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Adult students treasure hidden gem of Barry University

BY ELLA NAYOR

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It was just a few short years ago when Dr. Trisha-Lynn Herman found herself looking eye to eye with Jeff Hutter.

At the time, Mr. Hutter wasn't sure why he was sitting in Barry University's satellite Fort Myers office. He just knew that he wanted to go back to school and finish what he started many years ago.

Though the soft-spoken man did not fret about getting into classes with cool

professors or signing up for fun and easy electives, he appeared a man weighed down with worry and doubt.

Could he actually complete an academic program this time?

And what about the demons he battles daily? Would he win or would the unseen forces that rage within take him hostage?

At 51, Mr. Hutter is a recovering substance abuser. After four years of effort

and study, he graduated with his bachelor's degree summa cum laude with a 4.0 grade point average in Barry's adult continuing education program.

He is now enrolled in the master of social work program at Barry.

To Mr. Hutter, this academic progress and accomplishment is a reality he never thought would be his. "I had this pipedream about going back to school," he said.

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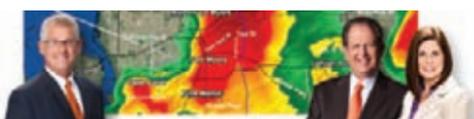


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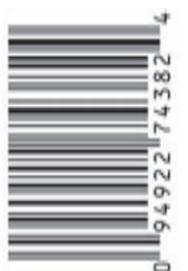
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COMMENTARY

Peeking at the behind behind the National Security Agency



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Last week, I wrote about breasts. I didn't choose that assignment. It chose me.

So you can probably understand why I waited for days — right up to my writing deadline on Monday afternoon — for some editor at *Florida Weekly* to offer me the next assignment either by phone or electronic mail so the NSA would know it wasn't my fault.

"Hey Rog, can you do something for us this week?"

"Sure," I'd say, smiling in knowing anticipation.

"Good. I want you to write about asses."

I'd pause for a moment in mock surprise. "Well.... OK. If I have to," I'd reply.

But to my very real surprise, those marching orders never arrived.

As I pointed out previously to readers, I love breasts — especially healthy breasts. The same is true of asses, but in a more circumspect way. Some asses I admire, and some I don't.

Which makes me want to write about them all that much more.

Without orders from the office, however, I was left to do on Monday afternoon what I learned long ago (about 60 seconds after I climbed off a government bus to be introduced to my very first Marine

Corps drill instructor), not to do on any occasion, ever: I was left to volunteer.

No, they didn't ask me to write about asses. So I'm doing it on my own this week, simply because I can. Somebody has to, after all. Who could resist a chance to write about asses, anyway — especially prominent, even magnificent asses?

I use that adjective in the Latin sense, of course: magna means great. "Magnificent," therefore, suggests great big noticeable asses, protrusions so fulsome they become unmistakable. I'm talking about asses so big they're self-evident to any one, across any language and culture.

Whether you come from New Hampshire or New Guinea, from the New World or the Old, when you see the kind of ass I'm talking about, you'll know it for what it is.

You'll say, "There goes a real ass!"

Or, depending on your origin, you might say:

Ahi va un verdadero buey! (Spanish).

Or, Voila un veritable cul! (French).

Or, 或者, 。! (Chinese).

Or, Det går en real ass! (Norwegian).

Or even, There goes a damn Yankee! (Southern).

It'll all amount to the same thing, of course: a universally recognizable, certified USDA choice Grade A Ass.

Now, there are many adjectives used in traditional discourse to describe such a magnificent creation: Fat, for example, as in Fat Ass.

You can also say, hard ass, tight ass, pain-in-the ass, dumb ass, horse's ass, and so on.

But I prefer to be more specific — more graphic, more precise. I am, after all, a *Florida Weekly* professional.

Therefore, I'll just use a single specific name to describe a single specific Ass of the Week.

In future weeks I may select other names for this award, but this week the winner is — are you ready for this?

Gen. Keith Alexander, director of the NSA. I think NSA is an acronym for National Security Asses, but it might be National Security Agency. You can look it up, to be sure.

Gen. Alexander, ranked at four stars, has spent a significant amount of time in recent months and years assiduously (ass-iduously, which means showing a lot of perseverance) ignoring the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Fourth requires authorities like the NSA or the sheriff's departments of Collier or Charlotte or Lee or Palm Beach counties, for example, to prove to a judge BEFORE they do it that your privacy as an American citizen should be violated by a search because the evidence is strong that you may have broken the law.

I'm in favor of that, and as far as I know, the sheriffs in question, who appreciate the U.S. Constitution, are also in favor of it.

Unfortunately, records released by Edward Snowden show that Gen. Alexander (GA) doesn't give a fig for the Fourth.

The general, who has previously claimed that his spy agency searches the records of Americans only based on links to foreign terrorists or people who might

be terrorists, has in fact been collecting data on all of us and searching whatever he damn well feels like searching, whenever he chooses.

Not just e-mail and cell-phone records, but social media records fall under his Hooverian eye — Facebook activity.

Which means that you are now probably linked to a long chain of potential terrorists who "like" such widely distributed Facebook offerings as this quote (but it could be one of thousands), attributed to that pinko terrorist, John Lennon:

"When I was 5, my mother told me the most important thing was to be happy. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. 'I want to be happy,' I said. 'You don't understand the assignment,' they told me. 'You don't understand life,' I told them."

So, you might wonder: By whose definition these days would you or John Lennon or anybody else be a terrorist, or a sympathizer?

Not by a judge's.

No, you're judged worthy of tracking by a guy whose first name is General. A guy who doesn't have to answer to any civilians, apparently not even to another guy whose first name is President.

As a self-proclaimed "patriot," Gen. Alexander is therefore not just a Gen. Ass, but an All-American Ass (AAA), referred to by some as a Triple A Ass.

Congratulations, General, from all of us here on the other side — sure as hell not your side — of the Fourth Amendment. ■

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OPINION

The impossibility of gun control



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Special to Florida Weekly

The Navy Yard massacre won't revive the gun debate in Congress for a simple reason: There is no gun-control agenda this side of a total ban and confiscation that would have stopped Aaron Alexis.

The Toomey-Manchin bill could have passed Congress unanimously. The assault-weapons ban could still be in place. Gun-controllers could have achieved their long-ago goal of barring the private purchase of handguns. And every step of his mayhem at the Washington Navy Yard would have been unimpeded.

The media rushed, based on erroneous reports from law enforcement, to place in his hands an AR-15, the popular rifle that has been used in mass shootings before and that an assault-weapons ban would prohibit.

The front page of the *New York Daily News* blared "Same gun, different slay." The newspaper's columnist Mike Lupica worked himself into lathers of dud-geon over the offending gun. "They call

semiautomatics like this sports rifles," he fumed. "You bet. Mostly for the sport of killing innocent people, and killing them fast."

But according to law enforcement, Alexis used a shotgun, a weapon, as it happens, that has been endorsed and promoted by the vice president of the United States. At a Facebook town hall earlier in the year, Vice President Joe Biden urged a mother concerned about safety: "Buy a shotgun, buy a shotgun."

This may be fine advice, but there should be no mistake: Shotguns are dangerous. When it comes to "the sport of killing innocent people," almost any gun will do, especially if it is in a permissive environment where no one else is likely to be armed. This makes a hash of the conceit that the government can ban a few select guns and make shooting rampages less likely.

Other common panaceas would have had no effect, either. Alexis bought his shotgun from a duly-licensed dealer, not at a gun show. He passed a federal background check with no problem. He didn't have a high-capacity magazine. He reportedly got the handgun or handguns he also may have used in the attack after shooting a security officer.

So the Navy Yard rampage demon-

strates the essential sterility of the gun-control debate. It is true that James Holmes and Adam Lanza used AR-15s. But Seung-Hui Cho and Jared Loughner used 9 mm semiautomatic pistols. And Aaron Alexis used a shotgun. The common theme is that they were all deeply disturbed young men whose acts of murder had a sickening aspect of utter senselessness. The *Daily News* got it backward. Its headline should have read "Different gun, same slay."

Maybe this time we can have a real debate about mental illness. When Aaron Alexis called the Rhode Island police a month ago to tell them that enemies were harassing him with a microwave machine, it was clear that he was suffering paranoid delusions and needed help. But the authorities let him go his merry way, evidently to sink deeper into the madness he mistook for reality.

It needs to be easier to compel treatment for the mentally ill. There will be another Aaron Alexis. If we can't predict what gun he'll use, we already know his mental state. ■

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

Climate-change protests heat up



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Last week, far out in the Arctic Ocean, the Greenpeace vessel Arctic Sunrise approached a Russian oil-drilling platform and launched a nonviolent protest, with several protesters scaling the side of the platform. They wanted to draw attention to a dangerous precedent being set. The platform, the Prirazlomnaya, owned by Russian gas giant Gazprom, is the first to begin oil production in the dangerous, ice-filled waters of the Arctic. The Russian government responded swiftly and with force, deploying special-forces soldiers, their faces masked by balaclavas, threatening the peaceful Greenpeace activists with automatic weapons, destroying their inflatable boats by slashing them, arresting 30 and towing the Greenpeace ship to the northern Russian port of Murmansk. At last report, the protesters faced a potential charge of piracy.

This protest is remarkable for its sheer audacity. But it is by no means the sole protest lately against runaway fossil-fuel extraction and consumption. People are speaking up around the globe, demanding action to combat global warming. In North America, a broad coalition has been growing to stop the proposed Keystone XL pipeline, as well as to stop the exploitation of Alberta's tar sands, which the pipeline is designed to carry.

On Sept. 21, the last full day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere this year, thousands of people "drew the line" on Keystone XL at protest gatherings around the continent. In Nebraska, they actually built a barn on the route of the proposed pipeline, which locals fear will spill oil onto the fragile sandhills ecosystem and

pollute the vital Ogallala Aquifer. On the same day, the International Women's Earth and Climate Summit met in Suf-fern, N.Y. It was a gathering of women from around the world, all renowned in their own way for fighting for urgent action on climate change. Among them was Melina Laboucan-Massimo, of the Cree indigenous nation, from northern Alberta. She described the impact of tar-sands extraction on her people:

"The tar sands cover over 141,000 square kilometers, about the size of England and Wales combined, or the size of Florida. The mines are larger than many large cities. This region we call the northern lungs of the planet, the boreal deciduous forest, and it's being deforested for the mining. We suffered what might be the worst oil spill ever in Canada, with 4.5 million liters of oil spilled, which destroyed ancestral lands. We call what is happening cultural and environmental genocide."

The Keystone XL pipeline requires U.S. government approval, as it will cross the northern border from Canada on its way to the Gulf Coast. The approval process has been delayed, due to massive protests. After more than 1,250 people were arrested in front of the White House in 2011, in what was the largest act of civil disobedience in the U.S. in 30 years, President Barack Obama said he would delay the decision. Since then, Friends of the Earth (FOE) has exposed a clear conflict of interest with the group hired by the U.S. State Department to conduct an environmental-impact study of Keystone XL. FOE found that Environmental Resources Management, a London-based consulting firm, covered up its business ties to TransCanada, the fossil-fuel corporation that will own Keystone XL. Likewise, another watchdog group, Oil Change International, just reported that "Michael Froman, the U.S. trade

representative in charge of negotiating a variety of secretive 'free trade' agreements, is apparently siding with Big Oil in demanding that Europe weaken its climate laws." Oil Change's Steve Kretzmann explains, "Unless Europe weakens its climate laws, U.S. diesel exports, which will contain tar sands, will be less competitive."

Canadian environmental activist Tzeporah Berman also was at the women's summit. She spoke about how the Canadian government, under conservative Prime Minister Stephen Harper, has silenced scientists in a desperate bid to stifle criticism of Keystone XL. She told me: "Last week in Canada, we had hundreds of scientists hit the streets in their lab coats protesting the federal government because they can't speak. They are being muzzled. To the extent that the eminent, journal *Nature*, last year, published an editorial saying it is time for Canada to set its scientists free." James Hansen, the former director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, wrote on Keystone XL, "If Canada proceeds, and we do nothing, it will be game over for the climate."

The climate casualties are mounting, from the thousand-year flood that devastated entire towns in Colorado, to northern India, where floods and landslides from one storm last June killed more than 5,700 people. The hope lies in the global grass-roots movement that is growing, demanding serious action to halt climate change before it is too late. ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

— Amy Goodman is the host of "Democracy Now!," a daily international TV/radio news hour airing on more than 1,000 stations in North America. She is the co-author of "The Silenced Majority," a *New York Times* best-seller.

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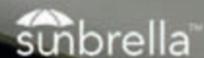
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Talking points with Lisa Timmons

Something your mom was always right about: Accept your responsibilities.

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

First job: I had a paper route.

Something you'll never understand: Luck.

Guilty pleasures: Red wine and chocolate.

Hidden talent(s): I can run a half marathon and do electrical wiring.

Skill or talent you wish you had: I wish I could sing.

Last vacation destination: Vail, Colo.

One thing on your bucket list: Backpack in the Himalayan mountains.

Advice for your children: Prepare for opportunities.

What makes you laugh: Unexpected coincidence.

Last book you read: "The Four Agreements," by Don Miguel Ruiz.

Pet peeve: People who are not true to their word.

What are you most proud of? The people in my life.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: Our sunsets.

What you miss about the Paradise Coast when you're away: The ease of convenience.



Lisa Timmons was born in Chinhae, South Korea, and lived there with her grandmother until age 6. Then one day she woke up in an unfamiliar place. "It seemed to be a happy place with lots of kids running around," she remembers. Lisa and her little sister had been taken to an orphanage.

She was eventually adopted by a U.S. Army couple who were stationed in Seoul. They had two other adopted children and two biological children. "My whole life changed when I was taken home by these blonde-haired, big-eyed creatures," Lisa recalls.

When she was 10, Lisa's parents were reassigned to an Army base in Indianapolis. They loaded the five children into the family van and spent 45 days driving through 22 states, visiting relatives and sightseeing. "What a great introduction to America," Lisa recalls.

The family moved to Knoxville, Tenn., five years later and then, when Lisa was 18, to Naples.

Lisa's early memories are of being carefree and joyful. Even during the transition of learning English and adapting to American culture and her new surroundings, she never felt sad or lost. "It's like I won the lottery by being adopted and

becoming an American citizen," she says.

As a teenager, she developed a case of severe acne, which influenced her ultimate decision to become an esthetician (she is also a licensed massage therapist). Drawing on her personal experience, formal training and more recent research into skin-care techniques, she has developed her "Facial for Your Health," which she says enhances not only the appearance of the skin but also the performance of the body's muscular, lymphatic, circulatory, endocrine and

respiratory systems.

Before finding her career passion eight years ago, Lisa worked as a paralegal, in office management and also as a real estate agent. She has a teen-age son and daughter and in addition to working and being a mom, enjoys walking on the beach, running, skiing, biking, tennis and traveling. ■

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



Free session to help seniors resist scams

Seniors, their families and caregivers are invited to attend "Be Scam Smart," a free workshop offered by the Florida Department of Financial Services in partnership with the Collier County Sheriff's Office and Naples Police Department.

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The workshop takes place from 10-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the River Park Community Center. Sign up online at www.myfloridacfo.com or call the Florida Division of Consumer Services at (877) 693-5236. Registration will also be open one hour prior to the workshop. ■

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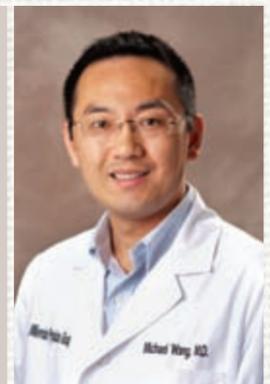
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"I think there's a big difference in the way people use it depending on their age," says D.P. Workman, an 18-year-old whose relationship with Facebook rocketed off the virtual launching pad before falling back to Earth like a space shuttle with second thoughts. (Mr. Workman is the stepson of the writer.)

"A lot of older people use it to connect with people they used to know or are associated with but wouldn't want to be real friends with," he says.

"But a lot of younger people use it as a social connector — except because there's the disconnection from being in-person with someone, there's a loss of inhibition, to some extent. So you see a lot of people talking really tough, or trying to pick up girls or boys. There's a lot of pretty immature and pointless stuff.

"So I've stopped using it because I've come to the point where I really only want to connect with the people I see on a daily basis. And the ones I don't see I talk to on the phone. I deleted all the 'friends' on my list, and I went from about 400 to 18. There was really no point in maintaining a profile at all."

Not everybody feels that way.

In the United States, where more than 310 million of us lived at last count in 2010, almost 240 million use the Internet, roughly 133.5 million of them getting online to check Facebook.

That's a penetration of 43 percent, just over half of them female (53 percent).

Where does that leave us in Florida, here where the sun shines almost every day — here where beaches lie only minutes from everyone, and a thriving culture of good times awaits anyone who wants to get out of the house or office and into it?

It leaves many of us glued to our devices — the smart phones and pads and computers.

Florida ranks fourth among Internet users in the country, with 14.8 million of the Sunshine State's 18.7 million residents getting on line regularly (almost 80 percent), but only 7.8 million, or about 42 percent, using Facebook.

For deep Facebook penetration, try the state of Washington, where 57.7 percent of all residents use it (Illinois is second, with 54.8 percent, according to internetworldstats.com). Conversely, those who want to escape the species we might call Facebookians would do well to move to Delaware (only 24.2 percent of residents use it) or West Virginia (28.7 percent).

That's in our world, more or less. Meanwhile, on the Planet Gossip — a proverbial name for Washington, D.C. — statistics show that more than 260 percent of the population uses Facebook.

In other words, many people have multiple pages, which veteran Facebook users recommend for those who conduct both personal and business lives on Facebook.

The impact of 'friend'ship

The effects of all this on any one person or all people remain uncertain — but the possibilities do not.

"Escapism," explains Stacey Chadwick Brown, a psychotherapist and director of Human Services at Florida SouthWestern State University, the former Edison State College. "It's healthier than liquor, better than Pac-man games, intellectual stimulation, humor, etc."

But, she warns, "Facebook addiction is a real thing. It can serve as a distraction for those avoiding responsibilities. It can create a barrier to communication within relationships — talking to others instead of (your) spouse. Emotional affairs can happen as well, via Face-

ITS REACH IS VAST — MORE THAN ONE OUT OF EVERY SEVEN PEOPLE, ABOUT 1.1 BILLION of us, use it. Half of us check in for an average of 20 minutes every day.

We do it in 70 languages (translated by an army of contracted language experts), and each of us has an average of 130 "friends," a word partially co-opted nowadays to mean "acquaintance" or even "familiar stranger."

In the world of Facebook — a virtual company that will reach its 10th birthday Feb. 4, 2014 — most friends are not friends in the traditional sense.

Instead, they're frequently people who have never met the befriended, but are free to peer through the electronic looking glass into the befriended's life. They can also stare into the lives of just about anybody else who freely shares another online life with the original friend.

"The jury is still out on how the meaning of relationships will change with Facebook, but what happens is, we are now living in a fishbowl," says Russ Sabella, professor of counseling at Florida Gulf Coast University and the author of several books about social media and children.

"People are sharing their health concerns, their marriage and family concerns and others, probably with the intent of doing it with a smaller audience than they really have."

That means that everything you put on Facebook is visible potentially to anyone who wants to see it. Although people know that, they forget it.

"My wife is always telling me, 'You don't get it, they're not your friends,' and she's probably right," says Bruce Dash, a gregarious retired Palm Beach

firefighter and food aficionado aiming to write for pay about the remarkable range of cuisines found across South Florida.

Facebook may help him do that, he figures — but that doesn't mean it's a boat he can depend on in the storm.

"Of the 250 'friends' or so I have, I can probably count on about 20. Scott Simmons (a *Florida Weekly* writer and real, not just virtual friend of Mr. Dash) has 4,000 'friends.' Of those, he can probably count on 1 to 2 percent for anything of substance." (Mr. Simmons actually has 720 friends.)

So, suggests Professor Sabella, "Here's what you have to remember: Information is power, and can be used against you, whether by an insurance company that begins to better understand your health situation, or employers who decide you aren't really who they thought you were, or somebody else."

Somebody else such as the government. The *Sunday New York Times* reported that the NSA, a government spy agency, is tracking the Facebook

activity of American citizens.

Last year, though, all that sharing and using — with its intensely targeted advertising that relies on elaborate demographics and statistical profiles of user habits — was worth \$5.1 billion in revenue to the company, which supports 4,619 employees, according to statistics-brain.com.

In a now-famous and even infamous story, a few Harvard students started Facebook, led by then-sophomore Mark Zuckerberg — he's now worth about \$16 billion, according to several sources. Now, almost one out of two people between the ages of 18 and 34 check it every morning when they wake up, some 28 percent of them before they even get out of bed.

That doesn't mean young people take to it like bees to honey, however.



Stephanie Davis on Facebook

Stephanie Davis, *Florida Weekly's* social commentator, offers a few thoughts about the Facebook community in which she serves informally as a master of ceremonies:

"I wondered: How many couples have gotten together who had known each other in elementary or middle schools?"

So I put it out on Facebook, and just about everybody who responded knew at least one. I think I know of 10. The thing is, that beautiful girl you knew in school, or the one you took to the eighth-grade dance? You were never supposed to see her again. But Facebook changed that.

"Some relationships grow deeper. So maybe there's a lady at work, and you don't really know her but you're Facebook friends, and you get to see the things she likes... I've seen friendships like that grow into dating because of Facebook."

"What scares me about Facebook are loose cannons — people who don't think before they write something on Facebook that could hurt people. I think of Facebook as sort of like a big cocktail party. Everything you say, everybody can hear it. There's no whispering, no going into a corner."

"So I have almost 2,000 friends and I keep different lists. I have a list for loose cannons, for example; they don't see everything I post."

"I have a separate list of Republicans and Democrats, too. If I post something that is more liberally bent, the Republicans won't see it. I'm not interested in arguing (politics) with them — what's the point? And I don't want somebody saying, 'She supports Obama so therefore I'm not going to read her column.' I don't post a lot of stuff about politics, anyway. They don't want my opinion and I'm not interested in theirs." ■



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Ms. Brown offered those thoughts in Facebook messages.

Recognizing this, some people just plain refuse to call it Facebook, opting instead for a tag that gets to the heart of the matter.

"The friend who introduced me to the thing calls it 'Facecrack.' It can really suck you in," says Santiago De Choch, a widely traveled pundit and now organic farmer and gardener.

"Are you kidding? You have most of your friends and family in the same place; you have all the bands and maga-

zines and stuff you like feeding you constant updates; you have a number of exes posting pics of themselves wearing bikinis on the beach; you have the guilty schadenfreude of that Mr. Popularity or Ms. Bitch from senior high reduced to fat, balding wrecks; you have e-mail, videos, music, reading, shopping and working all for the price of one: free. Of course you'll spend time there, sometimes too much." (To see Mr. De Choch's illuminating and funny analysis of Facebook, go to <http://avocado-grove.wordpress.com/2013/09/25/facebook-follies/>.)

So you have to recognize Facebook as a tool, no better or worse than the person who uses it. Which sounds an awful lot like an argument for guns.

Can it be used as a weapon?

Well, there is the potential for social (not physical) violence, says Stephanie Davis, the *Florida Weekly* writer and columnist who has turned socializing into a witty and even elegant community art under the "Downtown Diva" banner.

"I wish I had a doppelganger. I've always felt this way, but these days, Facebook has added a whole new element to wanting to be everywhere at once — and it's even worse when I find out about a party after the fact," Ms. Davis reported.

"Recently, I was perusing my Facebook newsfeed and saw that a friend had posted pictures from a recent soiree. They showed that all the guests (most of them mutual friends) clearly had a wonderful time. So where was I? Not invited, that's where I was. I pouted as I clicked 'Like' on a few of the pics just so they'd know I noticed."

The value of 'friendship'

The heart of Facebook, though, remains a contemporary miracle of sorts, not to mention a frequent pleasure, for many Floridians, from the traditionally anti-social to the uber-social.

It can help people, too.

By charming people, by warming them with instant, shared experience, "It can help alleviate depression, create endorphin action, create happy hormones and serotonin production — it's biologically significant that you can laugh. It's biologically significant to feel connected," says the therapist, Mrs. Brown.

The retired firefighter, Bruce Dash, knows the truth of this well.

"Firefighters don't do a good job of preparing for afterwards," he explains. "As a 25-year firefighter, I had a huge network, married with three kids, pets, and my phone was full. All of a sudden I went home and my phone turned off."

"So I went from a busy, happy, talkative person to having the rug pulled out from under me."

Then later, he recalls, "Facebook came along. I love Facebook. But if you have no real determination, no guts, and you're just a homebody, it's only a non-moneymaking way to communicate with people who you don't know."

In short, its use requires "balance," a word used both by Professor Sabella, and by Madison Mitchell, a spokeswoman for Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida.

Mrs. Mitchell recently posted this affectionate greeting on Facebook: "I can't believe my handsome man is going to be 40 a week from today! Noah, you've still got it ... can't wait to celebrate it with a long weekend of loving! Oh, and today also marks seven weeks of wedded bliss!"

That's probably as intimate as she'll ever get in social media, she says.

"In some ways we have lost some privacy, in our relationships on Facebook. I have to remind myself, if you put something out there, they are going to see it," she says.

So she's careful, but a user nevertheless who does not see Facebook as a detractor from her street socializing.

"My 10th high school reunion is coming in 2014, but I already know what everybody is doing," she explains. "I know who's married, who has kids, who might be getting a divorce — but I'm still going to the reunion."

"You have to balance it. I do a lot of Facebook, but I am always busy outside of it. You still have to go out there and socialize, it doesn't take the place of that."

"To the people I'm not close to, I'll send a Facebook message — congratulations on the baby, or the marriage. But the people I'm close to, I go to."

In effect, Mrs. Mitchell has grown up with Facebook, since her 10th reunion will also be Facebook's 10th anniversary.

But the perspective for Cynthia Mott is broader. A writer and native Floridian, she relies on a wide circle of all-ages family and friends who tease, chat and share experiences the way they might at a picnic on the Peace River in Charlotte County, close to their homes. For Ms. Mott, Facebook is nothing more or less than the next step.

"For me, it's just another form of ever-morphing communication," she explains.

"When I started riding in cars as a

child, we only had whoever happened to be riding in the car with you, which in my case always included two annoying younger sisters who routinely stuck something over my line on our too-small backseat! After sisters came CBs, then Motorola radios, (then) wired into the car big bag phones, (then) small portable cell phones, and now a whole bouquet of other means of instant communication and contact. I see Facebook as just another tool in the ever-evolving, distance-shrinking world of human contact."

Sometimes that contact is about personal living, and sometimes it's about business — with a personal touch.

Melissa Vogt, marketing for the Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers, always responds within minutes to contacts on the theater's Facebook page — which isn't as easy as it sounds.

A marketing whiz, Ms. Vogt has now built up a huge following on Facebook.

"What would happen if Facebook vanished tomorrow? I'd lose 7,200 friends," she says, sighing in mock horror.

That's not going to happen, of course.

"From a business standpoint it's such a great tool. You could create a full-time position for social media in general, easily."

"It's free — it costs you nothing, except for time. And it's fun for people — they can have it on their phone, their tablet or the computer. They don't have to pick up the phone and ask questions anymore."

"Trying to gain more 'likes,' on our business page — that's a daily grind. You have to engage your audience. Post things that they are going to find interesting."

"Our biggest thing is contests — it's the easiest way to gain a large group of fans. You give away tickets or do silly things. Right now we're running 'The Worst First Date Story,' which is in conjunction with an off-Broadway show, 'You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up.' So our page is going crazier than usual."

Is all the new success — the new friendships, the new higher interest, the new community of humans — a result of the phenomenon known as Facebook?

Everybody admits that nobody really knows.

But for many, including Ms. Vogt, the anecdotal evidence is strong.

"We had a Billy Joel (tribute band) concert last year, and it was a really tough sell for us," she says. "And I was in the restroom, and I heard a lady a couple of stalls over talking. She said, 'I'm so glad I saw this on Facebook.'"

"Every so often that happens, and it feels so good." ■

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More bang

Which is more characteristically American — that a Texas company could invent an ordinary rifle that mimics a machine gun or that America's incomparable legal minds could find a loophole in existing anti-machine-gun laws to permit it to be manufactured and sold? The Slide Fire company's weapon can spray bullets "like a fire hose" from a legal, semiautomatic gun by simple application of muscle, yet an

official opinion of the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives acknowledges that the agency is powerless to regulate it because of the wording in 1934 and 1986 legislation that otherwise restricts private ownership of machine guns. One gun shop owner told London's Daily Mail in September that the Slide Fire rifle is "not as easy" to use as a machine gun, but still, "(I)t's fairly idiot-proof." ■

Fine points of the law

■ In July, a New York City judge tossed out Joseph Lozito's lawsuit against the police — even though two officers had stood by in February 2011, out of harm's way, while a man attacked Mr. Lozito as part of a four-murder crime spree. The judge ruled that it was not clear enough that Mr. Lozito was in danger when the officers began to ignore him (while they were inside a

subway motorman's booth).

■ In September, a federal jury in New York City upheld an employment agency worker's claim that she (an African-American) was racially harassed by her boss. The supervisor, Rob Carmona, had insisted that he could not be liable for race-based harassment because, he, too, is African-American and thus entitled to use the "n-word." ■

The continuing crisis

■ In separate incidents on successive September days, people dressed as Batman and Captain America rescued a cat from a burning house in Milton, W.Va., and Superman came to the aid of Wonder Woman in Hollywood, Calif. (The West Virginia pair were performing at a function when they noticed nearby smoke, and Superman and Wonder Woman were posing for tourists' tips when a passerby got belligerent.) In July, another Superman tackled a shoplifter on the streets of Sheffield, England, where he was appearing at a fundraiser. (However, less elegantly, two Captain Americas and a Spider-Man brawled briefly in May over access to a contested, lucrative Hollywood street corner.)

■ Our Freedom to Doze Off, Now in Danger: The training technology company Mindflash recently revealed a feature for iPads that prevents student inattentiveness during an online course. Facial recognition software notices a user looking away (or, worse, falling asleep) and thus pauses the course at that point until the eager learner re-engages the screen. (Mindflash assured reporters that the program has more serious uses, such as treatment of autism and Alzheimer's disease.)

■ For people who believe that "rave" parties' music is too faint, an August event at England's Liverpool International Music Festival offered a solution: The DaDaFest program featured an ear-crushing sound level especially staged for deaf people's dancing — since they can "hear" only by the vibrations saturating their bodies; the non-deaf should bring earplugs. Among the performers: deaf DJ Troi "Chinaman" Lee, who claims he easily feels distinctions in his mix of hip hop, R&B, reggae, dance and electro swing.

■ In an epic failure, according to Madrid's El Pais newspaper, a 20-story condominium building ("InTempo," likely the tallest residential edifice in the European Union) in the resort town of Benidorm, Spain, was hastily upsized to a planned 47 stories, but a series of architectural mistakes and developer bankruptcies has left it limping, still 65 percent unsold. Most notably, El Pais discovered in 2012 that the then-current design made it impossible to build an elevator shaft to go past the 23rd floor because of space limitation. (The architects resigned, and unconfident developers were forced to turn to financing from one of the shakier banks in the country's feeble economy.) ■

Oh, dear!

■ In a YouTube video, reported by the political website RawStory.com in August, well-known tea party activist Jerome Corsi elaborates on the biblical importance of child-bearing and implores followers to "(hold) the line" on the principle that "(s)ex is about the procreation of children." "(S)ex is not about fun," he says. "If you want to have fun, read a book, go to a movie."

■ Evidently, Surgery Is Kinda Boring:

A 36-year-old patient is suing California's Torrance Memorial Medical Center, claiming that anesthesiologist Patrick Yang decorated her face with stickers while she was unconscious and that an aide took photos for laughs, later allegedly uploading them to Facebook. Dr. Yang and the aide were later disciplined but remained in good standing. Some hospitals (not Torrance Memorial yet) prohibit cell phones in operating rooms at all times. ■

Bright ideas

■ According to his road manager, pioneer 1970s musician Sly Stone (of Sly and the Family Stone) has a lot of "real interesting ideas," including once trying to hire "ninja chicks and clowns" for his security entourage. Stone's latest brainstorm, reported London's *The Guardian* in August: form a musical group of albinos, which Stone says "could neutralize all the racial problems" that plague society. "To me," he said, "albinos are the most legitimate minority group of all."

■ In the concluding race in September of the Rally de Misiones in Campo

Viera, Argentina, it was important for drivers to complete the laps even if they had no chance of winning, but near the end, driver Sebastian Llamosas experienced a throttle malfunction and began coasting, still about a half-mile from the finish line. However, in a move reminiscent of actor Slim Pickens jumping on the atomic bomb in "Dr. Strangelove," Mr. Llamosas's quick-thinking partner Mauricio Sainz jumped onto the open engine and accelerated the car by hand while Mr. Llamosas steered the final distance. ■

Encore shop ready for debut after summer renovations

After being closed for renovations over the summer, the Encore Resale Shop owned and operated by the David Lawrence Foundation reopened on Tuesday, Oct. 1. A grand reopening celebration with refreshments, special offers, giveaways and raffle prizes for shoppers is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. The store is at 3105 Davis Blvd.

Encore is well-stocked for its reopening with gently used, name brand furnishings, housewares, accessories and collectibles for every room of the home as well as clothing and accessories for women.

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mental health and substance abuse services provided by the David Lawrence Center. One hundred percent of the proceeds from sales at Encore go to ensure that David Lawrence Center services remain affordable and effective. In addition, qualified families enrolled in DLC's community-based programs can also receive furniture and clothing donations.

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Junior Achievement honors Collier laureates

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Hazelden has books for local libraries

The Hazelden addiction treatment in Naples marks Mental Health Awareness Week, Oct. 6-12, by donating books to libraries in Collier and Lee counties. Provided by the organization's publishing division, Hazelden Publishing, the

books focus on helping people recognize, understand and overcome addiction and closely related problems such as mental illness.

For more information, call 659-2340 or visit www.Hazelden.org. ■

Salvation Army needs holiday storage space

As preparations for the holiday season begin, The Salvation Army serving Collier County needs to secure a location to serve as its food and toy distribution center. The organization needs at least 15,000 square feet of publicly accessible, air-conditioned and secure space with adequate parking. It will be used as a warehouse and distribute site for food, clothing, toys and personal

care items to those in need in the community for the holidays.

Space is needed Oct. 15-early January.

If you have a space or know of someone who would be willing to consider providing a temporary home for this need, call Maria Ramos at 775-9447 or 273-2001 or e-mail maria_ramos@uss.salvationarmy.org. ■

Keep an eye on the road for traffic cops

The Collier County Sheriff's Office gives drivers a heads-up that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following spots the week of Sept. 23-27:

■ **Monday, Oct. 7**
Radio Road and Commercial Boulevard: Speeding
Immokalee and Airport-Pulling roads: Red-light running
Logan Boulevard and Tallowood Way: Speeding

■ **Tuesday, Oct. 8** Pine Ridge Road and Napa Boulevard: Aggressive driving



Collier Boulevard and First Avenue Southwest: Speeding
Golden Gate Parkway and Sunshine Boulevard: Aggressive driving

■ **Wednesday, Oct. 9**
Bayshore Drive and Weeks Avenue: Speeding

U.S. 41 East and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running
Santa Barbara Boulevard

at Calusa Park Elementary: Speeding
■ **Thursday, Oct. 10**
Livingston and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Red-light running

Airport-Pulling Road and Cougar Lane: Red-light running
Green Boulevard: Aggressive driving

■ **Friday, Oct. 11**
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Pine Ridge Road at Pine Ridge Middle School: Speeding

Davis and Collier boulevards: Red-light running

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"It is unbelievable the metamorphosis I witnessed," she said. He had no self-confidence. He was unsure, and now watch how he has blossomed."

Dr. Herman's voice cracks and softens as she recalls the hardships and fortitude Mr. Hutter endured and applied while in the academic program.

"It took him a lot of courage to share," she said. "For him to lay his heart on the desk."

Though he is still in recovery, Mr. Hutter is now in the position to help others. As an intern at The Willough at Naples, he is a therapist who helps those like himself who are battling chemical dependency.

What is Barry University?

The small Miami-based Catholic university has had a satellite office and classrooms in Fort Myers for the past 25 years through its ACE program, said Dr. Charles Bell, associate dean of enrollment/management at Barry University. The program features a cache of undergraduate programs as well as several graduate degree programs, including master of public administration, master of arts in administration and master of social work.

The degree programs are vital to first responders who often lack schedules conducive to furthering their education in traditional school settings. Law enforcement officers and firefighters in



Jeff Hutter overcame substance abuse and is now working on a master of social work degree at Barry University.

Lee and surrounding counties benefit from Barry's flexible ACE program. In many cases, faculty come and teach students right in their own operation centers and campuses.

Chief Stephanie Spell of the Collier County Sheriff's Office — who is on track to graduate with a master of arts in administration in March — said the program is convenient and relevant to her work in law enforcement.

"It's been a fabulous experience," she said. "I have got a lot of value out of it."

For the 26-year CCSO veteran and the other law enforcement officers enrolled in the program, the flexibility at Barry is essential for their success. She said staff works with students who get called out of class for work.

For some students, gaining knowledge relevant to their work along with other mature adults is a perk of the program.

"The program itself is wonderful," said Charlotte County Deputy Chief of

Fire Operations Jason Fair. "Everyone's in the same boat."

But the flexible schedule is the lifeblood of the program. Many working adults require flexibility if they are to go back to school while maintaining a job, family and community responsibilities.

Lee County Manager Roger Desjarlais said he was "deep into his career" when he chose Barry to complete his bachelor's degree in public administration. Weekend class scheduling and overall flexibility enticed him.

"They were very fabulous," he said. "They clearly understand what it takes for a professional to go to school."

Becoming more visible

Though student after student, including notables in the community, praise the value of Barry University and its presence in Fort Myers many do not know it exists.



Dr. Hugh Clark, the Fort Myers site director for Barry University's master of social work program, teaches a Saturday morning class.

"We're a hidden gem," Dr. Clark said.

The school's classrooms and administration are located at 12381 S. Cleveland Avenue, Suite 502.

"We can't get the acceptance or publicity because we lack a physical campus," Dr. Bell said.

According to Forbes and Princeton Review online, Barry University is one of the largest Catholic universities in the southeast.

The average age of students is in the mid-40s range, said Dr. Herman. Most students coming to Barry are seeking to finish educational goals they never realized years earlier. One graduate was in his 70s.

It's never too late.

Barry faculty and leaders focus on making educational dreams and goals a reality. School is not just for newly minted high school graduates.

"I can't think of anything that can stop anyone," Dr. Herman said. "In reality, it's never too late to start."

For Mr. Hutter, the dream of going to school and making a difference in the world is happening.

"If I can do it, anyone can do it," he said. "I want to give back and help people. My perspective on the world has changed. I have learned at Barry this is what I want to do. They gave me a direction." ■

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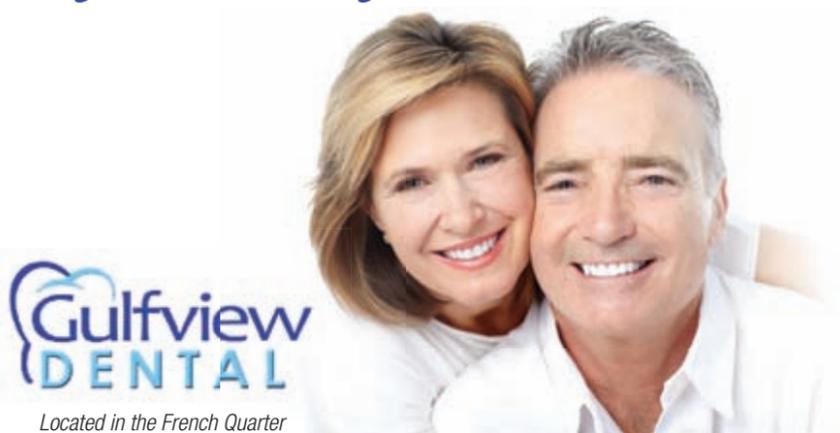
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Holocaust museum displays 'What the Soldiers Brought Home'

"What the Soldiers Brought Home," an original exhibit with materials drawn from the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida archives as well as items on loan from local veterans and their families, is on display at the museum in Naples through November.

In addition to artifacts, the exhibit contains numerous photographs taken by soldiers and some from the U.S. Army Signal Corps. Several years ago, Ken Regele, who served in the Signal Corps, donated many photos of concentration camps, Allied and Nazi generals and USO events. He also gave a roll of undeveloped film to the museum. When it was developed, the film revealed images beginning with D-Day and ending with the meeting of U.S. and

Soviet troops in 1945.

Several items are on loan for the exhibit from Bob McDonald, president of the Museum of Military Memorabilia at Naples Municipal Airport. Among those items is an engraved ring representative of those brought back by soldiers as reminders of their time in historic European cities.

Also on display in "What the Soldiers Brought Home" is a set of French perfume bottles, brought home by one U.S. soldier for his future bride. Six years later, he finally met and married her. Sixty-plus years later, his bride, now a volunteer at the museum, recalled this story and loaned her precious keepsakes for the exhibit.

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida is in Sandalwood Square at 4760 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Guided tours begin at 1:30 p.m. daily.

Volunteer opportunities abound for those who would like to get involved. Duties range from greeting visitors and leading tours to helping with event planning and grant writing. The next volunteer training takes place from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, Oct. 22-24. Those interested in reception and docent positions must attend all three days; others are required to attend just the first session.

For more information, call 263-9200 or visit www.holocaustmuseumswfl.org. ■

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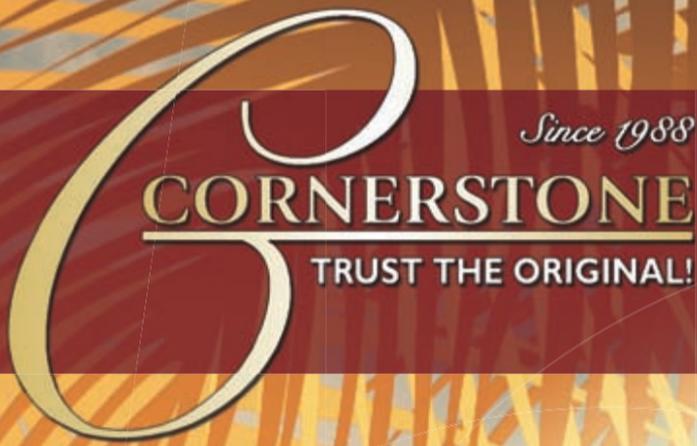
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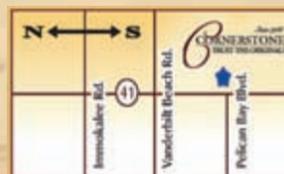
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Need help finding financial aid for school? There's an app for that

LoGradApp, a free mobile application to assist high school seniors with their next step in education, is now available for downloading. Made possible by FutureMakers, a regional educational initiative, with a grant from Wells Fargo and developed by Naples-based MassiveU, GradApp is designed to inspire students to discover career opportunities, skills and education requirements for a variety of careers, links to jobs and information about scholarships, financial aid, money management and more.

Less than one-third of high school seniors in Southwest Florida fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form required to access federal funds for postsecondary education, according to Dave Fleming, chief strategic officer for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation and FutureMakers team leader. "Understanding what type of financial aid is available and how much they qualify for can make the difference between going to college or not," Mr. Fleming says.

GradApp is the first tool created by FutureMakers to help the class of 2014 "take their next step toward the educational opportunities that are available to them now, before their graduation rolls around."

Data released by the U.S. Department of Education show that just 37 percent of the working-age adult population in Florida has earned a two- or four-year degree. By 2018, 59 percent of all jobs in Florida will require a post-secondary education, and 1.6 million workers with post-secondary credentials will be needed to

fill new and vacant jobs in Florida.

College graduates earn twice what workers without degrees earn, according to federal government figures.

Developed based on feedback from members of the education community, GradApp addresses many of the needs of those facing post-secondary educational funding challenges. The app serves as an interactive toolkit to help students navigate and manage post-secondary educational resources and funding.

"We have found that many of our graduating students, especially those challenged by economic and environmental barriers, are not aware of how to take the next step in their education whether it be some type of college or technical school," says Marshall Bower, president and CEO of the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools and FutureMakers team member. GradApp is aimed at increasing the number of regional students who fill out the FAFSA form and ultimately go on to a college or technical school to gain valuable higher education and job skills, he adds.

FutureMakers is the Southwest Florida Community Foundation's first regional call to action evolving from its 3D Initiative - Data, Dialogue and Decisions that began last year. The collective force of the five-county 3D Initiative team is aimed at engaging local donors as well as creating funding opportunities from outside the area. The 3D Initiative team determined that the widening educational gap - the difference between the number of students going on to college or other post-secondary programs, and the number of educated workers needed - is a critically

important issue that could be addressed and impacted through a regional strategy.

More than a dozen stakeholders from the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, Southwest Florida Works, The Education Foundation of Collier County-Champions For Learning and Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Sun Coast make up the FutureMakers coalition. In addition to launching GradApp, FutureMakers is aiding high school seniors through one-on-one and group mentoring, FAFSA workshops, financial aid application support and career coaching.

"As a result of the regional focus on these college-access issues and the support of FutureMakers, we are already seeing a significant impact for students in Golden Gate High, with a 7.1 percent increase in students completing the FAFSA and gaining financial-aid opportunities that they would not otherwise have had," says Susan McManus, president of the Education Foundation of Collier County-Champions For Learning.

"Let's face it," Mr. Fleming adds. "There are not enough guidance counselors to handle the need for assistance among our high school seniors, and many parents in economically challenged areas might not have attended college or a technical school so are at a loss of how to help their kids access funding.

"Funding and scholarships are being left untouched. It's up to us to help these kids have the bright future that's available to them."

To download or access GradApp, visit www.massiveu.com/gradapp. ■

Three more town hall meetings with superintendent

Three are three more town hall meetings on the calendar for parents, students and anyone in the community who would like to hear and/or ask questions of Collier County Public Schools' Superintendent Kamela Patton.



- Thursday, Oct. 10: Golden Gate High School
- Monday, Oct. 14: Barron Collier High School
- Monday, Oct. 28: Gulf Coast High School

Each hour-long meeting begins at 6 p.m. and includes discussion about BYOD (Bring Your Own Device), STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), workforce education and the B-fit wellness campaign. Networked laptops are available so parents can get technical assistance in setting up parent portal access and authorizing their children to participate in BYOD.

Questions are accepted from the floor and can also be submitted in advance by e-mailing question@collierschools.com or by visiting www.collierschools.com (click on the "Ask the Superintendent" link under Community Input Requested).

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Greater Naples Branch of AAUW** meets from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, at Hodges University in Room 150 of the Science & Technology Building. Guest speaker Char Wendel, dean of online learning and information resources at Hodges University, will present "Taking the Mystery Out of Online Learning."

Guests are welcome. For more information, visit www.aauwgnb.org.

■ The **Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group** meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Jewish Federation of Collier County, 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. All who are interested in getting starting and/or continuing to explore the world of Jewish genealogy are welcome. No experience is necessary. RSVP by e-mailing genresearch13@yahoo.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** holds its monthly meeting 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The doors open at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker and GSCC first vice president Nancy Fodi will discuss the Salem Witch Trials, with a focus on the social, religious and political issues leading up to this dark time in history. The aftermath of the trials destroyed many families. Ms. Fodi will offer a glimpse at those involved and what happened to them as they will trace genealogical records to those with ancestors in the trials.

A registered nurse and retired hospital administrator, Ms. Fodi is governor of the Myles Standish Mayflower Colony, a member of Big Cypress Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, and leader of the Family Tree Maker Special Interest Group for the GSCC.

Refreshments will be served. Attendance is free, and reservations are not required. For more information, call 593-4550 or visit www.thegscc.org.

■ The **Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Naples** invites Pi Phi alumnae in the Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island area to the next luncheon meeting set for 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at the Moorings Country Club. Guest speaker and local historian Maureen Sullivan-Hartung will discuss "Beer Worms, Square Grouper and Indians — Oh, My!"

Cost is \$25. Paid reservations are required by Friday, Oct. 4. For more information, contact Connie Kindsvater by calling 249-4969 or e-mailing conskind@aol.com.

■ Members of the **Big Cypress Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution**, hold their next luncheon and meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at the Country Club of Naples. The program will be about various military and veterans DAR programs.

Cost is \$24. DAR members and guests are welcome. Reservations are required by Oct. 11 and can be made by calling Madonna Crame at 455-7295.

For more information about DAR and the local chapter, visit www.dar.org and www.fssdar.net/bigcypress.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** invites orchid aficionados to its Third Thursday program from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church.

Attendance is free. Alliance members are encouraged to bring in their

blooming plants for entry into the monthly exhibition judging. Annual membership is \$25 for individuals, \$45 for joint memberships, free for ages 18 and younger.

For more information, call 498-9741.

■ 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 Oct. 17. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

Bonita Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Scott Vail at 777-3642.

Collier Communique Club: 6:30 p.m. every Thursday at Moorings Professional Building, 2335 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 208. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

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

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

Naples Toastmasters Club: 7 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 776-5398.

Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club: Noon on the second and fourth Friday at Stantec (previously Wilson Miller), 3200 Bailey Lane, Naples. Call Gwen Greenglass at 431-0931.

Naples Advanced Toastmasters: 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Linda Valentine at (954) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for membership.

Toastmaster Academy: 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call R. Sunde at 594-3828.

For more about the organization, visit www.toastmasters.org.

■ The **Naples Newcomers** helps those who are new to the area make new friendships centered on 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. ■

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Make a date for an evening at Corkscrew

Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary resumes its popular Corkscrew After Hours events on Friday, Oct. 11. One Friday night a month through April, the boardwalk and nature center will stay open late, from 5:30-9 p.m., with educational programs and entertainment.

The sanctuary's environmental educators and volunteer naturalists guide boardwalk excursions, identify quiet zones where visitors can hear the night music of foraging creatures, and plant telescopes at the best spots for viewing planets and stars.

Visitors begin the experience at Corkscrew's nature center, where discussions, art exhibits and live music add culture to the natural experience. The boardwalk will remain open for self-guided walks, or visitors can join a walk with a Corkscrew naturalist at 6:30 p.m. A telescope will be positioned on the boardwalk from 7-9 p.m. courtesy of Rick Piper of the Everglades Astronomical Society and Linda Jacobsen of Linda's Night Sky Tours.

The Oct. 11 After Hours is themed "Captivating Cats" in conjunction with a Corkscrew's exhibit of original photography and video of panthers and bobcats by Ralph Arwood and Brian Hampton. Mr. Arwood will be on hand for a presentation of his images and discussion of the habits of Corkscrew's cats. Children are encouraged to join the adventure and learning opportunity at cat-themed discovery stations.

Event highlights will also include live Celtic and Irish-Scotch music by the musical duo Trinity, with Susanna Haslett on concertina and tin whistle and Melissa

Seeley on guitar and vocals. The nature store will remain open for the evening.

Corkscrew After Hours events continue through the season as follows:

- **Nov. 15:** "Ancient Forest under the Moonlight"
- **Dec. 20:** "Winter Solstice"
- **Jan. 24:** "History of Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary"
- **Feb. 21:** "Love in the Swamp"
- **March 21:** "Tree Bats of Florida"

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David Lawrence Center celebrates leaders in the recovery community

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As part of the 24th annual National Recovery Month, the David Lawrence Center celebrated local individuals and organizations for their contributions to support those in recovery. The center is the only comprehensive, nonprofit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families in Collier County.

This year's National Recovery Month theme — "Join the Voices for Recovery: Together on Pathways to Wellness" — highlighted that family, friends and community members can support individuals throughout the recovery process. The theme also emphasized that there are many paths to wellness, including professional treatment, medical care, self-help and group support, and that each person embarks on his or her own unique path.

This year's David Lawrence Center honorees for National Recovery Month honorees are:

■ **Drug Free Collier**, a coalition of concerned citizens that advocates policy change and recently implemented an ordinance against the sale and possession of synthetic marijuana and bath salts in Collier County - Drug Free Collier also works directly with teens at several schools through the C.O.R.E. club to alter social norms about juvenile alcohol and drug use. Members partner

with the David Lawrence Center to conduct outreach programs that bring awareness of a variety of topics including underage drinking and substance abuse issues and trends to parents, students, teachers and concerned citizens.

■ **Frank Palowitz**, a member of the David Lawrence Center Alumni Association who has achieved more than 11 years of sobriety - Mr. Palowitz dedicates his community involvement to helping others find recovery. He chairs recovery meetings and coordinates alumni involvement in a variety of capacities in community-based and onsite 12-step meetings at the David Lawrence Center. He is also the alumni association liaison to the Collier County Drug Court, and he regularly sponsors men in the recovery community and inspires them toward life-changing wellness.

■ **Lt. George Welch** of the Prevention Services Bureau, Community Out-

reach Division of the Collier County Sheriff's Office - As coordinator of the CCSO crisis intervention team, Lt. Welch has trained 650 criminal justice professionals how to react appropri-

ately to emergency situations involving mental illness. His dedication to the mental health field expands to his posts as a board member for David Lawrence Center and the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County.

■ **Naples Equestrian Challenge**, recognized as a nonprofit treatment partner - NEC subsidizes services that assist David Lawrence Center clients in recovery from substance abuse and children with behavioral health needs through the powerful experience of equine-facilitated psychotherapy.

The local National Recovery Month celebration included dinner sponsored by St. Matthew's House and the David Lawrence Center Alumni Association, and entertainment by representatives from the Collier County Public Schools C.O.R.E. Society. Recovery community partners Drug Free Collier, Naples Equestrian Challenge, Collier County Sheriff's Office, St. Matthew's House, Hazelden, NAMI, Catholic Charities of Collier County, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children and Bala Vinyasa Yoga were on hand with information to share with guests at the reception.

David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year. For more information, call 455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org. ■



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Jamie Rivera, Jasand Ross and Tom Wedlock with the DARE car



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Accepting awards for their contributions to the local recovery community are, left to right: Kim Minarich for Naples Equestrian Challenge, Ana DiMercurio for Drug Free Collier, Lt. George Welch and Frank Palowitz.

Volunteer trustees help guide the NCH Healthcare System



One mark of a great hospital is the support it gets from community leaders, particularly those who volunteer to serve on its board of trustees. We are fortunate at NCH to have such leaders helping guide us as we proceed on our journey to ensure longer, happier and healthier lives for all of us and our neighbors.

These highlights of the most recent meeting of our 17-member board offer a glimpse of how our trustees are confronting important issues, including the five major NCH tactical initiatives.

■ **Primary care:** This has emerged as

a key consideration among physicians, nurse practitioners and physician assistants within and outside our community, especially as our region resumes its growth. The adoption of national health care means that more people will have insurance and that we will need more capacity for primary care. We possess the network and the infrastructure to support and welcome new practices.

■ **In-patient care model:** Right now, more than 60 percent of our in-patients are cared for by hospitalists, making this service a focus for quality, patient satisfaction and efficiency. Continuing to improve our care and service for patients might involve learning from the best practices of others. This topic evoked great discussion at the board meeting.

■ **Telehealth:** In collaboration with our IT partner, Cerner, and our long-

time NCH friend, Welch Allyn, we are exploring ways to employ Smart Rooms in patient homes for continuous monitoring, either after a hospitalization or even instead of a hospitalization.

■ **Population health:** Locally, the Greenway Project is a great example of ways to encourage people to stay mobile and fit. The Downtown Coalition, consisting of citizens and business owners in downtown Naples, has been a great supporter of this effort.

■ **Mayo affiliation:** Our Mayo colleagues were recently on campus to share their physician-led course for better patient-physician communication. We continue to grow our relationship, as the Mayo Clinic Care Network itself grows; the most recent edition is ThedaCare, a prestigious five-hospital system with 22 physician clinics in Wisconsin.

Also at their most recent meeting

our trustees reviewed and approved our strategic plan and budget, both of which underscore the increasingly difficult environment all of health care faces in our globally competitive world.

Our recent Moody's report highlighted a daunting outlook while affirming our current good bond rating of A2.

Net/net, the Board agreed that we have been smart and prudent getting our house in order these past years so that we remain strong financially with increased reserves, even while our earnings potential, just like the rest of the industry's, is cloudy in an uncertain health care environment.

What is certain is that Southwest Florida needs a strong and vibrant NCH. ■

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



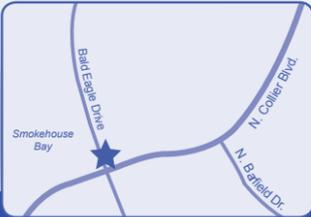
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Conference will address needs of young cancer survivors

Between 75 and 80 percent of children with a cancer diagnosis today are expected to live. With that in mind, the Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida, through a grant from the American Cancer Society, holds its first PACE Conference to acknowledge the special needs of caring for young cancer survivors and managing the long-term effects of the disease and its treatments.

Teens and young adult cancer survivors, their families, caregivers and health-care professionals who work with them are all encouraged to attend from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19, at Sanibel Harbour Marriott Resort & Spa in Fort Myers.

"It's important we recognize that most survivors will develop health issues later in life," explains Dr. Emad Salman, the hospital's director of pediatric hematology/oncology. "Their overall health needs

to be monitored on a regular basis by a professional who is familiar with these risks," he adds. "Early diagnosis typically leads to easier treatment, or possibly prevention of conditions associated with cancer survivorship."

Experts in the field of pediatric cancer survivorship will discuss potential late effects of treatment, how to access community and health-care resources, healthy eating and nutrition, navigating insurance and maintaining financial stability. Local pediatric cancer survivors will also give testimonials.

The conference is free, but registration is required by Friday, Oct. 11, and is limited to 100 participants. Child life specialists and volunteers will be on hand to occupy children so parents can attend the sessions.

To sign up or more information, call Sarah Evangelista at 343-6027. ■

Komen announces next grant cycle

The grants committee of Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida welcomes applicants for the affiliate's 2014-15 community grants. Applications will be available at www.komenswfl.org beginning Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Local nonprofit organizations that provide innovative programs in the areas of breast cancer screening, diagnostics, treatment, education and support are encouraged to apply. Those who would like to know more about the process are encouraged to attend a workshop hosted by the local affiliate

from 8:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 22, at Hodges University in Fort Myers.

Awards in the most recent grant cycle ranged from \$11,000 to \$130,000; almost \$700,000 was awarded to a total of 10 organizations in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties.

Completed grant applications are due to Komen on Thursday, Dec. 5. Recipients will be notified on March 31.

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Walk the walks, run the runs, hit the links or bait a hook in the name of a nonprofit organization. Here are some opportunities for getting out for a good cause.

■ **Big Brothers Big Sisters** of the Suncoast-Collier County hosts its inaugural **Golf Fore Kids' Sake** beginning with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at The Estuary at Grey Oaks. Registration for \$175 per person includes lunch.

Bill LoPresti of Morgan Stanley is chair of the tournament and also serves as chair of the BBBS local community board. Tournament sponsors include Morisey Dart, Grey Oaks Country Club, Enclave Hosting and Publix Super Markets Charities. Additional sponsorship opportunities, including hole sponsorships for \$150, are available.

For more information, call Lois Gomez at 331-7133 or e-mail lgomez@bbbssun.org.

■ The **Marco Island Kiwanis** holds the inaugural Kiwanis Family 5K Fun Run/Walk, **Stride Away through Hideaway**, on Saturday morning, Oct. 12. The course begins and ends at Tigertail Beach Park and goes along the scenic streets of Hideaway Beach. Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. and runners/walkers set out at 8 a.m.

Registration in advance is \$20 for adults, \$15 for ages 5-12; add \$5 on race day. Sign up online at www.runsignup.com (search for Marco Island Kiwanis 5K).

All proceeds will benefit Project Eliminate to end maternal/neonatal tetanus. For more information, call George Sarantos at 919-4407 or e-mail info@marcoislandkiwanis5K.com.

■ A **golf tournament** to benefit the **Marco Island Center for the Arts** tees off at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Island Country Club. Registration is \$125 and includes lunch before the tournament. Prizes include a two-year lease on a 2014 Mercedes Benz C250, provided by Mercedes-Benz of Naples. To sign up or for more information, call the Marco Island Center for the Arts at 394-4221.

■ The Freedom Waters Foundation's **Heels & Reels** girls fishing tournament to benefit the **PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee** takes place from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Naples Boat Club. The event pairs



approximately 30 teens from the PACE Center for Girls with experienced female anglers who offer mentoring and instruction while on the water.

Volunteers and sponsors are needed to donate funding, vessels, time and experience. For more information, contact Debbie Hanson at 233-4930.

■ The fifth annual **redfish tournament** to benefit **Emma Faith Hall** takes place Saturday, Oct. 12, at Mullock Creek Marina in Fort Myers. Naples-based GreenCare is helping sponsor the event.

Emma was diagnosed with a brain tumor at 3 months of age. Doctors didn't give her much of a chance for survival past the age of 1, but now she is 8 years old and learning to walk, speak and read Braille.

Registration is \$75 per angler and

includes lunch and a shirt. There will be a payout for the biggest fish in several categories. To sign up or for information about sponsorship opportunities, call Michele Hall at 634-6514 or e-mail michelerhall@embarqmail.com.

■ **Wine Tasters of Naples** hold their third annual golf outing for charity on Saturday, Oct. 19, at Heritage Bay Golf & Country Club. Registration for \$85 per person includes a buffet lunch and drawings for prizes. Sign up as a single or a team by calling John Groneman at 963-6237 or e-mailing Jhg3.154@gmail.com.

■ The Alzheimer's Association's **Walk to End Alzheimer's** 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.

To register or for more information, call Nicole Melnick at 405-7008, e-mail melnickn@alzflgulf.org or visit www.act.alz.org/naples.

■ The **Crazy 8K (4.97 miles) and 2-Mile Walk** to benefit **Lighthouse of Collier** and the **Bonita Springs Lions Eye Clinic** sets out Sunday morning, Oct. 27, at Vineyards Community Park. Prizes will be awarded for best costumes worn by adults and children. Call 732-9779 or visit www.gcrunner.org.

■ Third annual **Sunset & Suds 5K** sponsored by the **Naples North Rotary Club** is set for Friday, Nov. 1. The route starts at Vanderbilt Beach Road and Gulf Shore Drive and finishes at the Turtle Club for paella and suds on the beach. Registration is \$23 per person in advance, \$25 on day of the race. Call 250-5085, e-mail sunsetandsuds5K@gmail.com or follow [sunsetandsuds5K](https://www.facebook.com/sunsetandsuds5K) on Facebook.

■ The fourth annual **Southwest Florida Epilepsy Walkathon** takes place from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 2, at North Collier Regional Park. Sign up as an individual or form a team and step out to raise funds for the Epilepsy Foundation of Florida. All walkers who raise \$50 will receive a T-shirt. Raise \$1,500 and get a \$100 gift certificate to Best Buy.

For registration or more information, call 254-7710 or 348-5155 or e-mail Danny Rosenfeld at dbrosenfeld08@gmail.com.

■ **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** invites amateur anglers to sign up for the 20th annual **RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament**. Proceeds support the Conservancy's efforts to protect area waters and fund juvenile game fish research.

A kick-off party is Friday, Nov. 1, at the Naples Yacht Club. Anglers will launch from locations in Naples, Goodland and Everglades City the mornings of Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 2-3. The tournament concludes with an awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Nov. 3, at the Conservancy's



Nature Center.

Registration is limited to the first 60 teams that sign up by Oct. 25. Forms are available at www.conservancy.org/red-snook. For information about sponsorships, call Nikkie Dvorchak at 403-4219 or e-mail nikkied@conservancy.org. ■

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■ Gold Goes Pink
10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3
A. Jaron Fine Jewelry

Sip champagne or tea and enjoy petit fours while browsing (and buying!) pieces from the "La Vie En Rose" collection by Amanda Jaron. Fifty percent of the proceeds from sales of the special pieces goes to Cancer Alliance of Naples, Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida and the Garden of Hope & Courage. The La Vie En Rose collection consists of the sterling silver Candy Ribbon Cuff (starting at \$650), the Candy Ribbon Cuff in Perspex (\$25) and the Tea Rose pin, also in Perspex (set of two, one small and one large, for \$25; or two small pins for \$22). The jewelry store is at 6310 Trail Blvd.

Info: 293-2932 or www.ajaron.com

■ Stiletto Sprint warm-up
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5
True Fashionistas Designer Resale

The resale boutique partners with the Garden of Hope and Courage for a mini-sprint as a warm-up for the fourth annual Stiletto Sprint coming up Saturday, Oct. 19. Local celebrities dressed in pink and high heels will run a short course in front of the shop in the Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt. Anyone who donates or consigns a pink item that day to True Fashionistas will receive a \$10 discount on the Stiletto Sprint registration fee. There will be prize drawings for a Saks Fifth Avenue gift basket and True Fashionistas gift cards, as well as cupcakes, balloons for kids, breast health information from Radiology Regional, free makeovers and more.

Info: 596-5044 or www.TrueFashionistasResale.com.

■ Momma T's Fly Your Bra
Motorcycle Poker Run
10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5
Naples Harley-Davidson

Decorate your bike, your helmet and yourself with bras for a cruise around Naples. Sponsored by the Ladies of Harley/Naples Harley Davidson H.O.G. \$20 for riders, \$15 for passengers includes

barbecue lunch and live music by the Teakwood Band at Naples Harley-Davidson after the ride. Prizes for the best-decorated bras and for the best and worst poker hands. E's Country Store will donate \$5 to cancer research for every bra donated to the Bra Bucket. Naples Harley-Davidson is at 3645 Gateway Lane.

Info: Terri Morin at (972) 951-2380 or terri.morin@gmail.com; www.hdnaples.com

■ Yoga for the Cure
1-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5
On the lawn at Mercato

Suggested \$10-\$20 donation will benefit Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida. Info: 225-2764

■ Pink Party!
8-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5
Blue Martini in Mercato

Enjoy a pink martini in exchange for a \$10 donation to the American Cancer Society. Prizes will be given for the best pink outfits.

Info: 261-0337; ashley-smith@cancer.org

■ Margaritas & Mammograms
6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9
Miromar Outlets

Waterside, Luna Rosa, La Bamba, Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar and Ford's Garage restaurants participate in an evening to support Making Strides Against Breast Cancer and the American Cancer Society.

Info: www.miromaroutlets.com.

■ Wine Gala
8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9
The Fresh Market Naples

Enjoy wine, cheese and hors d'oeuvres for \$25 to benefit Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Info: 261-0337; ashleysmith@cancer.org.

■ Making Strides Against Breast Cancer
9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12
Cambier Park

Gather pledges and step out for this noncompetitive 5K walk to raise awareness and dollars to help the American Cancer Society's efforts to fight breast cancer. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

Info: 261-0337; www.making-strideswalk.org/naples.

■ TREK Ride to Raise Awareness
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12
Trek Bicycle Store
Coconut Point, Estero

Featuring 10- and 25-mile rides, the event donates registration fees to The Breast Cancer Research Foundation. All riders receive a gift bag and can register for door prizes and a national sweepstakes for a new Trek Lexa.

Info: 390-9909; www.trek-bikesflorida.com.

■ Get Your Pink On!
5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17
Saks Fifth Avenue

Hosted by Physicians Regional Healthcare System and Saks Fifth Avenue at Waterside Shops. Refreshments, makeup consultations and shopping. \$25 includes a \$25 Saks gift card and swag bag. Percentage of proceeds to benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples during the Key to the Cure shopping weekend Oct. 17-20.

Info: 592-7861

■ The Stiletto Sprint
6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 19
Third Street South and Broad Avenue

A light-hearted, 500-yard race for the entire family to benefit the Garden of Hope & Courage and Susan G.

Komen Southwest Florida. Info: 434-6697 or 498-0016.

■ Luau Party
4-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20
Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club

Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and enjoy food, music and a silent auction to benefit the American Cancer Society. Sponsored by Marco Island Marriott Resort & Spa and First National Bank of the Gulf Coast. \$45 per person.

Info: 642-8800, ext. 3890.

■ Women Supporting Women
5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7
The Naples Yacht Club

Enjoy creative cuisine and sample select wines at the 12th annual Women Supporting Women evening to benefit Cancer Alliance of Naples. \$85 per person.

Info: www.wswnaples.com.

■ Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support
Regular meetings

Bosom Buddies support group meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the second and last Wednesday of every month in the Telford Education Center at the NCH downtown campus.

Info: 417-4600

■ Chico's Stands Up To Cancer
Throughout October

With every purchase of its limited-edition anniversary scarf, Chico's will donate \$10 to Stand Up To Cancer for research focused on getting new treatments to patients quickly.

Info: www.chicos.com.

■ Tijuana Flats
Throughout October

Tijuana Flats offers pink ribbon chips and pink tortillas to help raise money for the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. A portion of all sales of Just in Queso sauce will also benefit the foundation. In North Naples, Tijuana Flats is at 11164 Tamiami Trail N.

Info: 514-1342. ■





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PET TALES

Help an old friend

Simple changes can improve a senior pet's quality of life

BY GINA SPADAFORI
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When I started writing about pets for a living almost three decades ago, I had one middle-aged dog and one young one. When I sat down to write this article, my final "Pet Connection," I again have one middle-aged dog and one young one (as well as three cats, one horse, two goats, two ducks and 23 chickens, but who's counting?). In the years between that first column and this one, I've held many pets in my arms at our veterinarian's for the final goodbye, most of them dogs.

Even though I know the signs of aging pets mean the hardest part of sharing a life with them is inching ever closer, I never regret having an old dog around. To me, an older dog is one of the most beautiful of life's many gifts to us. It doesn't matter what time has done to the animal's actual appearance — an older dog looks special to me, and always will.

I know I'm not alone in this feeling, but I sometimes realize that I am in the minority when it comes to leveraging the strategies — often simple and relatively inexpensive — that can make an older dog feel years younger. This time can be a special one for both of you, but it's up to you to make the most of it.

The place to start is with your veterinarian. With my senior pets, I go to twice-yearly comprehensive well-

ness exams, which include not only a complete physical and dental examination, but also diagnostic tests to see what's going on "under the hood." With my last three dogs, those diagnostics paid off by revealing health issues that weren't yet showing, including cancer and renal failure. In all three cases, diagnosing, addressing and treating the conditions early allowed me to enjoy extra time with all three of these dogs.

But even when tests reveal nothing abnormal, I've been able to take my veterinarian's advice based on those twice-yearly visits to improve the lives of my senior dogs. My veterinarian has been able to suggest dietary changes and nutritional supplements, for example, that eased the pain of arthritis. I've always worked in partnership with my veterinarian, and that's never more helpful than when managing an aging pet.

Once I have a pet's medical needs addressed, I look at changes to make at home. These include:

■ **Beds.** Think soft. Think cushioned. Think low. Think heated. Your dog will thank you for all of these comforts, especially in cold weather.

■ **Clothes.** Older dogs, like older people, have a more difficult time maintaining their body temperature. This problem is even more pronounced in slender, short-coated breeds like the greyhound or whippet. So check out the sweater selection at your local pet-supply store.

■ **Ramps and steps.** If your dogs are allowed on the couch and the bed, consider buying or building steps to help the dog who can no longer make it in one jump. A permanent ramp going down the back-porch step or a slide-out one to help your dog into the car will also be appreciated.

The most important thing you can do for an older dog? Keep him moving, every day (avoid "weekend warrior" syndrome), and keep his weight at or just below normal. For my dog Heather, I added a life preserver so she could continue to swim almost daily in the river near our home, providing her with low-impact exercise that wasn't overwhelming.

In the 30 years since I started helping others help their pets, nothing makes me happier than thinking about how many wonderful pets I've known — and not just my own, of course. You can't make time slow down, and you can't change the too-short life span of the animals we adore. But you can make the most of the time your pet has, and you should always try. Start by talking to your veterinarian, today. ■

— Gina Spadafori has retired from the Pet Connection team. Kim Campbell Thornton, an award-winning writer and the author of many pet-care books, has taken over as Dr. Marty Becker's writing partner for Pet Connection.

Pets of the Week



>> **Carmel** is a 3-year-old domestic shorthair mix who was surrendered with his sister, Smokey. They are hoping someone has it in their hearts to let them stay together. Adopt the pair for \$55.



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While I have never, ever proclaimed to be a fashion diva, I was out and about last week and truly wished that I could have issued some serious citations when it came to some of the style choices folks were sporting in Southwest Florida. I realize that our little corner of the Sunshine State is by no means New York City, and I know it's OK to enjoy a more casual fashion vibe in the tropics — but y'all, there are a few things that need to be stopped.

■ Fanny packs. Just no. Why am I seeing so many lately? And most importantly, why anyone would choose to ADD bulk to that particular area of the body is completely beyond me.

■ Look, my brief foray into running gave me heel spurs (lesson learned: Stay on the couch), so I had to buy Crocs, but there truly are OK-looking Crocs — mine are black with a wedge heel and NO ONE ever guesses they're Crocs. Unless you're in your backyard gardening (and NO ONE one can see you), get rid of the lime green Crocs with the air holes. Don't even wear those to Publix.

■ Sadly, I was at a recent event and spotted a grown woman in pigtails. I don't even think that's OK for the gym, but at an event? Pigtails only look cute

on 6-year-olds. If you're 40 years old and wearing pigtails, you need better friends to stop you from doing that.

■ Men folk: I just don't think tank tops work on you guys. Maybe while lounging at home or while running (see warning above about running). It's just that I don't understand why a dude would think exposed armpit hair is enticing or fashionable.

■ People are wearing their pajama pants everywhere. While I agree that pajama pants have gotten cuter (thanks, Old Navy!), they are still not fit to wear to a party — unless it's a slumber party.

■ I'm sorry, I'm not trying to hurt Britney Spears' feelings (because, you know, she probably reads this column never), but Uggs are ridiculous looking, period. And Uggs coupled with Daisy Duke cut-off shorts looks almost comical — and not in a good

way. No more Uggs with shorts. It's a bad idea for Britney and for the rest of the world.

I'm guessing that's enough for now. I'm sure as we get into season, I'll be seeing more things I can't unsee. But I'm prepared. I will try not to scream in frustration at the first soiree where I spot a woman in a strapless gown with tan lines on her chest and shoulders. Maybe I'll just get cards printed up that read: "They make self-tanner to cover those up." Someone has to tell them — sigh.

The first high tea of season

Much like getting our tan lines under control for the start of strapless season, news of high tea at the home of this year's president of the Opera Naples Guild is a sure sign that our social calendars are about to start getting crowded.

I had the nicest chat with Natasha

Lidow recently about some of the things she and others in the Guild are planning in their quest to raise funds and awareness for Opera Naples. First of all, she's hosting a high tea ("the kind with pinkies up," she laughs) at her home on Thursday, Oct. 10. In addition to enjoying tea and fancy treats, Guild members and their guests will hear from Ron Bowman, president of the Naples Opera Society, about the season's first performances of the Opera Naples troupe. Two chamber operas — "The Telephone" and "The Medium" — will be presented in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 18-19. "The Telephone" is billed as a light romantic comedy, whereas "The Medium," complete with a fake psychic, murder and mayhem, sounds like the perfect precursor to Halloween. Mr. Bowman will enlighten his tea-party audience with details about both.

If you'd like to know more about the perks and privileges of membership — including attending next week's high tea — in the Opera Naples Guild, Ms. Lidow would love to hear from you. Find out more at www.operanaples.org (click on "Support" and then on "Guild").

For tickets to the Oct. 17-18 chamber opera performances, call the box office at Artis—Naples, 597-1900, or visit www.artisanaples.org. ■

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



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“Little small movements — that’s all there is to flying.”

— **Bruce Norton** of CJ’s Jetpack Adventures



Tourist Dennis Rehm steers a jetpack propelled by water.

EVAN WILLIAMS / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Blastoff

Florida’s newest water attraction takes off

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WHEN HE TURNED 35, FRIENDS BOUGHT Dennis Rehm a water-propelled jetpack flight. On that hot September morning he found himself rising out of the water and up into the air above a lake at Revolution Cable Park in North Fort Myers.

He flew the personal flying machine up and down a length of the lake, a little unsteadily, kind of like James Bond testing the latest spy gizmo.

“I was a little bit afraid,” admitted Mr. Rehm, a police officer from Hamburg, Germany, who was vacationing in Southwest Florida. “(But) when you relax, you can drive perfectly.”

Still dripping lake water and exhilarated after the flight, he added, “I’d do it again.”

Barry and CJ Berger, the owners of the Naples-based Captain CJ’s Jetpack Adventures, hosted Mr. Rehm’s ride. The husband-and-wife team were among the first in Southwest Florida to offer the thrill of a jetpack ride when jetpacks first started being sold commercially in 2011. At that time, the water toys cost almost \$100,000

each, Mr. Berger said. They bought two and have already broken even on the investment, he added.

He got the idea for a jetpack from an article he read about Snooki of “Jersey Shore” fame using one. He thought it would be a good addition to the manatee sightseeing business he operates just south of Naples.

The jetpacks are manufactured by Dania Beach-based Jetlev Technologies. The company uses a model designed by a Canadian man, Raymond Li, who first sketched out his idea in 2000 and

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The Fed plays 'Red Light, Green Light' with the market



Domestic and international investors are always mindful of the U.S. central bank, the Federal Reserve, since there is long-standing history that investors are best to align themselves on the Fed's side of the investment divide. Investors generally don't want to find themselves in an investment position that is opposite to the central bank's intent for the economy and for the bond/equity markets. Hence, the bull market expressions: "Don't fight the Fed" and "The Fed's got your back."

How does an investor know what the Fed's intent is? The Fed often gives very clear signals, akin to the childhood game of "Red light! Green light!" If the Fed takes actions to lower interest rates and ease credit conditions (or suggests it will do so), then most often this is a "green light" for equity and bond investors. If the Fed takes action to raise rates and tighten credit, it is correspondingly a "red light" for bonds, certainly, and possibly for equity investors.

For the past four-plus years, the U.S. central bank has been the "wind in the sails" for bond and equity investors. Through its several-fold quantitative easing, the Fed has been at the epicenter of the supposed economic recovery.

This recovery has been weak, and accomplished through great incurrence of debt on the Fed's balance sheet.

The U.S. equity and bond markets could be at important inflection points. The U.S. Bond market has been in a bull market of rising prices and lower rates for close to 30 years. The U.S. equity market has been in bull mode since March 2009, having experienced one of the longest, strongest, sustained percentage advances in the past 100 years, possibly due to all the Fed's monetary measures. In slang investment vernacular, these markets are "long in the tooth." If this is on investors' minds, it is very much on the Fed's mind as well.

Reading the mind of the Fed has been easier in the past. The Fed has historically been straightforward about intent and actions (whether popular or not) and has moved decisively and not suddenly retreated upon signaling a monetary policy reversal. Also, what makes reading the Fed's signal clear is the economic context within which the signal is given.

For instance, if the economic environment was in recession and the Fed was waving the flag of lower rates as its monetary goal, then chances were pretty good that rates would go lower and the bond and equity bull markets could charge ahead.

However, if the economy was strong and the Fed was declaring the equity market had frothy valuations (for example, the dot-com bubble) then chances were good that the Fed would take

actions to raise interest rates, trim equity expectations and cut off bond gains.

Despite historically greater clarity, investors who are now trying to read the Fed's tea leaves are very confused. Investors think they hear and see the Fed signal that interest rates will rise — only to hear that interest rates will not rise, and vice versa. Easing will be tapered until easing won't be tapered. On-again and off-again messages give the investing public concern that the Fed wants to get out of the business of easing and would exit this role, except that the credit markets would (and recently did) sell off deeply.

Investors have also become confused by leadership at the Fed. After many years under Ben Bernanke, years that made for big equity and bond gains, President Obama made it clear that the Fed chairman would soon be replaced and a short list of candidates was being developed, without valid reasons given.

Succession to Bernanke only made Fed policy more unclear, as some candidates were dovish and others want the Fed to put on the brakes. The credentials of the candidates for replacement seemed to take a backseat to the disposition of the candidates on interest rates. Now that hawkish Larry Summers has declined candidacy, it appears that dovish Janet Yellen will be appointed. And so went the bond market; up, then down, then up, etc.

Investors often incorrectly make an assumption that the Fed really has "nailed" quantitative easing's cause/

strategy and effect. They assume that the Fed has its monetary manipulations down to a science. However, it seems that the Fed recognizes it is easing in uncharted waters; Bernanke et al are figuring out the next part of their game plan with some temerity.

For instance, this summer's statement that QE would be tapered by end of the year was not wanted by the bond market and it had a major sell off. So the Fed's strategy then reversed. The Fed said that tapering would not happen and then the bond market rallied.

So, the Fed is feeling the markets out to see how much price sensitivity there is to its withdrawal of easing. Bond holders found out the hard way that the market is highly sensitive to a change in Fed policy. ■

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Board Appointments

Tina Eckert, an associate in the Naples office of Quarles & Brady LLP, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Florida Diversity Council. Ms. Eckert earned her law degree from the Rutgers University School of Law and holds a graduate certificate in labor and employment relations from the Rutgers University School of Management and Labor Relations.



ECKERT

Jacquelyn Pierce and **Suzanne Scott-Schwartzburg** have joined the board of directors for the Marco Island Center for the Arts.

Ms. Pierce is currently a motivational speaker, concentrating largely on women's issues, and is a registered professional parliamentarian. She has previously owned an interior decorating studio and taught in the Illinois public school system. The Community Foundation of Collier County named her a 2013 Women of Initiative honoree.



PIERCE

Ms. Scott-Schwartzburg moved to Marco Island from Orlando in 1999 and is an agent with Paradise Realty. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northeastern University in Boston and previously worked in the telecommunications industry.



SCHWARTZBURG

Nolan (Lanny) Baird, president and CEO of Kensington Capital Management LLC; **Mark Frissora**, chairman and CEO of Hertz Global Holdings; and **Joseph (Jay) Tompkins**, co-owner of Naples Ballet Academy, have joined the board of directors of Artis—Naples.

New officers elected to serve on the board of SWFL Children's Charities Inc are: **Elaine Hawkins**, president; **Dorothy Fitzgerald**, vice president and secretary; and **Gary King**, treasurer. All three have been involved as trustees for several years in the organization's annual event, the Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest.

Insurance

Ryan Reynolds of Galt Insurance Group has earned his 2-15 Florida life, health and variable annuities license. Mr. Reynolds is also 220 licensed. He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from Florida Gulf Coast University.



REYNOLDS

Recreation

Alan Findlay has joined LaPlaya Beach & Golf Club as golf club manager. He has more than 27 years of experience in golf operations and hospitality management, most recently as golf director at Omni Orlando Resort at Champions Gate in Orlando. ■



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JETPACK

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acquired at least three U.S. patents in the development process.

Now there are at least 10 businesses that Jetlev calls “flight centers” scattered throughout Florida, including CJ’s, Red Sail Sports Aruba in Palm Beach and Rocketman in Key Largo.

Each Jetlev set-up comes with a gasoline-powered motor that stays in a pod on the water. The pack itself is connected to the pod by a long hose; it can rise 30 feet in the air, has sensitive steering and can be remote controlled.

Getting the feel of it

It doesn’t take physical strength to fly the jetpack.

“Little small movements — that’s all there is to flying,” Bruce Norton of Captain CJ’s advised Mr. Rehm on the morning of his birthday “flight.” A dozen or so of Mr. Rehm’s friends and family had gathered to watch and cheer him on during a 30-minute session.

When he was first buckled in, he looked concerned. After all, with the lifejacket tightened to a lung-squeezing fit and a helmet secured on his head, it probably seemed as though he would sink straight to the bottom tangled in gear.

When he jumped in the water, however, the jetpack floated nicely (it also has fail-safe devices that allow the wearer to shed the whole contraption easily or cut the engine). Mr. Rehm floated on his back for a minute until Mr. Norton, on a jetski, pulled him out into the lake.

With a button under the throttle, Mr. Rehm started the jetpack engine.



Bruce Norton outfits CJ Berger in a jetpack harness.

EVAN WILLIAMS / FLORIDA WEEKLY



Bruce Norton works a remote control on shore while Dennis Rehm flies over a lake.

Then Mr. Norton used a remote control to lift him up to his knees and then his ankles. Soon Mr. Rehm was airborne, zooming up and down the length of the lake, with Mr. Norton offering calm encouragement and direction through the headset built into his helmet.

Wearing a wide grin, Mr. Rehm got out of the water exclaiming that he wanted to go higher Mr. Berger said that by their second time out, most

clients are ready for some tricks, such as landing on the back of a jet ski or shooting up out of the water. Some with advanced skills fly upside down or pretend to run across the water, showboating. Indeed, jetpacks seem to hold unlimited trickster promise.

Coming down in price

The early cost priced most consumers out of the jetpack market. But Jetlev is selling a new R200x model on its



Friends and family watch as Dennis Rehm takes a half-hour ride.

website now for \$68,500, and the price is expected to continue to drop dramatically.

“Eventually the price will come down and individuals will own jetpacks,” Mr. Berger predicted.

The new addition to his business has rapidly gained popularity, he said. CJ’s Jetpack Adventures books “flight” reservations on the Gordon River near downtown Naples and at Revolution Cable Park in North Fort Myers. The regular cost is \$190 for a 30-minute session; through Oct. 15, CJ’s is offering a \$99 special.

It’s been popular for birthday parties, corporate events and even grandparents, Mr. Berger said.

“We were surprised. We’ve had teenagers who get a big charge out of this — and women over 75 who get a big kick out of trying it.” ■

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ON THE MOVE

Health Care

Dr. Robert Chami has joined the staff at Riverchase Dermatology and Cosmetic Surgery. Dr. Chami earned a bachelor's degree and a master's in biochemistry at Loma Linda University before graduating from the Loma



CHAMI

Linda University School of Medicine. He completed a plastic surgery residency at Wright State University-Kettering Medical Center in Ohio after completing his training in general surgery at the Loma Linda University Medical Center. He is board certified in plastic surgery.

Beverly Belli has been promoted to clinical director of adult community services at the David Lawrence Center. Ms. Belli joined DLC in 2000 to develop and manage the specialized therapeutic foster care



BELLI

program. She previously worked for the Massachusetts Department of Social Services for 37 years. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Massachusetts and a master's in rehabilitation counseling from Assumption College in Massachusetts.

Neurologist **Lisa Aenlle-Matusz** has joined the staff at Neuroscience & Spine Associates and is accepting patients in the

office in the Royal Palm Medical Building. Dr. Aenlle-Matusz specializes in epilepsy, disorders of gait and balance, multiple sclerosis, neurology and neurophysiology. She earned her medical degree from Michigan State University and completed a fellowship in epilepsy at Emory University, an internship in internal medicine at Hurley Medical Center and a residency in neurology at the University of Florida. She also holds a graduate degree in public health from Emory University.

Jaime Sather, ARNP, has joined the David Lawrence Center in the adult outpatient medical services department. She has more than 15 years of experience and most recently was a psychiatric nurse practitioner for Essentia Health in Brainerd, Minn.



SATHER

Lori Ann Nervina, ARNP, PNR, has joined the David Lawrence Center in children's outpatient services. Ms. Nervina earned her bachelor's degree in nursing, a master's of science and her family nurse practitioner degree from Syracuse University, where she received the Sigma Theta Tau Nurse's Honor Society Research Award in 2002 for her research in adolescent depression and suicide prevention. She earned a post-master's certificate as a family psychiatric mental health practitioner from Binghamton University and most recently was a child and adolescent psychiatric nurse practitioner for Cayuga Counseling Services in Auburn, N.Y. ■

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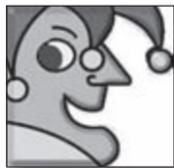
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When studying a company as a possible investment, you should develop a solid understanding of its industry. Harvard Business School professor Michael Porter laid out five competitive forces in his book "Competitive Strategy" (Free Press, \$40). Give them some thought when researching businesses:

• **Threat of entry.** Assess how expensive it is to enter the industry, the economies of scale, switching costs and brand value. It's easier, for example, to enter the lawn service industry than the automobile industry — one requires some relatively inexpensive equipment, while the other requires factories, distribution networks and much specialized knowledge.

Switching costs protect companies, too. When consumers can easily switch from one product to another, companies have to work harder to keep them. Brands also matter. Many consumers would rather buy a brand-name product than an unknown brand.

• **Bargaining power of suppliers.** There are only a few airplane suppliers (think Boeing and Airbus), so if you're running an airline, it's difficult to play one

against the other, negotiating for a great price. Meanwhile, if hospitals need to buy a certain drug, they don't have many options.

When there are many suppliers, they generally have to compete more to win business, and that can lower prices for buyers.

• **Bargaining power of buyers.** This is affected by brand power, switching costs, the relative volume of purchases, standardization of the product, and elasticity of demand (where demand increases as prices fall, and vice versa). Walmart can dictate terms to many suppliers because of its size.

• **Availability of substitutes.** The cable TV business is threatened by the growth of substitutes such as streaming video.

• **Competitive rivalry.** The more competitive an industry is, the more likely you are to have price wars and reduced profitability. Examples include supermarkets, airlines and hotels.

Consider these forces, and you might determine that an industry is more or less attractive than you thought. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Impatience Hurts

I manage my brother's portfolio and my own. I bought Visa at \$110 for the two of us. When it was near \$130, I called it quits. Boy, that was dumb — it has recently been near \$180. I made my brother continue to hold it, and he's sitting pretty. Sometimes I feel like I give him better advice than I give myself.

There are lots of these examples. I bought 3-D Systems at \$33 for my brother after it plummeted, and I sold it for around \$40. It's now near \$52. I bought Bank of America at \$6.50, watched it fall, and sold it once it returned to \$6.50. It hit \$15 later. So many future profits missed! I also bought Coffee Holding Co. in 2011 on the recommendation of a CNBC article. I held for a 30 percent loss before I concluded that it was a bad position.

Bottom-line? Have confidence in the long-term profitability of the companies you believe in. Ignore the volatility and noise all around you.

— G.L., online

The Fool Responds: Amen. Patience can be quite profitable. ■



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Splitting Shares

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— H.W., Prescott, Ariz.

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Stock splits are generally non-events, though. The share price gets adjusted down in proportion to the increase in share count. So while suddenly owning more shares can be exciting, it's not too meaningful. Pre-split, you might have owned 100 shares priced at \$40 per share (total value: \$4,000). Post-split, your 200 shares are worth about \$20 each, for a total of ... \$4,000. Not much has changed.

When stocks fall, should I move my money into bonds, and vice versa?

— A.N., Endicott, N.Y.

Do that, and you'll be selling low, instead of buying low and selling high. Think for yourself and don't follow the crowd. Decide, for example, how much of your nest egg you want to keep in bonds. Young people might want to be close to 100 percent in stocks, while those near or in retirement might want to have a chunk of their money in bonds. Stick with your desired allocation until you have a good reason to change it. The reason to diversify across categories is so that when one slumps, the other might offset the loss (though that doesn't always happen). Healthy fallen stocks tend to recover.

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million annually, and the Paulson & Co. investment company is aiming to buy me. My ticker symbol evokes Beethoven. Who am I? Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize! ■

The Motley Fool Take

A Steely Stock

If you expect our recovering global economy to boost demand for steel as more construction and infrastructure projects get underway, then you should consider adding steel to your portfolio. Meet Nucor (NYSE: NUE), a compelling steel company.

Nucor has grown into the largest U.S.-based steel producer by doing things differently. For starters, none of Nucor's plants are unionized. But it still treats its employees well, offering a performance-based compensation plan including profit sharing and a 401(k). (That's right — no pension.)

The company hasn't laid off an employee for financial reasons in more than 30 years. Unlike its rivals, Nucor has been profitable in almost every year of the past

decade, even with a recent oversupply depressing steel prices.

Whereas steelmakers typically have huge central facilities, Nucor employs smaller, efficient, locally based mini-mills. It also crafts a lot of steel from scrap metal instead of via metallurgical coal. Nucor recently bought Skyline Steel, specializing in large-scale steel foundations, which will boost its range of operations.

With a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio in the 30s, the stock doesn't appear to be cheap. But those numbers will change as earnings pick up, and Nucor merits at least a spot on your watch list. For patient believers, its dividend recently yielded 3.1 percent. (The Motley Fool's newsletter services have recommended Nucor.) ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **Young Executives of the David Lawrence Center**, the Young Lawyers Section of the Collier County Bar Association, the Next Generation Committee of The Shelter for Abused Women & Children, the Hope for Haiti Next Generation Board and YP Naples hold their second annual season kickoff party from 7-10 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, at The von Liebig Art Center. \$50 includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Proceeds will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. Purchase tickets at www.naplesjuniors.com.

■ **The Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council** holds its annual meeting from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, at My Shower Door in Naples, 13500 Tamiami Trail N. Call

992-2943 or visit www.bonitasprings-chamber.com.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Hilton Naples. Call 262-6376 or visit www.napleschamber.org.

■ **The East Naples Merchants Association** meets for Business After Business at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call 435-9410 or 643-3600 or visit www.east-naplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ **The Above Board Chamber of Florida** welcomes members and guests

to its luncheon from 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, at the Hilton Naples. Attendees will hear from guest speakers Trisha Borges, Mark Schwartz, Sam Black and Liz Sanders about how to get sales results. \$23 for members, \$28 for guests. Reservations required by Friday, Oct. 11. Call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16, at Erin's Isle. \$5 for members, \$10 for others. For more information, call 394-3061.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17, at Rook-

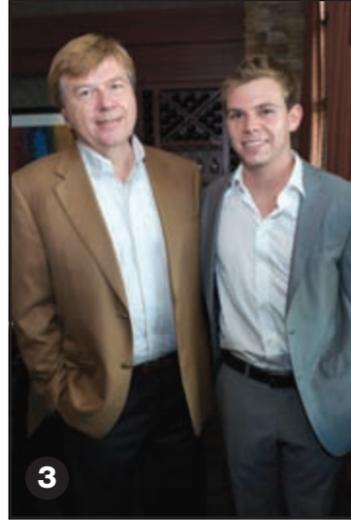
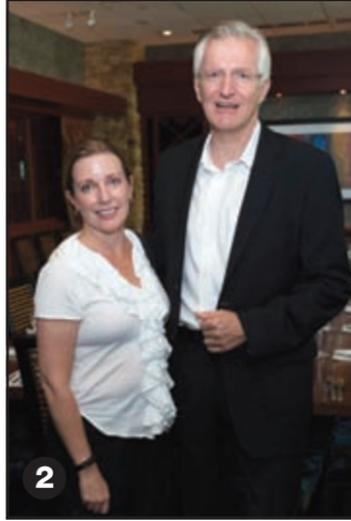
ery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 300 Tower Road. \$8 for chamber members, \$25 for others. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org/events.

■ **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. ■

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL REAL ESTATE INDUSTRY

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House Hunting:

18145 Via Portofino Way, Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club

COURTESY PHOTOS

Outdoor living is the hallmark of this contemporary waterfront home in Portofino on the Peninsula at Miromar Lakes. A courtyard entry welcomes you to the calm, clean design of this London Bay home. Another central courtyard off the kitchen offers a spot for outdoor respite with a serenity fountain and covered trellis. Double French doors at the back of the home lead to a custom pool and outdoor living area complete with summer kitchen, fireplace and space for a private dock.

With 3,343 air-conditioned square feet, the home has two bedrooms, a den and 2½ baths. The chef's kitchen has a spacious pantry, dramatic black granite

countertops and Wolf/Sub-Zero appliances. Designer flooring by Walker Zanger is featured throughout the main living spaces. The interlocking paver driveway leads to a two-car garage.

18145 Via Portofino Way is offered furnished for \$1.775 million. For more information, call Miromar Realty at 425-2340 or visit MiromarLakes.com. ■

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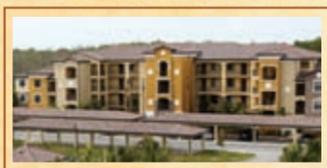


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REAL ESTATE ROUNDUP

■ **Lizzie Malaniak** has been named marketing manager for WCI Communities to oversee marketing activities for communities including Tiburon in Naples and The Colony Golf & Bay Club in Bonita Springs. She has more than 10 years of sales and marketing experience, most recently as a senior account manager at Quenzel & Associates in Fort Myers.



■ **Roland Roth** has joined Luxury Home Solutions to sell, design and assist in the management of remodeling and new home projects. A graduate of Northern Illinois University, he has more than 20 years of experience, including 18 years as the owner of R.O. Roth & Associates in Milwaukee.

■ **James Venooker** has joined the sales staff at South Bay Realty, bringing more than 15 years of experience in buying, selling, building and investing in North Naples homes. He was formerly with Coldwell Banker.

■ **The Avellino** model by **BCB Homes** will be the largest model home in Mediterra upon completion later this fall. The four-bedroom, 4½-bath home with 5,300 square feet of living space is under construction in the Teramo neighborhood of 13 estate homes. Including outdoor living areas, the garage and entry pavilion, the Avellino will have more than 7,500 square feet. The one-story design by Stofft-Cooney Architects is priced at \$3.35 million, unfurnished.

The entrance to Mediterra is on Livingston Road, two miles north of Immokalee Road west of I-75. The sales gallery is open daily. For more information, call (866) 954-8939 or visit www.ExperienceMediterra.com.

■ **Lennar Homes** has released a new phase of estate homes in the Bella Firenze neighborhood at **Treviso Bay**. Three- and four-bedroom floor plans range from 2,400 square feet to almost 3,000 square feet and are priced from the high \$500,000s to the mid-\$700,000s. Available upgrades include a complete outdoor kitchen, a pool/spa package and extended pool deck, and a GE Monogram appliance package.

■ **Stock Signature Homes** is nearing completion on three new inventory homes in the Majorca and Mahogany Bend neighborhoods at **Fiddler's Creek**.

In Majorca, the Scottsdale II is a one-story residence with three bedrooms plus a study and three full baths under 2,719 air-conditioned square feet. The Scottsdale II inventory home will include more than \$250,000 in upgrades and options and is currently priced at \$909,425.

Also within the village of Majorca, Stock is nearing completion on the Harbourtown II inventory home. This one-story residence will have 2,815 square feet of air-conditioned living space with three bedrooms, a study and three full baths. The Harbourtown II inventory home will include more than \$240,000 in upgrades and options and is currently priced at \$954,780.

Stock also is nearing completion on the Riviera II inventory home in the village of Mahogany Bend. This one-story residence will encompass 3,174 air-conditioned square feet and will feature a large open foyer leading to the kitchen, family room and dining room. With four bedrooms and 4½ baths in a split floor plan, the Riviera II will include more than \$270,000 in upgrades and options and is currently priced at \$1,158,883.

The entrance to Fiddler's Creek is just off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. For more information, call 732-9300, visit www.fiddlerscreek.com or stop by the sales center at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway.



The Maison Coco by Michelangelo Homes in Miromar Lakes.

■ **Michelangelo Homes** is nearing completion of the **Maison Coco** model home in the Murano neighborhood at Miromar Lakes. With 3,877 square feet of air-conditioned living space, the home has three bedrooms and 3½ baths, a study, formal living and dining rooms, a spacious master suite, a chef's kitchen with breakfast area plus a game room or optional fourth bedroom and fourth full bath. A custom pool with a fireplace feature is the focal point of the spacious lanai complete with summer kitchen.

Total square footage of the Maison Coco is 5,787 square feet. Adjacent to the new Marina on the Peninsula scheduled to open late fall, the model is priced at \$1.93 million fully furnished and is available for purchase with a leaseback option.

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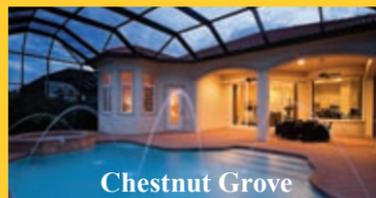
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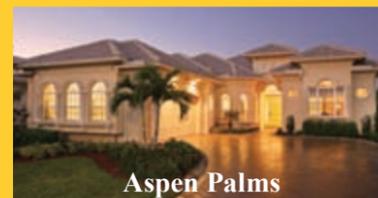
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- Shadow Wood**
- 4 Bedrooms, + Den, 3.5-Baths
 - Stunning Kitchen
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 - Wonderful Amenities
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- Vineyards**
- Beautifully Upgraded Michelangelo Model
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 - 6th Floor, 2 Bedrooms, 2 Baths
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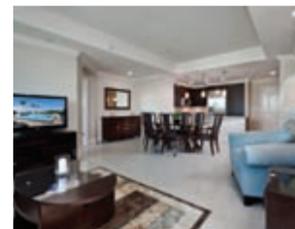
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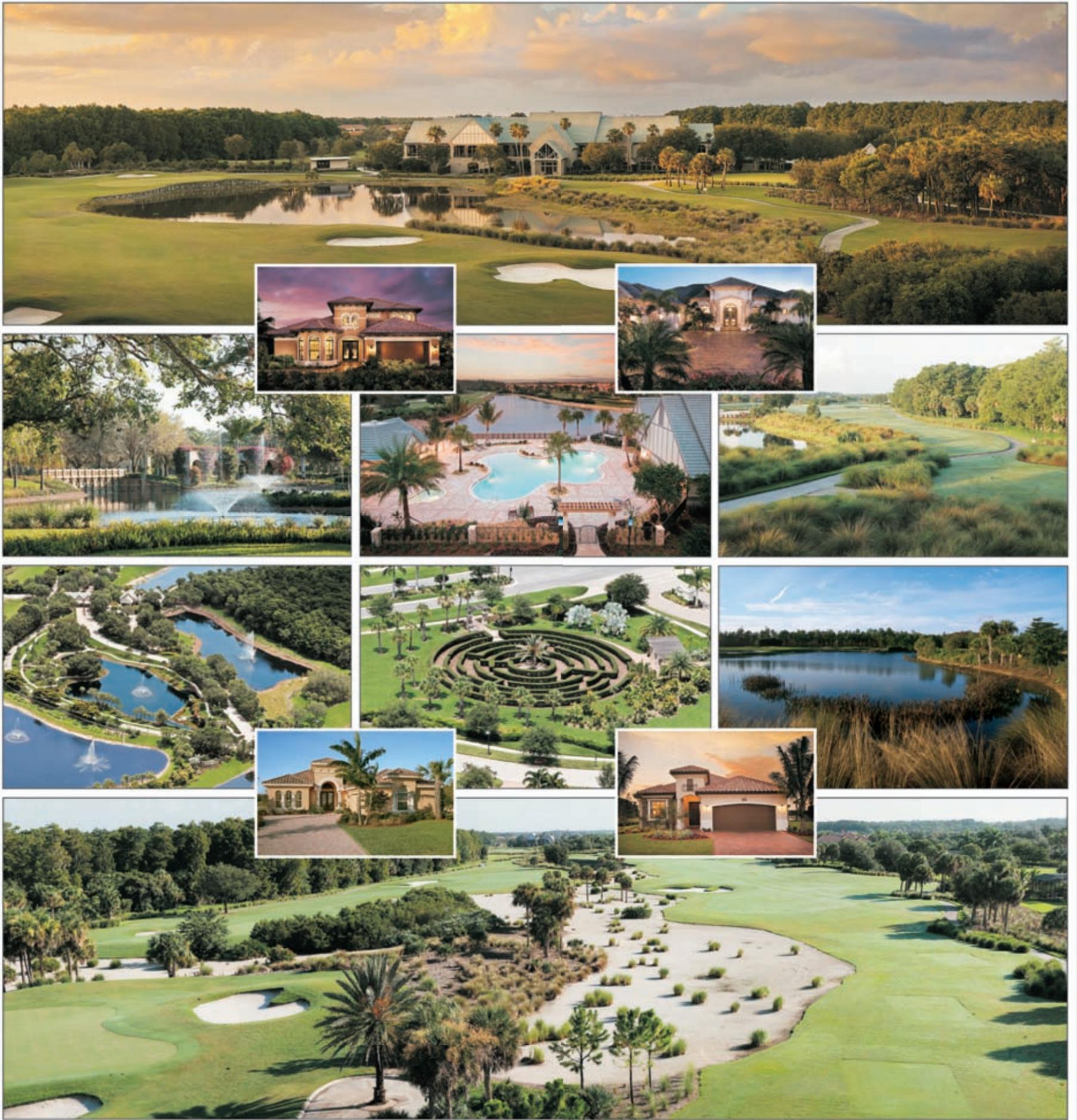
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3 • BONITA BAY - WEDGEWOOD • 26930 Wedgewood Drive #201 • \$339,000 • PSIR • Linda Haskins • 239.822.3739 • Open Sunday 1-3pm

4 • PELICAN BAY - GLENCOVE • 5803 Glencove Drive #601 • \$345,000 • PSIR • Linda Ohler • 239.404.6460

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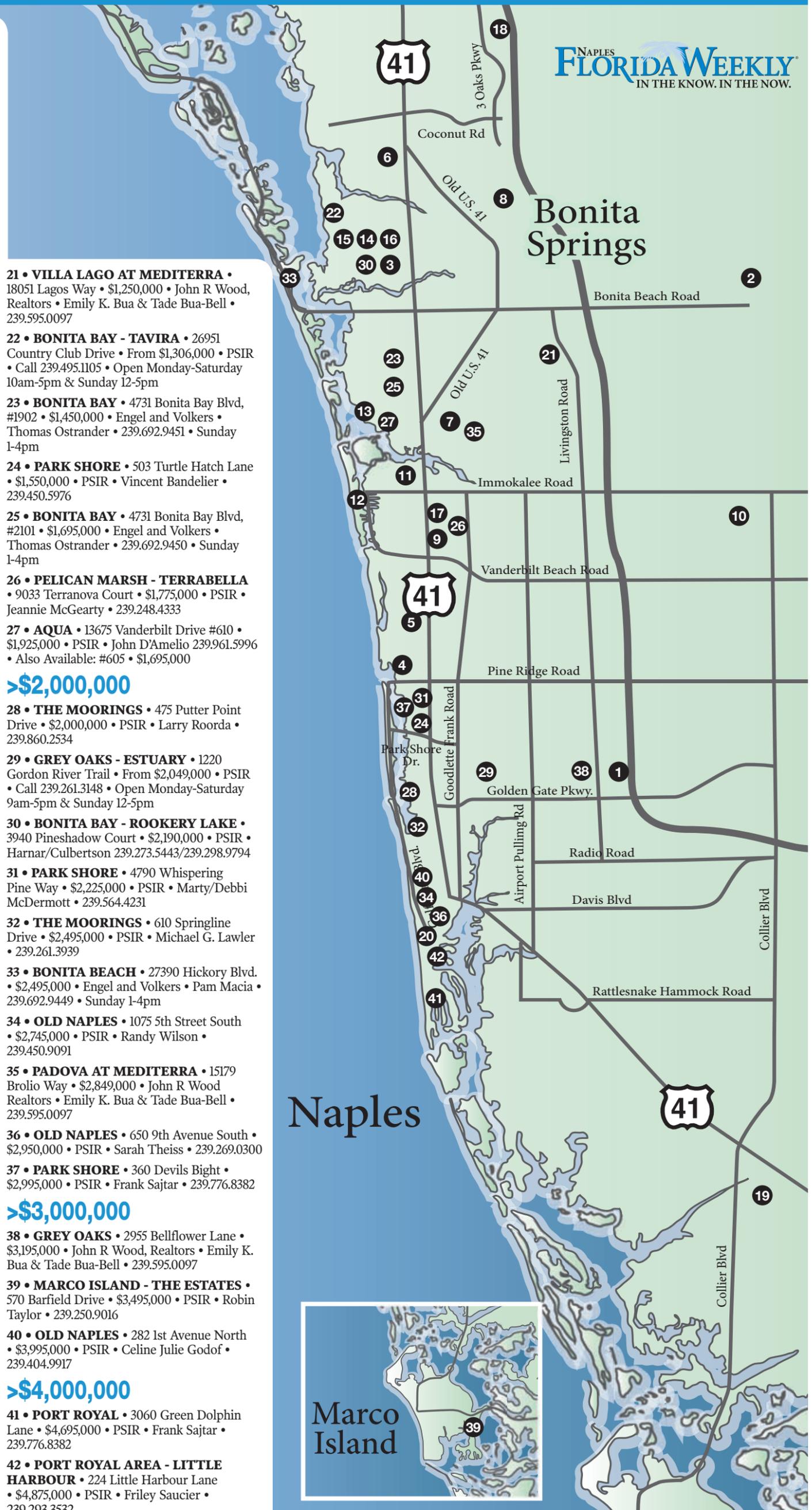
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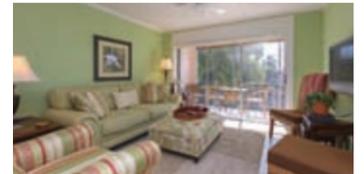
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Kelley Curran and Nick Duckart in Gulfshore Playhouse's "Venus in Fur"

Sexual power play

BY NANCY STETSON
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FORGET ABOUT "FIFTY SHADES OF Grey."
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The Tony-nominated play "Venus in Fur" is an intelligent look at sadomasochism, the dynamics of relationships and sexual power struggles.

"There are so many layers upon layers upon layers (in this play): who's in power, sexual politics, gender politics," says Kristen Coury, director of the production of "Venus in Fur" that opens the new season for Gulfshore Playhouse on Friday, Oct. 4, at The Norris Center in Naples.

"It's just an incredible cat-and-mouse scene the entire time," Ms. Coury adds. "It's the complete total opposite of 'Fifty Shades of Grey,' which is all spelled out in lurid detail. In this play, it's all evoked, it's all

SEE POWER PLAY, C4 ►

David Ives' 'Venus in Fur' leaves most to the imagination in exploring a risqué relationship



African Children's Choir set for Naples concert

The nonprofit, humanitarian African Children's Choir presents a concert of beloved children's songs and traditional spirituals from their homeland at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, at Naples Seventh Day Adventist Church. Admission is free; a freewill offering will help support the choir's activities as well as relief and development programs in Africa.

The Choir has performed before presidents, heads of state and most recently the Queen of



AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR / COURTESY PHOTO

England, Queen Elizabeth II, for her diamond jubilee. The choir has also sung alongside Paul McCartney, Annie Lennox, Keith Urban, Mariah Carey and Michael Smith, among others.

Music for Life, the parent organization of the children's choir, works in Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Sudan, Nigeria, Ghana and South Africa, with a focus on education to help create the leaders of tomorrow.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Too much space can be a relationship liability



A friend recently told me this story: At the opening of a hot new restaurant in a big metropolitan city, the woman who owned the establishment made her way to my friend's table. The woman was a famous restaurateur, and on that particular night she was glowing and beautiful, pregnant with her first child at 41.

My friend and this woman began talking about relationships, and the restaurateur admitted that only two years before she had given up on the prospect of ever finding love. A stunning woman from a large Italian family, she had imagined that her life would be filled by a husband and children. She never anticipated that at 39 she would still be single. And though her professional life was successful and in many ways she lived a charmed existence, she felt a great gulf inside her.

Profoundly sad, the woman found herself in a church one afternoon lighting a candle. For the first time in her life she realized that her dreams of family might not happen. She wept

some there in the church, her head bowed, the candle flickering, and then she stood, dusted herself off, and decided to get on with her life.

"I finally, seriously let that dream go," she told my friend.

And then what happened? What always happens in these yarns. She met her Big Love. A marathon runner who happened to be handsome and kind. And a surgeon. Just. Like. That.

My friend offered me this story during my own recent down moment, a tale of hope with a moralistic punch line.

"You just have to create space for love," my friend said, "and it will come to you."

It's a lesson I've heard before.

Several years ago I picked up Katherine Woodward Thomas's relationship advice book, "Calling In 'The One': 7 Weeks to Attract the Love of Your Life." I read the how-to guide with one eyebrow raised, not sure if I could swallow its New Age-y approach to love.

The final section of the first chapter, "Making Space for Love," asserted that in order to find a partner, we



need both metaphorical and physical space. Mrs. Woodward Thomas encouraged love-seekers to clean out their closets and adjust their beds. She also suggested they create breathing room in their schedules and their hearts.

"We all must master the ability to release who we are for the possibility of who we might become," she wrote.

She's not wrong, and I admire this idea of making room. But what happens when we create an overabundance of space? There are some of us who make a career out of looking for love, who keep our closets not just roomy but empty. We expend so much effort on being open and accommodating — ready for love at any possible moment — that we forget to root ourselves in our own lives. We become weightless and un tethered, floating through life, always looking for the next heartthrob.

Perhaps the trick to finding love, then, is to strike a balance between this openness and a certain grounding closed-ness. That way we can make space in our beds without forgetting to stake our claim to half of it. ■

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Florida premiere of indie romance will open fifth annual NIFF

The fifth annual Naples International Film Festival presents the Florida premiere of the feature film "Hank and Asha" as part of the festival's red carpet opening-night celebration Thursday, Nov. 7, at Artis—Naples.

"We're very excited to kick off this year's festival with this charming and original indie romance," says Shannon Franklin, NIFF executive and artistic director. Filmmakers and cast members will be in attendance to introduce and discuss the film, she adds.

"Hank and Asha" is a modern love story about an Indian woman studying in Prague and a lonely New Yorker. Two strangers searching for human connection in a hyper-connected world, they begin an unconventional correspondence through video letters. When their relationship deepens, they must decide whether or not to meet face to face.

Winner of numerous awards on the film festival circuit, "Hank and Asha" is about identity, longing and the irresistible appeal of entertaining life's what-ifs.

The NIFF opening night gala begins at 5:30 p.m. with the red carpet arrival at Artis—Naples. The screening starts at 7 p.m. and will be followed by a Q&A session with filmmakers and cast members. VIP ticket holders will enjoy the after party from 9:30 p.m. to midnight featuring Clint Wiley's None Other band.

Tickets for opening-night festivities are available exclusively through Artis—Naples by calling the box office at 597-1900 or by going to www.artis-naples.org. General admission and VIP tickets are available.

■ VIP: For \$159 per person, VIP



guests can walk the red carpet, attend the welcome reception with visiting filmmakers and other VIPs, enjoy premium seating in Hayes Hall for the film presentation and attend the opening night party.

■ General admission: For \$29 per person, guests walk the red carpet, mix and mingle before the film and enjoy standard seating in Hayes Hall for the screening of "Hank and

Asha."

NIFF continues Nov. 8-10 with approximately 40 films at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato. Among this year's offerings are domestic and international feature-length and short films in the drama, comedy and documentary genres. Q&A sessions, panel discussions and workshops are also part of the festival.

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POWER PLAY

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innuendo ... and it's all steamy."

According to American Theatre Magazine, "Venus in Fur" will be the most-performed American play this season, with 22 regional theaters producing it. (Florida Repertory Theatre in Fort Myers hoped to stage it this season, but Ms. Coury nabbed the rights.)

"It's the most amazing thing," she says. "It's as edgy as all get out, yet nothing happens — no nudity, not even a kiss."

But with adult language and adult situations, the two-person play is definitely one for mature audiences.

The director and both actors — Kelley Curran and Nick Duckart — grapple for words and ultimately falter when asked for a brief description of the play. "Venus in Fur" is so complex that a concise, one- or two-sentence explanation is impossible, they feel.

"It's very hard, very tricky to give a one-liner about this play," Ms. Curran says. "It's a very layered, complicated play (that's) hard to sum up." Sexuality, she adds, "is as much driven by our brains as other parts of us. This play explores it on all levels."

Mr. Duckart says part of what makes the play so sexy is its spontaneity.

"Venus in Fur" is complicated, in part, because its two actors also play two other parts in a play audition.

The premise of the play: Thomas has adapted "Venus in Furs," by Leopold von Sacher-Masoch, into a play called "Venus in Fur." Both book and play are about a man searching for a woman who will dominate him and make him her slave. (We get our word masochism from Mr. Sacher-Masoch's name.) Then he meets Vanda, who seems perfect for him.

Thomas is directing the play himself and holding auditions, but he's having a difficult time finding the right actress.

Then a woman actually named Vanda walks in for an audition. Thomas can't find her on the schedule, but she persuades him to let her try out, with the two of them acting out scenes from the play.

Soon, the tables are turned, and it's difficult to tell at any given time who's in power and who is truly being submissive.

The entire situation is like a hall of mirrors: Ms. Coury is directing two actors, who play a director and an actor onstage, acting out a play within a play.

"The whole play is mirrors upon mirrors," she says.

A tough role to fill

Like his character, Thomas, playwright David Ives had a difficult time finding the right actress to play Vanda. In an interview with John Lahr, former senior theater critic at the New Yorker, he revealed that it took him six months before he finally discovered and cast Nina Arianda, who, like her character, had little previous experience. Looking at her resume, the casting director and artistic director were doubtful, but once she began reading, they knew they'd found their Vanda.

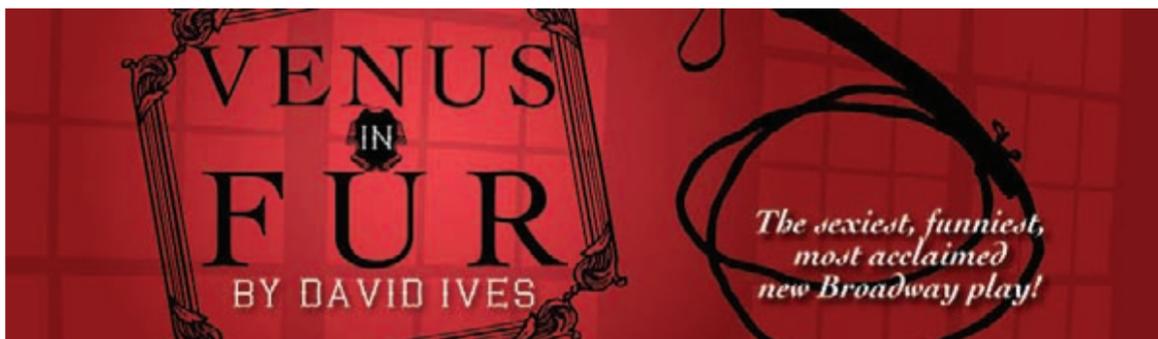
Ms. Arianda originated the role off-Broadway, then played Vanda on Broadway. She went on to win the Tony Award for Best Actress in a Play for the role.

Ms. Coury had similar difficulties casting the role for her Gulfshore Playhouse production. After one local audition and three in New York City, she still hadn't found her Vanda. She could find an actress who could play either the modern role or the 19th century one, but not both.



COURTESY PHOTO

Nick Duckart and Kelley Curran in "Venus in Fur."



She finally found Ms. Curran when the actress sent in an audition tape.

"I'd seen every age, shape and style actress," Ms. Coury says. As soon as she saw the tape, she adds, "I loved it. I said, 'That's her! That's our girl!'"

Ms. Curran saw the Broadway production of "Venus in Fur" and says she thought Ms. Arianda was "fantastic, phenomenal." But now, like every actor in the role, she has to make the character her own. "The things I loved

about (Ms. Arianda's) performance would be unnatural to me as an actress," she says.

"What's so interesting about this now is that it's going to be the most-performed show this season," Ms. Curran adds. "So they now have 22 actresses all over the country facing the same challenge."

Come with an open mind

Mr. Duckart, whom Gulfshore Playhouse audiences last saw as Marco in "A View From the Bridge," says "Venus in Fur" is "the first of its kind" for local audiences.

Will it be too much for them? "I truly believe that if the audience comes in with an open mind and just watches the show, without any preconceived notions of what they think it's going to be, they're really going to fall in love with these characters, these two very rich, very complex characters," he says.

"The storytelling is just so brilliant, with a sexy undertone that's risqué and different than what they're used to seeing. But because of David Ives's words, and the way he creates these characters, they're going to eat it up."

Rehearsals have sparked some inter-

esting conversations, both actors say.

During the early days of rehearsal, Ms. Coury told them that their two characters were "entering into a contract where the person acting submissive is the one with the power, with the control," says Ms. Curran.

This is a play where the tables are continually being turned.

"It makes for a really great creative rehearsal space," the actress adds. "It's a fantastically structured play. There's the play itself, and then the play within the play, and the way these two stories collide and explode is brilliantly composed."

The pleasure and pain of acting

"Venus in Fur" is also set in a familiar locale for the director and actors: an audition room.

When Vanda persuades Thomas, the playwright, to read lines with her, he stops and says, "This is hard. I can't believe I put actors through this."

Vanda replies: "You're a playwright. You're a director. It's your job to torture actors."

Ms. Curran doesn't see acting as a masochistic activity.

"I wouldn't call it that, just because part of it is painful," she says. "What keeps any artist engaged is not feeling satisfied, that constant curiosity," she says, quoting Martha Graham, who said, "No artist is pleased. (There is) no satisfaction whatever at any time. There is only a queer divine dissatisfaction, a blessed unrest that keeps us marching and makes us more alive than the others."

Ms. Curran agrees that acting involves both pleasure and pain. While it's wonderful to feel curious about your craft, you also feel like you're never finished or that you never really figure it out, she says. "There's something in there

that's frustrating and curious-making, and also completely wonderful, which has elements of masochism, but I wouldn't describe it as that."

Her co-star, however, would.

"I do think acting is a masochistic activity," Mr.

Duckart says. "The creative process of getting a chance to perform is euphoric, not masochistic. The masochism comes from the sacrifice that takes precedence in your life. You have to make a lot of sacrifices to do this job. And it is a dream job.

"The insecurity, constantly having to renew yourself, the 10-, 20-auditions-a-week lifestyle, hearing 'No' more than you hear 'Yes' — that's where the masochism comes from.

"But we love it. We're the happiest people in the world, taking pleasure in the pain.

"Why do you keep doing it? Because you love it."

Ms. Curran and Mr. Duckart are enjoying the rehearsal process and look forward to the run.

"I do think it'll be a fun night at the theater," she says.

"Invigorating," he adds.

"It's complex, thought-provoking material," says Ms. Coury. "And it's sexy." She hopes theater lovers take a risk and come out and see it.

"Whatever you expect it to be, it won't be," she says, "but it will be more than you expected." ■



in the know

"Venus in Fur"

- >> **Who:** Gulfshore Playhouse
- >> **When:** Oct. 4-20 (preview Oct. 3)
- >> **Where:** The Norris Center, 755 Eighth Ave. S., Naples
- >> **Cost:** Tickets start at \$29. Half-price seats available for all matinee performances 30 minutes before curtain.
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■ **Trailer Park Musical** – The Naples Players open the new season with “The Great American Trailer Park Musical” Oct. 9-Nov. 2 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Pippin** – By the FGCU Center for the Arts through Oct. 6 and 11-13 in the FGCU Black Box theatre. www.theatrelab.fgcu.edu.

■ **You Say Tomato, I Say Shut Up!** – Through Nov. 2 at The Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Burt & Me** – Through Oct. 5 at Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Thursday, Oct. 3

■ **Local History** – Historic Palm Cottage, home of the Naples Historical Society offers guided garden tours of The Norris Gardens beginning at 10 a.m. \$10 (free for NHS members). Reservations required. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

■ **The Great Race** – Naples Regional Library hosts a free screening of “The Great Race” (USA, 1965) at 2 p.m. 650 Central Ave. Registration required. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **All About Orchids** – The Naples Orchid Society welcomes membes and guests to its meeting beginning at 6 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church. A mini-culture class starts the evening, and a program by Michael Polen of Art Stone Orchids in St. Petersburg starts at 7:30 p.m. Supplies, mounts and orchids will be for sale. Free. 775-5220 or www.NaplesOrchidSociety.org.

■ **Mercato Nights** – Mercato hosts a free concert featuring the band Pub Mustard from 6-9 p.m. www.mercato-shops.com.

■ **Live & Local** – Artis—Naples presents the Wholetones as part of its Live & Local series at 7 p.m. in the Daniels Pavilion. \$10. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.



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■ **A Stand-Up Gal** – Judy Gold takes the stage tonight through Oct. 6 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club, Marco Island. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

■ **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.

Friday, Oct. 4

■ **Fountain Fundraiser** – Waterside Shops kicks off its “Coins for a Cause” to benefit Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Inc. with a complimentary pink lemonade and cupcake with the purchase of a pink coin for the fountain. 598-1605 or www.watersideshops.com.

■ **Here’s to Beer** – Tour Naples Beach Brewery from 4-8 p.m. today and 3-7 p.m. Oct. 5. \$15 gets the guided tour and samples of six craft beers. 4110 Enterprise Ave. 304-8795 or www.naplesbeachbrewery.com.

■ **Rockin’ at Riverside** – Riverside Park comes alive from 5:30-9 p.m. with performances by The Sarah Hadeka Band and The Motowners as part of the Rockin’ at Riverside Park series. 26740 Pine Ave., Bonita Springs. 992-2556 or www.bonitaspringsrecreation.org.

■ **Masterworks #1** – Leon Fleisher & Family, a concert by conductor and pianist Leon Fleisher, pianist Katherine Fleisher and harpists Dickie Fleisher, Kayo Ishimaru, Deborah Fleisher and Leah Fleisher, takes place at 8 tonight and Oct. 5 at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Saturday, Oct. 5

■ **It’s Your Move** – Players of all levels are invited to join the Naples Chess Club from 9 a.m. to noon in the clubhouse at Moorings Park off Goodlette-Frank Road. 389-2525 or wk@kellerpublishing.com.

■ **Muck Around** – Guided swamp walks return every Saturday through March in the wet wilderness behind Clyde Butcher’s Big Cypress Preserve gallery off U.S. 41 in Ochopee. The 90-minute treks wander through the primordial world beneath ancient cypress trees. \$50 for adults; \$25 for ages 18 and younger. Reservations required. 695-2428 or www.clydebutchersbigcypressgallery.com.

■ **Game Time** – The Naples IOWA Club invites University of Iowa Hawkeyes fans and alumni to watch the home game against Michigan State starting at noon at Weekend Willie’s. 5310 Shirley St. (319) 431-8845 or naplesiowaclub@gmail.com.

■ **It Takes Two** – 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.pabllorepuntango.com.

■ **Live Music** – DVS Duo performs from 7-10 p.m. at the Old Marco Pub & Restaurant. 1105 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island. 642-9700 or www.oldmarcopub.com.

■ **Pink Party** – Blue Martini hosts a Pink Party benefiting the American Cancer Society from 7:30-11 p.m. Live entertainment and prizes for the best pink attire. \$10. 591-2583 or www.bluemartinilounge.com.

■ **Saturday Tunes** – The Gladezman perform at 9 p.m. at South Street City Oven Bar & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Sunday, Oct. 6

■ **See You at Stan’s** – The band Fakahatchee performs from 1-6:30 p.m. at Stan’s Idle Hour on Marco Island. 394-3041 or www.standsidlehour.net.

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU hosts a screening and discussion of “Teddy Bear” (Denmark, 2012) from 1-4 p.m. Next up on Oct. 13: “The Untouchables” (France, 2012). 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Pre-registration strongly suggested. www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

■ **Live Reggae** – The Sheffield Crew takes the stage at 9:30 p.m. at South Street City Oven Bar & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

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

Monday, Oct. 7

■ **Movie Night** – The Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of “Mao’s Last Dancer” beginning at 7 p.m. \$9. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

■ **Sing Along** – It’s karaoke night starting at 7 p.m. at Weekend Willie’s. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

Tuesday, Oct. 8

■ **Raptor Rapture** – Headquarters Regional Library hosts a presentation on Florida birds of prey at 2 p.m. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. Registration required. 593-0177 or www.colliergov.net/library.

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■ **Art Opening** – The Marco Island Center for the Arts hosts an opening reception for the “Sunrise/Sunset” juried exhibit from 5:30-7 p.m. Paired with the show is an exhibit in La Petite Galerie by clients of The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Wednesday, Oct. 9

■ **Turtle Talk** – Education specialist and marine biologist David Graff discusses his work with loggerhead turtles at 2 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Free. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 389-6447 or www.themihs.com.

■ **Opening Reception** – Photographers and environmentalist Clyde Butcher opens his new exhibit at the Collier County Museum with a free program at 2 p.m. 252-8738 or www.colliermuseums.com.

Coming up

■ **Book Talk** – Headquarters Regional Library hosts a discussion about Morgan Llywelyn’s “1921” at 2 p.m. Oct. 10. 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. Registration required. 593-0177 or www.colliergov.net/library.



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■ **The Haunting** – Naples Regional Library hosts a free screening of “The Haunting” (UK, 1963) at 2 p.m. Oct. 10. 650 Central Ave. Registration required. 263-7768 or www.colliergov.net/library.

■ **Wine & Dine** – Sea Salt hosts a four-course Helfrich Alsace Wine Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 10. \$90. Reservations required. 434-7258.

■ **Classic Music** – The FGCU Bower School of Music presents a faculty artists recital with Jeanie Darnell and Michael Baron celebrating the works of composers Richard Wagner, Giuseppe Verdi and Benjamin Britten at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 10. \$7 at the door (credit or debit card only) or at www.fgcu.edu (click on “concerts”).

■ **Fall Festival** – North Naples United Methodist Church holds a fall festival with fun for the whole family from 2-6 p.m. Oct. 12. A silent auction will benefit the Youth 4 Orphans mission. 593-7600 or www.northnaplesumc.com.

■ **Under Wraps** – Seminole Immokalee Casino welcomes the Nashville-based funk band Here Come the Mummies at 8 p.m. Oct. 12. www.seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

■ **Movie Night** – Mercato presents a free screening of the family-friendly “Hotel Transylvania” (PG) beginning at 7:15 p.m. Oct. 15 on the lawn across from The Pub. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Cook’s Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life hosts a seafood cooking class from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 16. \$75. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifenasles.com.

■ **Space Discussion** – The Marco Island Historical Society presents “NASA: Space Exploration at a Crossroad,” a program by Russ Romanella at 7 p.m. Oct. 17. Free for members, \$5 for others. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 642-1440 or www.themihs.com.

■ **Tea Time** – Naples Fashion House hosts a grand reopening Little Miss Tea Party from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 18 with face painting, balloons and more at The Village on Venetian Bay www.venetianvillage.com.

■ **Wine Dinner** – Artichoke & Company hosts an evening of Italian wines from Piedmont and Umbria accompanied by a four-course dinner at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 18. \$55. Reservations required. 263-6979.

■ **Chamber Operas** – TheatreZone’s Marc Danni directs Opera Naples’ production of Gian Carlo Menotti’s chamber operas “The Telephone” and “The Medium” at 8 p.m. Oct. 18-19 in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. 963-9050 or www.operanasles.org.

■ **Brew Ha-Ha** – Mercato hosts the second annual Brew Ha-Ha Craft Beer Festival starting at noon Oct. 19 to benefit Ronald McDonald Charities of Southwest Florida. www.mercatoshops.com.

■ **Naples Concert Band** – A new season of free concerts by the Naples Concert Band begins at 2 p.m. Oct. 20 in the bandshell at Cambier Park. www.naplesconcertband.org. ■

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Ringling International Arts Festival: Innovative, edgy, provocative

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If Dwight Currie were writing this article about the upcoming Ringling International Arts Festival in Sarasota, here's the headline he says he'd slap on it, in big, bold letters: **Go See This or Be Forever Unhappy That You Didn't.**

Arts lovers drive down from Jacksonville, over from Miami and up from Naples to attend the annual festival, says Mr. Currie, associate director of exhibitions and programs at The Ringling (formerly the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.)

This year's RIAF takes place Oct. 9-12. It's unique in its offerings, with performers typically only seen in New York City or London. The musicians, dancers, actors and singers all push the boundaries of their art. Previous festivals have included a performer who presented the entire story of man's trip to the moon using only his hands, two brothers who danced the tango together and a concert of music composed for toy pianos.

"From the get-go, the festival's always been a bit of an exploration," Mr. Currie says. "With exploring ... you're moving into uncharted territories."

That sense of exploration also pertains to the shape and form of the festival itself. Over the past four years, organizers have experimented with the number and types of performances offered, as well as how they're scheduled.

Individual performances generally run for an hour or slightly longer; many people attend multiple shows in one day.

In its first year, when the festival had a grant of \$1.5 million from the state of Florida, 11 different performers were scheduled numerous times over the course of the festival. This year, with RIAF incorporated into The Ringling's overall budget, five acts are scheduled multiple times.

"Although by count, there are fewer performers" that is isn't a lesser experience or a lesser commitment, Mr. Currie stresses. The emphasis is on "quality, not quantity," he adds, arguing that reducing the number of companies has not reduced the artistic impact.

Even a Ringling International Arts Festival not quite as jam-packed and

overflowing with performances as in its early years is still a very, very good thing.

The festival has always been under the artistic direction of New York's Baryshnikov Arts Center, which chooses all the performers again this year. Next year, however, The Ringling will be on its own.

What's in store this year

■ **Rocio Molina** from Spain combines flamenco, classic bolero and traditional popular dance in performances at 1 and 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10. (She'll also perform at a special opening night fundraiser at 7 p.m. Oct. 9. Tickets for that are \$500.)

"She starts in a classic form of flamenco," Mr. Currie says, "and infuses it with all other kinds of dance movement. It's pretty extraordinary. She's exploring, and it all comes together into one large conversation. It's fun."



NICOLAI KHALEZIN / COURTESY PHOTO
Yana Rusakevich in "Minsk, 2011: A Reply to Kathy Acker."

■ **Underground theater group Belarus Free Theatre** performs "Minsk, 2011: A Reply to Kathy Acker" at 1 and 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, and at 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11. In Russian with projected translations, it's a performance for mature audiences only as it looks at how sexuality is squashed by government oppression.

"It is extremely powerful and intensely political and personal theater," says Mr. Currie, explaining that the founders of the company are now exiled in London and face arrest if they ever return to Russia. "Everyone in the company has at some time been arrested, had jobs lost or property confiscated, because of the nature of their performance. They call it the last dictatorship (in Europe)."

A film about the troupe, "Dangerous

Acts Starring the Unstable Elements of Belarus," was shown recently at the Toronto Film Festival and has been picked up by HBO.

"In a year or two, someone will come up to me and say, 'Have you heard about this company? You should bring them here.' And we'll say, 'We did, before they were uber-famous,'" Mr. Currie says.

■ **Tere O'Connor Dance** performs works by the American choreographer at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at 1 and 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, and at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

"His work is just a joyous celebration of human movement," says Mr. Currie. "We watch each other, and it's beautiful, the sort of way we intersect, whenever we bump into each other. It's a new way of communicating a language. Tere's dance is very generous and giving and positive and affirming."

■ **Composer/pianist Stephen Prutsman and the Aeolus Quartet** will provide the accompaniment for the Buster Keaton silent film, "Sherlock, Jr." with music composed by Mr. Prutsman, at 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at 5 and 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, and at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

This is a unique way to see the 1924 comedy. In the old days, a pianist would either improvise 100 percent, Mr. Currie says, possibly seeing the film for the first time along with the audience, or had set pieces for runaway train scenes, love scenes and scenes with the villain.

"This is obviously a more considered and developed score, a composition that's carefully thought-out and beautifully realized in a very solid way," he says. "What's great about Stephen is that Buster Keaton continues to be the star of the show; it's still about the story, the flickering light on the screen."

■ **The Leev Theater Group**, from Tehran, performs "Hamlet, Prince of Grief" at 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10, at 1 and 9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11, and at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12. A one-man show performed in Farsi with English subtitles, it incorporates the use of toys and dolls to retell Shakespeare's "Hamlet," taking the text as a point of departure.

"Their work is really focused on the

in the know

Ringling International Arts Festival

>> **When:** Oct. 9-12>> **Where:** Historic Asolo Theater and the Cook and Mertz theater on the campus of The Ringling, Sarasota>> **Cost:** Prices vary, but most individual tickets are \$30 and \$40>> **Info:** (941) 360-7399, (800) 660-4728 or www.ringling.org

character, an insight or an illumination of Hamlet," Mr. Currie says. "The Hamlet we meet onstage is a Hamlet before Shakespeare's play starts, a very happy Hamlet, a student at a university who is going to join his friends on a picnic. Life is still good. It's all ahead of him."

"(It's about) that fragile moment everyone has sometime, when you're moving from being a child to an adult, and you realize it's not all going to turn out the way you thought. It's extraordinarily moving, when you know what happens to Hamlet but he doesn't know what's going to happen to him — this happy young man, with these toys in his hand, almost desperate to make it work."

Despite the fact that the play work is in another language and performed by an actor from another culture, the experience the show depicts is universal. "I'm going to guess that everyone has had that variation of that last moment of childhood bliss," Mr. Currie says. "It's a very brief, very fragile experience."

Artists in the thick of things

RIAF appeals to anyone of any ages who wants to experience current, cutting-edge work.

"The conventional wisdom is that we're in a retirement community, a resort community," Mr. Currie says. "We're in Florida, and we tend to have an older population. But as I get older, I object to the notion that with each passing year, I think less, that I'm less curious, less adventuresome."

The festival, he adds, is "an incredible opportunity for people who are interested in the art that's being created in the here and now. It is new work, the art of our time. (It is) contemporary work (for those who) want an engagement with living artists who are in the thick of it, as confused and hopeful as we all may be at this point in time." ■

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Winners announced in New Plays Contest

The Naples Players' ETC ... Readers' Theatre has announced four finalists and one honorable mention in its 10th annual New Plays Contest for Southwest Florida playwrights. The finalists and their plays are: Marc Simon, "Thus Saith the Angel of the Lord"; Carole Fenstermacher, "Clarissa"; Joan Hetzler, "The Bridge Party"; and Chuck Wood, "Waiting for My Vote." Natalie King of Naples earned the honorable mention for her play titled "Speed." All of the playwrights are residents of Naples with the exception of Mr. Wood, who is from Fort Myers.



The four finalists will receive a \$100 royalty each, and their plays will be presented as staged readings on Friday and Saturday evenings, Dec. 6-7, in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. A reception will follow the Friday performances. Tickets for \$10 each go on sale at the box office Nov. 7. Call 263-7990. Judges for the 2013 New Plays Contest were Patti Caroli, Val Kuffel and Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan. Dallas Dunagan, artistic director for The Naples Players, approved the selections. ■

PUZZLE ANSWERS

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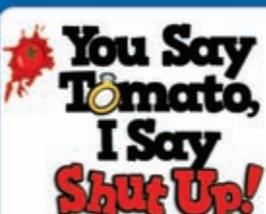
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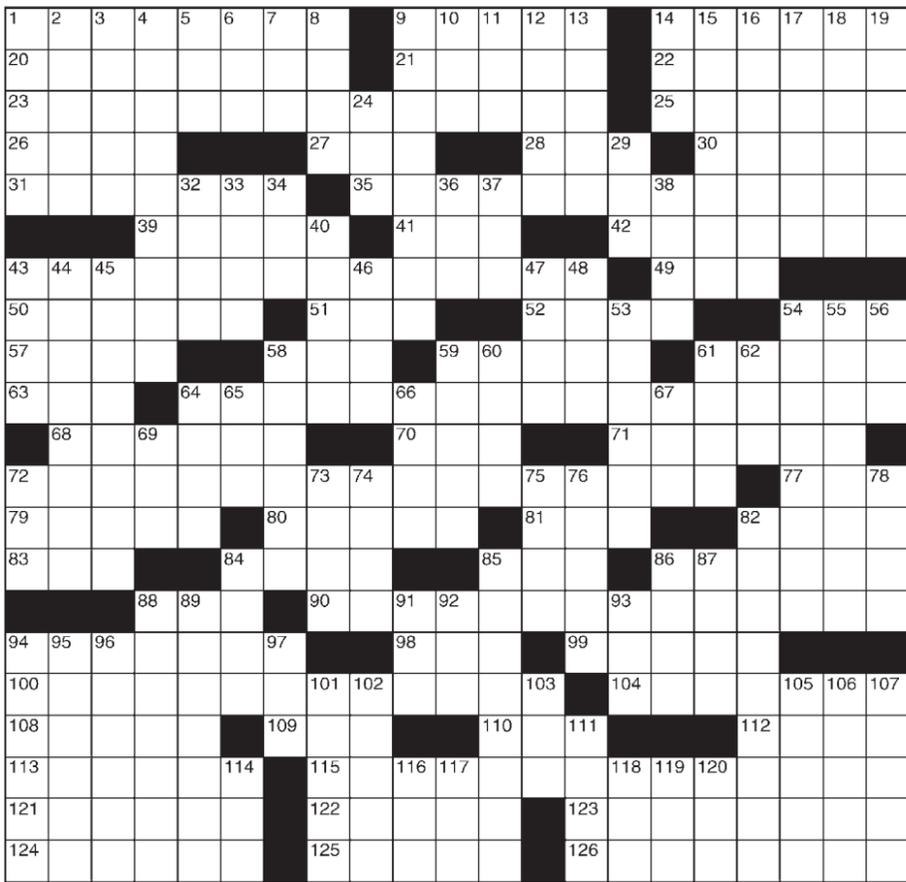





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- ACROSS**
- 1 Move belly-up on all fours
 - 9 Take — (do some traveling)
 - 14 Capital of Tanzania
 - 20 Restricted zone
 - 21 Espresso with steamed milk
 - 22 Reaming appliance
 - 23 One using a spare bedroom
 - 25 New York's — Island
 - 26 Minister to
 - 27 Scottish refusal
 - 28 Metalliferous rock
 - 30 Quiver
 - 31 Gloria of pop
 - 35 Surf zone sights
 - 39 Bicycle spokes, e.g.
 - 41 With 3-Down, many a tax auditor
 - 42 Inventors of new words
 - 43 What many corporations are listed on
 - 49 Trio after K
 - 50 Angels' rings
 - 51 Poetic dusk
 - 52 Husband of Sarah Palin
 - 54 Droid or iPhone, e.g.
 - 57 9-Down seaport
 - 58 Lions lie in it
 - 59 "Filthy" gain
 - 61 Retro hairstyles
 - 63 Strike and ball caller
 - 64 It's smart to back this up
 - 68 19th-century king of Sweden and Norway
 - 70 Sothern of "Maisie"
 - 71 Butterfly's title
 - 72 People who call without being asked
 - 77 Prefix with car or law
 - 79 "Soap Talk" co-host Lisa
 - 80 — to go (fired up)
 - 81 Kind of PC monitor
 - 82 Stratford's river
 - 83 Hang behind
 - 84 UPI bulletin
 - 85 Pollen carrier
 - 86 Capitol body
 - 88 Good bud
 - 90 Daytona 500 entries, e.g.
 - 94 Tiny air sacs in the lungs
 - 98 OPEC supply
 - 99 Toughen, as to hardship
 - 100 Loud couple in a marching band
 - 104 Artificial fat
 - 108 They require double reeds
 - 109 It's all wet
 - 110 Missions, for short
 - 112 Rail supports
 - 113 Italian-style ice cream
 - 115 What this puzzle's seven longest answers have in common
 - 121 High dice roll
 - 122 Bird claw
 - 123 Priced separately, as 46-Down items
 - 124 Nitrate and nitrite, e.g.
 - 125 Actor Edward James —
 - 126 Phys ed
- DOWN**
- 1 10 sawbucks
 - 2 Gads about
 - 3 See 41-Across
 - 4 Abuts
 - 5 Obi- — Kenobi
 - 6 NPR's Shapiro
 - 7 Drumstick
 - 8 Madeline of "Clue"
 - 9 Like Casbah natives
 - 10 Hellenic "T"
 - 11 Hwy.
 - 12 "There, there"
 - 13 — dish
 - 14 45 spinners
 - 15 Defeat in a pool race
 - 16 "Julia" star Carroll
 - 17 Scale range
 - 18 Less bold
 - 19 James of westerns
 - 24 Diner bill
 - 29 Env. addition
 - 32 Lot in life
 - 33 Fusses
 - 34 Actor Cage, to friends
 - 36 Transgress
 - 37 Request
 - 38 Victor's color
 - 40 "— Forgetting" (1982 pop hit)
 - 43 "How Great — Art"
 - 44 Goddess of concord
 - 45 Sliding by
 - 46 Eatery list
 - 47 Acquaint, e.g.
 - 48 War film, when tripled
 - 53 Actor Mulroney
 - 54 Of the earliest ages
 - 55 Pigeon shed
 - 56 Ending for enzymes
 - 58 Chemist Mendeleev
 - 59 Red Square honoree
 - 60 Banquet coffeepots
 - 61 Uses a "+"
 - 62 Italian monk
 - 64 Vena —
 - 65 "... — quit!"
 - 66 Rikki-tikki- —
 - 67 Women's patriotic org.
 - 69 It aired "Crossfire"
 - 72 Google find
 - 73 Work to get
 - 74 Actress — de Matteo
 - 75 Wine cooler
 - 76 Rome's — Fountain
 - 78 Snake eyes
 - 82 Of one's forebears
 - 84 Dog relative
 - 85 Gets bloated
 - 86 Torah locale
 - 87 Emerald Isle
 - 88 Deprive (of)
 - 89 Farm alarm?
 - 91 Weep
 - 92 U.S. spy org.
 - 93 Brian of rock
 - 94 Orbital point
 - 95 Stereotypes
 - 96 Bluish-purple
 - 97 Suffix with robot or poet
 - 101 — come (in the future)
 - 102 Taj —
 - 103 UV ray-blocking stat
 - 105 Pageant crown
 - 106 Takes ten
 - 107 Embers
 - 111 Male caribou
 - 114 Roll- — (deodorants)
 - 116 A hardwood
 - 117 "— hoo!"
 - 118 Bridge writer Culbertson
 - 119 "Rambo" site
 - 120 CL doubled

SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Watch that you don't take on more than you can handle when offering to help someone with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors you weren't told about.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** That major move you've been considering could come sooner than you expected. Make sure you'll be ready with the facts you need when decision time arrives.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Languishing relationships can benefit from a break in routine. Get out of the rut and do something new and maybe more than a little unpredictable this weekend.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Although you don't think of yourself as a role model, your ability to make a tough decision at this time sets an example for others, who admire your courage.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** You need to move any remaining obstacles out of your way before you can take on a new challenge. Seek advice from close, trusted friends and associates.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A career change appears increasingly likely to happen during the next several weeks. It's a good idea to start now to prepare, so you can be ready to make the move when the time comes.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** A bid for you to step in and take over an

incomplete project could prove to be an excellent learning experience that you can take with you when a new opportunity opens up.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good time for socializing, both with family and with friends. Your aspects also favor developing new relationships, any or all of which might become especially meaningful.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Your success in handling a recent difficult situation prompts a request to handle another workplace problem. But this is one you should accept only if you get all of the relevant facts.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** New information about a past decision raises some unsettling questions from an old friend. Be prepared to explain your actions fully and, if necessary, to make adjustments.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** This is not a good time to share personal secrets, even with someone you've known for a long while. What you don't reveal now won't come back to haunt you later.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Pushing yourself to meet a project deadline is admirable. But be careful not to leave out important details in your rush to complete your work and send it off.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a strong sense of obligation to justice, which inspires others to follow your example and do the right thing. ■

By Linda Thistle

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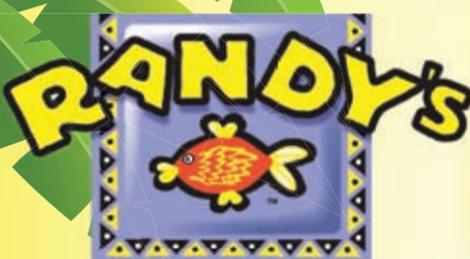
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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Even if you despise racecar driving, "Rush" is utterly captivating from start to finish. The story of arch rivals on the Formula One racing scene in 1976, director Ron Howard's ("A Beautiful Mind") latest is a fascinating character study of two polar opposites in a dangerous sport who have only one thing in common: winning.

Their approaches couldn't be more different. Based on a true story, James Hunt (Chris Hemsworth) is reckless and self-centered, a man who loves the high life off the track as much as he loves the adrenaline rush on it. Accordingly, his relationships with both his track managers and the women in his life, including his marriage to model Suzy Miller (Olivia Wilde), are fleeting because he's such a loose cannon.

Conversely, archrival Niki Lauda (Daniel Bruhl) is grounded and super serious; he comes from money, and uses it (as well as his vast knowledge of the sport) as his greatest asset in building the fastest car possible. Whereas James would party after winning a big race, Niki would go to bed at his regular time so he can get up early the next day and become better.

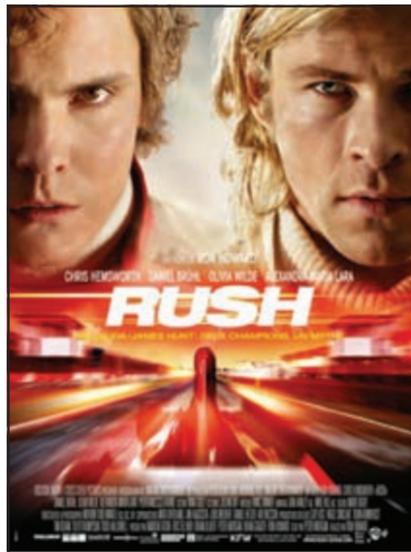
Working from a script by Peter Morgan ("The Queen"), Mr. Howard succeeds at making the film about the men rather than their sport. What this means is Formula One racing is not specifically showcased, and anything we learn about it comes through the experiences of James and Niki. It also means the direct contrast between the journeys of James and Niki is chronicled throughout, which allows the performances and character arcs to take center stage, and rightfully so. After all, not as many people would be drawn to a racing movie as would be drawn to a strong drama about two men who strive for the same goal in drastically different ways.

The performances are fantastic.

Mr. Hemsworth, who is Australian, is well suited to portray a playboy who lives on the edge. James lives like he drives: Bold, brash, arrogant and a legitimate danger to others. Given that most are only familiar with Mr. Hemsworth

as Thor in the Marvel movies, the role is a nice change of pace that allows him to show some range and still be believable. It is not intended to be a backhanded compliment to write that at no point does your mind wander to thoughts of superheroes.

The best performance, however, belongs to Mr. Bruhl, and it should earn him a supporting actor Oscar nomination. Niki is just as full of himself and arrogant as James, but in an altogether different way: He wins with cunning strategy and execution, an intellectual



approach that values his brains over James' brawn.

Mr. Bruhl, with his short delivery, quick wit and determination, is at once abrasive and endearing, a complex character we can't get enough of.

In addition to the stellar performances, it's nice that a pseudo-friendship does not manifest during the rivalry. The two men hate each other, and it stays that way. Niki views James with contempt; James calls Niki a "rat." It's intriguing to watch their hatred fuel them; for each it becomes just as much about not letting the other guy win as it is about winning for himself.

Drama that takes this perspective — and does it so well — is not often seen in movies today, which makes "Rush" a must-see for film lovers everywhere. ■

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Mariusz Kwiecien (center) as the title character of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." Taken on Sept. 19 at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

Catch an opera live from The Met coming to a movie theater near you

The eighth season of "The Met: Live in HD" opens in theaters across the country with a new production of Tchaikovsky's "Eugene Onegin." Show time is 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5. Live screenings of nine more operas continue through May 10 and include Met Music Director James Levine's return to the podium in December.

Metropolitan Opera stars serve as hosts for the HD series, conducting live interviews with cast, crew and production teams, and introducing the popular behind-the-scenes feature. Encore presentations also are on the schedule.

In Southwest Florida, "The Met: Live in HD" screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples, Coconut Point 16 in Estero, Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.

Soprano Deborah Voight hosts the season's opening broadcast. The new produc-

tion of "Eugene Onegin," by acclaimed English director Deborah Warner, is directed for the Met by Ms. Warner's longtime collaborator Fiona Shaw (medical reasons rendered Ms. Warner unable to travel to the U.S. to stage the show).

Reviewing Ms. Warner's production, the London *Telegraph* praised its "mixture of haunting visual and emotional impact: cutting straight to the heart of the work, (Warner) shows how "Onegin" is simultaneously about two colliding Russian societies — rustic provincialism and cosmopolitan decadence — and three wasted lives."

Valery Gergiev conducts for the Met. Anna Netrebko sings as Tatiana, the naïve heroine from Pushkin's classic novel. Mariusz Kwiecien portrays the self-confident title character, in a much-admired interpretation he has sung in many of the world's leading opera houses, and Piotr

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Beczala reprises his acclaimed performance as Lenski, Onegin's friend-turned-rival.

The "Live in HD" 2013-14 season continues with:

■ Oct. 26: Shostakovich's "The Nose"

■ Nov. 9: Puccini's "Tosca," starring Patricia Racette

■ Dec. 14: Verdi's Falstaff, with Mr. Levine at the podium

■ Feb. 8: Dvorak's "Rusalka," with Renee Fleming in the title role

■ March 1: Borodin's rarely heard epic, "Prince Igor"

■ March 15: Massenet's "Werther"

■ April 5: Puccini's "La Boheme"

■ April 26: Mozart's "Così fan tutte"

■ May 10: Rossini's Cinderella story, "La Cenerentola"

Tickets for The Met's "Live in HD" transmissions are \$25 (\$23 for seniors, \$19 for children) and are available online at www.metopera.org/hdlive and also at participating theater box offices. ■



Anna Netrebko as Tatiana in "Eugene Onegin." Taken on Sept. 16 at the Metropolitan Opera.

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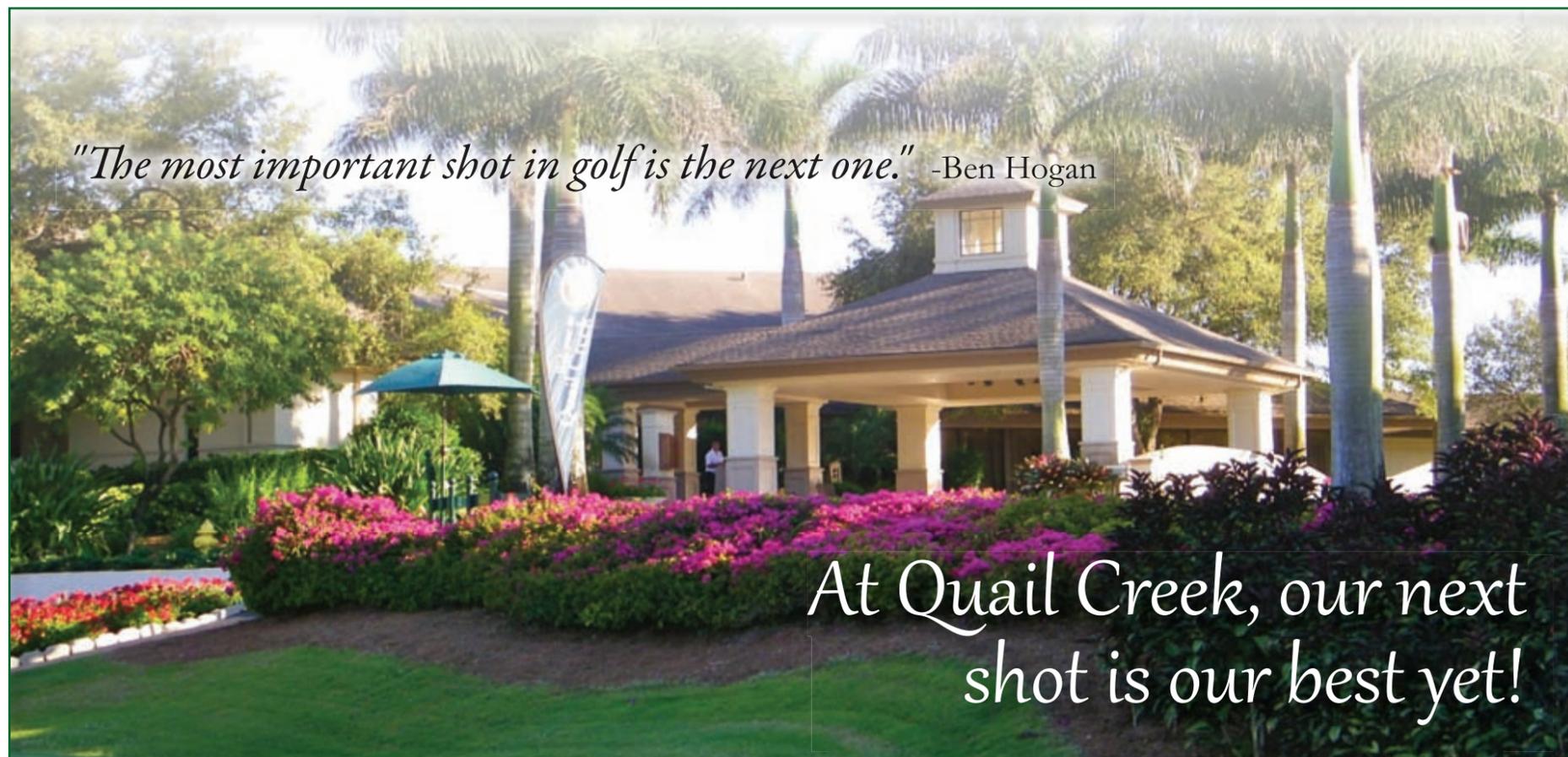
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Any woman interested in learning more about the program or auditioning is invited to attend an informational session on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Ispiri on the Avow campus in Naples. RSVP by calling Connie Shepherd at 261-4404 no later than Oct. 9.

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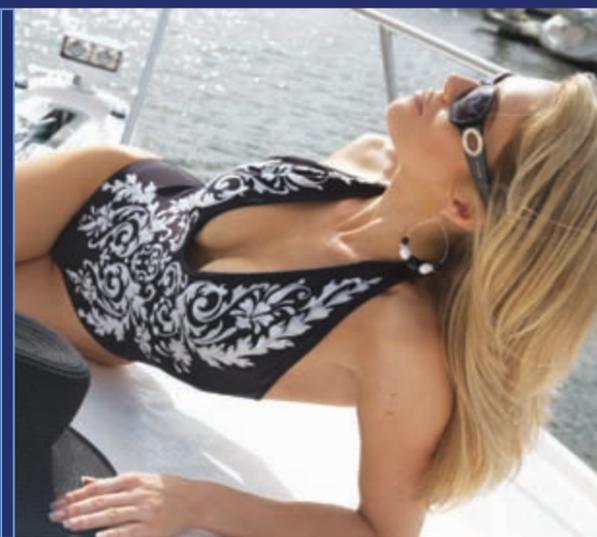
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Devin Brown

Devin Brown, professor of English at Asbury University and author of "The Christian World of The Hobbit," is a keynote speaker. His presentation will include a screening of the trailer for the upcoming Peter Jackson film adaptation, "The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," scheduled to open in theaters in mid-December.

Readers of 'The Hobbit' find a story of imaginary creatures — a hobbit, 13 dwarves, elves, a dragon and a wizard

— set in the imaginary realm of Middle-earth. Because J.R.R. Tolkien's Christian worldview served as a foundation for his story, readers may recognize many Christian principles," says conference organizer Bill Barnett.

Other conference speakers include James Harleman, writer, lecturer and manager of the website Cinemagogue; Bob Petterson, author, teacher, Covenant Church of Naples senior pastor and past east coast president of Mastermedia International, a ministry to film and television executives; and Jerry Root, author and associate professor at Wheaton College near Chicago, whose areas of expertise include C.S. Lewis, evangelism and spiritual formation.

Breakout sessions will cover script-writing and storytelling, art journaling, musical and documentary storytelling, singing and songwriting, and writing, directing and filmmaking. Presenters and guest artists include actress/singer Michelle Bythrow; best-selling author, award-winning filmmaker, video game developer and comic book writer Jim Krueger; director/documentary filmmaker David Nixon; singer/songwriter Martha Christian; and writer/producer Greg Bandy.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Product premiums are collectible oddities

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Look in your grandmother's china cabinet for unusual glass and china. You may find some special pieces originally given away as product premiums during the early 20th century. There was no television, and radio was just getting

developed, so "ads" often were objects that would be kept by the family. Colorful trade cards, sets of pressed glass or Depression glass, dishes of all kinds, souvenir spoons, printed handkerchiefs and even furniture were available. A small cup we inherited puzzled us for many years. The 3 3/8-inch-high porcelain cup is decorated with bright pink carnations and gold trim. But inside the rim of the cup, where you see it when finished drinking, are the words "Armour's Bouillon Cubes." The underside of the cup says "C.T. Altwasser." The maker was easy to identify. We list a few pieces of its china in each edition of "Kovels' Antiques & Collectibles Price Guide." C. Tielsch & Co. of Altwasser, Germany, was in business in Silesia, Germany, from 1845 to 1945. Armour & Co. was founded in Chicago in 1867 as a meat-packing plant. It also made buttons, glue, fertilizer, margarine and other items from by-products. The Armour brand name still is used in the United States for meat and other products. Bouillon cubes were originally used to turn hot water into a tasty drink that aided digestion. Bouillon was also used in cooking, just as it is today. The Armour cup must have been a popular premium, because many are still available at flea markets and shops. They sell for \$20 to \$25 each.

wheat on each side. The set includes six dinner plates, six salad plates and a few serving pieces, but only a couple cups, saucers and soup bowls. What is the set worth?



Look online or in an antiques shop for a porcelain cup like this advertising premium for Armour bouillon. It was made in about 1915 and sells for \$20-\$25.

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A: Golden Wheat dishes were premiums first inserted in boxes of Duz detergent during the 1950s. Each month, a different packaged dish was inserted in a box of detergent. The pattern is a realistic image of five standing sheaves of wheat, and the rim of each dish was edged in gold. There is disagree-

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ment about the company that made the dishes, because the very same mark was used by Scio Pottery of Scio, Ohio; Homer Laughlin China Co. of Newell, WVa.; and French Saxon China Co. of Sebring, Ohio. It is possible all three pottery companies made dishes for Duz. Because so many dishes were made and so many people saved them, they are not rare and prices are low. Another problem is that defining a "set" is impossible because many of the dishes made it into homes one at a time. We have seen a 22-piece set offered for \$35.

Q: We were left a large figural owl by my wife's grandparents. It's about 3 feet tall and weighs 40-50 pounds. It appears to be made of fired clay. The base looks like tile used for roofing or old piping. It's marked "Evens & Howard, St. Louis, Mo." We don't intend to sell it, but we're interested in the background.

A: Evens & Howard Fire Brick Co. was incorporated in 1867, but a brickworks had been operating at the company's location since 1837. Fire bricks were used to line fireplaces, furnaces, fireboxes, ovens, etc. The bricks were made from clay dug from mines in St. Louis and Glencoe, Mo. The clay was weathered for at least six months before it was made into bricks. The company began making sewer pipe in 1858. It also made fire-clay chimney tops, hot-air flues and floor tiles. Evidently the company also made figures like yours. Evens & Howard remained in business until at least the second decade of the 20th century.

Q: I have a set of old metal ice tongs marked "Gifford Wood Co." I bought them at an estate sale more than 50 years ago. Can you estimate age and value?

A: Any tool marked "Gifford Wood Co." was not made earlier than 1905, the year Gifford Brothers of Hudson, N.Y., merged with William T. Wood & Co. of Arlington, Mass. The company specialized in tools to carry and handle ice. Gifford Wood Co. ice tongs often are offered for sale online. Prices range from \$20 to \$50, depending on size, quality and condition.

Q: While cleaning out my brother's home, I found seven gold-rimmed clear glass luncheon plates decorated on the bottom with "wall-to-wall" cigar bands. The bands apparently were glued to the bottom of the plates, then covered with felt. One plate has a center portrait of Rudolph Valentino, another a portrait of a woman, and still another a picture of a cherub. Are these plates collectible?

A: Your plates were popular craft projects in the early 1900s. Today, some people refer to these "reverse collages on glass" as a form of folk art. Single plates like yours sell online for \$25 to \$40.

Tip: Do not put wax on a wooden toy to preserve it. The wax may yellow and disturb any markings or paper decoration. ■

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A sushi proposal and a mystery



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We'll accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an e-mail until Saturday, Oct. 5. Send them to writing@floridaweekly.com (no snail mail). Be sure to include your name, address and contact information.

We'll change the photo prompt next week and will accept entries based on it through Oct. 26.

Our editorial staff will choose two winners to attend the eighth annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference coming up Nov. 7-10 (winners will be notified by Nov. 1). So far, we've been impressed with every entry that's come in. Thanks for writing.

Good luck as the challenge continues. We hope you enjoy our choices for publication this week, one a scant 70 words and the other an interesting 560 words. Both gave us pause for thought. ■

What a great idea!

BY CATHY VOLSTORF
Naples

She, hesitantly, "I'm not sure I'll like sushi. Raw fish...?"

He, confidently, "I think you will. Tell you what... how about we make a bet? If you don't like it, I'll marry you. And if you do, you'll marry me." He holds out his little finger.

She, eyes dancing, "OK, you're on." Smiling, she hooks her finger with his. ■

She imagined it was a special occasion because the plate was grand with its rows of sliced fish topped with bright orange salmon roe and delicate red flying fish eggs. The edible orchids were a nice touch she thought. The table was set for two, but no one sat opposite the photographer's place. In fact, the only people captured in the shot were a man and woman just getting up from the stools at the outdoor bar. Their love-linked pinkies told a separate story, and their headless bodies proved that they were inadvertent players in the plot line of this photo.

So what happened? Sometimes the story is just outside the picture frame she reasoned as she stuffed the phone into her coat pocket and walked on toward the drab brick building and her miniscule cubicle on the third floor.

Recently, incidences of brown bears roaming neighborhoods had spiked. She had heard of at least a dozen in the past month. Several chefs had seen the late night visitors in the trash bins behind their restaurants just a few blocks from the residential areas. A brazen early evening foray would have scattered the diners in seconds. A full tray of sushi and an abandoned cell phone, the perfect scenario for tipping over a table and sending a phone skidding into the bushes. That would have made the news though.

Same with a runaway car leaping a curb

and knocking the photographer to the ground, his phone sailing into high grass. That screamed live, on the scene TV news coverage for sure.

Lightning strike? Ditto.

Something less traumatic, more subtle, for sure.

He had planned a romantic dinner. A ring placed in the bottom of an empty sake bottle would be the ultimate surprise, and when she looked up from her sake glass, he would be asking her to marry him. She would say no and he would throw the phone away in anguish. Too schmaltzy.

The couple in the background, maybe inadvertent players but not innocent ones. Clandestine lovers, caught on camera, or so they thought. "Hey, man," you can't go around takin' pictures like that. A struggle for the evidence, a punch landed, a phone hurled into the night." She liked this one.

She hung her coat on its hook in her cubbyhole office, retrieved the phone from its pocket, and bent down to power up her computer. She slowly pulled out her chair, slumped herself into position in front of the computer screen, and wrestled with the tangle of her headset. She was ready to take her first complaint call of the day. But before officially signing on, she made one call herself — to the In Case of Emergency number on the phone with a story. ■

Scenarios

BY NANCY REGES MURVINE
Marco Island

She found the smart phone in the grass by Asia Too, a little outdoor bistro she passed every day on her way from the bus stop to work. The phone's charge was running low, and her curiosity high. She swiped its face with her finger, unlocking the phone, and with a few more thumb taps she had the outline of the owner's story. The most recent call was several days ago. No new text messages waited for an answer. And one photo, a closeup of a beautiful display of nigiri sushi, taken right here by one of the outdoor bistro tables.

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Christian Roberts (hereafter, Chris), a handsome blond fellow in his mid-20s, makes a modest living from renting small sailboats and providing various services to boaters on Sarasota Bay. Long estranged from his father, a down-on-his-luck horse trainer in Ocala, Chris enjoys a blistering relationship with his sex-crazed and increasingly possessive girlfriend, Kate.

Learning that his father, Hank, is nearing death, Chris makes his way to the dilapidated Ocala farm and begins a slow reconciliation with the bossy, judgmental man who always chose the thrill of raising and racing horses over time with his son. Hank forces a “sure-thing” racehorse upon Chris, who reluctantly agrees to play into his father’s dreams of having the big winner.

The horse turns out to be a great prospect, but a crooked trainer, Ed Price, hides its talent through falsifying time trials and then puts the horse in a claiming stakes race, assuring Chris that no one would make the offer. When an Arab sheik (who’s in league with Ed) claims the winning horse, Chris is devastated. He’s also broke.

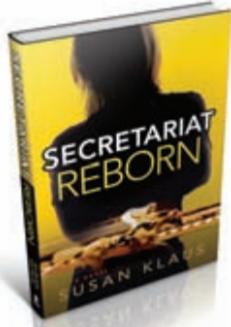
Another chance comes when Hank hands over to Chris a marvelous horse whose registration papers obscure the fact that he is a clone of the great Secretariat. Needing to pay off a huge debt on the horse, Chris succumbs to taking a loan from a New York mob kingpin named (of course) Vince. Soon enough, Chris is paying off his debt by participating in drug transfers for Vince in Gulf Coast waters.

At the Miami racetrack, Chris meets

and falls for a female trainer, the tough and gorgeous Allie. Though Chris has already broken up with the totally self-centered Kate, his former flame can’t deal with this turn of affairs, and her wild threats turn into dangerous action.

Though Chris feels obligated to fulfill his promises to his father about racing the sure-thing clone, he is certainly troubled by the ethical — and legal — problems he has brought upon himself. Won’t the truth eventually come out and tarnish anything that “Secretariat Reborn” might accomplish? Will Chris ever shake loose from the grip Vince has on him? Will Kate continue to stalk and perhaps bring injury or worse to him and Allie?

As the author deftly maneuvers our concerns from one problem to another, the pressure on Chris builds — as does the novel’s suspense.



Special attractions in this novel include Ms. Klaus’s sure-handed insider descriptions of the thoroughbred racing world, including its susceptibility to deceit and corruption. Just as interesting is the carefully nuanced development of the romance between Chris and Allie, compromised as it is by Chris’s need to hide the ugly truths about the clone and about his deal with Vince.

Descriptions of the Ocala-Sarasota-Miami triangle are sufficiently detailed to orient readers visually and culturally without bogging down the narrative pace.

In the high-stakes world of fiction writing, “Secretariat Reborn” is a darn good bet.

More about the author

A Sarasota native, Ms. Klaus has been a pet groomer for 30 years, an exhibitor in dog obedience trials and a breeder of show cats. She has bred and raced thoroughbred horses, and she currently raises rodeo bulls.

She founded and is still president of the Sarasota Authors Connection Club, presently with 230 members, and she is the web radio host and co-producer of “The Authors’ Connection,” a show with 15 million listeners in 148 countries.

In 2009, Ms. Klaus rewrote her novel “The Golden Harpy” and renamed it “Flight of the Golden Harpy.” It won the Florida Writers’ Royal Palm Literary Award for Best Science Fiction Manuscript of 2010. “Flight of the Golden Harpy” has been optioned by Tor and will come out in 2014.

“Secretariat Reborn” is her first suspense/thriller. She is working on “Shark Fin Soup,” the sequel to the Secretariat novel, and another suspense/thriller, “A Murder in Sarasota,” based on a true story. ■

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I absolutely love "The Mindy Project," and I am so glad it's back. I have a question about the actor who plays Dr. Reed: Did he gain weight in real life to play his newly plump alter ego?



A: The slim and fit Ed Weeks did not have to pack on the pounds to play stress-eating Reed. The British actor wears padding to simulate his character's weight gain. Since it's a comedy, I suppose it's OK that he didn't get all Robert De Niro in "Raging Bull" on us for the role.

Q: I was reading somewhere that a cable network is planning to turn the movie "American Psycho" into a TV series. Is this true? If so, how is this even possible?

— Tandy W., Bowling Green, Ohio

A: You heard correctly. FX is planning a series based on the violent, bloody, cult-classic comedy/drama that brilliantly spoke of the vanity and excess of the '80s corporate cutthroat (literally and figuratively) culture. Word has it that the series will pick up in the present time, with crazy corporate killer Patrick Bateman now in his 50s, and he's grooming an apprentice to be just like him.

Q: Whatever happened to the planned

"CHiPs" movie? I'd heard the series was going to be remade into a feature film.

— Danny A., via e-mail

A: Word about the production broke back in 2005, and even as recent as 2010, a "CHiPs" movie was in development with Warner Brothers, with Wilmer Valerrama attached to star as Ponch. But it stalled in the development phase, and no one has seen hide nor hair of it since. (I think any remake would need to be handled like Ben Stiller did with his "Starsky and Hutch" remake.)

This "CHiPs" stall-out seems to be catching: Seasons one and two of the original cop show have been released on DVD, but there's no word yet on when season three will come out.

Q: I love "NCIS," and was looking forward to the spinoff starring Kim Raver. It's not anywhere on CBS's schedule. Has it been scrapped?

— Pauline F., Harrisburg, Pa.

A: Plans for "NCIS: Red," which also would have starred John Corbett, have indeed been scrapped. But, don't worry: If you need more "NCIS," you'll be happy to hear about plans for a spinoff set in New Orleans. This spring, CBS will air an episode of "NCIS" that will serve as the jumping-off point for the spinoff, and if all goes well, "NCIS: New Orleans" could very well appear on CBS's 2014 fall schedule.

If you need more Kim Raver, she's rumored to be reprising her role of Audrey Raines in this spring's "24: Live Another Day" on Fox (along with Kiefer Sutherland and Mary Lynn Rajs kub). ■

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Elton John in Concert, Oct. 5

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Genealogy Roadshow, Oct. 7

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Gala guests will enjoy dinner and entertainment emceed by ringmaster and celebrity auctioneer Scott Robertson.

Ticket options for "Fête du Cirque" include a table of 10 for \$5,000 (premium location) or \$3,000, and individual tickets for \$500 per person (premium) or \$300 person. For reservations or more information, call 963-9050 or visit www.OperaNaples.org.

■ The **Golisano Children's Museum of Naples** presents its inaugural gala, **"Night at the Museum,"** beginning at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, March 22. It's a night for 300 grown-up guests to let their inner child come out and experience C'mon first-hand. "Casual best" attire is recommended so that guests can enjoy the fun of a visit to the museum much the way young visitors do. They'll walk through a tornado, make nitrogen ice cream and laugh in the photo booth, where their hair just might stand on end.

Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be by chef Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire. Dancing will be to the music of the Virginia-based Right On band, which has played for U.S. presidents including Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.

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■ The third annual **"Evening in Monte Carlo"** to benefit the **Physician Led Access Network** of Collier County is set for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, at the Naples Yacht Club. The casino gaming and high-stakes Texas Hold'em event includes full-size regulation casino gamin (craps, roulette, blackjack and more) along with wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

Tickets for \$150 per person include \$5,000 in chips. For reservations or more information, call 776-3016 or visit www.plancc.org.

■ **"Fiesta in PAWradise,"** a dog-friendly fundraiser for the Avow PAWS Pet Program, takes place from 5-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18, at Avow. Guests will enjoy cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, take-home portrait center, doggy fiesta fashion contest and a canine drill team performance.

Tickets are \$100; well-behaved, leashed dogs are welcome to accompany their owners. Reservations are required. Call 649-3683.

■ The **David Lawrence Foundation Young Executives**, a group of business professionals and others from throughout Collier County whose mission is to build awareness of the David Lawrence Center and Foundation, hosts its annual **Gulf Ball** on Saturday, eve-

ning, Dec. 7, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Like-minded philanthropists and professionals are invited to enjoy cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, live music by Brendon McDonnell and a great atmosphere on the gulf. Casual cocktail attire is encouraged.

Tickets for \$50 until Nov. 14, \$60 until Dec. 6 and \$65 thereafter can be purchased by calling 304-3505 or by visiting www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

■ The NCH Pediatric Emergency Department will benefit from the 55th annual **NCH Hospital Ball** set for Saturday, Oct. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Funds will go toward expansion of the department, which is part of a complete renovation planned for the North Naples Emergency Room.

Tickets are \$500. For more information, call Miriam Ross at the NCH Healthcare System Foundation at 624-2015 or e-mail foundation@nchmd.org.

■ **Hodges University** holds its inaugural **President's Scholarship Dinner**, "Stepping out for Scholarships," from 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Proceeds will benefit the school's Advancing Today's Woman: Women in Higher Education Scholarship Fund. The evening also celebrates Jeanette Brock, Ph.D., as the university's new president.

For more information, call Judy Coleman at 598-6122 or Alyssa DeLora at 938-7826. ■

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Elijah Basile, a student who has benefitted from programs made possible by The Immokalee Foundation, shows his appreciation at last year's TIF Charity Classic Celebration. Students like him will be front and center again at this year's celebration dinner and auction Saturday, Nov. 16, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Guests will have the chance to see what life is like in Immokalee as TIF students and their families share their stories of hope, determination and accomplishment. Tickets are \$550 (\$5,000 for a table of 10). Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities are also available. For more information or to make reservations, call 430-9122, e-mail info@immokaleefoundation.org or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.



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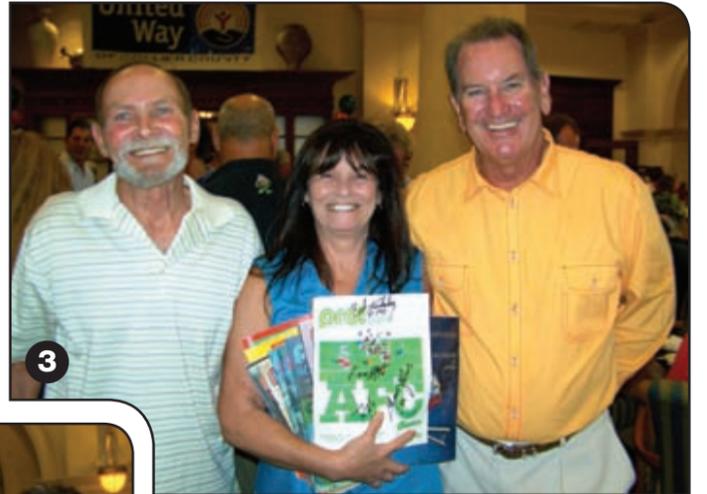
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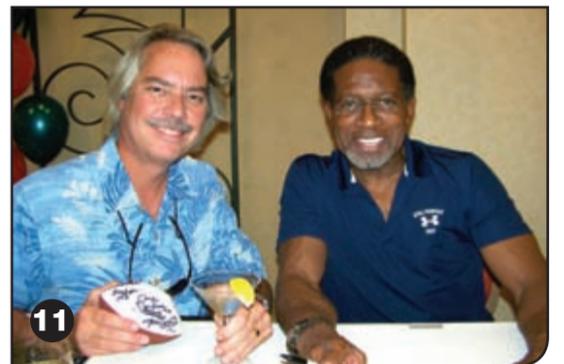
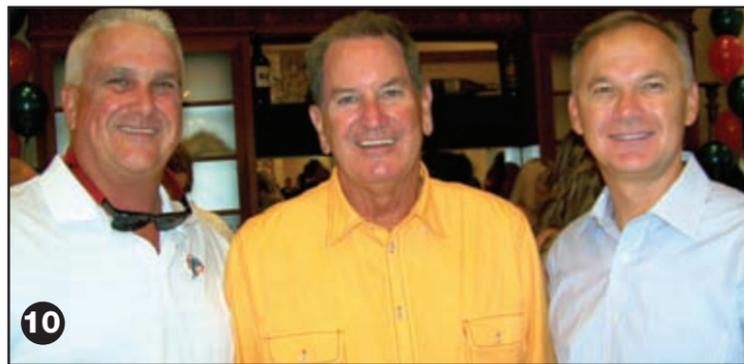
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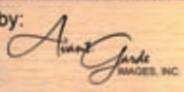


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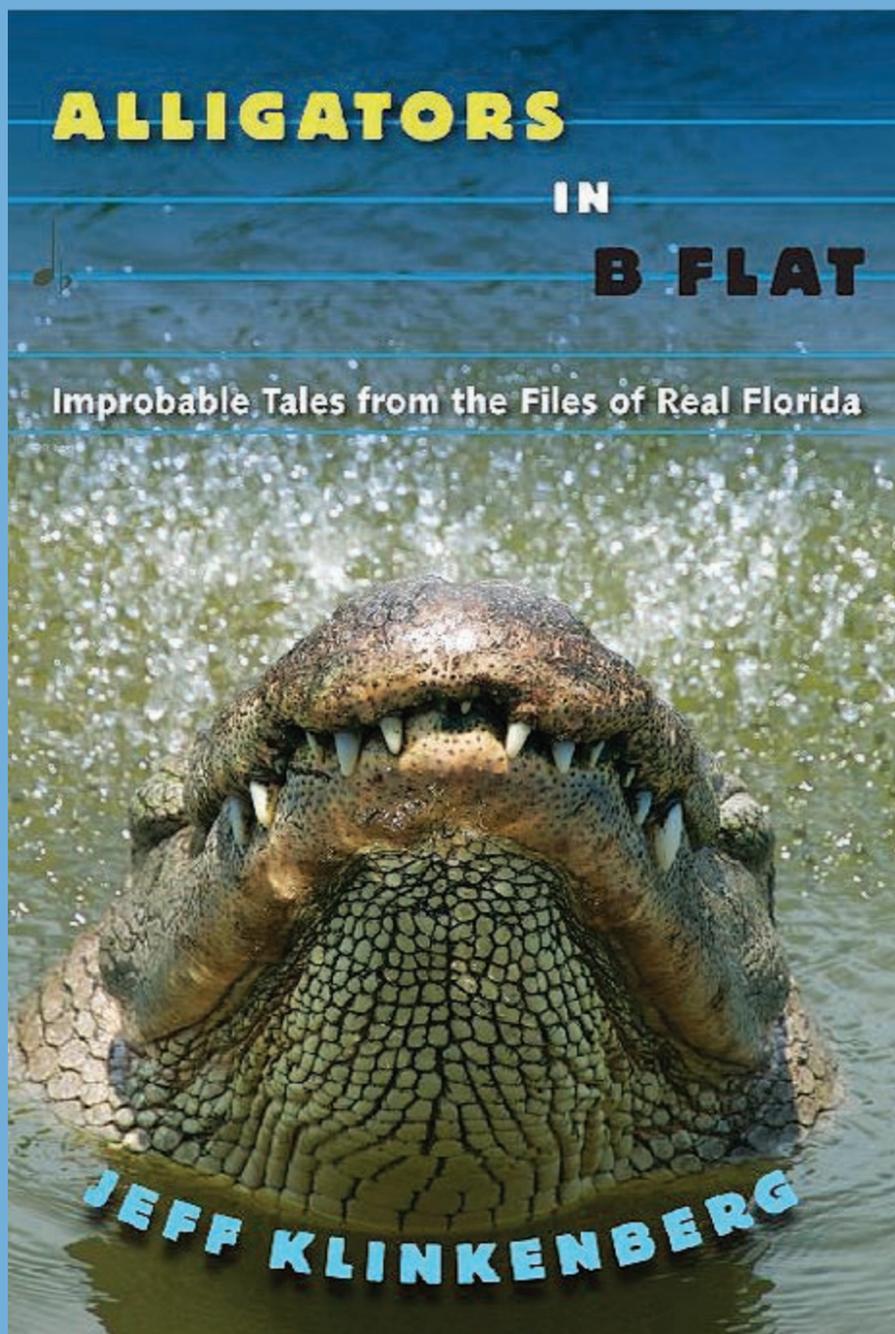
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"If Jeff Klinkenberg isn't careful, he might give journalism a good name," says the author Carl Hiaasen. "He has a rare eye for marvelous detail, and an affectionate ear for those small, wise, bittersweet voices that tell the true story of Florida."

Proceeds to benefit the NPC Student Scholarship Program. The Naples Press Club Scholarship Program annually gives scholarships to graduating Collier County high school seniors who want to pursue a degree in the Journalism field, and annually gives the NPC Endowed Journalism Scholarship to a J-Student at FGCU. Proceeds from this luncheon will benefit the NPC Student Scholarship Program.

ORDERING TICKETS:

Go to www.eventbrite.com, and type in "Naples Press Club" to access tickets for the Oct. 15th Celebrity Author Scholarship Fundraiser luncheon. Contact Connie Kindsvater at conskind@aol.com for more information.

Lunch Choices may also be e-mailed to Connie: Choose from Baked Tilapia, Teriyaki Grilled Flank Steak or Vegetarian Salad.

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VINO

Selecting the right wine starts with picking the right store



Shopping for wine can be challenging, even for experienced buyers. Knowledgeable wine buyers can find a large selection frustrating because they can only choose a few bottles to buy, while wine novices can find the experience overwhelming as they contemplate aisles and aisles of wine before them.

Shopping for wine requires a measure of trust in the store, the salesperson, the blurb about the wine pinned to the shelf or the winery's reputation. Here are ways to eliminate some of the guesswork and make your purchasing easier.

If you are a novice, start out by shopping at a boutique wine shop where the owners are often on hand, tend to know their wines well and are interested in educating customers with whom they hope to build long-term relationships. They often offer free tastings as well.

Is the place nicely lighted and clean, or dark and dingy? The atmosphere of the store can be a good indicator of how carefully the wines are selected and stored.

No matter what sort of store you shop in, a salesperson can help with your selection, but you need to be careful. How can you be sure this person knows something about wine or is simply pitching what the management wants to sell that week?

On a recent shopping trip to a large wine



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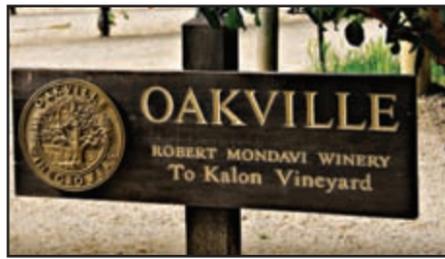
store, I was taken aback when I heard a salesperson tell a customer standing behind me, "No ma'am, they don't make white Burgundy. It's all red."

In this case, the proper response would be to flee.

A good salesperson will want to know if you're shopping for a wine to go with tonight's steak dinner, something to serve a crowd at a party or a special gift that can age for a few years. He also might ask what kind of wine you typically drink to determine your flavor preferences.

Don't be shy about telling the salesperson your budget. Beware any wine the salesperson is pushing but can't tell you anything about or hasn't tried. If you ask for a \$15 bottle and she shows you one for \$25, be on guard. If, however, she suggests something she drinks herself and it costs \$18, you might give it a try.

Where the wine comes from can affect the price as well. Many wine regions are known for producing very nice wines at reasonable prices. Spain, Australia, Argentina, South Africa and Chile are just a few countries that offer good value wines.



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Another option is to try wine from areas just outside of better-known wine growing regions. If, for example, you enjoy wines from the pricey district of Pomerol in Bordeaux, stroll down the road to try Lalande-Pomerol. It's the same grape (merlot), but you'll pay a much lower price.

For those times when you shop without the services of a helpful salesperson, you still have resources available to help pick the right wine.

Many shops offer samples of wines, especially on the weekends. Listen to what other customers say about the wines you are trying. Get on mailing lists of retailers and wineries for advance notice of upcoming tastings.

Taking a knowledgeable friend shopping can be helpful because you feel you can trust his or her palate. But when that person points at a bottle and says, "I really liked that one," be aware that he might not have honed in on what you are looking for. Do not feel pressured to take his suggestion.

Don't be ashamed to take notes with you. There is plenty of wine buying information available online and in print. Wine Specta-

tor, Wine Enthusiast, Robert Parker's The Wine Advocate, Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar and Food & Wine Magazine are a few of the wine publications with reliable information. This column always includes three or more wines (with descriptions) I've tasted and enjoyed. There's an archive of several years' worth at www.floridaweekly.com. Print out what seems interesting and take it to the store.

Find a source that you trust, making sure that the recommendations are not advertisements disguised as independent reviews.

Wine Picks of the Week:

■ **Robert Mondavi 2010 Oakville Cabernet Sauvignon (\$55):** A classic Napa cabernet from the famous To-Kalon vineyard in the Oakville district, the wine shows both power and finesse. With layers of blackberry and black cherry on the nose and the palate, it is both complex and approachable, with a mouth-filling texture and refreshing acidity.

■ **Robert Mondavi 2011 Oakville Fumé Blanc (\$32):** Sauvignon blanc and sémillon grapes show enticing citrus and melon aromas that merge with orange with crisp, balanced flavors. Ends with a silky palate and lingering finish.

■ **Zind-Humbrecht Gewürztraminer Alsace Grand Cru Rangen de Thann Clos St.-Urbain 2008 (\$65):** Rich aromas and flavors of lychee, cream and rose petal with a tinge of sweetness and an underlying acidity. A briny minerality runs through the wine, and the finish goes on and on. ■

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Escargot 41 transcends unlikely location with resplendent flavors and charm



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At a restaurant named for the snail, you might not be surprised that the kitchen offers seven escargot appetizers. What might be surprising is that one is named for a local resident. The escargots Dr. Ivan are named in honor of pathologist/passionate foodie and food writer Ivan Seligman. They are mixed with sweetbreads, black trumpet mushrooms and a Marsala brown sauce.

While I've enjoyed the above-described robust rendition before, on this occasion, I tried the escargots with potato gnocchi and mushroom duxelles sauce (\$11.95), a mild, creamy concoction in which the little potato pillows and tender snails seemed soul mates in the sauce of chopped mushrooms, herbs and onions.

The house-cured salmon (\$13.95), lightly rubbed with coffee, was excellent as well, tender and buttery, served with onions, capers sour cream and toast points.

Pay absolutely no attention to the Goodwill donation drop-off center or Kmart on the right, the out-of-business hair salon or Dollar Tree to the left. Tucked in a corner of the Park Shore Shopping Center amidst a collection of retail establishments that have seen better days is a magnificent restaurant that seems plucked whole from France and set in the most unlikely of locations.

That Escargot 41 has thrived in this space for eight years speaks to the impeccable food, service and ambience provided by chef Patrick Fevrier and his wife, Jackie. Set far back from busy U.S. 41 and overshadowed by the big box that is Kmart, it isn't likely that even the most eagle-eyed food devotee would spot it from the highway. So it must be that those who have had memorable meals there have told their friends, who then tell their friends and so on.

It has been a few years since I'd had occasion to dine there — not by choice, mind you, but simply because this job requires that I constantly move on to yet another new restaurant every week — but when a reader told me she had had a less-than-stellar experience there, I decided it was time for a return visit. Restaurants do, after all, decline. Chefs can lose their joie de vivre, serving staffs their savoir faire.

However, it didn't take long to determine that this was not at all the case at Escargot 41.

Although Mrs. Fevrier was absent (in France bringing her mother back to the states, our server told us), a server greeted us warmly and ushered us to a cozy, pillow-strewn banquette in a corner from which we had a grand view of the rest of the dozen or so lace-dressed tables, including one in the middle dominated by a fresh flower arrangement that soared a good five feet above the table.

An attendant swiftly appeared with water and crusty French bread with butter while we proceeded to peruse the extensive wine list, which included a wide variety beginning in the mid-\$20s and climbing to a heady Grand Cru Burgundy priced at upwards of \$1,000. We settled upon a Paul Bouchard Puligny-Montrachet chardonnay 2010, a well-balanced white.

It paired well with the amuse-bouche, a demi cup of smooth, creamy onion and port soup of which I would have happily consumed a big bowl.



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One of seven escargot appetizers, this one features six large snails with potato gnocchi napped in mushroom duxelles sauce.

kitchen at Escargot 41. They kept glasses filled, silverware appeared when it was needed, and dishes disappeared in a timely fashion. We were checked upon and coddled throughout the meal, despite the fact that we were in a corner where we might have been forgotten by a less vigilant team. I watched the servers treat the parties at all the other tables in exactly the same manner.

After yet another exquisite experience at this little gem, I'm left perplexed by the comments of the reader who professed to be unhappy there and can only conclude that she had confused it with some lesser establishment. Escargot 41 remains tres magnifique! ■

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The moulleux au chocolat combines bittersweet dark chocolate cake filled with homemade chocolate truffle served with raspberry sauce.

Flaky yellowtail snapper medallions (\$28.95), lightly dressed in a lemon-butter caper sauce, came with rice and perfectly cooked green beans tucked into a hollowed-out round of zucchini.

A nightly special called Bacchus (\$29.95) consisted of a tender filet mignon topped with escargot, portobello mushrooms, a smattering of green peppercorns and a richly flavored merlot sauce that brought the whole dish together. On the side was a mound of mashed sweet potatoes devoid of sugar and other unnecessary trappings, topped with a touch of corn. A packet of green beans and a tiny puff pastry shared the plate just as it did with the yellowtail.

I overheard a server explaining to a nearby table that the chef and his lone assistant cook each item to order, which could explain why everything tasted so fresh and was cooked so well. No soggy vegetables, dried-out proteins or tired sauces here.

Coffee-coated salmon that's house cured and hickory smoked is served with onions, capers, sour cream and toast points.

Although it required about 10 minutes to prepare, the moulleux au chocolat (\$9.25) was worth the wait. You might consider it the chef's version of lava cake, but it was far more elegant. An inspired pairing of bittersweet dark chocolate cake filled with melted homemade chocolate truffle atop a raspberry sauce, it was so good I was tempted to lick the plate, but settled for spooning up as much of it as I could manage. As suggested on the menu, we ordered a glass of Rasteau, a sweet wine with chocolate notes that was a perfect match for this fine dessert.

The service staff appeared to pay as much attention to detail as those in the

A nightly special called Bacchus featured a filet topped with escargot, Portobello mushrooms, green peppercorns and merlot sauce.

in the know

Escargot 41

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Ratings:

Food: ★★★★★

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The octopus is a widely used mollusk in many of the world's cuisines. Octopus is a low calorie, low fat, and highly nutritious food, and specifically high in vitamin B-12. In the Mediterranean, it is an everyday food, but recently it is gaining popularity in the United States as well. Octopus is extremely versatile as it can be prepared in a variety of ways and served cold, warm or hot. At Vergina, we prepare it grilled, served with creamy burrata, red and yellow bell peppers, onion, arugula and a garbanzo bean cream.



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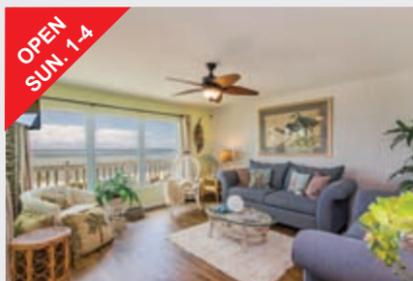
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