvested in new jobs or growth as a result?

Collier County is also uniquely positioned to consider several ideas for economic growth. Consider the fact that we have an existing and robust agricultural industry in eastern Collier County. Why not focus on having a world-class agricultural research and development facility there? Why not find a way to grow this industry in eastern Collier County when we already have so many of the necessary ingredients? Imagine our local growers in cooperation with leading research firms designing the highest quality and safest foods that can be tested, grown and distributed from here.

What if Collier County could become designated as a "blue zone," a geograph-

ic area where people live measurably longer lives? Communities throughout the world have received this designation. Their citizens tend to have lower incidents of disease and enjoy a greater number of healthier years of life. Statistics show that Collier County already has a number of traits shared by many of these blue zones. We have the longest life expectancy in the United States for women (85.8 years) and the second-longest life expectancy for men at (80.7 years). Our cardiac mortality is rated among the lowest in the nation.

Given that 80 percent of a person's life expectancy is influenced by lifestyle habits (versus 20 percent genetic), we certainly have a lot to gain by studying how we can adopt more of the characteristics of a blue zone. Should our community ever be designated with this distinction, it would be a powerful marketing tool to drive sustainable growth.

Fortunately, Collier County is enjoying an economic rebound. However, the strength of our future economy will depend on the degree to which we as a community are willing to invest in ideas similar to the ones listed above. ■

— Michael Wynn, president of Sunshine Ace Hardware, is chair of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and co-chair of The Partnership for Collier's Future Economy. He is a graduate of Leadership Collier Class of 2008 and the Leadership Florida Class of 2012.

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# PET TALES

## Groom zoom

Regular grooming is an easy way to make pets happy and healthy

BY DR. MARTY BECKER  
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There are few things that make a veterinarian happier than walking into an exam room to see a pet who's squeaky clean and perfectly groomed. That's because it's a sign of a pet owner who's paying attention to all aspects of preventive pet care and overall comfort.

How important is grooming to your pet's comfort? Consider a simple mat, so easy to overlook. Have you ever had your hair in a ponytail that was just a little too tight? A mat can feel the same way to your dog — a constant pull on the skin. Try to imagine those all over your body, and you have a good idea how uncomfortable an ungroomed coat can be.

Your dog need never know what a mat feels like if you keep him brushed and combed — but that's just the start of the health benefits. Regular grooming allows you to look for lumps, bumps and injuries, while clearing such things as tangles and ticks from his coat. Follow up with your veterinarian on any questionable masses you find, and you may detect cancer early enough to save your pet's life.

For shorthaired breeds, keeping skin and coat in good shape is easy. Run your hands over him daily, a brush over him weekly and that's it.



**Comb-out or belly rub? If you approach grooming with a positive attitude and are patient, your pet will enjoy the task as bonding time.**

For other breeds, grooming is a little more involved. Breeds such as collies, chows, keeshonden and Alaskan malamutes are "double-coated," which means they have a downy undercoat underneath harsher long hair. The down can mat like a layer of felt against the skin if left untended. To prevent this, divide the coat into small sections and brush against the grain from the skin outward, working from head to tail, section by section. A tip: Yes, you can keep these long-haired dogs clipped short to keep grooming easier — and you'll be rewarded with a dog who sheds the least of all, owing to the longer grow-and-shed cycle of long hair.

Silky-coated dogs such as Afghan hounds, cockers and Maltese also need constant brushing to keep tangles from

forming. As with the double-coated dogs, work with small sections at a time, brushing from the skin outward, and then comb back into place with the grain for a glossy, finished look. Coats of this type require so much attention that having a groomer keep the dogs trimmed to a medium length is often more practical.

Curly and wiry coats, such as those on poodles and terriers, need to be brushed weekly, working against the grain and then with it. Curly coats need to be clipped every six weeks; wiry ones, two or three times a year. (But clipping every six weeks will keep your terrier looking sharper.)

A good professional groomer, along with your veterinarian, can be a dog's best friend.

Good grooming is about more than keeping your pet looking beautiful and clean-smelling, although those are certainly pleasant payoffs. Regular grooming relaxes the dog who's used to it, and it becomes a special time shared between you both. A coat free of mats, burrs and tangles, and skin free of fleas and ticks, are as comfortable to your dog as clean clothes fresh from the wash are to you. It just makes you feel good, and the effect is the same for your pet.

Some added benefit for you: Giving your dog a tummy rub after every session is sure to relax you (and your dog, of course) and ease the stress of your day. ■

### Pets of the Week



**>> Ron** is a loving, 1-year-old tuxedo who would make a great addition to any home. Because he has been at the shelter for more than 180 days, his adoption fee has been waived.



**>> Bonefish** is a playful, 4-month-old domestic shorthair who loves people and other cats. Her adoption fee is \$55.



**>> Cookie** is a smart and handsome, 2-year-old German shepherd mix who would make a lovely family pet. His adoption fee is \$75.



**>> Mary** is an adorable, 1-year-old terrier mix who would prefer to be the only pet in the home. Her adoption fee is \$75.

### To adopt a pet

This week's adoptable pets, all from **Humane Society Naples**, come with vaccinations, sterilization surgery, ID microchip and 30 days of health insurance. Visit the main HSN shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday) or the satellite adoption center at Coastland Center during mall hours. Call 643-1555 or visit [HSNaples.org](http://HSNaples.org) for more information. Cat photos courtesy of Kimberly Joy Photography; dog photos courtesy of Rattigan Photography Group.

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# THE DIVA DIARIES

## A socialite's lifestyle (and summer's heat) put a crimp on fitness



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I'm not the sort of diva who lounges around on a regular basis doing nothing but drinking bubbly, eating bon-bons and gossiping on the phone with my girlfriends. I only do that for a few hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Sometimes, I actually do ride my bike, attempt yoga, or wog (it's a jog/walk combo thing where you try to run, but it's hard — so you jog, but that's hard, too — so you walk). However, it's eleventy-bazillion degrees outside these days, and I'll admit to enjoying the air-conditioned comforts of home far more often than sweating up a storm and gasping for air in this insufferable humidity.

So, naturally, during a time when I would best describe my physical activity level as semi-sedentary, my husband, on the other hand, is

training for the annual Captiva Triathlon next month like he has an imaginary Jillian Michaels on his shoulder screaming, "Unless you puke, faint, or die — keep going!" (This is a direct quote from Jillian's book, "Making The Cut," by the way. Charming, no?)

Not only is my dear Todd biking, running and swimming at least six days a week, he's doing all this at 5:30 in the godforsaken morning. I generally don't rise before 10 unless I have to catch a flight or there's a royal wedding to watch on TV, so you can imagine my guilt while I turn over and pull the blanket over my head as Todd does 50 push-ups on the bedroom floor each morning.



The worst part is that the efforts of his training are beginning to show; therefore, I'm having to restrain myself from the bon-bons and the adult beverages and force myself to exercise (which is not my forte, especially in August).

There was a time, in my 20s, when if I needed to fit into a

small-ish dress hanging in the back of my closet, I would simply drink nothing but Slim Fast and water for 24 hours, do 100 crunches, jog in place for a few minutes and, like magic, shed five pounds. Somewhere along the line, however, my metabolism went south and took my ability to eat a cracker and not gain weight along with it. These days I have no doubt that if I drank a can of Slim-Fast I'd *gain* 10 pounds.

As Todd sits on the couch each night, eating fish and broccoli while updating his Jillian Michaels iPhone app/calorie counter and happily reporting how many miles he pedaled that day, I should be praising him for his efforts, I know. Yet all I can think is that I absolutely cannot have a husband who is thinner than me.

So I've downloaded Jillian, I have a new bike, and the YMCA is calling my name. I might be entering any triathlons anytime soon, but I'm bound and determined that if somebody in this house has to go shopping for clothes in smaller sizes, it's going to me first. Bring it on, Jillian.

### Now we're cooking

When we're on the quest to stay in shape, sometimes it's easier to eat extra healthy than it is to break a sweat (especially this time of year). Whole Foods has cooked up a chance for some local media-type celebs to be the main ingredients in showing off their culinary chops when it comes to preparing

simple summer dinners that are good *and* good for you.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 15 and the following two Thursday evenings, it's the Whole Foods "20 Minutes \$20 Fill the Grill Challenge," giving amateur chefs 20 minutes and \$20 to shop for ingredients and another 20 minutes to prepare their recipes using the market's demonstration kitchen Weber electric grills.

The first round of competition pits Sara Belsole of FOX-4 against Jay Schlichter of the *Naples Daily News*. On Aug. 22, Krista Fogelson of NBC-2 and *Florida Weekly's* own Cindy Pierce will be in the hot seats. A panel of judges will taste the results and choose one winner each night. The two finalists will go head-to-head (tongs-to-tongs, perhaps?) on Aug. 29.

Talk about a pressure cooker! I can just imagine the calories the contestants will burn in their 20-minute shopping frenzy, not to mention the sweat of having to prepare a meal worthy of the judges' taste buds in 20 minutes.

As much as I love fun and games — and as much as I'm committed to ramping up my exercise regime — I'm sure glad I'm not in on this particular challenge. My chef's hat is off to my media friends who are stepping up to the grill. ■

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

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# Butchers

BY STEPHANIE DAVIS  
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Born in Bavaria, Germany, Annette  
Trossbach of North Fort

Myers says that when she was growing up abroad, there was a butcher shop in every village. "People would raise a cow or a pig, feed it well, and when it was time, they'd take it to their local butcher and tell them how they'd like their meat cut."

While the ancient practice still holds true in some places, you won't see much of that in Southwest Florida. Ms Trossbach, a local theater director and mother of two young boys, gets nostalgic when she remembers living in the northeastern United

States before moving to Lee County 10 years ago. "In big cities, there's a butcher shop on every corner," she says. "That's something I miss."

Even area butchers agree — there aren't many bona fide butcher shops in



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# MONEY & INVESTING

## Detroit offers lessons about the complexity of municipal bankruptcy



In the wake of depressions and recessions, personal and corporate bankruptcies become all too common. Most recently, several municipal bankruptcies have been declared, most notably Detroit's bankruptcy. Understanding what is happening in Detroit's legal proceedings requires a general knowledge of bankruptcies.

A bankruptcy is a legal status to describe a person's (or an entity's) inability to repay its debts to its creditors, which include lenders, trade merchants still owed payment, employees owed pension and other benefits, etc. The matter is settled in court before a judge who specializes in bankruptcies and according to the federal laws governing bankruptcies (as state law, both state statute and state case law, does not apply). There is not a jury trial. The judge listens to all parties and makes the final decision.

There are different types of bankruptcies: personal, corporate and municipal; in that sequence, they progress in legal complexity.

Personal bankruptcy became quite prevalent in the most recent great recession. Typically, the borrower filed for bankruptcy and went before the court seeking elimination or reduction in the debts owed. Other than debts owed to the U.S. government, which are extremely difficult to get erased

or forgiven. (e.g., student loans or tax liens), the judge can extinguish debts and let the creditor start anew without any debts, or the judge can fashion a plan of partial or extended repayments on debts. A core concept in any bankruptcy proceeding is that secured creditors are entitled to take their security/asset backing their loan e.g., a bank taking the home that was mortgaged.

Next in complexity are corporate bankruptcies. The larger the size and the greater the reach of international operations (i.e., a labyrinth of assets that are all over the world), the more difficult the maze. There also can be a long list of indebtedness with varying degrees of seniority and security, meaning it takes effort to determine: if a secured claim is a valid claim; what the security is worth; and the seniority/or pecking order of creditor payoff if there is no security backing the debt. In general terms, just as in personal bankruptcies, a secured creditor in a corporate proceeding will most likely get payment in full if the debt is secured by a very high quality asset with value equal or greater than the associated debt. For instance, corporate debt of \$1 billion that is secured by a \$2 billion asset is in good position to get paid in full or, in lieu of payment, to get the asset in satisfaction of the debt.

In comparison to corporate bankruptcies, the municipal bankruptcy process is less clean (as municipal bankruptcies are often clouded by politics) and less clear (as there are types of debt unique to municipalities, like "revenue bonds"). Look to a specific revenue stream for repayment and "general obligation bonds" look to the

municipality's tax receipts for repayment. Also, unlike most corporations, municipalities are obligated to respond to a wide array of pension obligations for its municipal employees.

In a municipal bankruptcy, the judge must continue to pay a large portion of the police, fire, schools, emergency, etc., as these employees are needed to continue working. In a municipal bankruptcy, time is of the essence. The judge looks to expedite the process. The judge needs to be ever so sure that the restructuring plan for the municipality will let it build a future and not be hamstrung by past debts.

With that as background, here is the skinny on Detroit:

Prior to its bankruptcy filing on July 18, 2013, the city's mayor had been replaced by an emergency manager as of March 2013. After attempts by the manager to cut operating losses and reduce liabilities, he went to bankruptcy court in order to force a reduction of its \$20 billion liabilities upon its many different creditors.

Some of the creditors don't want a judge to decide their payoff and they want a jury to decide their fate. Normally objections to proceeding with a bankruptcy are rejected but there might be a valid claim that the emergency manager failed to negotiate "in good faith" with the creditors and summarily proceeded into bankruptcy court.

But if the proceedings continue in bankruptcy court, then a judge will be deciding the fate of the various creditors. The emergency manager proposes the new financial plan. If this restructuring plan does not violate any federal bankruptcy rules, then the

judge can accept it. Creditors participate in the restoring plans but ultimately their objections can be disregarded and the new plan "crammed" down upon them as ultimately the judge decides a plan's fairness.

The greatest challenge is how the pension obligations will be decided. There are many municipalities saddled with pension and health-care obligations that must be reduced in order for them to survive.

The emergency manager wants a restructuring plan to emerge in 2014. The judge seems to be on board with that aggressive timetable, however the judge cannot control the appeal process of creditors, which can slow down any emergence from bankruptcy. Appeal after appeal by various creditors could add to the untimely, painful fate of Detroit.

The travesty is that Detroit was once a shining light to the world. It is now a financial disaster and, physically, many parts are an eyesore. Approximately 36 percent of Detroit's residents live below the U.S. poverty level. How did such a great city go so wrong? Clearly, it lived beyond its means and did not introduce a sufficient level of new business investment or new entities into its economic mix.

It would seem that municipalities with marginal credit will find it harder to finance themselves and investors will look at private sector/corporate bonds with greater interest. ■

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# BUTCHERS

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Southwest Florida. Some say it's a "dying art", while others are determined to keep up with big box stores and large grocery chains by providing clientele with more than just a choice cut of meat. *Florida Weekly* spoke with owners and employees at five butcher shops from Charlotte to Collier counties and whether they were German, Italian or "country," they all share the same trade — whether it be through ambition, talent or heritage.

## Michael Pica, Mario's Meat Market & Deli in Fort Myers:

"Nobody knows our sausage recipe except three people — me, my cousin, and my dad," says Mr. Pica about the famous sausage at Mario's, the market and deli that he and his family opened in Fort Myers in 1990.

Of the dozen employees at the popular butcher, deli and take-out grocery, about half are family members. "We're first-generation Italians," says Mr. Pica proudly. "When my father and mother came over here from Italy in 1954, my dad learned the butchering trade and opened his first store in Brooklyn in 1967." Mr. Pica's parents retired here in the late '80s and the rest of the family soon followed.

Mario's started out as a small butcher shop in the Sam's Plaza; business was so good that the shop moved to a larger space between Crystal Drive and College Parkway on U.S. 41. Recently, the Picas added even more space with a major renovation. Nicknamed "The Sausage King" by loyal customers, Mario's hasn't suffered when it comes to competing with the chains. "It's all about quality," says Mr. Pica. "The meat, the homemade mozzarella, the specialty dishes — everything is fresh. It's our heritage and we live it every single day."

## Philip and Karen Christie, Smoke Signals Meats, Lehigh Acres:

While some butchers and meat markets carry generations of knowledge behind the trade, others are just beginning in the business. Such is the case with Philip and Karen Christie. Their Smoke Signals Meats business travels from area farmers markets all along the Southwest Florida coast, plus they own and operate Maverick Meat Processing, a USDA certified plant in Lehigh Acres — and they just started less than a year ago. Mr. Christie was semi-retired from the telecommunications business when he says, "Karen basically kicked me off the porch. I was between jobs and needed to do some-



Vincent Pica makes fresh mozzarella at Mario's Meat Market & Deli in Fort Myers.



Karen and Philip Christie of Smoke Signals/Maverick Meats in Lehigh Acres.

thing."

The couple enjoyed going to farmers markets and recognized a booming industry. "We thought about making soaps or candles, but there was already plenty of that at the markets," says Karen Christie. "But not as many vendors were selling meat." When a local distributing plant, Maverick Meats, became available for purchase, the Christies went for it.

Maverick Meats is certified by the USDA, which means the plant is inspected daily. The couple, along with a staff of seven, supplies popular restaurants like The Bubble Room (Captiva) and University Grill (Fort Myers), along with the health-care giant Lee Sar.

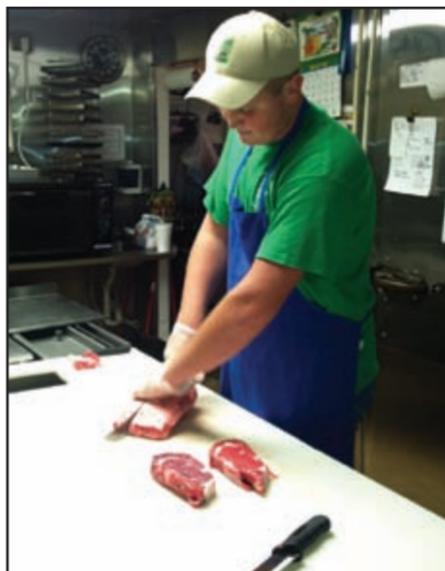
Miss Christie, who was a pre-school teacher before Smoke Signals and Maverick Meats, puts it like this: "People want to buy local and support small businesses — and that's what we're counting on."

## Patty Lonsky, Kallis German Butcher Shop in Port Charlotte:

Manager of the busy Port Charlotte Butcher Shop for the past 17 years, Ms. Lonsky is from New Jersey; her boss, owner and master butcher, Manfred Kall-



Manfred Kallnischkies, owner of Kallis German Butcher Shop in Port Charlotte.



Butcher JD Roberts works on a cut at Lawhon's Grocery & Meat in North Fort Myers.

nischkies, hails from Hamburg, Germany. Kallis is small (less than 10 employees), but boasts staying power. Mr. Kallnischkies opened the place 28 years ago, and while Ms. Lonsky says things slow down a little in the summer, the clientele is loyal.

"People want quality. We don't use fillers or preservatives — everything is fresh. Our customers want meat that's healthy for them." Like all of the butchers we spoke to, Kallis gets cases of meat mostly from the Midwest, then Mr. Kallnischkies cuts it to order. "We're full service. Our biggest sellers are beef and pork, plus we make sausages, lunch meats and we sell German cooking products," says Ms. Lonsky. "But we're pretty simple here. You come in, you get it, you take it out." She acknowledges that Kallis is unique around these parts, "In places like New Jersey, butchers are everywhere — but down here, not so much. People keep coming to us because we provide something different — it's like a dying art."

**Larry Lawhon, Lawhon's Grocery & Meat, North Fort Myers:** With a light southern drawl,

Mr. Lawhon stresses that his business, which has been around since 1976 and employs 29 people, is "just a tiny retail place."

Located right off I-75, Lawhon's is also a gas station and deli that serves biscuits and gravy and steak and eggs. On Tuesdays and Fridays, Lawhon's features a cheeseburger special that brings in around 200 truckers a day.

Mr. Lawhon's father-in-law started the business and plenty of family members work there; his niece runs the website and Facebook page. "We're out in the boonies," says Mr. Lawhon. "We get a lot of country families, a good bit of truckers, and we can cut a choice piece of meat, but we have to bring more to the table than that to stay in business."

Recently, Mr. Lawhon attended a meat convention in Tallahassee where one of the speakers said that in the last five years, 52 independent butcher stores in the state of Florida closed because of the big box stores. "It makes sense, folks go there for everything else. They're tired and ready for dinner, so they toss a couple of prepackaged steaks in the cart instead of going to the butcher; we understand that."

Still, Lawhon's stays busy all year round.

Mr. Lawhon says he won't hire a butcher who has less than seven years of experience (there is no official butcher certification; apprentices learn from masters) and most of his butchers started out as bag boys (with very few exceptions, we found that butchering is largely a male dominated trade).

"The Walmarts and the Costcos are what keep smaller shops like ours in business," says Mr. Lawhon. "But, we know that butchering won't be around much longer and there aren't many of us left."

## Matt Deason, Jimmy Ps Butcher Shop & Deli, Naples:

"I was about to go back to college when my bosses offered to teach me the trade," says Mr. Deason, a grinder at Jimmy P's who started out working in the deli when he was 20. Now at 25, he's working towards a career in the business under the tutelage of owner, Jim Pepper who's been a butcher for close to 50 years.

"Jim's my mentor," says Mr. Deason. "When I started, I didn't know anything about meat other than I liked to eat it."

Five years later, Mr. Deason can explain that grinding is an art and that it's all about math. "You have to learn the art of the fat to lean ratio," he says. "Like when it comes to ground chuck, it's 80 percent lean and 20 percent fat. There's a proper ratio to grinding different kinds of meat — you have to be taught by someone who knows. It's not something you can learn in school — you need to find somebody who's willing to teach you and that's like a gift."

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# Junior Achievement laureates announced

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida will induct John DeAngelis and David Diamond of DeAngelis Diamond Construction and Mayela and Orlando Rosales of Media Vista Group into the 2013 Business of Hall of Fame, Collier County. It is the first time since the 1987 inception of the Business Hall of Fame that two pairs of laureates will be inducted on the same evening.

The award recognizes entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community. A dinner and awards ceremony is set for Tuesday, Oct. 29, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.

## About the laureates

Mr. DeAngelis and Mr. Diamond founded their company in 1996, after they both earned bachelor's degrees in building construction at the University of Florida. The company has negotiated and managed more than \$1 billion in construction services throughout Florida and beyond while maintaining a corporate culture devoted to Christian values and a deep commitment to local, national and international philanthropy.

Mr. Diamond is company president and serves on the board of directors for the Naples International Film Festival and Gulf Coast Venture Development. Mr. DeAngelis, vice president of the firm, serves on the board of the Pregnancy Resource Center of Southwest Florida and the advisory boards of Liberty Youth Ranch and Grace Works.

Their company has earned numerous Sand Dollar, Summit and Pinnacle awards, in addition to being selected four times as the Commercial Builder of the Year by the American Specialty Contractors of Florida.

Mr. and Ms. Rosales moved from Venezuela to Naples in 1996 and started their company in 2001. In 2002, they created "D'Latinos al Dia," the region's first Hispanic television news program; two years later, they launched D'Latinos Magazine. In 2006, Media Vista Group expanded to 24 hours of programming as the affiliate of Azteca America for Southwest Florida and has since acquired Univision Network television stations in Fort Myers, Minneapolis and Kansas City.

Ms. Rosales has served on the board of directors of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Fifth Third Bank, Cancer Alliance of Naples and Literacy Volunteers of Collier County, among others. In 2009, she was named one of the 100 Most Influential Latinas in the USA.

Mr. Rosales is a member of the President's Council of Hodges University and serves on the board of BB&T in Southwest Florida.

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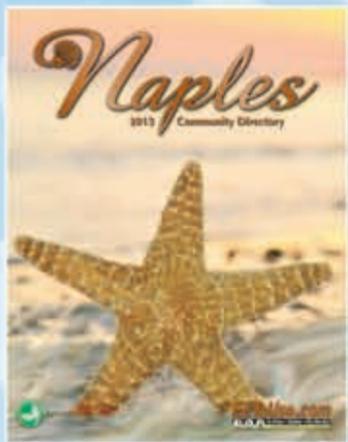
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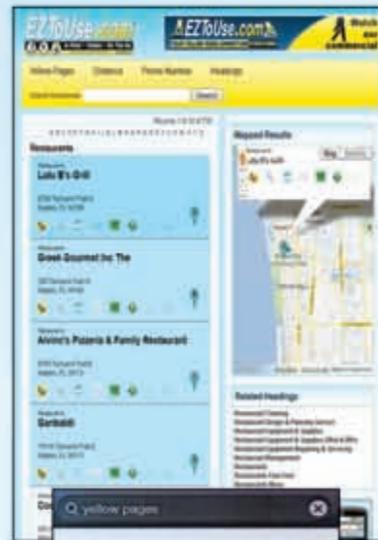
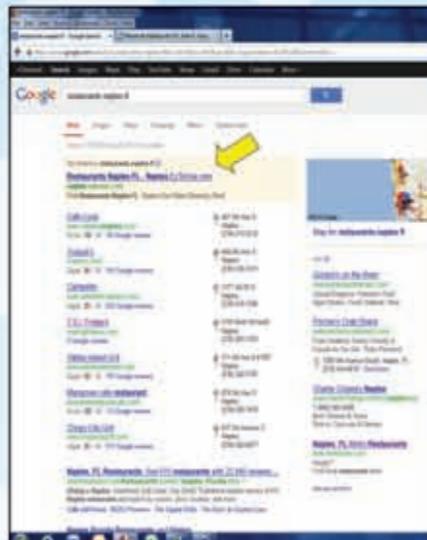


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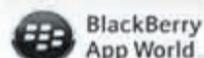
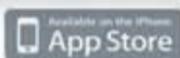
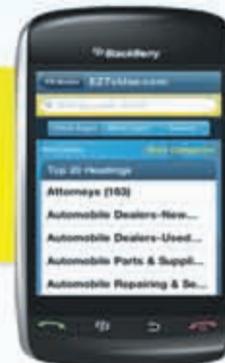
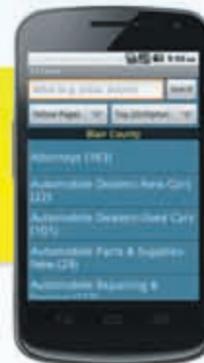
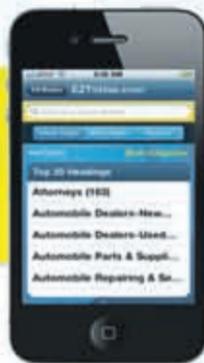
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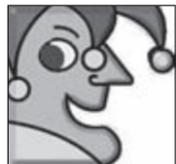
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Whirlpool (NYSE: WHR) has been delivering some surprises.

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In the company's second-quarter earnings report, revenue grew 4 percent to \$4.7 billion, while earnings per share jumped 71 percent. CEO Jeff Fettig reported, "Sales increased in every region of the world as we continued to expand margins." He added, "Given the strong underlying trends in our

business, we recently resumed our share repurchase program and are raising our full-year outlook for EPS and free cash flow."

Earnings are expected to grow some 26 percent annually over the next five years. The rebounding U.S. housing market is helping, and deals such as one with SodaStream to introduce a KitchenAid-branded home carbonation system is promising, too.

Best of all, the stock is attractive and offers a dividend yield near 2 percent. Its price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio, recently near 17, is above its five-year average of 13.4, but its P/E based on next year's earnings is just 10. (The Motley Fool owns shares of SodaStream and its newsletters have recommended it.) ■

# BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ The **Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five event from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 21, onboard the Marco Princess. \$5 for members, \$10 for others (cash bar).

Call 394-7549, e-mail *Katie@marcoislandchamber.org* or visit *www.marcoislandchamber.org*.

■ The **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual trade show, "Oh the Places We'll Go," from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course. More than 120 vendors representing banking, retail, hospitality, service industries, retirement living and medical interests will be on exhibit. Guests will have the chance for giveaways and prizes and will be able to enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. Admission is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Register at *www.napleschamber.org*.

■ The **Public Relations Society of America, Gulf Coast Chapter** hosts a webinar luncheon titled "Optimize 360:

An Integrated Approach to Digital Marketing and Public Relations" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, at Northern Trust, 4001 U.S. 41 N. The presentation will help organizations optimize their content-focused digital marketing and public relations efforts. Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members, \$27 for non-profits and \$15 for students. Reservations must be made by Friday, Aug. 23. Call Judy Bricker, chapter president, at 213-6146 or visit *www.gulfcoast-prsa.org*.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association** welcomes Andrew Hill with a lunch series program titled "Eco-Economics: How Your Economic Opportunities and the Southwest Florida Environment are Aligned" at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 29, at the Professional

Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Call 262-6376 or go to *www.napleschamber.org/events*.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker will be John Cox, incoming president and CEO of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Collier Foundation. Call 262-6376.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit *www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com*. ■

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The Florencia tower has a striking main lobby, social room, theater, workout room and pool area. Community amenities include the Bay Club with waterfront dining, a private island beach park and optional equity golf.

This property is listed at \$859,000 by Tom Ostrander of Engel & Völkers Olde Naples. To arrange a private showing or for more information, call (860) 304-1037, e-mail [tom.ostrander@evusa.com](mailto:tom.ostrander@evusa.com) or visit [www.evneples.com](http://www.evneples.com). ■

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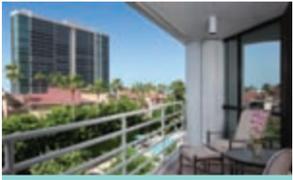
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- Port Royal Club Eligibility
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- 4 Bedroom +Den, 6.5 Baths
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- 107 Feet of Gorgeous Water Frontage
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- Private Lush Homesite
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**The Quarry**

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- Open Floor Plan, Large Great Room
- Tropical Lanai Overlooks Preserve & Golf Course
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**The Egret At Bonita Beach**

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- 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath, 2 Balconies
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**South Beach Club**

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**ROOKERY POINTE**



**Estero**

- 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2.5 Baths, 2 Car Garage
- Arthur Rutenberg Palermo Model
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**Assessment Fully Paid**

- 2 Bedroom +Den, 2 Bath, Beautiful Built-In Cabinets
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**BRIARWOOD**



**Briarwood**

- 3 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
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- Gourmet Kitchen w/Stainless Steel Appliances
- Lake Views
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**Sabal Cove**

- 2 Bedroom +Den, 2 Baths
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**Twin Eagles**

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**Heritage Bay**

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- Picturesque Lake & Golf Course Views
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- Wonderful Amenities
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- Turnkey Furnished & Spotless
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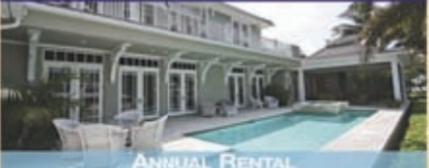
**Fort Myers - Daniels Parkway**  
 • HUGE Home On CORNER Lot  
 • Move-In Ready  
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 • Low HOA Fees  
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 • Turnkey Furnished  
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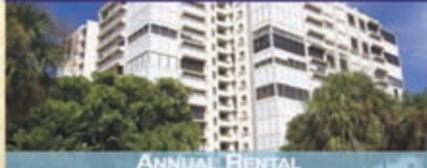
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 • Cherry Wood Flooring, Custom Woodwork  
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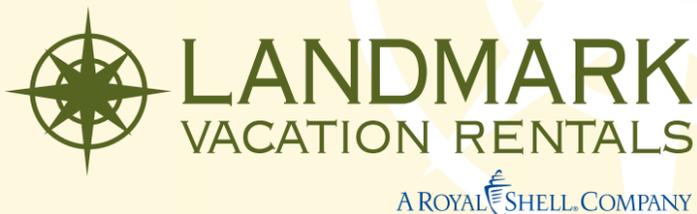
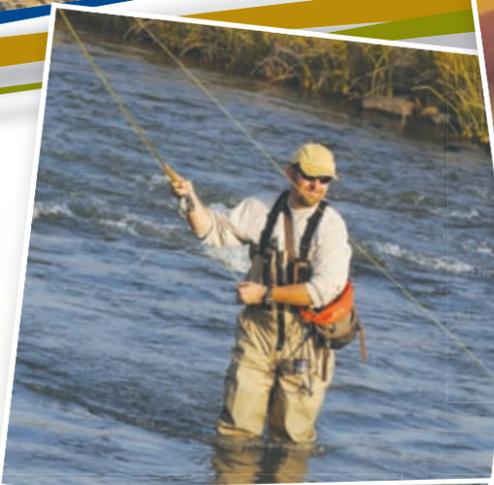
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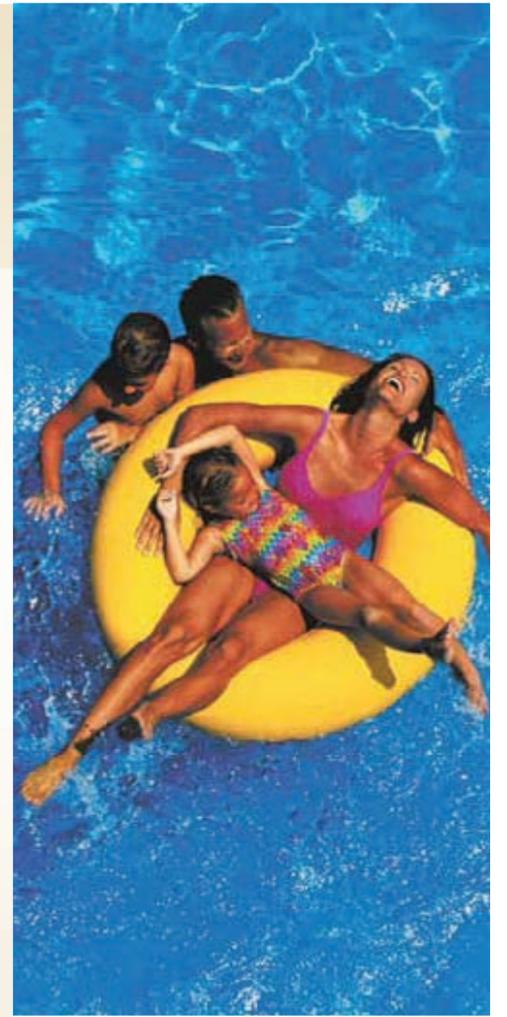
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## Moorings Park's Waterside earns LEED certification

The Waterside neighborhood at Moorings Park has earned LEED Silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. The LEED for Homes program rewards homes that are designed and built to be energy- and resource-efficient as well as more healthy and durable for the occupants. Green homes may have substantially lower utility bills and may qualify for advantageous financing, lower insurance rates and government incentives.

Waterside at Moorings Park consists of three residential buildings with 29

residences, a rooftop garden and Trio restaurant. Ranging in size from 1,800 square feet to 5,550 square feet, the residences were built by Manhattan-Kraft and designed by Perkins Eastman, Burt Hill Pollack & Krieg and Wegman Design Group.

Specifics include the use of high-efficiency air conditioning and plumbing fixtures and the use of city-supplied re-use water for irrigation rather than potable water as well as best engineering practices for storm water collection and site management. ■

## Golf Inc. Magazine recognizes Pelican Marsh course renovations

Recently completed renovations to the von-Hagge designed course at Pelican Marsh Golf Club earned honorable mention in Golf Inc. Magazine's 2013 Renovations of the Year competition among public and private clubs around the world.

According to an article in magazine's July edition, judges considered the \$2 million renovation at Pelican Marsh to be "a wise investment and a superior effort" that helped the club "recover membership, increase the pace of play and stabilize maintenance costs." The

project included reconstruction of all tees, greens and surrounds, softening of the club's signature mounds, installation of a state-of-the-art greens irrigation system with 125 computer-controlled sprinkler heads and the replacement of 25 fairway satellite boxes. The renovation architect was Smelek Design; the contractor was Ryangolf Corp.

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# Models under way in Maples Ridge at Ave Maria

Construction has begun on eight model homes by CC Devco in the new neighborhood of Maple Ridge at Ave Maria. Ranging from 1,935 square feet to 4,032 square feet, the homes are:



The Almanor



The Duval

- The single-story Almanor, with three bedrooms, 2½ baths and priced from \$197,990.
- The single-story Bristol, with three bedrooms, three baths and priced from \$225,990.
- The two-story Caples, with three bedroom, three baths and priced from \$253,990.
- The two-story Danby, with four bedrooms plus a loft, three baths and

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- The Almaden, a single-story design with four bedrooms, three baths beginning at \$256,990.
- The Briones, a single-story design with four bedrooms, three baths and priced from \$277,990.
- The Chesbro, a single-story home with four bedrooms, 2½ baths and a

- base price of \$296,990.
  - The two-story Duval, with bedrooms, 4 ½ baths and a base price of \$324,990.
- The sales center at Maple Ridge at Ave Maria is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call 300-5153 or visit [www.mapleridgefl.com](http://www.mapleridgefl.com). ■

## Naples company wins contract for Wyndham Grand in Jupiter

Naples-based Lubner Group and Clive Daniel Home have been selected to provide furnishings for a new Wyndham Grand Hotel under construction in Jupiter. The hotel will be a focal point of Harbourside Place, a 300,000-square-foot mixed-use waterfront complex with an overall development cost of \$144 million.



Architect's rendering of the Wyndham Grand Hotel Jupiter Beach

suites, the property will have feature a banquet facility, pool deck, meeting rooms, spa and fitness center. The project is scheduled for completion by the summer of 2014. Harbourside Place will include 60,000 square feet of retail shopping within three buildings. Seven restaurants, a 600-seat amphitheater for entertainment and public uses, a cultural center and parking garages are included in the plan. A main attraction for the 10-acre property will be a promenade overlooking 22 leased and nine public boat slips. ■

Daniel Lubner, president and CEO of the Lubner Group and Clive Daniel Home, says his companies will purchase and install total Wyndham Grand Hotel Jupiter Beach at Harbourside Place. In addition to luxury interiors for the six-story, 179-room



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Construction is progressing on the expansion and improvements to Rattlesnake Hammock Road at the intersection of Collier Boulevard at Hacienda Lakes, a 2,262-acre development east of Naples. The work includes improvements at the intersection as well as the expansion of Rattlesnake Hammock Road to four lanes east of Collier Boulevard.

Pilings have been set for a new bridge across Henderson Creek Canal, and a directional box has been installed to replace the water main under the bridge. The final step of this portion of the project will be the construction of a signature feature to define the entry to Hacienda Lakes.

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Lakes will include 443 villas and single-family homes surrounded by 30 acres of lakes and conservation areas. Construction of the first phase of the Taylor Morrison development will begin soon; models will open in early 2014.

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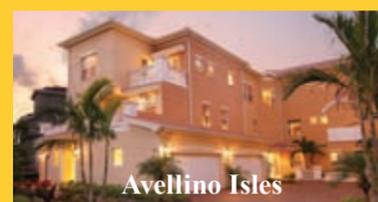
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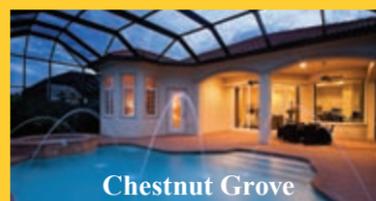
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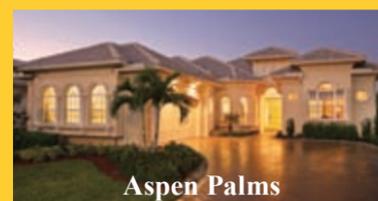
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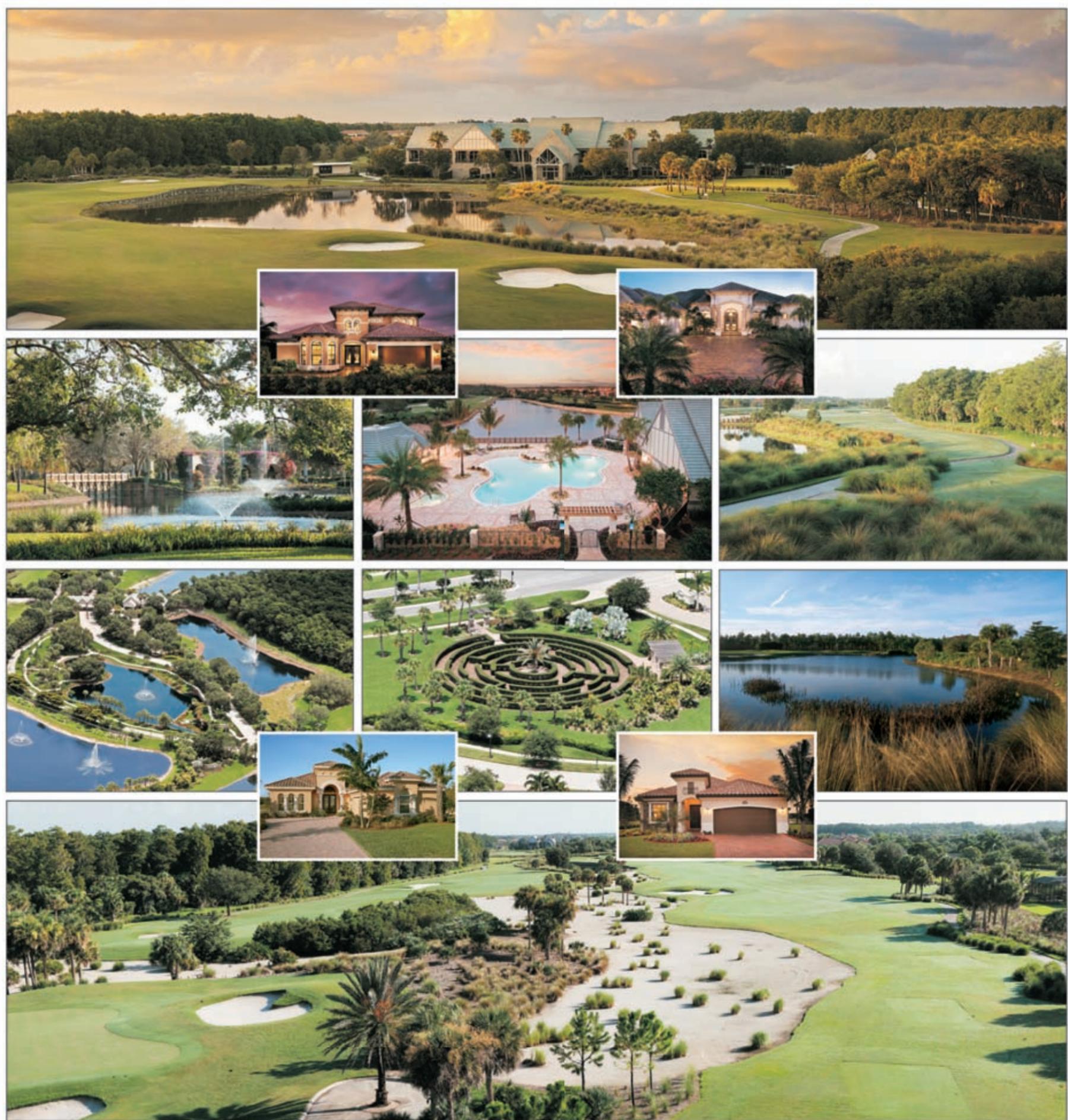
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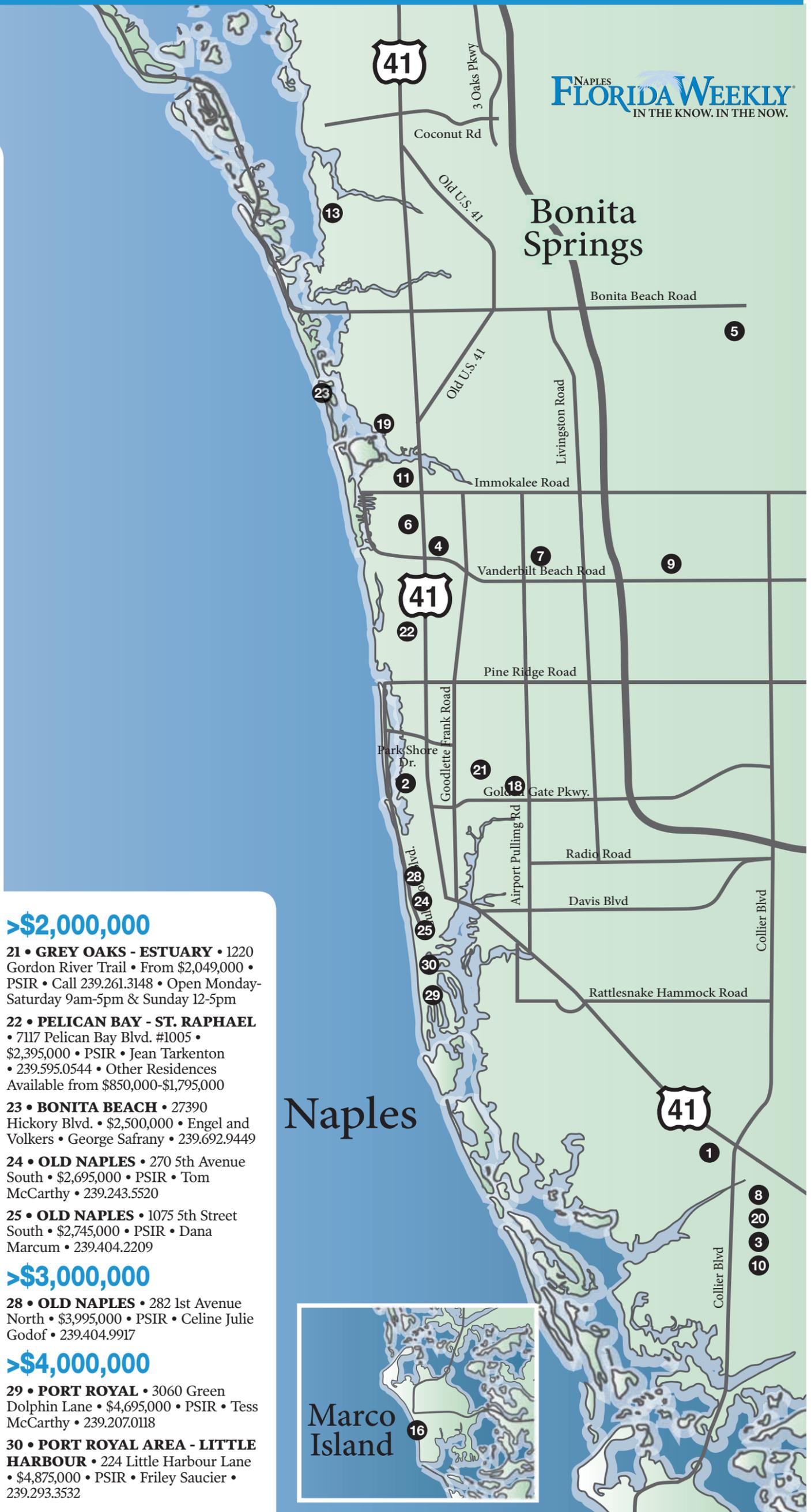
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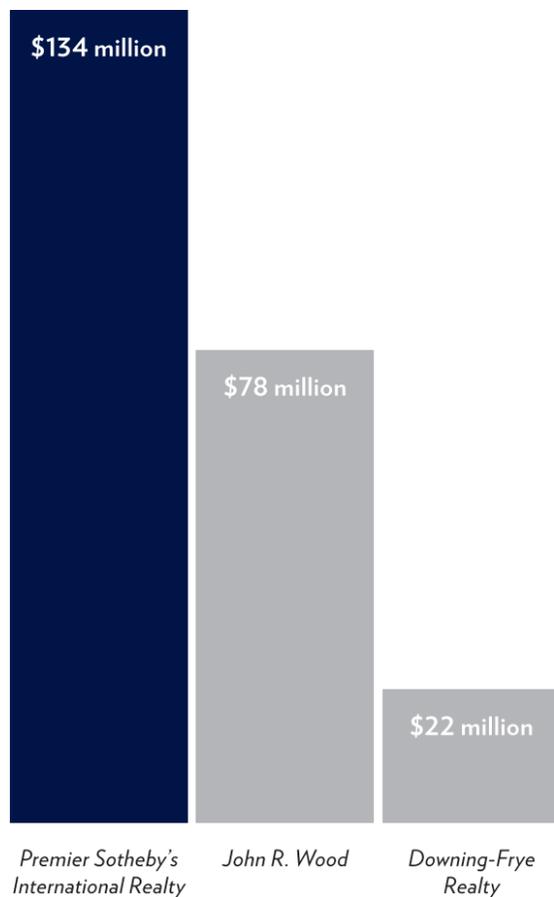


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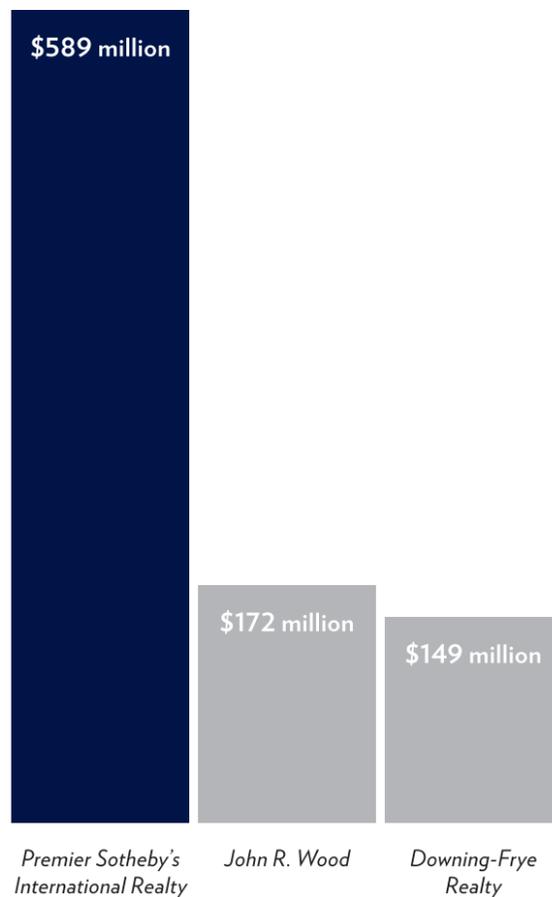
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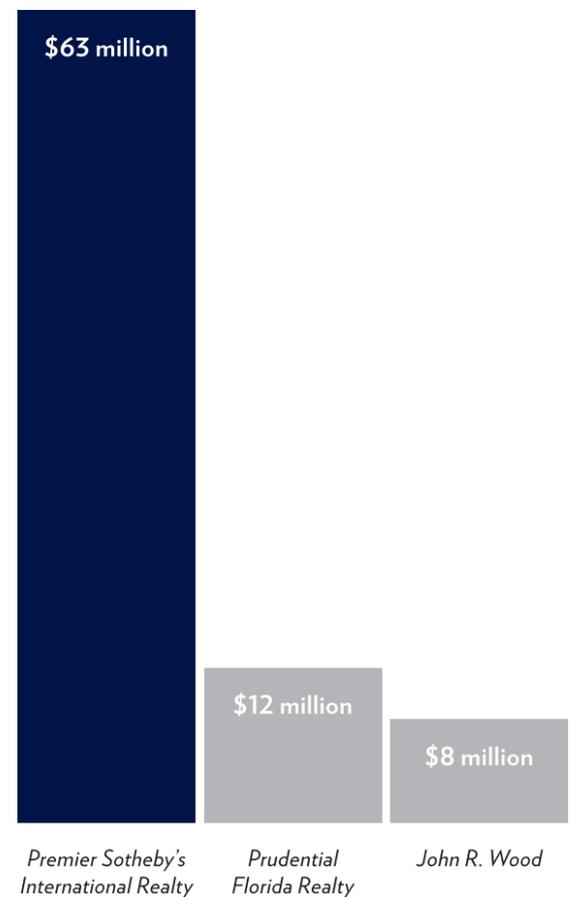
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# ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

WEEK OF AUGUST 15-21, 2013

A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SCENE

## deconstructing STUFF

Toronto photographer  
Todd McLellan  
disassembles objects in  
'Things Come Apart'



BY NANCY STETSON

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**T**ODD McLELLAN LIKES TO TAKE things apart.

The first time, he was around 5.

He wanted to know what the interior of his small toy car looked like.

So he took a hammer to it.

"The gist of it was getting into the interior part of the car," he says. "I didn't care what it looked like (afterwards)."

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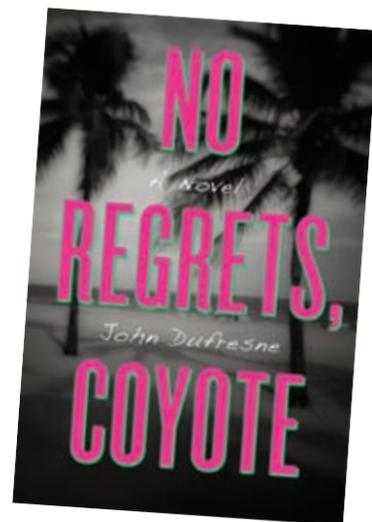
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Antiques expert Terry Kovel says feet have long been the object of collectors' obsessions. C16 ▶

## WRITING CHALLENGE

### Annual contest off to a strong start

The *Florida Weekly* Writing Challenge started only a week ago, but entries are already piling into our inbox. If this week's selection — "Forgiveness" by Marco Island resident Nancy Reges Murvine — is any indication, the competition will be fierce this year. Send in your own story and perhaps we'll be sharing it with our readers in the weeks to come.

Using the photo seen on page C18 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 e-mail until Saturday, Aug. 24. E-mail them to writing@floridaweekly.com and we will print the best submissions on these very pages. No "snail mail" copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission. Feel

free to include a headshot of yourself. The earlier we receive your submission, the better your shot at being printed.

We'll continue with various heats of the competition in the coming months. Two winners selected by our editorial staff will win a ticket each to the eighth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference in November. Thanks for writing and good luck. ■

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## A mystery solved, but much too late



It's funny how often ideas come to us — the answer to a riddle we've been puzzling, the missing clue to a mystery we've been trying to solve—only after it's too late. The answer arrives just as we're drifting off to sleep, long after the moment to do anything about it has passed. Still we grab at the idea that eluded us, this gift come too late.

In my final week in France, where I spent the summer, I attended a concert with a man I'd been torn about my entire stay. He was older than I am, handsome, and charming. He had sophisticated tastes and a kind, gentle manner. He was the sort of man whom, in other circumstances, I might have loved. But he was in the middle of what he himself called a "midlife crisis," and I watched as he worked to tear down the life he had spent the better part of his years building: a good marriage, a successful career—all the markers of suc-

cess most of us covet.

"I know," he would say guiltily, "I have been a lucky man."

I wanted no part in the demolition or the wreckage I knew would follow.

The concert was set in the center of the old city on a stage in the middle of castle walls. The scene glittered with an ephemeral beauty as a Spanish singer took the stage. My date and I sat side by side, impossibly chaste, as her rich, melancholy voice soared above the ramparts. The sad, lonely chords of the music seeped into my bones, and I wondered if it was affecting him too. I thought about reaching over and taking his hand, but then I stopped myself. What would that accomplish? Nothing good, I reasoned, so I sat with both hands firmly in my lap.

The first performance ended and there was a brief intermission. I got up to find the bathroom and by the time I came back the lights had dimmed for the second act. Beside me, the mood had changed. Whereas before our knees pointed toward one another so that we sat leaning slightly together, my date had turned so that his back was to me. A chill, heavy as fog, had rolled in.

Afterward, we spent most of the ride back to the village in silence.

He said something briefly, angrily, about me abandoning him at the concert but it felt disingenuous, not the true reason for the sudden coldness between us. He drove without speaking and I sat in silence, trying to figure out where the night had turned.

And like that, the summer ended. I saw him little our last days together, and when I did he was cordial but distant. I couldn't help but think I had done something wrong.

It's only now, back home in Florida, that I see what it was. The answer came to me as I was falling asleep one night, still jet-lagged, still running the summer through my mind. It was so obvious that I wonder now, from here, how I ever could have missed it. I should have taken his hand. ■



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# APART

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"I got into a bit of trouble for it," he admits.

The next time, he was 11 or 12.

He was intrigued by the stereo unit his parents had brought home.

"I took it apart, the shell of it, to look at the insides," he says. "I didn't take it apart completely."

As an adult, Mr. McLellan continues to take apart things, only now, he completely disassembles them down to the very last bolt, screw and pin. The objects have become more advanced, too, as sophisticated as a laptop and as complex as an upright piano.

In 2009, he began photographing the disassembled objects.

"I wanted to do a standard photo of (a black rotary phone)," he says, "a still-life on a background, of the object complete, intact."

But, despite his skill as a commercial photographer, he found the results "boring."

Instead, he says, he thought "it might be neat to see it as an assembly diagram, IKEA-like. You know, when you order pieces or parts for things? They call them assembly diagrams, a parts schematic of the object: number one, two, three... They number all the parts and pieces, and if you want to repair something, you'd order part 35."

So, following his obsession to delve into the guts of objects, the Toronto-based photographer disassembled the phone, then took two different shots of it.

One shows all the components artfully composed, the other captures the phone pieces in free fall.

"I intended for it to be a pair," he says. "A phone neatly disassembled, and one flying through the air. One is an organized layout, with form and structure; the other is completely the opposite. I'm setting the parts free, and they're falling."

The latter photographs were done using a high-power flash strobe and Photoshop.

The flash is "a quick pop, a nanosecond," he says. "I organize it, in a few different levels, foreground, mid-ground and background, and compose it together afterwards. I drop it in the air, and as it's falling, I capture it."

He experimented with 14 different objects.

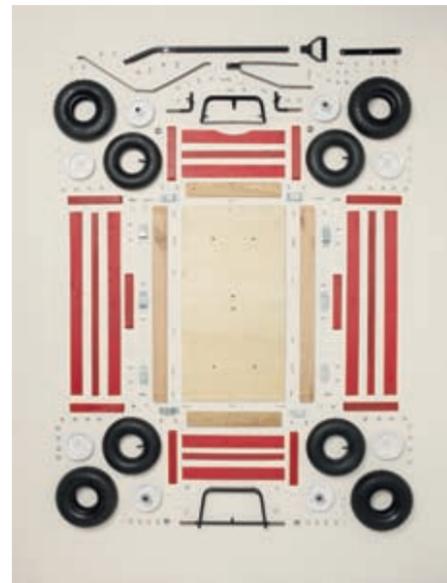
Then for the past year and a half, he took apart 50 different objects and took photographs of them. Those photos can now be seen in his recently released book, "Things Come Apart: A Teardown Manual for Modern Living," (\$29.95, Thames & Hudson)

Wired.com called the book "a geeky adoration of design, disassembly, and tinkering. The photos are enjoyable as pure eye candy, but they also illustrate the history of modern manufacturing."

The book is organized by the size of the object disassembled. It starts with "Small Things," where Mr. McLellan has taken apart things such as a mechanical pencil, a Swiss Army knife, a digital watch, a smartphone and an iPad. Medium-sized objects include, among other things, a record player, a blender, a toaster, a laptop, a mantel clock and the above-mentioned rotary telephone. Then there are the large items, such as an accordion, a sewing machine, a chainsaw, an espresso machine, a microwave oven and a snowblower.

Mr. McLellan wasn't afraid to tackle extra-large objects either.

The book contains photos of three: a bicycle, an upright piano and a two-seater light aircraft.



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The Zenith CH 650 aircraft was the only object he didn't take apart himself. Doing so would've taken two or three months and cost approximately \$30,000, he says. So instead of disassembling one himself, he went to the manufacturer, in Mexico, Mo., and laid out the kit pieces in an airplane hanger.

The objects he's shot range from older-designed items, such as a child's wagon, an accordion and a wind-up clock, to more modern items such as a laptop and a digital watch.

He's fascinated with the mechanics of the things.

With the older objects, you can see the cause-and-effect, what happens when you push a button.

"With the digital objects," he says, "it's more about design, and how they worked all of those pieces into one unit."

Some objects that he thought wouldn't be that complicated surprised him.

"The typewriter is a good example," he says. "It's an interesting object; you can see all the mechanics. But I had no idea how many levers there actually were until I started to lay it out."

Limited edition prints of his type-

writer photos were so popular they sold out.

"The typewriter is involved in a lot of industries, in everyone's life," he says. "Everyone has a story about using typewriters. People have told me quite a few stories about their grandfather or father working with a typewriter. There are always memories related to that."

He was drawn to disassembling an accordion because of his own memories of them. On weekends when his family would get together, his dad and aunt would play the accordion while one uncle played the banjo and another the guitar.

"It's an iconic musical instrument," Mr. McLellan says. "It hasn't changed in years. I got (mine) from a repair shop in Toronto. They still repair them the way they did years ago."

In May, the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago held an exhibition of 30 of his prints. He also had four displays, re-creating his layouts of a chainsaw, a wind-up clock, a telephone and a lawnmower.

More recently, he spent a few days at the Exploratorium in San Francisco, where he took things apart and

explained their inner workings. People could stand right next to him and disassemble objects alongside him.

He acquires most of his objects from second-hand stores and salvage places, he says.

"It's very methodical, the way I take (an object) apart," he says. "I'm very much a part of the entire process, from taking it apart all the way to laying it out. If I don't take it apart, I don't understand how to lay it out in a way that makes sense to how the object works."

For example, he says, when taking apart a camera, he doesn't want the eye piece to be next to the lens, because that's not how it's situated on the camera.

Although he organizes by function, he's also aware of the need to create an aesthetically pleasing layout, and rearranges the pieces, moving them around until he's happy with the result.

"It's a 3-D object on a 2-D plane," he says.

Fifty objects and 21,959 components later, Mr. McLellan is still disassembling objects.

For him, every day is like Christmas Eve in reverse. ■

# AUDITION CALLS

## TheatreZone has roles to fill

Auditions for roles in productions of TheatreZone's ninth season will be held Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 14-15. So far, more than 100 professional actors are scheduled to travel from around the country in hopes of landing one or more of 50 available roles. Appointments are still available.

"Because Actors Equity Association actors can only work in AEA theaters, actors must travel frequently to find work," Mark Danni, TheatreZone founding artistic director, explains. National exposure through the acting community's trade magazines and papers in key theater locations such as New York City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Chicago and cities in Canada has helped attract actors to TheatreZone tryouts.

Actors are asked to prepare 32 bars

of a song and a contrasting selection. An accompanist will be provided, but actors must bring their own sheet music and be prepared to dance. Sides (copy dialogue Mr. Danni has chosen from the scripts) are posted at [www.theatrezone-florida.com](http://www.theatrezone-florida.com).

Local actors who would like to audition can make an appointment by e-mailing Mr. Danni at [markdanni@theatrezone-florida.com](mailto:markdanni@theatrezone-florida.com) (preferred) or by calling 449-2323.

AEA members without appointments will be seen throughout the audition days as time permits.

TheatreZone's ninth season opens in January with Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Whistle Down the Wind" and continues with "High Society," "Chess" and "Forever Plaid." ■

## Philharmonic Chorus needs voices

Singers 18 years and older are invited to try out for the Naples Philharmonic Chorus. Auditions for the 2013-14 season will be held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesdays, Sept. 3, 10, 17 and 24, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Appointments are required and can be scheduled by calling 592-5398.

Singers should prepare a piece of their choosing no longer than two minutes that showcases their vocal talents. Applicants will be asked to match pitch, sight-read and take a short music theory assessment.

Founded in 1991, the volunteer chorus

is made up of singers of all ages and backgrounds. Under the direction of James Cochran, the group participates in pops and classical concerts each season alongside the Naples Philharmonic.

The chorus rehearses from 7-9 p.m. every Tuesday. Performances for the 2013-14 season are as follows:

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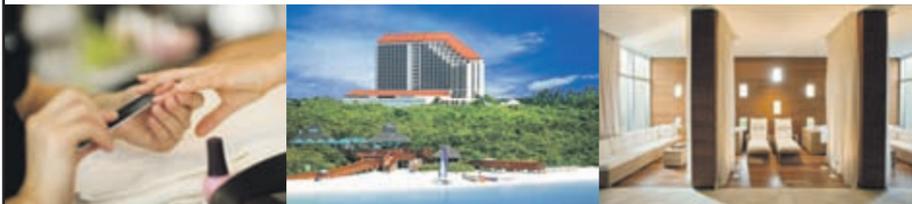
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# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

## Theater

■ **New Works Festival** – Gulfshore Playhouse presents staged readings of three plays Aug. 16-17 at The Norris Center. \$15-\$35. (866) 811-4111 or [www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org](http://www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org). See story on page C15.

■ **Red Herring** – A comedy by Michael Hollinger presented by Theatre Conspiracy through Aug. 24 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or [info@theatreconspiracy.org](mailto:info@theatreconspiracy.org). See review on page C8.

■ **The House of Yes** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida through Aug. 24. 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or [www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com](http://www.laboratorytheaterflorida.com).

## Thursday, Aug. 15

■ **Garden Tips** – Master Gardener Mike Malloy welcomes questions about plant identification and problems and offers landscaping advice from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-1351 or [www.naples-garden.org](http://www.naples-garden.org).

■ **Classic Western** – Catch a free screening of “My Pal Trigger” (1946), starring Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Gabby Hayes, at 1 p.m. at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Thursday on Third** – Felix Jiles performs live tunes from 6-9 p.m. at Fleischmann Plaza on Third Street South. [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

■ **Wine Art** – The Naples Art Association presents “Wine and Dezzine” from 6-9 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. Participants enjoy a wine tasting while creating their own works of art. \$50-\$75 includes art supplies and refreshments. 262-6517 or [www.naplesart.org](http://www.naplesart.org).

■ **A Stand-Up Guy** – Harland Williams takes the stage tonight through Aug. 18 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or [www.offthehookcomedy.com](http://www.offthehookcomedy.com).

## Friday, Aug. 16

■ **Piano Music** – Lynn Carol tickles the ivories from 6-9 p.m. in the lounge at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.



Southwest Florida singles can mingle and play the “Lock & Key” (ladies get a padlock and men get a key) to help break the ice from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 24 at Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar at Miromar Outlets. Admission is free, but pre-registration is encouraged. [www.lockandkeyevents.com](http://www.lockandkeyevents.com).

■ **Rock Out** – Konnie & Kirk perform from 6-9 p.m. by the pool at Jack’s River Bar. 475 North Road. 213-1441 or [www.floridamarinaclubs.com](http://www.floridamarinaclubs.com).

■ **Live Music** – Bill Beck performs from 7-10 p.m. at the Old Marco Pub & Restaurant. 1105 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 642-9700 or [www.oldmarcopub.com](http://www.oldmarcopub.com).

■ **More Music** – Jerry Pellegrino entertains from 8-11 p.m. at Café Luna. 467 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2212 or [www.cafelunanaples.com](http://www.cafelunanaples.com).

## Saturday, Aug. 17

■ **Fresh Produce** – The Third Street South Farmers Market takes place from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. [www.thirdstreetsouth.com](http://www.thirdstreetsouth.com).

■ **Beer & Baseball** – A craft beer festival featuring more than 30 brews takes place at Hammon Stadium in Fort Myers before and during the game against the Miracle and the Bradenton Marauders. Game time is 6:05 p.m. 768-4210.

■ **Two to Tango** – Alicia Repun leads a tango class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milongo for all levels until 11 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or [www.pablrepuntango.com](http://www.pablrepuntango.com).



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■ **Outdoor Entertainment** – The Boogiemens perform from 8-10 p.m. under the stars at Gulf Coast Town Center. Free. 267-0783 or [www.gulfcoast-towncenter.com](http://www.gulfcoast-towncenter.com).

## Sunday, Aug. 18

■ **Dog Days** – Naples Botanical Garden welcomes canines and their owners from 8-11 a.m. 4820 Bayshore Drive. 325-7275 or [www.naplesgarden.org](http://www.naplesgarden.org).

■ **Here Come the Brides** – The Naples Association of Wedding Planners hosts a bridal show from 1-5 p.m. at Germain Arena. [www.bridalblast.com](http://www.bridalblast.com).

■ **Flamenco Guitar** – El Gato Solea plays from 7-10 p.m. at Café Luna. 467 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2212 or [www.cafelunanaples.com](http://www.cafelunanaples.com).

## Monday, Aug. 19

■ **Classic Piano** – Maestro James Gburek performs at IberiaBank on Marco Island. The opening reception is from 6-7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7 p.m. Reservations required by Aug. 16. 605 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 403-5169.

■ **Don’t Miss It** – The Fort Myers Film Festival’s “Missed it Mondays” series continues with a screening of “Dislecksia: The Movie” beginning at 7 p.m. at the Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center. \$6. 2301 First St., Fort Myers. [www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com](http://www.fortmyersfilmfestival.com).

■ **All That Jazz** – Fred’s Food, Fun and Spirits hosts a jazz jam with Jebry and friends from 6-9 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or [www.freds-diner.com](http://www.freds-diner.com).

■ **Live Music** – Kerry West plays from 7-10 p.m. at Café Luna. 467 Fifth Ave. S. 213-2212 or [www.cafelunanaples.com](http://www.cafelunanaples.com).

## Tuesday, Aug. 20

■ **Cooking in Style** – Roy’s Naples presents a cooking class focusing on Hawaiian fusion cuisine beginning at 10 a.m. at Clive Daniel Home. \$32. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 213-7844 or [www.clive-daniel.com/eventsinstore](http://www.clive-daniel.com/eventsinstore).

■ **Classic Western** – Catch a free screening of “My Pal Trigger” starting at 1 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 642-1440 or [www.themihs.org](http://www.themihs.org).

■ **Live Tunes** – Mudbone takes the stage from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie’s. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or [www.weekendwillies.com](http://www.weekendwillies.com).

■ **Movie on the Lawn** – Mercato hosts a free screening of “Skyfall” (PG-13) beginning at 8:15 p.m. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

■ **Live Jam** – Kirk Mcfee performs at 11:30 p.m. at Vandy’s & 5 Brothers. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

## Wednesday, Aug. 21

■ **Local History** – The Collier County Museum presents “From Carnestown to Jerome: The Forgotten Ghost Towns of Collier County” at 2 p.m. Free. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Cook’s Corner** – The Good Life of Naples a cooking class featuring the flavors of New Orleans with Chef Kristina San Filippo from 6-8 p.m. \$60. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or [www.goodlifenasles.com](http://www.goodlifenasles.com).

■ **Live Music** – Bill Colletti and Sharon Vath perform from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7438.



Mercato hosts a free outdoor screening of “Skyfall” (PG-13) beginning at 8:15 p.m. Aug. 20. 254-1080 or [www.mercatoshops.com](http://www.mercatoshops.com).

## Coming up

■ **Burt & Me** – Aug. 22 – Oct. 5. at Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or [www.broadwaypalm.com](http://www.broadwaypalm.com).

■ **Movie Matinee** – Catch a free screening of “Meet John Doe” (1941), starring Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck at 1 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Birds of Prey** – Steve Mutart discusses “Shorebirds & Birds of Prey” at 2 p.m. Aug 22 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 642-1440 or [www.colliermuseums.com](http://www.colliermuseums.com).

■ **Let’s Rock** – The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples hosts a “Glowing” Back-2-School dance party for teens from 7-9 p.m. Aug. 24. \$10. 15080 Livingston Rd. 514-0084 or [www.cmon.org](http://www.cmon.org).

■ **Summer Jazz** – The Naples Beach Hotel presents the Vodkanauts as part of its SummerJazz concert series from 7-10 p.m. Aug. 24 on Watkins Lawn. Free.

# WHAT TO DO



Catch a free screening of "My Pal Trigger" (1946), starring Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Gaby Hayes, at 1 p.m. Aug. 15 at the Collier County Museum and at 1 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

851 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. 261-2222 or www.naplesbeachhotel.com.

■ **Live Tunes** - Quincy Mumford & The Reason Why perform at South Street Bar & Grill Aug. 25. 1410 Pine Ridge Rd. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

■ **Movie Night** - The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a

screening and discussion of "The Bothersome Man" at 7 p.m. Aug. 26. 26100 Old 41 Road. \$9. 495-8989 or www.art-centerbonita.org.

■ **Movie Matinee** - Catch a free screening of "Meet John Doe" starting at 1 p.m. Aug. 27 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 S. Heathwood Dr., Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.themih.org.

■ **More Movies** - Catch a free screening of "Topper Returns" (1941), starring Joan Blondell, Roland Young, Carole Landis at 1 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Collier County Museum. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Village Nights** - The Village on Venetian Bay hosts live entertainment from 5-8 p.m. Aug. 29. www.venetianvillage.com

■ **Jam Session** - The Sheffield Crew performs at 9:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at Vandy's & 5 Brothers. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 394-8767.

■ **Book Signing** - Author Randy Wayne White signs copies of his newest book, "Deceived," at 3 p.m. Sept. 3 at Sunshine Booksellers. 677 S. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 393-0353 or www.sunshinebooksellers.com. ■

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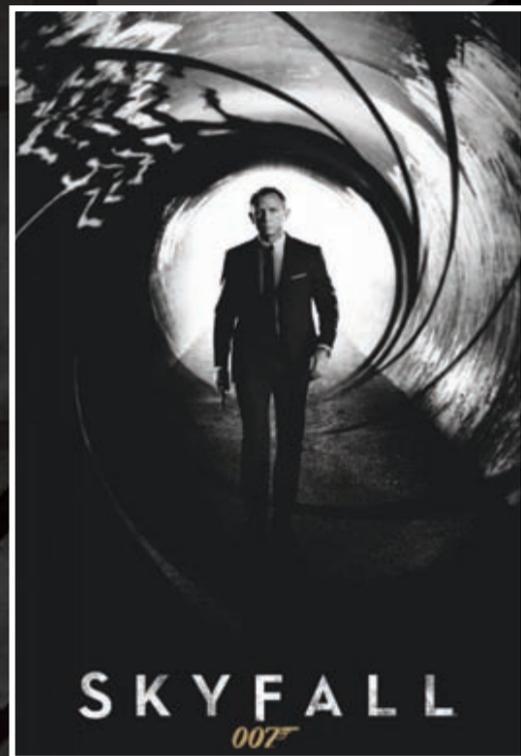
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# ARTS COMMENTARY

## A red herring play about spies, Russians and love



“Red Herring,” a light-hearted spoof now at Theatre Conspiracy (through Aug. 24), is chock-full of spies, secret codes, G-men, and yes, herrings, both real ones and red ones.

It's part thriller, part spy story and 100 percent comedy.

There are code names, mistaken identities and secret identities.

But it's the play itself that pulls off the ultimate disguise: despite all the cloak-and-dagger, it's really about marriage and the nature of romantic relationships.

Though “Red Herring” does have a scene with a sheet-covered corpse, it's more about live people underneath the sheets together.

It offers some great Dear Abby-like advice (“Never marry a man who makes you cry”) as well as many, many humorous lines, including this gem, spoken by a man to his fiancé: “I want you to be my wife so we won't ever argue again.”

We're presented with three different couples: a naïve, young twosome who've just become engaged, a couple in their 30s who have been knocked around by life and love, and a more mature couple.

The play opens with Frank (a lanky and laconic Mike Breen) and Maggie (Katie Pankow), two FBI agents in love with each other. Their snappy, post-sex banter is whip smart, and sounds as if it's come off the pages of a pulp detective novel. (Both Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler get shout-outs during the play, by the way.)

Mr. Breen plays Frank as the strong, silent type, while Ms. Pankow's Maggie is confident and knows how to take care of herself. She has a breezy way about her, and the ability to toss off lines like a diva shrugging off a mink.

When a medical examiner, a big supporter of Eisenhower for president, expresses his delight that she “likes Ike,” she retorts: “I like Ike, I love Lucy and I'm wild about Harry.” It's this type of dialogue — loopy, yet full of cultural references — that makes this play so enjoyable.

The second couple, in their 20s, are Lynn McCarthy (Erica Wagner), who just happens to be Sen. Joe McCarthy's daughter, and her fiancé James (Steven Coe) who just happens to be... well, spying for Russia. James is so gawky and awkward, you wonder how he ever became a spy. How he came to love the daughter of a man who



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Steven Coe, Scott Thomson and Mike Breen in “Red Herring.”

made a career out of hating “Commies” is never explained either, but he's so in love and eager he's like a puppy dog.

Ms. Wagner's Lynn is a blonde airhead, and when you meet her mother (a delightfully clueless Lauren Drexler), you understand why. Ms. Drexler, as Mrs. McCarthy, takes obliviousness to a whole new level.

One of Mr. Coe's and Ms. Wagner's best moments comes when they have a long distance conversation. Their dialogue lurches and stops and starts as they attempt to talk to each other while not really hearing what the other is saying. Their miscommunication is due to a bad phone connection, but it's a perfect metaphor for the misunderstandings that happen in relationships. It's a funny moment, yet also moving and somewhat wistful.

Like most of the others in this six-person play, Ms. Drexler also plays other roles, including Mrs. Kravitz, a cranky landlady in love with Russian spy/fisherman Andrei (Scott Thompson). But she's perhaps funniest in her role as the snooty owner of a wedding dress shop who beckons her current husband (a meek and Pavlovian Mr. Thompson) by ringing a bell.

Costume designer Diana Waldier helps differentiate the characters not only with clothing but realistic-looking wigs (though on opening night, one actor had his wig hanging out of the back of his pants like a

bushy squirrel tail.)

Director Rachael Endrizzi does a fine job with this, especially with the incidental music that plays between the scenes: slinky, saxophone music and other tunes (classic spy themes and thriller music) that add an atmosphere of suspense and camp. The stage crew bustles about in the darkness, like thieves... or spies... carrying props on and off the stage.

The set (by Bill Taylor) takes a little getting used to. It's a fishing dock with multiple piers, nets and a billboard for kippers (“Put a fish in your pocket!!!”) with the piers doubling as beds, autopsy tables and an airport terminal. The set is wonderful, but so big it threatens to overwhelm some of the indoor scenes.

The actors attack their roles enthusiastically, but the opening night's performance seemed a little rough around the edges at times. It sometimes missed that elusive ingredient that would spice it up and make it not just great, but spectacular.

Some of the jokes (such as a sight gag involving handcuffs) didn't get the laughs they could've. And on occasion, the timing seemed off.

The playwright, Michael Hollinger, also wrote “Opus,” about a string quartet, which played a few seasons ago at the Florida Repertory Theatre. This could not be more different in tone or subject matter.

Mr. Hollinger's comedy arsenal is not only full, but varied. “Red Herring” contains word play, slapstick, parody, physical comedy, situational comedy and a generous amount of extremely funny lines. There's even a scene where a clerk runs through a list of names starting with “k,” proving the adage that words that have a “k” sound are just funny.

Mr. Breen has a great secondary role as a flummoxed priest, and Mr. Thompson does some fine acting as a drunken Russian.

There's not much happening in Southwest Florida during the summer, but that's not why you should go and see “Red Herring.”

You should see it because it's clever and fun and just sheer rib-ticklingly ridiculous. ■

### in the know

#### ‘Red Herring’

- >> **When:** Through Aug. 24
- >> **Where:** Theatre Conspiracy  
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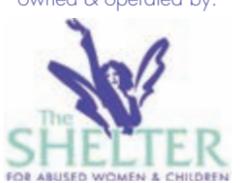
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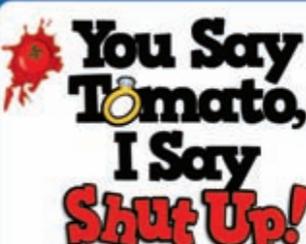
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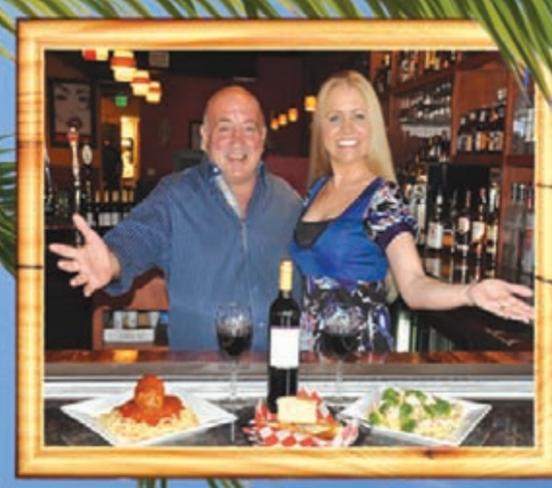


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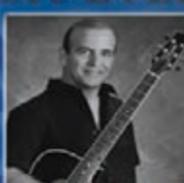
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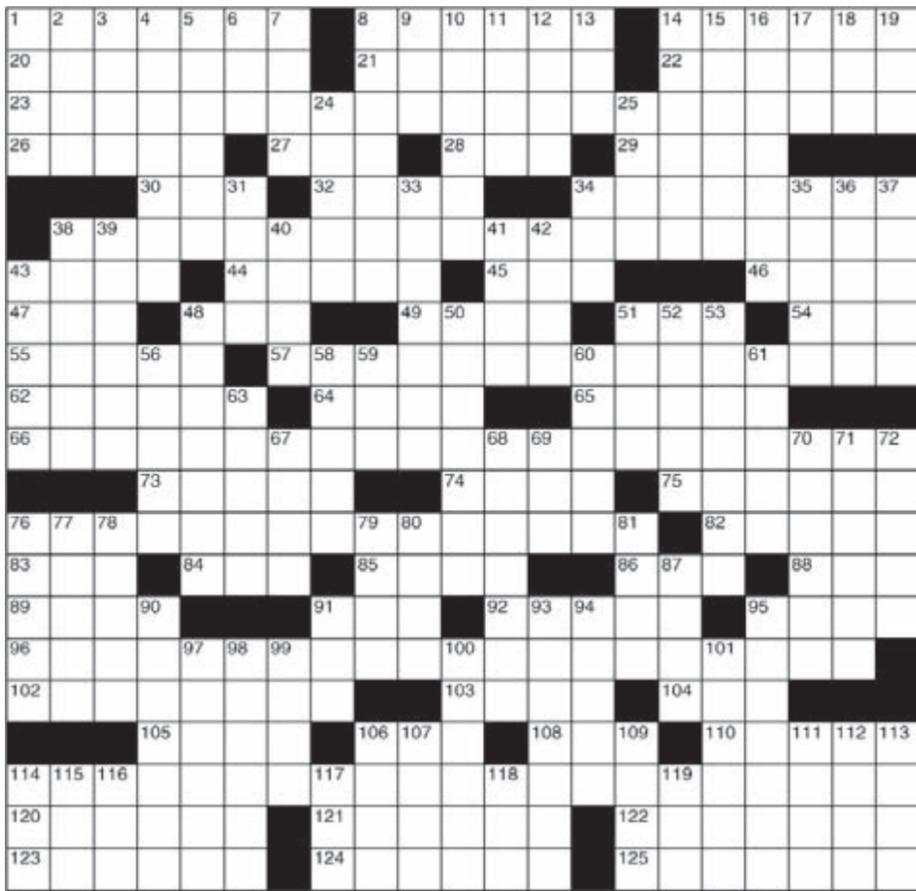





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  - 23 Really big souvenir given to a trick-or-treater?
  - 26 Throat-infecting bug
  - 27 Nada
  - 28 Lion tail?
  - 29 Great Plains natives
  - 30 Sit in (for)
  - 32 Dawber and Anderson
  - 34 Tapioca-yielding plants
  - 38 Connected group of a World War II general's combat units?
  - 43 Sainly
  - 44 Actor Sam
  - 45 Sweetie pie
  - 46 Father deer
  - 47 Viper type
  - 48 The Gem State; Abbr.
  - 49 "... hear — drop"
  - 51 Partner of to
  - 54 In a funk
  - 55 Tail ends
  - 57 Mentally ill
  - 62 Theater tickets, informally
  - 64 City in Texas
  - 65 Lauder of perfumery
  - 66 Go uninvited to a night-club show in an Asian ethnic district?
  - 73 Love, in Dijon
  - 74 Memorial bio
  - 75 Idyllic place
  - 76 Hogtie an old Roman fighter?
  - 82 Allow to enter
  - 83 Hoppy brew
  - 84 Understand
  - 85 Angel player Cheryl
  - 86 Be sickly
  - 88 Agcy. that helps mom-and-pops
  - 89 Paws, e.g.
  - 91 "Well, let me think ..."
  - 92 "Where do —?" ("It's a deal!")
  - 95 Sanders and Klirk; Abbr.
  - 96 Vast sand hill in Central Park?
  - 102 Screenplay it up?
  - 103 Moby Dick's adversary
  - 104 Itty-bitty drink
  - 105 Sand
  - 106 Palme — (film award)
  - 108 Put tears in
  - 110 Clean a spill
  - 114 A heptad of mischievous sprites turned laterally?
  - 120 Charlotte — (capital of the Virgin Islands)
  - 121 Rocker Ric of the Cars
  - 122 Fiji is in it
  - 123 Hot winter drinks
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  - 125 Football great Tony
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- 1 Smyrna fruits
  - 2 Beginning ltr.
  - 3 — -Pei (dog breed)
  - 4 Truthfulness
  - 5 Part of I/O
  - 6 Suffix with Brit or Turk
  - 7 Slope
  - 8 Like juicy biographies
  - 9 From — B
  - 10 Most crude
  - 11 Bullring yells
  - 12 1-1 and 7-7
  - 13 — Juan
  - 14 Fly of Kenya
  - 15 As many as
  - 16 Park fixtures
  - 17 South end?
  - 18 Pensioned: Abbr.
  - 19 — Canals
  - 24 Painter Fra Filippo —
  - 25 Lament
  - 31 Stock's kin
  - 33 Asia's Strait of —
  - 34 "John King, USA" ailer
  - 35 "Presto!" kin
  - 36 —> or <—
  - 37 Makes slant
  - 38 Phony type
  - 39 Llama cousin
  - 40 Kind of tide
  - 41 Lima's home
  - 42 A wife of Chaplin
  - 43 One of two in "crocus"
  - 48 Connecting land strip
  - 50 Driver's license, e.g.
  - 51 Pert. to finances
  - 52 Levy again
  - 53 Yellow pool rack item
  - 56 Tabulae — (blank slates)
  - 58 Whirlpool
  - 59 TV chef who "can cook"
  - 60 Relative of largo
  - 61 Astrologer Dixon
  - 63 Listerine rival
  - 67 Immense
  - 68 Bible book after Amos
  - 69 Quipster
  - 70 Expos by finking
  - 71 Fit for eating
  - 72 Food fishes
  - 76 Flat floaters
  - 77 — acid (fat compound)
  - 78 Golfer Calvin
  - 79 Mrs. Alfred Hitchcock
  - 80 — with faint praise
  - 81 Sitar piece
  - 87 Taverns
  - 90 Citrus fruit
  - 91 MDs' group
  - 93 "— & Hutch"
  - 94 Hit — (really go places)
  - 95 Small domes
  - 97 C.S. Lewis' magical land
  - 98 Often-purple flowers
  - 99 — Field (Mets' stadium)
  - 100 Annoy a lot
  - 101 Light-varying switch
  - 106 Old art style
  - 107 Man — bird!
  - 109 Urge on
  - 111 Long deeply
  - 112 The "U" of CPU or BTU
  - 113 H.S. junior's exam
  - 114 Little pouch
  - 115 Screwball comic Phillips
  - 116 Hoover or Dyson, for short
  - 117 Homer Simpson cry
  - 118 "— haw!"
  - 119 — friendly (green)

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

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## HOROSCOPES

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** A shift in workplace management could be helpful for talented Leos and Leonas who have been waiting to have their accomplishments rewarded by receptive leadership.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A misunderstanding between you and someone you care for should be corrected immediately. This relationship is too important to lose over a bruised ego.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A welcome piece of good news helps clear the air in a family situation. A job-related incident also eases as more information provides a clearer focus on the problem.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** Quick action to heal bruised feelings pays off in a big way. Now you'll be able to move forward with your plans without that problem holding you back.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Your creativity combined with a positive attitude should give you a considerable edge in finding a way to get around the negativity you've run into.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** That sudden streak of stubbornness could cause some problems. Try to be more open to helpful suggestions and more flexible in making needed changes.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Now that that special relationship

appears to be well and truly restored, you can spend more time dealing with those long-needed workplace changes.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A new opportunity sounds promising. But watch out for any conditions that might be attached. Before making a decision, ask that each one be explained in detail.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your honesty might upset some people, but you inevitably win more admirers for having the courage to tell the truth when others are more likely to scramble for cover.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your efforts to defend your project begin to show favorable results. You should soon be able to win over even the most determined detractors who had lined up against it.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You win praise for your selfless efforts in a very difficult situation. But be careful not to allow your generous nature to be exploited by those who have their own agenda.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** A trusted colleague sheds light on a recent spate of puzzling workplace situations. This should give you the information you need to bring to your superior's attention.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You can be distracted by promises of good times, yet you ultimately reach the goals you set for yourself. ■

By Linda Thistle

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# LATEST FILMS

## 'We're The Millers'



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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Think of your favorite perfect television family. There are plenty to choose from. Now imagine that the family led a double life as drug smugglers, moving dope across the border and evading authorities while scoring big paydays to give their lives a bit of excitement.

Hard as it may be to envision the Huxtables ("The Cosby Show") or Seavers ("Growing Pains") pushing weed, it is an ideal and unsuspecting cover. It's so convincing, in fact, that in "We're The Millers" small-time drug dealer David (Jason Sudeikis) uses the "perfect family" façade after he's offered \$100,000 to bring back "a little bit" of weed from Mexico. The "little bit" turns out to be two tons, and that's not the only lie the scumbag and pet orca-having drug dealer Brad (Ed Helms) tells David.

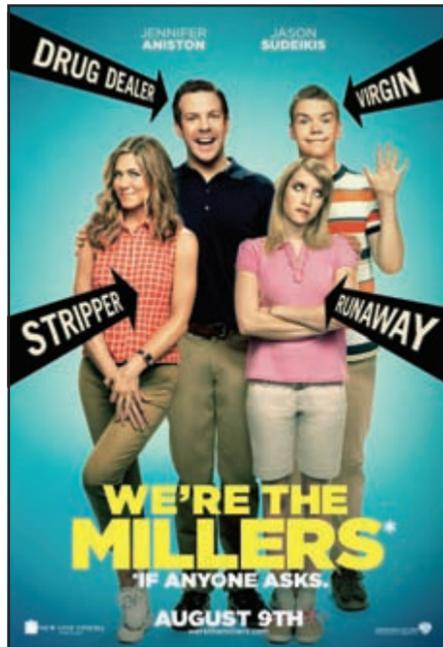
Still, David's biggest problem isn't the weed — it's that he doesn't have a family. So he recruits: Hated neighbor and stripper Rose (Jennifer Aniston) plays his wife, likable latchkey teenager Kenny (Will Poulter) agrees to be his son and homeless teen Casey (Emma Roberts) will be the daughter. David rents an RV, they all dress like a conservative suburban family and off to Mexico they go. Together, they are the Millers.

All is smooth with getting into Mexico and the pickup. It's the road home that's trouble. A cop (Luis Guzman) knows what they're up to and wants an unsavory favor in order to let them pass, a drug dealer (Tomer Sisley) is on their trail, and they happen to befriend a squeaky-clean family headed by an over-emotional mother (Kathryn Hahn) and DEA agent father (Nick Offerman).

Director Rawson Marshall Thurber ("Dodgeball") provides an upbeat, spirited vibe that's consistent with TV sitcoms even though the R-rated content is far more risqué. To wit, he hits many of the beats you expect, including easy jokes like Casey pouting (as kids are wont to do on a road trip) "this vacation sucks," David pulling over to yell at everyone, and David and Rose giving the fifth degree to the loser boy

(Mark L. Young) Casey brings home on a date. Because it's a given that this group of recluses will start acting like a real family, these predictable moments are understandable. Thankfully, they're often pretty amusing in and of themselves.

More importantly, the rest of the movie is flat-out *funny*. There's a weed baby named Lebron who meets an unfortunate demise. Mr. Sudeikis has great one-liners throughout, particularly when he gets the idea for the "perfect family" routine and later as they enter the drug dealer's Mexican compound. Mr. Offerman and Ms. Hahn are great at making awkward sexual moments amusing.



ing, Ms. Aniston is edgy/sexy/funny (as she was in "Horrible Bosses") and Mr. Poulter, an up-and-coming 20 year-old out of England, gets to do one thing that will make guys incredibly jealous and one thing that will make guys incredibly grateful they're not him. Such is the life of a young actor in this type of raunchy comedy.

If the type of humor, story or playful spirit aren't enough for you to give "We're The Millers" a shot, fair enough. But here are three words that might just convince you after all: Jennifer Aniston striptease. ■

in the know  
 >> Stay for the credit cookies, in which the cast and crew play a delightful prank on Ms. Aniston.

## CAPSULES

### Elysium ★★ ★

(Matt Damon, Jodie Foster, Diego Luna) In 2154, poor people live in the decrepit wasteland of Earth while the wealthy live on an idyllic spaceship oasis just outside Earth's atmosphere called "Elysium." Earth worker Max (Mr. Damon) needs to get to Elysium — where Earthlings are not allowed — or he'll die of radiation poisoning. The production design and visual effects look great and the story is intense throughout. Rated R.

### Planes ★ ★

(Voices of Dane Cook, Teri Hatch-

er, Stacy Keach) A crop-dusting plane named Dusty (Mr. Cook) gets to compete in a race around the world in this second-rate "Cars" spinoff. There are scattered amusing moments, but the movie consistently flutters when it needs to soar. Rated PG.

### Blue Jasmine ★★ ★

(Cate Blanchett, Alec Baldwin, Sally Hawkins) A down-on-her luck former New York socialite moves to San Francisco to live with her sister, but finds that things go from bad to worse. Writer/director Woody Allen gets fantastic performances from Ms. Blanchett and Ms. Hawkins. ■

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## FLORIDA WRITERS

### A new kind of sleuth joins the noir patrol



■ **“No Regrets, Coyote” by John Dufresne. W.W. Norton. 352 pages. Hardcover \$25.95.**

One reason I found so much to enjoy in this highly original version of Florida noir is that the author seems to have had a blast writing it. It’s as if he responded to the challenge, perhaps offered around the table at a writers’ retreat or watering hole, of placing “No Regrets, Coyote” (a phrase from a Joni Mitchell lyric) into a sentence and then writing a novel titled with the same phrase.



Dufresne

Mr. Dufresne’s novel is filled with the oddball names of its large cast of characters, outlandishly funny puns, all kinds of lists and friendly symbolism.

By naming his neighboring South Florida towns Eden and Melancholy, the author tells all we need to know about the dream and the reality of a material culture sleaze factory that one can, ironically, hold so dear. But he shows us much more.

Meet protagonist Wylie “Coyote” Melville. Wylie, who has a practice as a family and individual therapist, also does volunteer forensic consulting for the Eden Police Department. His special skill, as he puts it (he’s the narrator), is his ability to “read faces and furniture. I can look at a person, at his expressions, his gestures, his clothing, his home and his possessions, and tell you what he thinks, if not always what he is thinking.” Interesting disclaimer.

In his private practice, Wylie helps his clients “shape their lines into stories, so that the lives finally make some sense. A lack of narrative structure, as you know, will cause anxiety.” Who is Wylie, or Mr. Dufresne, talking to here? Other writers? Book reviewers? How much anxiety will he treat us to?

The case at hand seems to be a murder-suicide: “Five bodies, one weapon, one suspect, much blood,” says Detective Sergeant Carlos O’Brien as he summons Wylie over the phone — on Christmas Eve.

But Wylie is suspicious of the confession/suicide note typed by one Chafin R. Halliday.

The novel progresses with Wylie being able to do some investigating, though often roadblocks are set in his path. Just as often, his pursuit of the truth about this massacre is taken off track by the vagaries of his own life: episodes involving his family — especially his obnoxious sister Venise and his demented father; episodes involving a wide range of nutty friends and acquaintances; and episodes

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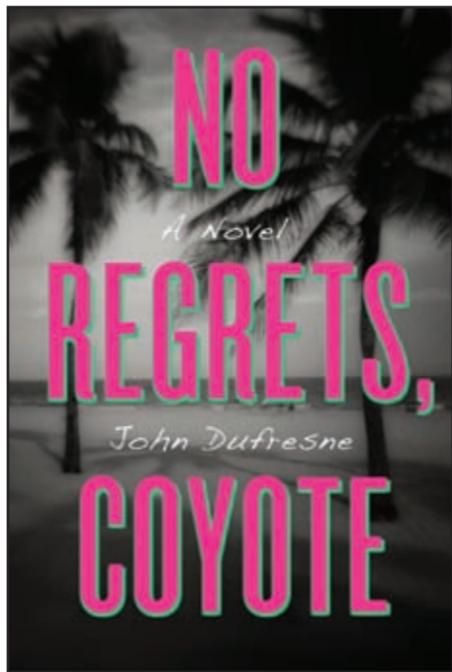
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involving his therapy practice. All provide opportunities for Mr. Dufresne to expand his dazzling portrait of the South Florida milieu.

Often enough, Wylie is in the company of his friend and frequent helper Bay Lettigue, a magician and gambler who has too many contacts in the Everglades County underworld. Bay is intriguing enough to be the central figure in a future novel, and not far behind is Perdita Curry, "a 50ish reporter with preposterously red hair" whose business card reads: "Perdita Curry — True-Crime Novels." By having Wylie innocently wonder if something could be factual and made-up at the same time, Mr. Dufresne offers one of many playful asides about the writing game.

What slowly comes into (partial) focus is a situation in which crime and its occasional punishment is managed by an interlocking directorate of power players and their underlings on both sides of the law. Wylie's primary adversary is Officer Shanks, who finds numerous ways to undermine Wylie's investigation and threaten his life. Wylie's supposed friend, Carlos, is never fully supportive (although it was Carlos himself who brought Wylie into the case).

Cops and criminals are all tangled up in webs of mutual self-interest, and the doings of the witness protection program, which plays a large role in this story, are ineffective or corrupted or both; it might as well be called the witness protection program.

The novel moves toward its resolution with a high-powered romp through Fairbanks and other parts of northern Alaska. What begins as a final attempt to resolve differences between Wylie and his dying father Myles becomes a dark farce in which the crescendo of violence surrounding Wylie gains the mechanical frenzy of a berserk pinball machine.

Bold wit, a fascinating sense of place, zany characters and provocative ambiguities regarding the meaning and possibility of justice make "No Regrets, Coyote" a powerful literary experience. For all the jokes and hijinks, it is no laughing matter. ■

— 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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■ "Point Last Seen" by Scott Organ - When two friends face the fact that one of them is about to be fired, the men and their wives reassess their lives. As the drama unfolds, it involves paint swatches, fertility, sex, infidelity and getting lost in the woods.

The staged reading for "Point Last Seen" takes place at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16.

■ "The Butcher" by Gwydion Suilebhan - Based on a real event, this play tells the tale of two strangers (a housewife and the butcher and sole proprietor of a Halal supermarket in suburban Virginia) who witness a peculiar and disturbing act of violence.

The staged reading of "The Butcher" is set for 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

■ "Out of Orbit" by Jennifer Maisel - When a teenage girl is diagnosed with a learning disability, it could provide the

answer to years of questions. The play follows the girl and her mother as they attempts to find themselves and each other in an increasingly disconnected and tenuous universe.

The staged reading of "Out of Orbit" is at 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17.

Tickets for the New Works Festival are \$15 for one reading, \$25 for two readings and \$35 for all three.



Single tickets and subscription packages are also on sale now for the 2013-14 season of professional productions by Gulfshore Playhouse. Starting in early October, the season consists of: "Venus in Fur" by David Ives; "Something Intangible" by Bruce Graham; "Jacob Marley's Christmas Carol," Tom Mula's new spin on the holiday classic; the world premiere of "The God Game" by Suzanne Bradbeer (in association with Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, N.Y.); "The Game's Afoot" by Ken Ludwig; and the classic "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller.

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## Feet a common object of collectors' obsessions



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A realistic replica of a full-size foot in a sandal seems like a strange choice of ornament for the average home. But feet and shoes have been popular ornaments for centuries. The foot of an ancient black man wearing a two-strap gold sandal was made by the modern artist Piero Fornasetti to be placed on a table in a modern house. The 3 1/2-by-9-inch foot is life-size. A 19th-century bronze candleholder was made in the shape of a foot in a sandal with an extended large toe topped by a cup to hold a candle. One 20th-century advertisement for a foot powder was a plaster replica of an oversized bare foot. A wooden bare foot, a little smaller than life-size, was carved by a 1920s folk artist as a gift for his podiatrist; it was to be used as a paperweight. A sleek modern bronze bare foot paired with a bronze hand was made by a 1970s Danish artist. Victorians seem to have preferred feet wearing shoes as ornaments. Some shoes were padded to be pincushions, and pressed glass shoes with no special use are easy to find at antiques shows. A podiatrist we know has a famous collection of shoe-shaped objects in his office — more than 100 items. Collecting by shape is just one way to organize a hobby. Most popu-

lar are cats, dogs, lady's heads, angels, buildings and, of course, hands and feet.

**Q:** We have four Hitchcock-style chairs made by the Boling Chair Co. of Siler City, N.C. We have been unable to find any information about this company. Can you help?

**A:** Boling Chair Co. started out in 1901 as Siler City Bending Co. One of the com-

**Q:** I have a solid-brass Batman belt buckle I think is from the 1940s. It's marked "National Periodical Publications, Inc." and has the number 0016 on the back. Can you tell me what year it was made?

**A:** Your Batman belt buckle was made in the early 1940s. National Periodical Publications published the first comic books that included original material, not reprints of comic strips. The company started out in 1934 as National Allied Publications. It has operated under various names, including Detective Comics and DC Comics. The company published the first Batman comic in 1939. Your Batman belt buckle probably is worth less than \$100.

**Q:** I have an antique grip machine that was used in my grandparents' tavern a century ago. The machine is red metal and works with a penny. It was manufactured by D. Gottlieb & Co. of Chicago. A bell rings when you get the meter so high. There is a chart on the front that has different ages and grip numbers for men and women. How much is it worth?

**A:** Your grip machine is not quite as old as you think. D. Gottlieb & Co. was founded by David Gottlieb in 1927. Originally the company made pinball machines. Gottlieb's countertop grip tester was first made in 1928. The machine tested grip and arm strength and was a money-maker for stores, taverns, barbershops and other retail businesses. Keys were needed to open up the back and get the money out. The grip tester was in and out of production until at



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least the late 1940s. Gottlieb made hundreds of different games. A couple of years ago, a D. Gottlieb & Co. grip tester with keys sold for \$480.

**Q:** Several years ago, I received a six-piece set of little antique crystal bowls and matching tiny shovels. The set probably dates from the late 19th or early 20th century. Each little bowl is about 2 inches tall and 4 inches in diameter. What were the bowls and shovels used for? And what is the set worth?

**A:** Your little bowls were used to hold salt. They're called "open salts," "standing salts" or "salt cellars." An open salt with a shovel-like spoon and a little pepper shaker were set next to each place-setting at the dining table. Instead of shaking salt, diners used the shovel to sprinkle salt on their food. Sets like yours don't sell for

high prices today. We have seen six-piece sets sell online for \$25 to \$50.

**Q:** Years ago I donated many valuable toys and games to various charities. Is there any way to get these sentimental items back?

**A:** Once things are given away, you can't get them back. Charities usually sell the items at resale shops and use the money to support their programs. Toys in good condition also may have been distributed to children in need. You could have taken a tax deduction for the value of the toys at the time you donated them, but now you can be happy that your donation helped the charities you chose.

**Tip:** When repairing antique jewelry, never eliminate any marks or inscrip-

tions. For example, when sizing a ring, keep the carat marks and hallmarks. If the shank can't be cut, use a ring guard instead. ■

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# WRITING CHALLENGE

## Forgiveness

BY NANCY REGES MURVINE

It can never happen again. The gate makes sure of that. The rusted barrier sits on the old wooden pier like a grandmother's gaudy dinner ring on an arthritic finger to be pried off only after death. And the pier is certainly on its last leg. One good blow of hurricane wind. Gone. Just like Tommy.

But none of this was Tommy's fault. The gate was erected years after the accident. The decay took more than five of Tommy's lifetimes to reach this threshold of extinction. The fault is all mine.

Donna was Tommy's new girlfriend. School had just begun but Tommy had decided that the age of 10 was the perfect time to learn about girls. I reminded him that I was a girl, but "that's different," he responded, and I guess he was right. We had grown up side by side on the bay waters of Islamorada, more like brother and sister than neighbors. We camped together on the beachy edges of each other's backyards. Inside lantern lit tents we made plans to become world famous Everglades guides. We plotted to sell our siblings to tourists. When he lost his first tooth, he helped yank mine out with a promise that it wouldn't hurt. It was the first promise he ever broke, but not the last.

Our fathers erected the pier together two summers before, in 1958. Tommy's dad had a dock building business, so the heavy, intricate work of the pilings was up to him. The hand-nailed deck boards were my father's labor of love. We used Tommy's wood-burning kit to furrow our names into the door of the little shelter at the pier's end. The kit was a birthday present that Tommy's mom told my mother in the secret whispers of women was "no gift for an eight year old." Our father's had simply warned, "If you burn it down, you rebuild it." Tommy taught me how to fish like a pro from that pier. I showed him how to do the American crawl out so far into the bay our lungs tired before our legs. We spit watermelon seeds into the night air and swung our legs over the edge until

we lost feeling down to our toes or were called home by a father's whistle. Just this summer we had pricked our fingers with the barbs on our fish hooks, twisted our bloody fingers together, and swore allegiance forever. That was the second promise he would break, and the last. Donna was the cause, but the guilt was mine alone.

Jealousy in a 10-year-old knows no bounds. Donna's hair flamed like sunset. Her accent I would learn later was a Boston brogue, but to us it was from some exotic land. Her freckles formed constellations across her blanched face. Everyone was in love with the new student. Especially Tommy. "Smitten" was his mother's word. "Goofy" was mine. So when we started hearing news of a monster hurricane named Donna turning westward in the southeastern Bahamas, I began my taunts. On the playground I shouted the newspaper headline, "Donna's a killer." Her face flushed bright red and tears flowed, and the teacher demanded I apologize. My insincerity coerced more tears. "Crybaby," I hissed as we headed home early to make preparations that would keep us out of school for the rest of the week.

By the next day, the square red flags with their black centers signaled the approaching hurricane that would set its bearing right over us. About half the families we knew were leaving, the gale force winds at their backs by noon on Friday, but we were staying. "It's just part of being a Florida Cracker," my father smiled, trying to assure my mother that staying was a perfectly sane option. Tommy's family remained undecided until my father suggested we all hunker down together in our house. Ours was a sturdy stilt house; and, as my father explained, three generations, including his 10-year-old self, had survived the labor day hurricane of '35 tucked safely inside. He was living proof we would be fine riding out the storm here and in a better position to begin cleaning up right away.

The windows shuttered out the real storm. We were left to imagine the wind and rain as we counted thuds against

the walls. All day Tommy moped about, wondering aloud if Donna's family would even come back. Dinner was cold cut sandwiches and milk. "Refrigerator food first," mom explained when my brother asked for a PB&J. The whining could have easily come from Tommy's sour face. We set up a game of Monopoly, but Tommy quit after one go-round on the board even though I had let him take the car for his game piece just to make him happy. How could he be so ungrateful? How could he miss her that much?

Without the usual clock of the bay sky, our parents easily herded all five weary children off to bed well before our usual time. When the electricity failed, our parents gave in, too. We formed a line of sleeping bags in the middle of the living room away from the windows. In the darkness, the only way I knew we were alive was the breathing. I recognized the breaths of sleep, and I knew that Tommy, right next to me, was still awake. That's when I suggested the unthinkable. If Tommy was so in love with Donna, maybe he ought to go shout her name into the wind. Maybe she would hear it up in Miami or whatever cowardly direction they had headed. "Very funny!" he muttered, matching my sarcasm and finishing with a stony silence.

Reports would later testify to the timing of the rest of the night. The eye came over Islamorada around 2:30 Saturday morning. I was aware of the calm and relieved at what I thought was the storm's end. I wanted to say something to Tommy but spite was stronger, and I let silence hold the anger between us. I don't know when he left. I felt the rustle of his sleeping bag but promised myself he was just going to the bathroom. I fell asleep while the eye passed. The second wave of winds brought me to full attention. I reached out to Tommy's bag. It was still empty.

My heart thudded as I crawled across the floor and out the only door latched from the inside at the far back of the house. No one would know we were gone. I would race to the pier where I knew he would be. I made the first

two stairs, but where there should have been another step and another down to the shore from the house's perch, I felt water. A wall of water so high the pier would be an easy 6 feet under its surface. I remember screaming. The wind swallowed every word. I remember my father and Tommy's grabbing me and pulling me inside. The banging door, not my terror, sounded the alarm that brought them to me.

I try not to remember anything else.

Today, though, I am remembering as I look out to the bay from my old family home. It has been more than 50 years since Hurricane Donna, and I have not been back here in almost 20. My brother inherited the house from my parents about that time. Now he is ready to retire and "move north," which to us Crackers means Fort Myers at the very most. I made it as far as Everglades City, close to my work as a park guide. He has asked me to come and see if there is anything I want before he clears out the house which goes to closing with new owners in a few weeks. I oblige but come up empty-handed as I knew I would.

Before I leave, I walk down to the old pier, as wizened with age as I am. Some boards wear the yellow of new wood. None are original. All were torn apart in the hurricane. In dreams, I still imagine them lifting up over the surge of water and tossing Tommy into the whirl of Donna's jetsam. Two days after Donna, when people were beginning to return to discover what they had lost, we already knew ours. His body was found, caught on a piling under the dismantled shack. No one believes he made it to the pier that morning. Except me, who taught him to swim.

This September afternoon, the pier points to the clouds that are building on the horizon for the usual summer shower. The water will only give up its blue hue when the rains begin. Even if I could open the rusted gate, I wouldn't.

There is nothing here that I want, I tell my brother and head to my car.

What I really mean, but cannot say, is that nothing that I want is here. ■



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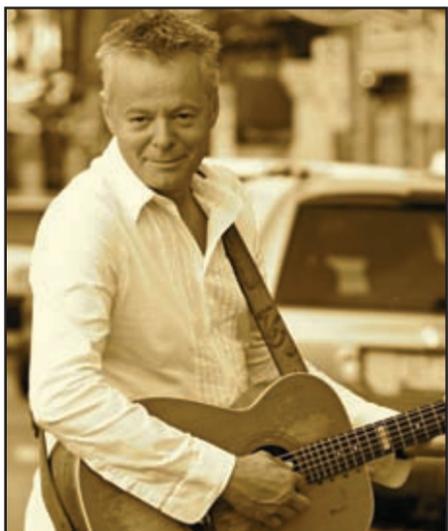
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### It pays to plan the play

BY STEVE BECKER

A conscientious declarer starts the play of each hand with the feeling that if anything can go wrong, it will go wrong. He then attempts to guard against every type of misfortune he can think of.

So when South first views the dummy at four hearts, he takes the somber view that he could lose a spade, a heart and two clubs and go down one. He recognizes that he might not have to lose a trump trick, and that he will lose only one club trick if West has the ace, but he starts by assuming he will be unlucky on both counts.

His next step is to try to overcome this imagined bad lie of the cards. He notes that if the spades are favorably divided, he might be able to establish a spade winner to take care of one of his losing clubs, and that this possibility can be pursued without relinquishing his other chances for the contract.

Accordingly, he wins the diamond with the king and immediately leads a spade. West follows low, and East takes the jack with the king. Let's say East returns a diamond to the ace, whereupon South ruffs a low spade.

Declarer now cashes the A-K of trumps, discovering that he does in fact have to lose a trump trick, and then ruffs a diamond with dummy's ten. When he next trumps another low spade, West's ace falls, and the contract suddenly becomes secure. South later

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**

♠ Q J 7 4 3  
 ♥ 10 8 6  
 ♦ A 5  
 ♣ K Q 2

**WEST**

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

**EAST**

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

**SOUTH**

♠ 6  
 ♥ A K J 9 7 4  
 ♦ K 9 6  
 ♣ 7 5 3

The bidding:

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1 ♥	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

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discards a club on the queen of spades and winds up losing only a spade, a heart and a club.

Note that if declarer ignores the spades at the outset and instead places his hopes on a favorable trump split or on finding West with the club ace, he goes down. The practice of seeking a way at the outset to offset potential bad luck pays handsome dividends from time to time. ■



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## The scoop about stars from TV to the silver screen

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** A while back you mentioned "Witches of East End" was going to be a series on Lifetime, and I wondered if you had any more information on it? I loved the book, so I am curious about the series.

— Annette D. in Connecticut

**A:** Lifetime recently announced a premiere date for its newest drama, which features an all-star cast headlined by Emmy Award-winner Julia Ormond, Madchen Amick, Jenna

Dewan Tatum and Rachel Boston as a family of witches living in the secluded seaside town of East Haven. "Witches of East End" will cast its spell beginning Sunday, Oct. 6, at 10 p.m.

**Q:** Can you tell me what Mary McCormack has been doing since "In Plain Sight" ended?

— Paula S., via e-mail

**A:** You can catch Mary now in the independent film "Escape from Polygamy," which premieres Saturday,

Aug. 24, at 8 p.m. ET/PT on Lifetime. Beginning Oct. 3, Mary returns to series television in the new NBC single-camera comedy "Welcome to the Family," which also stars Mike O'Malley ("Glee"), Ella Rae Peck ("Deception") and Ricardo Chavira ("Desperate Housewives"). "Family" gets a prime spot, airing after NBC comedy mainstay "Parks and Rec," hopefully helping to fill the void that "The Office" has left in the network's Thursday night comedy block.

**Q:** I thought Tom Cruise was passing the "Mission: Impossible" mantle to Jeremy Renner. Now I hear Tom will star in the fifth movie. Is that true?

— Gerald L., via e-mail

**A:** Yes and no. Tom will star in "Mission: Impossible 5," which is scheduled for a 2015 release (most likely summer). Jeremy will be his co-star, but he was never brought on to replace Tom; he was added to the roster to partner with him. And as long as Tom keeps drinking from the Fountain



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Mary McCormack

of Youth, I say they should keep him on as long as they can.

**Q:** Is "Poltergeist" being remade?  
— Linley J., Harrisburg, Pa.

**A:** Details are sketchy about the new project, but I can tell you that an updated "Poltergeist" is in production, with Sam Rockwell in talks to co-star with Rosemarie DeWitt, according to "Variety." ■

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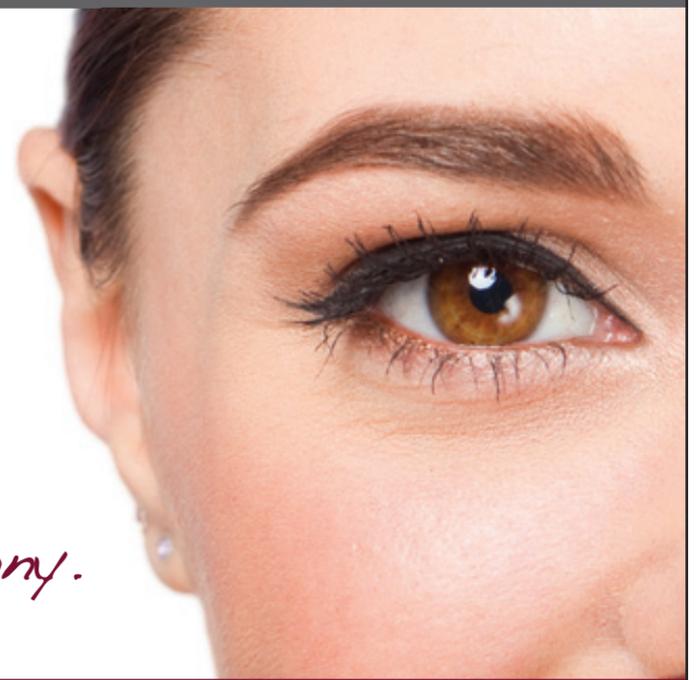
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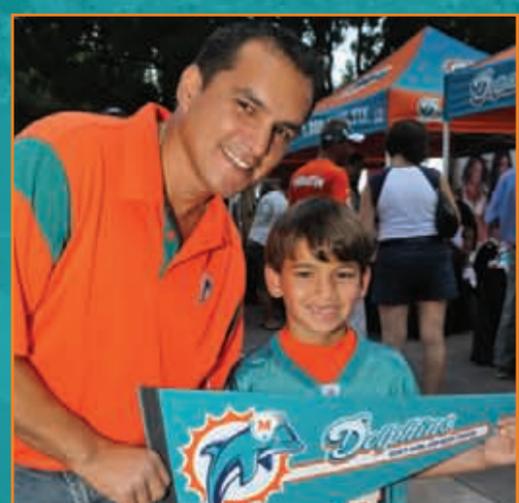
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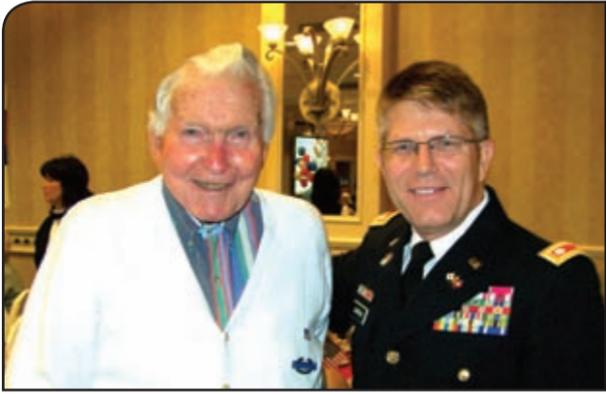
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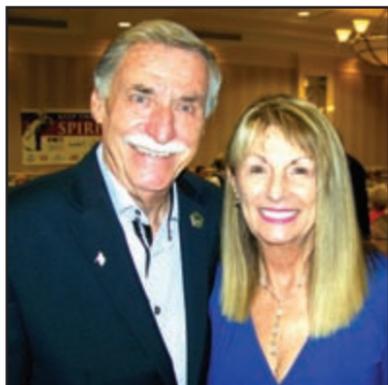
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# PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

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

Casual yet stylish, this restaurant in the 65-year-old former First Baptist Church is packing the pews, so to speak, with a wide-ranging menu that puts a new spin on some familiar dishes. The calamari, for instance, is strewn with chorizo sausage and tempura-fried julienned carrots. Because marinara would be too mundane for such a concoction, the chef dreamed up a delicious mango-rum sauce that complements the calamari nicely. A single duck-filled spring roll seemed chintzy for \$11.80, but it was nonetheless delicious. Seafood or steak, Chapel Grill seems blessed for success. A New York strip was perfectly grilled to medium-rare yet achieved a crusty exterior that most home grillers would envy. The well-marbled 14-ounce cut was dry-aged for 21 days, which imparted a noticeable richness. Red rock cod Florentine was a hefty fillet with thick flakes of moist white meat within its crisp oven-baked Parmesan crust. Inventive cocktails like a vodka gimlet with balsamic-laced strawberries and fresh basil, or a bourbon highball spiked with The King's Ginger liqueur and a kiss of cloves are sinfully indulgent. Full bar.

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

■ **Coast, Edgewater Beach Hotel, 1901 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples; 403-2181**

This chic, modern restaurant serves internationally inspired cuisine to hotel guests as well as visitors lucky enough to find the Edgewater. Coast has a sleek, sophisticated lounge vibe: black leather chairs, white linen tablecloths, shiny wooden floors, a dramatic cluster of red and gold pendant lights hanging under a huge, black ceiling medallion. Modern-styled couches for cocktail hour edge the dining space (which is really just an open extension of the lobby, with chill-out music providing a hip backdrop). Floor-to-ceiling windows frame views of the palm-lined courtyard, swimming pools and the gulf beach just beyond. But Coast has substance as well as style. In just nine dishes, the entrée list ranges from the simple, family-friendly appeal of a burger with sea salt fries to the hearty comfort of a roasted chicken stuffed with goat cheese and leeks to the up-market sophistication of beef tenderloin medallions with red wine demi-glace. Coastal comfort dishes such as shrimp and grits are as dazzling as globe-spanning creations like Moroccan-spiced lamb meatballs and diver scallops with an Asian flair. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed September 2012

■ **Figs Grille, 25987 Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 390-1700**

Sam Tadros, the chef behind the popular Sam-Bucco Bistro in North Naples, has another winning concept with this exploration of the cuisines of Turkey,

Spain, Morocco, Lebanon and France. When you cross the threshold, it's easy to forget you're in a commercial strip center. Egyptian tapestries adorn the walls in the garnet and gold dining room. Whichever country you decide to visit for your main course, your meal should begin with the mezze platter of hummus and baba ganoush as well as chary and sweet grilled eggplant chunks and cucumber salad served with lightly pickled vegetables. You can't go wrong with one of several Turkish kebabs or with the filet medallions with grilled shrimp, garnished lavishly with caramelized onions, port wine sauce and fig chutney. Lush (chocolate marquise) or light (lemon semifreddo), dessert shouldn't be missed either. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed November 2011

■ **Komoon Thai Sushi and Ceviche, 1575 Pine Ridge Road; 596-9991**

The unlikely menu at Komoon offers a wealth of options, all done well. The success of the Naples branch has spawned a new Bonita Springs location where Home Sushi Thai previously stood. While we haven't tried that one yet, the food at the Naples location bodes well for the new spot. The sushi is artfully created from a list of possibilities from straight-up sashimi and sushi to a flashy green dragon roll, starring shrimp and avocado. A mixed seafood ceviche filled with white fish, shrimp, calamari, clams and red onion had a palate-pleasing balance of hot spice and cool seafood. From the cooked Japanese menu, the beef yaki soba was dead on and

the Kiss Me with tofu revealed its Thai roots with its gingery garlic sauce. Servers were efficient and hospitable, the room is cozy and stylish. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed January 2012

■ **Maria D'Anna Cafe, 300 U.S. 41 N., Naples; 263-6892**

With but a handful of exquisitely dressed tables, Maria D'Anna Cafe makes guests feel like royalty. A charming and talented pair, the eponymous owner, Maria Stelmach, and chef Ryan Flood, an alumnus from The Ritz-Carlton, ensure that the hospitality and food are both above par. The cafe serves lunch and dinner. Our dinner there was a stunner, from the fresh shrimp on skewers with pineapple and pepper to the smoked salmon crepes and the just-caught black grouper on red rice and pearl couscous with fresh, locally sourced vegetables, chickpea puffs, cucumber dill lemon-grass yogurt sauce and ginger beet paint. The Polish platter (kielbasa and cabbage, cabbage rolls and velvety pierogi) was perfect, too, as were the chocolate zabaglione and coconut cake.

Food: ★★★★★  
Service: ★★★★★  
Atmosphere: ★★★★★  
Reviewed August 2013

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★★★★★ Superb	★★ Fair
★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
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# CUISINE

## Salado Pedro's offers diverse selections in food and tequila



Despite growing up on a diet of bland Midwestern meat-and-potatoes cooking — or perhaps in reaction to it — I have a strong affinity for cuisines that shake up and wake up the palate: Thai soups and noodles laced with chilies, lemongrass and garlic; Indian curries infused with myriad spices and herbs; Mexican salsas and sauces amped up with chilies, onions, limes and cilantro.

Southwest Florida is grossly underserved when it comes to Indian and only slightly better for Thai food, but there's no shortage of Mexican restaurants to choose from. The best of them don't shy away from the humble but powerfully flavored dishes of America's neighbor to the south, and they don't bury the food's heritage under layers of cheese and sour cream or inside Nacho Doritos to mollify American tastes.

The newest arrival, Salado Pedro's, opened a month ago at Gulf Coast Town Center in Estero. It's owned by the people behind Lighthouse Waterfront Restaurant off Summerlin Road in South Fort Myers. Since it's not connected to a chain, there's reason to hope it might have a less middle-of-the-road corporate approach.

But while some of the dishes we tried hit the mark, others fell flat, lacking the punch of flavor expected. The tableside guacamole presentation, for example, failed to exploit an opportunity to tailor a truly fresh, vibrant dip to customers' tastes. A fried appetizer came out soft and soggy instead of crisp and crusty. On the positive side, entrees were better executed and offered a wide range of choices. If all else fails, a splash of salsa will liven up a lackluster plate.

The restaurant is billed as a Veracruz-style cantina and tequila bar, and it has some appealing decorative touches. Punched-tin star-shaped lamps dangle from the pressed-tin ceilings, and there's lots of stone and wood surface.

Salado Pedro's has more tequilas than you could probably sample in a lifetime. It's one liquor I've never developed an appreciation for sipping, but that didn't prevent me from enjoying a fruity specialty margarita made with Herradura Blanco tequila, Solerno blood orange liqueur and fresh lime juice (\$9). The margs are generously poured, so one could and did last



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**Top: Fish tacos, a pork enchilada and ceviche tostada make up the Baja combination platter.**

**Right: Jalapeños rellenos are stuffed with Cotija cheese; guacamole — made tableside; and flan, one of the less complicated desserts at Salado Pedro's.**

for a whole meal. The so-called Perfect Margarita (\$10), using Patron Reposado tequila, packed a punch of fresh lime flavor.

A free basket of warm tortilla chips arrived with a cup of salsa for snacking while we settled on our order. The smooth, dark-red salsa balanced a charred smokiness with the tang of citrus and just a hint of heat.

We decided to start with the aforementioned guacamole (\$11) and an order of jalapeños rellenos (\$7). The presentation started out promisingly, with the server wheeling up a kitchen cart and slicing and scooping avocados into a mixing bowl. He asked if we wanted chilies in the mix, but that was the extent of the input he sought. Salado Pedro's could take a few cues from the highly polished guac artisans at Cantina Laredo, who ask patrons how much garlic they want, if they like cilantro and so on. As it was, this rendition needed garlic and more salt but we were stuck with it.

The jalapeños rellenos, mini versions of the chili rellenos served in most Mexican restaurants, also disappointed. The batter

was well browned but mushy instead of crisp; the Cotija cheese-stuffed peppers basically collapsed into limp little tubes like overcooked rigatoni. We wondered if the plate had been left sitting under a heat lamp for a long time. We did like the lime crèma they were drizzled with, as well as the avocado-ranch dip on the side, but there was no getting around the basic letdown of the main attraction.

Our well-trained, amiable server cleared dishes promptly and inquired about our satisfaction without being too intrusive. A manager also was visiting tables in the dining room, which is separated by a bank of booths from the bar area. The place grew busier — and louder — as the evening wore on. Despite the adult lure of the tequila bar, families already have found Salado Pedro's and can relax in its comfortable atmosphere without worrying about noisy children disturbing other patrons.

There are many ways to go when it comes to the main course: seven kinds of taco fillings alone, from classic chorizo and al pastor to nuevo Mexicano ahi tuna with bacon and mango pico de gallo; a half-dozen combination platters allow diners to sample trios of tacos, tostadas, tamales; molcajetes offer a fajita-like DIY experience.

Practically spilling off the plate, the generous Baja platter (\$16) included a tilapia taco, an enchilada stuffed with roasted pork and a ceviche tostada. I appreciated the fact that Salado Pedro's doesn't add beans and rice to every order like a lot of restaurants do; frankly, it's filler food and usually unremarkable. The fried fish remained crunchy in its tortilla despite layers of cabbage slaw, cheese and avocado crema, and the flour tortillas held together well between bites. Less complicated, the enchilada was practically all

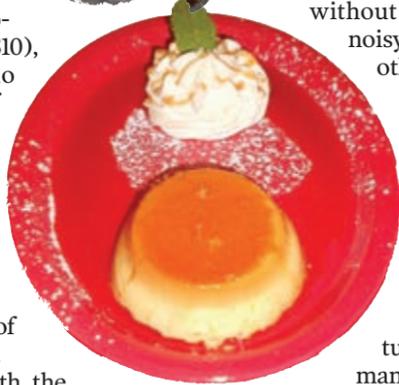
tasty shredded pork, which was tender and juicy. Strewn with tender, citrus-laced shrimp, bay scallops and octopus, the tostada brought a palate-cleansing wave of simplicity and freshness to the platter.

My companion ordered the molcajete carne (\$19), a meat-lover's combination of chorizo sausage, strips of steak and chicken accompanied by strips of bell and chili peppers and sweet potatoes. Enveloped in a lush red tomato-based sauce with hints of chipotle and other chilies, the contents of the lava-rock bowl bubbled like a cauldron. Seriously, you have to be patient and let it cool off for a bit before spooning the contents into tortillas or risk searing your mouth. The crumbled sausage thickened the texture of the salsa roja, which clung to the tender strips of steak and white-and dark-meat chicken.

The molcajete could easily be shared, but my companion happily took leftovers home for another meal and was given extra tortillas after asking.

Desserts include a deep-fried tortilla-wrapped Key lime cheesecake and sweet, fruit-laced versions of tamales and quesadillas. Already satiated, we settled on sharing a basic but deliciously creamy flan (\$5).

As we left, we agreed we'd like to try more dishes at Salado Pedro's. But we might just skip the so-so appetizers next time. ■



**in the know**

**Salado Pedro's, Gulf Coast Town Center**

9903 Gulf Coast Main St., 314-TACO

**Ratings:**  
**Food:** ★★★  
**Service:** ★★★  
**Atmosphere:** ★★★½

>> **Hours:** 11 a.m.-2 a.m. daily  
 >> **Reservations:** Call-aheads accepted one hour before arrival.  
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 >> **Specialties of the house:** Mexican food and tequila  
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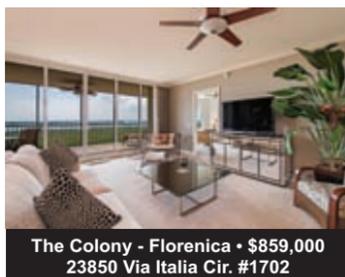
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