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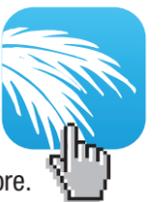


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Polo: Where fashion and sport collide

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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Meagan Kolkmann knew nothing about polo before moving to West Palm Beach. All she knew, she saw in "Pretty Woman." Strategizing her ensemble for her first polo match, she put a lot of thought into her look. Maybe too much thought. She toned down her Boho-glam style. Played it safe in a sundress (A-line, kempt sleeves). Did not dare wear a hat. Way too aggressive for her polo debut. She pictured polo as preppy. But

when she arrived at the International Polo Club Palm Beach for Sunday brunch, she was blown away.

Women in dresses looking conservative from the front 'til they turned around and revealed open backs — Badaboom! Men spicing it up with seersucker stripes, suspenders and bowties — Hello, swanky scenesters! Oh, the dapper and the chic were bringing their game to Wellington, sporting their threads. Styles Mrs. Kolkmann may



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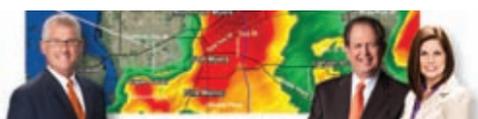
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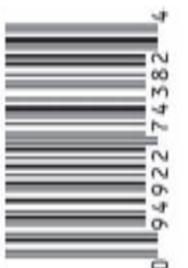
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COMMENTARY

The monolith debate

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At a sizeable dinner party the other night I whipped out my smart-phone computer and made motions to look up something none of us knew.

I forget what, now. And since I can't Google my own memory, I can't find out with a computer.

I held up the phone reverentially, then paused, like Stanley Kubrick's ape pausing before the monolith in his film, "2001: A Space Odyssey."

Indisputably, the object before me is making the world new in ways not entirely clear, I said. Having one of these, I continued portentously, is like sitting in the middle of the Library of Congress — you can find out almost anything, instantly.

It was a dramatic moment, even though using a cell phone at an elegant dinner party is bad manners, per se.

But nobody questioned my manners. Instead, they questioned the thing itself.

Monoliths are sometimes shady characters, after all, even when they're as little as a cell phone. The first thing that Stanley Kubrick's monolith taught his movie ape to do was pick up a bone, turn it into a club, and beat another ape to death.

One of the guests, a retired Foreign Service official, immediately insisted on showing me "the other side" of the monolith debate.

When he was young, he recalled, people actually had to learn things, to memorize and remember things — not to rely on little computers.

People had to keep it up here, he explained, tapping his skull.

He was suggesting that civilization had fallen into a steep decline since then because of these electronic aids, which work against our ability and even our need to remember or to think for ourselves.

The monoliths are doing away with real education and thinking, and replacing it with catalogues of mere information, it would seem. If you can't even ask a good question, which takes thinking, you won't ever find a great answer.

And that's not all. When it comes to "social media," the monoliths are also killing off communities with real centers, which is what the word "media" means (the Latin phrase, in media res, means "in the center of things").

You can't love an monolith, even if the creature of your desires appears vividly on its screen, for example. Not yet, anyway. To have a single great love, to have a single great community, to have a single great civilization, you have to be there in the flesh.

I've been stewing about it ever since the dinner party, in part because those arguments carry weight.

But I still think they're wrong.

Monolith or no monolith, a good education should require the reading of acclaimed literature. It should offer disciplined, empirical thinking and exploring — otherwise known as science and math

— combined with frequent exercises in music and the visual arts.

It should also demand a lot of physical work and play along with frequently scheduled conversations about ethics, distilled from the sometimes-dark alchemy of love, war and death.

So what about the tools used in that good education — printed books, for example? And what about these infernal computers: big ones, little ones, laptops or pads or smart-phones? Do they obstruct engagement, or enhance it?

In the end, I can only think of this personally, in terms of my marriage and my guns — guns, which may be primitive monoliths.

The fine American novelist A.B. Guthrie Jr., who wrote the screenplay for the classic, 60-year-old film, "Shane," defines the use of guns this way: "A gun is a tool, Mar-ian, no better or no worse than any other tool — an axe, a shovel or anything. A gun is as good or as bad as the man using it."

The same is true of computers in general and smart phones in particular.

In the case of my marriage, let me offer the critics of the new technologies this line from the poem, "Crazy Jane talks with the Bishop," by the great Irish poet, W.B. Yeats: "But love has pitched his mansion in/ The place of excrement."

Think of computers as a place of excrement, if you will.

About 15 years ago, I was writing for a daily paper here in Florida. When I learned one evening that my father was cancer-ridden and dying, I quit my job and drove home to Colorado the next day with my

oldest and then only son, who had just turned 18.

I moved in with my parents. My son moved back in with his mother in Kansas. My father died 10 months later. Several months after that, I received a letter offering me a job back at the paper where I had once worked, from an editor there — a woman I'd never met or seen.

But I'd heard about her, and I'd read a bit of her writing, which popped off a page like hard corn off a hot pan.

So I just said no. Because I had just taken another job.

But we began to correspond. And every single day for the next 60 or 80 days, we corresponded.

The monolith let us do that. By computer, I watched her heart, her mind and her peerless passion for living and loving unfold in front of me.

On the day I met her, finally, I had no way of recognizing her except by the energy in her walk, because I'd never seen even a single photo of her.

But I saw her coming down the street and I knew instantly who she was by the way she strode toward our first meeting.

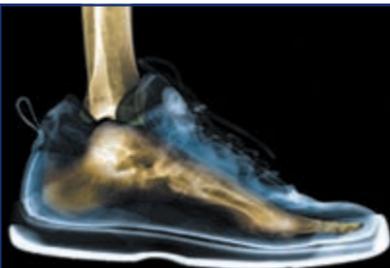
I'd fallen deeply, completely in love, via monolith.

Without one, I don't think it would have happened.

And because she isn't stupid, when I asked her to marry me a couple of weeks later, she said no.

Later, that answer changed.

And I admit, it took getting away from the damned monolith. ■



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Florida Weekly columnist's memoir praised in *New York Times* review

BY KATHY GREY
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Loss is a fickle demon that derails or defines, but always leaves its mark.

Seven years ago, *Florida Weekly* "Sandy Days, Salty Nights" columnist Artis Henderson was torn down by that demon when her young husband, Miles, was killed in Iraq.

From the ashes of that loss, Ms. Henderson rose to become a Columbia University graduate student of journalism,



Artis Henderson

working with a professor known for his ability to "deliver people who produce books," as Ms. Henderson puts it. And ultimately, that came to be.

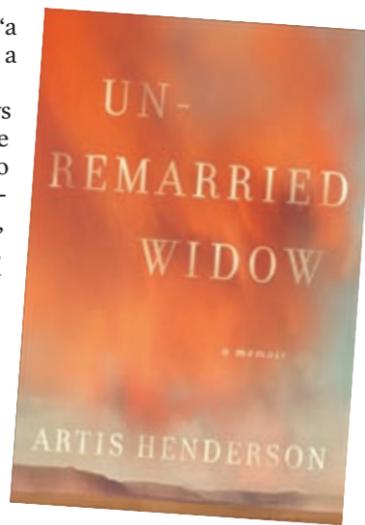
She emerged from that class with a 50-page book proposal, was introduced to an agent and signed a contract with Simon & Schuster in early 2011. Since then, she said, "It has consumed me. It was so sad, what I was writing. I got up every morning and I'd work all day. Even when it felt bad, I wrote. Well, every day it felt bad."

Ms. Henderson's memoir "Unremarried Widow" has just been released and was reviewed Jan. 5 by Lily Burana of *The New York Times*, who describes Ms. Henderson's work as a "meticulously

conveyed love story" with "a powerful look at mourning as a military wife."

Ms. Henderson's pain flows through the memoir subtly, the *Times* review indicates — so subtly that readers may mistake it for remoteness. But, Ms. Burana hastens to clarify, "... you can finish it in a day and find yourself haunted weeks later ... Henderson held back so the reader's own feelings could flood in and finish the job."

The memoir has a "happy-as-it-can-be" ending, Ms. Burana writes.



Indeed, the positive review is bittersweet.

"The one person in all the world I'd like to have see this and be proud of it is not here," Ms. Henderson said.

But the loss that derailed Ms. Henderson continues to define her.

"When Miles died, I had nothing," she said. "Now it's just me. This is who I am." ■

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GUEST OPINION

Protecting our pelicans: everyone's responsibility

BY ROB MOHER

Special to Florida Weekly

"A wonderful bird is the pelican; his bill can hold more than his belican (belly can) ..."

This well-known limerick from American poet Dixon Lanier Merritt was inspired by the long, straight bill of the pelican that can hold up to three times more food than its stomach.



MOHER

Perhaps looking for an easy meal, pelicans are drawn to fishing hotspots, including the City of Naples Pier. However, as anglers and birds go after the same good catch, the increasingly common and unfortunate result is injury. When a pelican scoops up the same fish hooked by an angler and/or is tangled in fishing line, it faces horrific injuries and even death.

Conservancy of Southwest Florida is dedicated to protecting, treating and rehabilitating pelicans and hundreds of other native wildlife in Southwest Florida. On an almost daily basis, concerned citizens and anglers report and bring injured pelicans to our von Arx Wildlife Hospital.

In December 2012, we admitted four injured brown pelicans. Recently, however, the hospital has seen an influx of pelicans with hook- and line-related injuries. Sadly, in December 2013 alone, our staff admitted more than 70 injured pelicans for treatment. Many of those birds have been rehabilitated and released; 33 suffered wounds so severe that they did not survive, while others continue their recovery in our care.

One case in particular serves as a compelling example of the efforts of our

community partners, our wildlife team and concerned citizens to help these injured animals. On Dec. 26, we received a call about a live brown pelican hanging from fishing line upside down in a tree near Seagate Drive. Following an assessment by our wildlife team, we contacted the Naples Fire Department and Davey Tree Service for assistance, and they responded immediately. However, the height and position of the bird made the rescue very dangerous and time consuming.

The pelican had been hanging upside down, struggling for at least four hours. Our wildlife volunteer Tim Thompson transported the bird immediately to the von Arx Wildlife Hospital for medical treatment. The pelican had several treble hooks embedded in its body; its right wing and foot were wrapped in fishing line. With life-threatening injuries, the pelican was treated as a severe trauma case. Thanks to all involved, the bird is recovering at the von Arx Wildlife Hospital. On behalf of the Conservancy, I'd like to extend our appreciation to the citizens who reported the bird in distress, to the Naples firefighters for their quick response and to Davey Tree Service for executing the successful rescue. In addition, my thanks to our team of dedicated volunteers, interns and staff that passionately care and protect our wildlife.

While this case is a good example how we can work together as a community to treat injured pelicans, we can and need to do better at preventing such distressing situations.

Working with the city of Naples, the Conservancy of Southwest Florida is committed to funding two part-time city staff positions to patrol the Naples Pier, where a majority of the pelican injuries occur, for one year. These trained patrol officers will support our education efforts and assist in the prevention and rescue of injured birds as needed.

Additionally, the Conservancy will place educational signs at the pier offering anglers information about how to respond should a bird become tangled in a line. Here are some of the tips included in the signage:

■ If you are participating in angling activities, please fish responsibly and humanely. Use caution when casting your line to avoid snagging a bird.

■ If you hook a bird and it is in the water, please use the nets to raise the bird up to the pier. Once the bird has been raised to the pier, cover its head to calm it and gently work to expose the barb.

■ Once the barb is pushed through the skin, cut the barb and back the smooth part of the hook out. Yanking the hook and barb from the bird will cause severe soft tissue damage and pain.

■ Never cut the line and allow the bird to fly off entangled in line. If the bird has swallowed the hook or the hook is deeply embedded in the bird, do not attempt to remove the hook. Contain the bird and call the wildlife hospital for assistance.

Naples is designated as a bird sanctuary. Let's continue to work together to prevent injuries to native species and to ensure pelicans and other wildlife thrive alongside the myriad of coastal activities. Protection of our native wildlife is in all our hands. ■

— Rob Moher is president and CEO of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. As a nonprofit organization, the Conservancy relies on support from the community to continue its work to protect our water, land and wildlife. Monetary donations before Jan. 31 are matched 100 percent and can be made at www.conservancy.org/2013-annual-appeal. Non-monetary donations are also always appreciated.

For more information, call 262-2273 or visit www.conservancy.org.

OPINION

A year of shamelessness



All things considered, it was a year without shame.

It was the year that Miley Cyrus French-kissed a sledgehammer in the music video for her song "Wrecking Ball," and cavorted naked on said wrecking ball. The former Disney star popularized the act of twerking in a performance at the MTV Video Music Awards that was so luridly infantile, it wasn't outrageous so much as pathetic. Yet it worked. Cyrus made us yearn for the good taste and restraint of the era of Lady Gaga, not to mention the golden age of classic Britney Spears.

It was the year the president of the United States posed in a selfie with other foreign leaders at a memorial service for Nelson Mandela. He evidently had a grand time, but made us nostalgic for the period before our presidents posed in selfies with other heads of state, i.e., the long stretch of American history ending on Dec. 9, 2013.

It was the year Anthony Weiner admitted in the midst of his New York City mayoral campaign that he had continued to sext after resigning from Congress for sexting. Under the delightfully absurd alias "Carlos Danger," he had sent pictures of his private parts to a 22-year-old woman, whose notoriety instantly launched her career in adult film and as a spokesmodel for an adultery-facilitating website. Weiner made us fondly recall the self-effacing modesty of past New York City politicians like Ed Koch and Rudy Giuliani.

It was the year that Toronto Mayor Rob Ford denied smoking crack, before admitting smoking crack — probably "in one of my drunken stupors." The good mayor made us miss the decorum and straightforwardness of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

It was the year Dennis Rodman nominated himself as goodwill ambassador to North Korea, touchingly pronouncing himself Kim Jong Un's "friend for life." He excused the dictator's brutal rule by explaining that the Supreme Leader is only 28 years old. "The Worm," as the former basketball player is known, made Jane Fonda's infamous visit to North Vietnam in 1972 seem an effective, well-calibrated act of international

diplomacy in comparison.

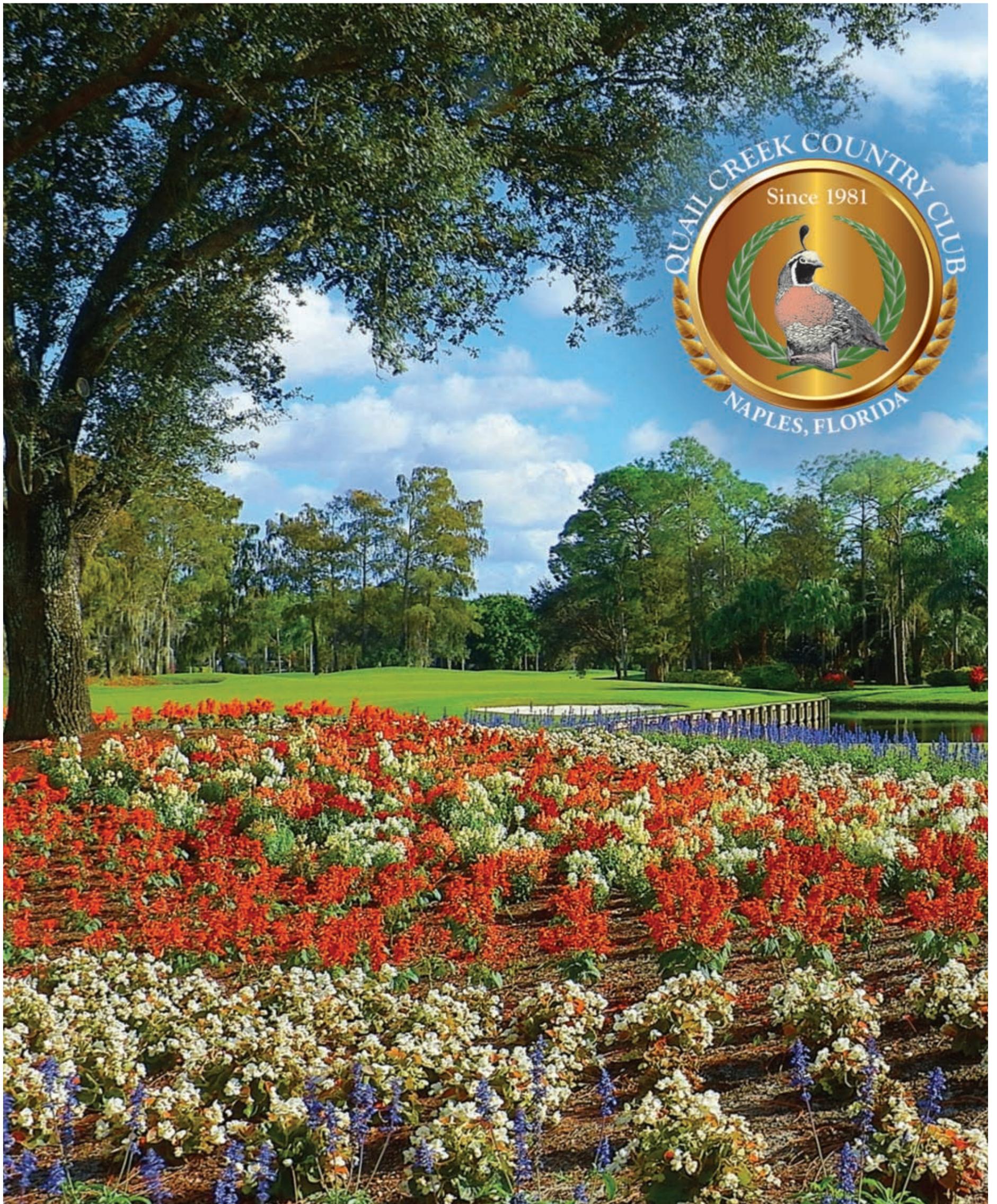
It was the year Lance Armstrong confessed to cheating in every single one of his Tour de France victories. Armstrong made us miss the sportsmanship of Rosie Ruiz, who won the Boston Marathon years ago in record time by neglecting to run the entire course.

It was the year that New York Yankees star Alex Rodriguez alleged a vast conspiracy encompassing most of Major League Baseball to bust him for using performance-enhancing drugs — again. The third baseman leads the league in misplaced sense of victimhood. Rodriguez made us long for the guilelessness of Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

It was the year something truly outlandish happened on "The Real Housewives of Somewhere or Other." It was the year "Mob Wives" got crazy. It was the year that "16 and Pregnant" descended into moral chaos. They all made us remember a time when "Jersey Shore" represented a more decorous, elevated form of reality television.

So good riddance to a year of shamelessness. It is sure never to be excelled — except by 2014. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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The power of confidence



In the course of my career, I have witnessed how even the most reticent individual can acquire confidence and, in the process, realize his or her dreams.

Before I begin, I'd like to stress that true confidence is not boastful, arrogant or even assertive. Rather it is a sense of calm and self-esteem, never put on for the occasion, but flowing naturally from the person's core.

At its root, confidence is sincerity.

Here are some of the traits I've seen that confident people share and some of the ways I've found to achieve them.

■ Confident people know that there is no substitute for hard work. They dedicate themselves to broadening and deepening their knowledge because they know that it's not possible to *be* an expert in their field without first *becoming* an expert.

So make the time to read an article, take a class, attend a seminar, interact with a colleague. As your knowledge grows, so too will your self esteem — which is, as you may already know, the twin sister of happiness.

■ Confident people are willing to take a stand, to state what they believe is right, even at the risk of being proven wrong.

Next time you're in a meeting or a situation that doesn't feel right, speak up. Often the best approach is to ask questions to find out where the other person is coming from, and that leads to the third trait I've noticed:

■ Listening.

Confident people listen far more than they speak. They are interested in what you have to say. Indeed, understanding is far more important than being understood.

■ Confident people avoid the limelight. They practice Ronald Reagan's philosophy that, "There is no limit to what you can accomplish if you don't care who gets the credit."

So contribute as best you can and let the credit seekers have their day. In the end, you'll find, it will all come back to you in one way or another.

■ Confident people never engage in gossip. Next time you feel the need (and we all feel the need at one time or another), count to 10. Use those seconds to let the urge pass.

And when someone is trying to get you to gossip, simply change the subject to something about them. That usually does the trick.

■ Confident people take criticism in stride. They are the last to be offended. Next time someone crosses the line with you, keep in mind that they are just talking without thinking, which is something we all do from time to time. Forget and forgive.

■ Confident people never blame others for their shortcomings or mistakes. They accept them as their own and quietly work on them, sometimes asking help from others — which leads me to my favorite trait of all:

■ Confident people are never afraid to ask for help. They don't see it as a sign of weakness or insecurity. On the contrary, they know it is a sign of strength and security to seek out people who know more about a situation than they do. And not only that, as all confident people know, asking for help is often the quickest and best way to get from here to there regardless of the goal.

■ Finally — and perhaps because they know the value of being helped — confident people seek unobtrusive ways to help others, to lift the tide for everyone in their company, their church, their neighborhood.

In short, confident people love instilling confidence in others, regardless of their station in life.

One last thing, the more confidence you gain in your self, your work and your relationships, the more confident (and competent) people will be drawn to you. And that feeds the cycle of happiness for all of us. ■

— Starting this week, Cheryl Turner's "C-Scapes" will appear every other week in this space, alternating with Bob Hardens' "Profiles in Paradise." We're confident you will enjoy Ms. Turner's observations about life in Naples and life in general. When she's not writing, Ms. Turner sells real estate — with confidence, of course. Visit her website at www.cherylturner.com.



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THE SUNSHINE STATE IS STILL TRYING TO NEGOTIATE a stable relationship with its namesake, a 4.6 billion-year old yellow dwarf star. It loves us: People flock to the beaches to bask in its rays, making business boom. It loves us not: Left unchecked, it can age skin to the tone of a fossilized redwood tree. (Former Gov. Charlie Crist — you may be at risk.)

“The sun is the number one culprit for damaged skin,” said Jodi Kerry, an esthetician and permanent makeup artist at Spago Day Spa in Punta Gorda.

It loves us: It creates some of the most clement winters in the country in our own backyards, with sunshine days about two-thirds of the year in South Florida.

It loves us not: Sunshine causes the most common cancer in the United States, that of the skin, occurring in about one in five people.

But it doesn't have to be this way between us forever. As you get out on the trails and the beaches and the byways and skyways or even just driveways this year, *Florida Weekly* has consulted with experts to help you (and Fido) enjoy the outdoors in harmony with the sun.

Vitamin D

It's true that sunlight helps your body produce vitamin D but that fails to convince dermatologists it's the best source for that. A healthy diet, or vitamin supplements, and even just the normal amount of time you're in the sun may be plenty. And your ability to produce vitamin D with sunlight decreases with age.



HARRIS

“An average person gets 18 hours of incidental sun exposure per week,” said Dr. Keith Harris, a Fort Myers dermatologist. “You don't realize just the things you

do — going to the grocery store or getting the mail — they add up and you don't have to go lay on a beach to get enough sun to produce vitamin D.”

Pets

Heat stroke is the biggest problem for dogs being out in the sun. Keeping water on hand and not letting them get too much exercise in the heat (sometimes they don't know when to stop) can help.

“They don't usually get sunburned, but they can get their

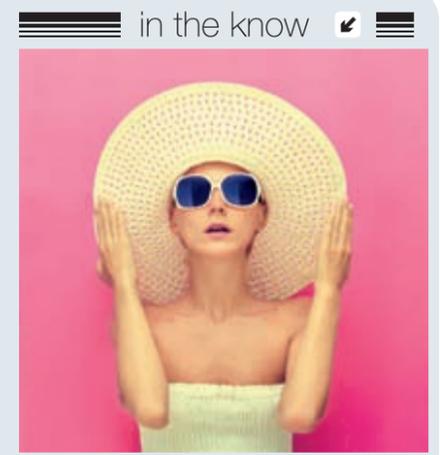
noses (burned), especially if their noses are pink,” said Dr. Robert G. Roy, medical director and owner of Palm Beach Veterinary Specialists.

Hairless dogs, like variations of a Chinese crested, are the most likely to get a sunburn. Applying sunscreen can help.

“And some of those dogs can do OK in the sun because a lot of them, even though they have no hair, they have dark pigment in their skin,” Dr. Roy said. “But they can still get sunburned so you still have to be careful with them.”



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Hairless dogs like this Chinese crested could benefit from sunscreen.



Tips for staying cool and protected

- >> Clouds are not an effective sunblock and can sometimes make the effect of light worse by reflecting it (along with elements like water, sand and snow).
- >> Avoid tanning and tanning beds; both expose the skin to ultraviolet rays that cause cancer.
- >> Wear protective clothing such as lightweight tightly woven fabrics or clothing specially made to block the sun, along with a broad brimmed hat.
- >> Use extra caution near water or sand, things that can reflect the sun's rays and amplify them.
- >> Keep your yin and yang in balance.

Sunscreen

- >> Get a 30 SPF or higher sunscreen labeled “broad spectrum,” meaning it blocks the two most damaging types of ultraviolet light, UVA and UVB (longwave and shortwave). Follow the directions on the tube carefully. Apply liberally to dry skin 15 to 30 minutes before going outdoors. Reapply every two hours even on cloudy days and after swimming or sweating.
- >> Also use “broad spectrum” sunglasses.

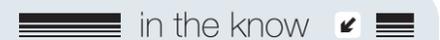
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Yin and yang of sun exposure

Healthy exposure to the sun should be a part of a larger lifestyle choice, suggests Itamar Hofler, a doctor of traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture physician in Bonita Springs. It's based on finding a balance between the energies of yin (female, moon, cool) and yang (male, sun, hot).

When you sit out in the sun for prolonged periods, “Let's be honest, you're cooking yourself,” he says. “If you want to make your skin look like leather, sit out in the sun all day. If you're 40, you'll look 90.”

But on the other hand, sunlight “nourishes us. It strengthens us. We need sunlight. If you want to help somebody stay depressed, keep them inside. But again I stress, an extreme of anything is negative.”



Keep Fido cool

- >> Never, ever leave your dog in the car.
- >> Make sure your dog has unlimited access to fresh water.
- >> Make sure your dog has access to shade when outside.
- >> Take walks during the cooler hours of the day.
- >> When walking, try to stay off of hot surfaces (like asphalt) because it can burn your dog's paws.
- >> If you think it's hot outside, it's even hotter for your pet — make sure your pet has a means of cooling off.
- >> Keep your dog free of external parasites (fleas, ticks) and heartworms — consult your veterinarian about the best product for your pet.
- >> Consider clipping or shaving dogs with long coats, and apply sunscreen to your dog's skin if she or he has a thin coat.

— Source: American Veterinary Medical Association

Healing light

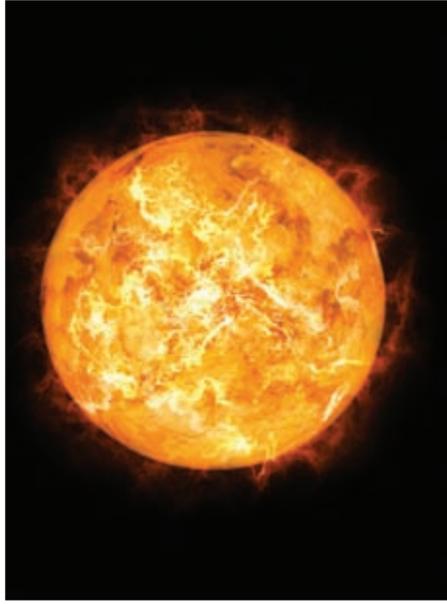
A lack of sunlight has been cited as a cause for mood disorders by some mental health professionals, said Dr. Don Baracskey, medical director of SalusCare (formerly Lee Mental Health and Southwest Florida Addiction Services), which provides mental health and substance abuse care.

The condition, usually added on as a cause for diagnoses such as depression, is called seasonal affective disorder.

"It's historically been tied to sunlight, or really, light," Dr. Baracskey explained. "It's a diagnosis that probably wasn't really bought into until you get into the 1980s. And it's definitely more diagnosed up in northern climates."

He recalls light boxes being prescribed for patients, which insurance companies would cover. They provided a kind of light similar to ubiquitous fluorescent office lights, except you could set it on your desk and be near it for 15 or 20 minutes at a time to improve your mood. One complication, Dr. Baracskey said, is that sometimes people would sit there too long and come back with mild sunburns.

In any case, there is also speculation that sunlight could lower melatonin levels, which helps you feel more energetic during the day, and therefore get deeper, more restful sleep at night. Research may be lacking in the direct connection between sunlight and depression or a circadian rhythm, but he speculated that could change in time. "There are probably a number of brain chemicals that effect each other in a way we don't fully understand at this point," he said.



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It takes about eight minutes for light and energy from the sun to travel to Fort Myers.

Non-melanoma skin cancer

Skin cancer is a primary concern when treating sun lovers, said Dr. Craig Eichler, a Naples dermatologist. But he notes that a booming beauty industry has helped create an even stronger motivation for patients to comply with his recommendations.

"Just to know that they're going to look more youthful is often helpful to get them to be more careful with sun exposure and try to protect themselves as best they can," he said.

The overwhelming majority of wrinkles, dark spots and other skin changes that occur with age are sunshine related. If you don't believe it, just consider where the sun don't shine.

"If you look at a 90-year old's but-

tocks, it's going to look pretty youthful for the most part," Dr. Eichler said.

Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) rays is the most common cause of skin cancers. They can show up just about anywhere on the body and in a variety of colors and textures. There are two main groups.

Non-melanoma skin cancers (basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas) are the most common types and aren't considered deadly because they generally don't spread to other areas of the body. These are the types that people often get removed in doctor's offices, but if left untreated can result in more painful operations.

"Even a basal cell carcinoma, left alone long enough, can do other damage that can be destructive to structures whether it's near your eye or ear or nose," said Dr. Harris.

Melanoma skin cancer

The second group, melanomas, are less common, but can be deadly. The mortality rate goes up dramatically as it begins to spread throughout the body, but if caught early, can be close to 100 percent survivable. For both types, early detection is key, said Dr. Harris.

One blistering sunburn in childhood or five non-blistering burns over time have a similar effect: they roughly double your chance of getting a melanoma.

"It's like a lot of things in life when you're young, in your teens and 20s and 30s, you're doing the things that you have no idea that 30 years from now they're going to come back and bite you whether that's cholesterol... or sun exposure," Dr. Harris said.

And a "healthy tan" is a misnomer. Tanning (in the sun or a tanning bed) only contributes to skin damage and

in the know

Melanoma cases in Florida

From 2008 to 2010: total melanoma cases and the rate per 100,000 people

- >> Florida: 12,281
- >> Charlotte: 195
- >> Collier: 318
- >> Lee: 532
- >> Palm Beach: 1,157

— Source: Florida Department of Health

increases the risk of cancer.

Skin tans when ultraviolet light hits skin cells, damaging their DNA. The damaged DNA causes the cell to produce melanin, which creates the tanned color.

"The tan is really an effect of the skin trying to protect itself from further damage," said Dr. Eichler.

A sunscreen with SPF 30 or higher that is labeled "broad spectrum," sun protective clothing, and limiting outdoor activities during the most intense sunlight of the day can all help you stay healthy.

A rule of thumb, Dr. Eichler said, is that if your shadow is longer than you are, the sunshine is at its most intense. You'll be exposed to the least sun damage when your shadow is shorter than you are.

One thing everyone agreed on is that living with the sun, like any good relationship, involves compromise.

"I encourage people to be active so I don't expect them to be hermits and never get outside," Dr. Eichler said. "But when you're going to be exposed to ultraviolet light you do what you can to protect yourself." ■

MEET DR. GARY GORDON



Dr. Gary Gordon graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School in 1978. He developed 3 practices in the Flint, Michigan area for over 20 years and was very active in the local dental community. In 2003 he, wife Linda and their 4 children moved to Naples to enjoy the year around warmer climate that they love, Dr. Gordon enjoys all phases of dentistry and his practice style/management skills have been a perfect fit for Gulfview Dental.

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Unlike “golf courses” and “miles of sandy beaches,” the words “cowboys” and “cattle ranching” aren’t often used to describe Collier County. But roughly 40 miles from Naples, the Immokalee Pioneer Museum resides in a former working cattle ranch. Originally the Roberts Ranch, it’s now a satellite location of the Collier County Museum,

Immokalee was first occupied by the Calusa Indians. Centuries later, the Seminoles arrived from the northern parts of Florida and called the area Gopher Ridge, in honor of the area’s gopher tortoise and land turtle population (which was important part of their diet).

Although the area was known to cattlemen, white hunters and Indian traders, records indicate the first permanent settlement was founded in 1872. In his book, “Florida’s Last Frontier: The History of Collier County,” historian Charlton Tebeau wrote that the Charles Hendry family lived in Immokalee in 1872 but that, upon the death of a daughter, they relocated back to Fort Myers. It was next known as the Allen Place, for Confederate veteran William Allen of Arcadia, who lived there for 25 years in a log house where the Roberts citrus grove once stood.

According to Mr. Tebeau, a William H. Brown came to live in Immokalee in

1885 and found three other families living there — the Wilkersons, the Currys and the Allens. Mr. Brown was actively engaged in the Indian trade, and his wife taught Johnny Osceola to read English. Mr. Brown, who initially sold his hides and leather goods at the H.P. Parker Grocery Store in Fort Myers, was an avid gardener as well as hunter and was also known for his prowess in procuring egret plumes. He would later open a trading post at the head of the canoe navigation on the western edge of the Everglades.

Mr. Brown eventually returned to Immokalee with his family and ran his store until his death in 1927. It was his son, Frank, who learned the Seminole language and was one of the few white men who could communicate with them in their own tongue. Not only was Frank instrumental to the Seminoles, he also served as a guide to both William and Julian Dimock (father and son) into the Everglades. Julian Dimock’s extraordinary photos taken in Southwest Florida between 1904 and 1913 are currently on display at the Marco Island Historical Museum, where they are on loan from the American Museum of Natural History.

We now know that in 1914 Robert Roberts Jr. came to Immokalee, from Ona, Fla., looking to expand his family’s cattle raising business, the Red Cattle Company. Finding the old Allen Place for sale, he made a \$50 deposit and returned home to Ona. Later that year, he and his wife, Sarah, and seven of their 10 children, along with 300 head of cattle, arrived in Immokalee in an oxcart after a three-day journey filled with many perils that included Indians and outlaws



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The Immokalee Pioneer Museum

(not to mention wild animals). Their story was told by the late folklorist Maria Stone in her book, “The End of the Oxcart Trail” (copies are available for purchase at the Collier County Museum headquarters gift shop as well as at the Immokalee Pioneer Museum).

At the height of its business, the Roberts Ranch included 5,000 head of cattle on 150,000 acres of land they owned or leased. The land was also home to the area’s first citrus grove.

It must have been a miracle to the Roberts family when the railroad opened in 1921, enabling them to ship their cattle and goods. The Atlantic Coast Line (later known as Seaboard Coast Line Railroad) ran from Palmdale through Immokalee and over to Everglades City. Both the railway and the ranch ceased operations in the 1980s.

Another interesting story is told that when Collier County was founded in 1923, Mr. Roberts was a commissioner for

roughly three months until an election was held. In order for him to attend commission meetings, he had to travel from his home in Immokalee up to LaBelle, then down to Fort Myers and Naples on the way to Caxambas to take a boat over to Everglades City.

The Roberts family built their two-story home, which serves as the focal point of the Immokalee Pioneer Museum, in 1926. The front room once served as the local post office to the community.

Fast forward to 1995, when the family donated the house and the surrounding five acres to Collier County for a museum. Their gift included 11 buildings, one of which is the First Baptist Church that was built in 1928. All the buildings are original and have been meticulously restored and remain on their original sites.

The Roberts Ranch celebrates the centennial of its establishment later this year, so watch my column for updates. In the meantime, I hope you will join us at the Collier County Museum headquarters, 3331 Tamiami Trail E., at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, to hear Lee Mitchell, manager of the Immokalee museum, share his experiences of cattle ranching in Collier County. ■

— Maureen Sullivan-Hartung arrived in Naples in 1981. Following a year’s stint as a reporter for the former weekly Everglades Echo newspaper, she began freelancing. Her first book, “Hidden History of Everglades City & Points Nearby,” was published in 2010 by The History Press in South Carolina. Learn more at www.maureenwrites.com.

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By law, mail/absentee ballots are not forwarded and can only be delivered to the address provided to the Supervisor of Elections Office.

The deadline for voters to request an absentee ballot to be delivered by mail for the upcoming election is 5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29. After that date, voters can call in a request and pick up their absentee ballots at the Supervisor of Elections Office at the Collier County



Government Complex, 3295 Tamiami Trail E.

Voted absentee ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office by 7 p.m. the day of the election. Ballots can be dropped off at the Supervisor of Elections Office or can be mailed back in the official envelope provided. The voter's signature is required on the outside of the ballot return envelope.

Voters who receive a mail/absentee ballot and decide to vote in person on Election Day should bring their marked or unmarked mail/absentee ballot to their polling location so it can be cancelled.

For more information, visit the website or call the phone number above. ■

Author shares 'Bank on Yourself' tips

Top Wealth Agenda presents "Bank on Yourself," a workshop featuring *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* best-selling author Pamela Yellen from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Hilton Naples. The program is one of five that Ms. Yellen is conducting around the country in conjunction with the launch of her new book, "The Bank On Yourself Revolution: Fire Your Banker, Bypass Wall Street and Take Control of Your Own Financial Future." She will discuss her financial management program based on a review of more than 450 savings and retirement planning strategies. As an alternative to the risk

and volatility of stocks and other investments, the program's success has led to Ms. Yellen becoming an expert source for organizations and publications including the Associated Press, Fox News, "Bloomberg Businessweek," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Essence Magazine," "Aging Today" and "AARP."

Copies of her new book will be available for purchase at the workshop and she will be on hand after the presentation for autographs.

Invitations are required and can be requested by calling Top Wealth Agenda at 213-1700. ■

Holocaust museum announces lunchtime lectures

The three-part Holocaust History Lunchtime Lecture series for 2014, presented by the Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida, will focus on searching for a home for Jewish refugees, examining the U.S. policy toward Jewish refugees and taking an in-depth look at concentration camp inmate classification. Presenter Elliott Katz is a museum docent who leads public and private tours of the museum's collection. His previous Holocaust History Lunchtime Lectures have sold out quickly.

Programs take place on Mondays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$15 each for \$40 the series and includes a light lunch. This year's dates and Mr. Katz's



topics are:

- Jan. 13: "Jews for Sale - Cheap"
- Feb. 10: "Roosevelt, the Jews and the Holocaust"
- March 10: "The Black, Violet and Pink Triangles: The Others"

Reservations are required and can be made by calling 263-9200 or emailing danielle@holocaustmuseumsfwl.org. ■

Help out at Guadalupe Center thrift shop

The Guadalupe Center Resale and Consignment Shop needs in influx of volunteers to help during the busy winter/spring season. Key responsibilities include working with customers; sorting, tagging and placing merchandise for sale; maintaining the store; and acting as a cashier. Retail background is helpful, but not required.

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The shop is at 8100 Trail Blvd., on U.S. 41 just south of Vanderbilt Beach Road. For more information about volunteering, call store manager Kat McNabb at 594-2696 or email kmcnabb@guadalupecenter.org.

The mission of the Guadalupe Center is to help break the cycle of poverty in Immokalee by providing educational, social and other support programs and resources. For more information about the center, visit www.guadalupecenter.org. ■

Democratic club celebrates silver anniversary

The Collier County Democratic Club celebrates its silver anniversary with a gala evening and memorial tribute to co-founder Chuck Mohlke the evening of Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Guest speakers will include Allison Tant, chairman of the Florida Democratic Party; Debbie Was-

serman Schultz, chairwoman, Democratic National Committee; Joe Garcia, U.S. Representative, 26th Congressional District; and Florida Sen. Dwight Bullard of Broward County.

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POLO

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have anticipated as stuffy proved to be risky, rousing, refreshing, yet still refined.

Mrs. Kolkmann was so worried about trying to fit in that when she relives the moment she stepped into the Pavilion and saw the fashion at play, she says, "I should have done what I really wanted to do. There were so many people taking risks. I just didn't think it was going to be a trendy type of event. I'm definitely looking forward to this season, so I can bring it."

She's not alone. Last season, ticket sales were up 64 percent. This year the club expects polo matches to be even more popular. IPC continues to make a valiant effort to reshape polo as an accessible scene, not an exclusive club but an everyman sport, leaving everyday women staring at their closets up until Jan. 5, when the new season kicks off.

From women who want to take fashion risks to men who want to dress with respect for the game, from barn guys to fashionista divas, deep down everyone asks the same question: "Polo's here. What do I wear?"

John Wash, president of the prestigious polo club, remembers making a conscientious effort to put on a suit and tie for his first Sunday polo match. "That was my fashion statement," he says. "I just felt like I needed to dress for the game."

He enjoys his wife picking out his shirt and tie for Sunday polo. He describes her fashion sense by saying, "She dresses with a sophistication and an elegance."

He does not know how to describe last season. "Oh, boy," he says. "Best season we've had since the inception of the club."

Mr. Wash accepted accolades from the Palm Beach County Sports Commission, Palm Beach County Convention & Visitors Bureau and Central Palm Beach County Chamber of Commerce, among other awards. This past summer he sat wondering, "How's it going to get any better?" But he believes the best is yet to come.

"We're making the sport more accessible to people out there. That's what we're doing," he says. So he expects to see more men in linen suits and more women in Lilly Pulitzer dresses, adding to the \$30 million that polo generates in annual revenue.

Thinking of polo fashion reminds Mr. Wash of old films, when gentlemen would wear ties to baseball games, way back when.

"You know what I think it is," Mr. Wash says of polo fashion, "It's respect. People dress with respect for themselves and respect for the sport. They're sending two messages: 'Polo is special and I want to be a part of it.'"

Contemplating if society has become too casual, he adds, "Honest to God, I really do believe more sports should be like (polo)," where spectators show a certain sophistication and reverence by the way they dress.

The Gardens Mall will cosponsor with Veuve Clicquot for Fashion on the Field this season, rolling the red carpet out on the Bermuda grass for the halftime divot stomp, where polo-goers drink champagne and kick over any upturned turf.

Michele Jacobs, corporate director of marketing and operations for The Forbes Company, sees The Gardens Mall as a fashion beacon for the community; thereby, she sees the partnership with the polo club as "a perfect fit."

Ms. Jacobs tries to attend several match-



Polo-goers sport their bright colors, aviator shades and flutes of champagne, as they saunter across the field for the halftime divot stomp. Stylist Melanie Pace says, "Go bold or go home." Below left is Meagan Kolkmann.

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es a season. "The people watching is amazing," she says. "Polo is where all the beautiful people are."

To anyone who may be feeling a little intimidated by the polo fashion scene, Ms. Jacobs says, "Don't be shy. Have fun. Make the most of it."

Wardrobe stylist, personal shopper and fashion consultant Melanie Pace sees polo as the place where fashion and sport collide. Her biggest piece of advice: "Go bold or go home."

For women, Ms. Pace says think shoes first. Forget heels. Find a sassy pair of wedges. You don't want to be sinking while you're drinking champagne on the field. "There's nothing worse than trying to socialize when your feet hurt," she says.

And no matter how bad you want to wear your little sundress, check the weather first. Have the perfect jeans, sweater, scarf and boots on standby to avoid any last-minute fashion anxiety. The weather can be fickle. Don't go looking naïve when you should be dressed warm.

Play with bright colors, patterns and prints. Mix-and-match prints. Let your inner-fashionista out. Seize this opportunity to dress over-the-top. Go for the Kate Middleton trend, wear a headpiece rather than a traditional hat. Go for the peek-a-boo trend, wear a diaphanous cutout to show your waist. Go for the jumpsuit. Go pastel.

"Wear what you wouldn't wear on a regular basis," Ms. Pace says. "If you would usually wear it, wear something else."

The stylist says a man cannot go wrong with a colored polo, white jeans and loafers. Feel daring? Wear brightly colored pants. Maybe find a fun blazer and make it a statement piece.

"It's your moment," Ms. Pace says. "You don't get very many moments like a polo match." Bring it. And don't forget your sunglasses. Think aviator, not surfer. Polo's not the beach. Everybody dresses up, has a drink, watches polo or watches people. It's no longer just for the rich and famous. Dress like you're famous. Get glammed up.

Jimmy Newman, director of polo operations at the illustrious club, says he understands why a gal would want to wear a nice dress on a nice day, why she would want to wear a hat to keep the sun off her face. "That's great," he says. "But I wear jeans



Julio Arellano, the top-ranked American polo player-

almost everywhere I go."

Mr. Newman keeps a couple of sports coats in his office. When the 3 o'clock match comes around, he grabs a coat and puts it on. "That's about as fashion conscious as I get," he says. "That way if I meet somebody, at least I'm trying not to look like I work in a barn."

Mr. Newman moved to Florida for college and got a job at the Royal Palm Polo Club in Boca Raton. He wanted to be a cowboy. He saw the English-style saddles and thought polo was going to be a sissy sport. "I found out pretty quick, there wasn't anything sissy about the sport of polo," says Mr. Newman, who still wants to be a cowboy and never used his marketing degree.

The first practice match he saw, he was in awe of the game. His first Sunday match, he renders this way: "It was like seeing the Kentucky Derby run 40 times in an hour and a half, to me." He understands why newcomers to polo walk away shaking their heads in disbelief.

"Polo shouldn't be a private club," he says. "It's a sport anybody can enjoy." He gives an example: A hall-of-fame polo player moved to upstate New York and put a polo field on his property

for his teenage boys to play. The little town of family farms fell in love with the sport. "A thousand farmers would go watch their polo matches," Mr. Newman says. "We're talking the beer-and-peanut crowd, everyday people," enraptured with polo.

Julio Arellano, the top-ranked American polo player, says he got into the sport because his father used to play. He sees polo very much as a family game. His wife plays. Their three children play.

"All across the U.S. polo is a sport people play with their families. It's not just the super wealthy. It's a sport enjoyed by all," he says. "Even here in Palm Beach, you see backyard guys playing with one horse."

Mr. Arellano brought 39 horses to Wellington this season. Players switch out horses every few minutes, riding eight or nine horses a match. Similar to golf, polo players are rated by a handicap system. The best players in the world are rated 10 goals. Mr. Arellano has a 9-goal rank. He says he has never had a 10-goal rank, "No, not when I'm awake." He knows other players want his top-ranked spot.

As far as the emphasis on fashion, Mr. Arellano does not think about it much. "Everybody dresses up for Sunday games. That's great. Some people like that aspect of it. Other people don't. They show up in blue jeans and barn clothes," he says. "You get both ends with polo."

If the social scene gives others the exhilaration he feels from his sport, so be it. The polo player sees nothing wrong with polo fashion. ■



Valery Nikitina glams up a bowtie.

10-goal polo players

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The measure of a polo player is his handicap. The best polo players are rated 10 goals. There are only six players rated 10 goals by the United States Polo Association (USPA). Five of these players will play at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington this season.

Here, Julio Arellano, the top-ranked American player, and Jimmy Newman, IPC director of polo operations, give their thoughts on each.



■ **Adolfo Cambiaso:** Arguably, the greatest polo player who has ever played. He epitomizes the sport. He has won the Queen's Cup, Argentine Open, U.S. Open Polo Championship, every major polo tournament around the world.

Arellano: "Adolfo Cambiaso is the best player. He's been ranked 10 goals for 20 years. He's like the Michael Jordan of the sport. He's been 10 GOALS since he was 17 years old. It's freaky. The guy is amazing. He's almost everybody's favorite player. Go watch him, it's like a highlight reel to see him play."

Newman: "Adolfo is the maestro."



■ **Facundo Pieres:** Some may say he's on the rise, some may say he's already risen. From a famed polo family, Facundo Pieres scored 12 goals in last year's U.S. Open, helping team Zacara win the championship two

years in a row. He was named MVP. His pony Corcha was named Horse of the Year.

Mr. Arellano: "Facundo's right on Adolfo's heels. He's a strong contender, on the verge of being best player. He's younger. He's a phenomenal player. His father was 10 goals. His brother's rated 10 goals. Facundo's another amazing player to watch."

Newman: "It's a toss-up for best player between Adolfo and Facundo. I wouldn't say Facundo's the second guy. I think he has outplayed Adolfo in the U.S. the last couple years. One day one's the best player, the next day the other's the best player."



■ **Gonzalo Pieres Jr.:** Facundo's older brother, "Gonzalito," was named after their 10-goal father. Playing alongside their other brother Nicolas (an 8-goal player), Gonzalito scored six goals in one game last season, including a memorable 100-yard shot under pressure.

Arellano: "Gonzalito is very smooth. He's a good horseman. A fantastic player to watch."

Newman: "Gonzalito is very smooth. Facundo plays a little more aggressive. Gonzalito's more conservative. He probably plays a little more defense than Facundo. He's more on the offensive end."



■ **Jaun Martin Nero:** Won the 2011 U.S. Open. Won multiple Argentine Opens. Jaun Martin Nero's reputation as a defensive player precedes him.

Arellano: "One of the strongest defensive players in the game. He's a physical guy. He always knows where to be on the field. He plays defense and still can do everything else. He's excellent."

Newman: "This guy is a fantastic defensive player. He comes out of nowhere. He makes it look like it's effortless play, just like he's out riding his horse on a park ride, then all of a sudden, he's right there, he gets the

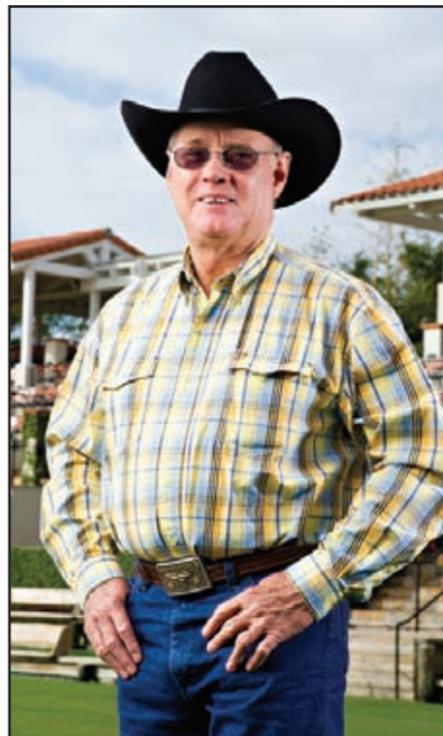
ball and goes the other way with it. His propensity to take the ball away from the other team and put his team on offense is amazing."



■ **Pablo MacDonough:** Yet to win the U.S. Open, he's hungry for it. His father was a polo player. He's second cousin to the Pieres brothers, he plays with them often in Argentina.

Arellano: "Great stick work. Very quick player."

Newman: "He's kind of like a quarterback. This guy is just everywhere. He sees everything. He's a leader. It's amazing what he can get done." ■



Jimmy Newman
(above), director of polo operations at the illustrious club, moved to Florida for college and got a job at the Royal Palm Polo Club in Boca Raton. He wanted to be a cowboy. He saw the English-style saddles and thought polo was going to be a sissy sport. "I found out pretty quick, there wasn't anything sissy about the sport."

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2014 Sunday schedule

January

- 12 Joe Barry Memorial Cup (20 goal)
- 19 Joe Barry Memorial Cup (20 goal)
- 26 Joe Barry Memorial Cup (20 goal)

February

- 2 Ylvisaker Cup (20 goal)
- 9 Ylvisaker Cup (20 goal)
- 16 Ylvisaker Cup (20 goal)
- 23 Ylvisaker Cup (20 goal)

March

- 2 USPA C.V. Whitney Cup (26 goal)
- 9 Piaget USPA Gold Cup (26 goal)
- 16 Piaget USPA Gold Cup (26 goal)
- 23 Piaget USPA Gold Cup Final (26 goal)
- 30 Maserati U.S. Open Polo Championship (26 goal)

April

- 6 Maserati U.S. Open Polo Championship (26 goal)
- 13 Maserati U.S. Open Polo Championship (26 goal)
- 20 Maserati U.S. Open Polo Championship Final (26 goal)

Sunday Polo Lineup

- 2 p.m.-6 p.m. The Pavilion Open – ticketed reception/brunch guests only
- The Wellington Zone Open – casual food and cash bar
- General admission seating, lawn seating, limited box seats, tailgates open
- 3 p.m.-5 p.m. Polo Tournament
- 4 p.m. Halftime Divot Stomp
- 5:15 p.m. Trophy Presentation

Ticket prices

January-April 2014

- \$10 – General admission bleacher seating
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- \$120 – Box seats (limited availability)

Brunch and Polo Match at The Pavilion

January-February

- \$100 – Veranda seating (includes two drink tokens)

March-April

- \$120 – Veranda seating (includes two drink tokens)

Veuve Clicquot Champagne Brunch Package at The Pavilion

January-February

- \$300 – Veranda seating for two and a complimentary bottle of Veuve Clicquot

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- \$330 – Veranda seating for two and a complimentary bottle of Veuve Clicquot

Reception Pass at The Pavilion

January-February

- \$55 – Passed light hors d'oeuvres (includes two drink tokens)

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Field trips, lectures highlight 10th annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival

Don't let the flock pass you by! Registration is still open for dozens of guided field trips to wildlife hot spots around Southwest Florida as part of Rookery Bay's 10th annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival taking place Friday through Sunday, Jan. 17-19.

Specialty trips cover all modes of transportation, from bicycle and buggy rides to canoe trips, swamp tromps and boat tours that shine a spotlight on conservation lands and waters across the region. Take advantage of opportunities to explore to off-the-beaten-path locations such as Sandfly Island in Everglades National Park, CREW Bird Rookery Swamp and Big Cypress National Preserve. Get to know the wildlife on Marco Island, from

burrowing owls you can see from your car to creatures from the "green lagoon."

Field trip costs and individual ability to participate vary, and advance registration is required.

As part of the festival, the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center offers two-for-one admission from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17.

Admission Saturday, Jan. 18, is \$10 per person and includes four expert lectures:

■ **Noon** - "Wildlife in Need" by Jessica Bender, wildlife rehabilitation specialist with the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

■ **1 p.m.** - "Ospreys in Southwest Florida" by Ted Below, avian expert and former warden with the National Audu-

bon Society.

■ **2 p.m.** - "Native Landscaping for South Florida" by Chad Washburn, director of conservation and education at Naples Botanical Garden.

■ **3 p.m.** - "The Mountains of Big Cypress" by Luke Gommerman, park ranger of environmental education and interpretation at Big Cypress National Preserve.

Keynote lecture

Saturday evening, Jan. 18, brings Elizabeth Forsys, Ph.D., professor of environmental science and biology at Eckerd College, to the podium for the festival's keynote address, "Trying to Reverse a 'Downtern': Creative Management Ideas

for Least Terns." Admission is \$15 and includes refreshments.

Small, colonial nesting seabirds that breed along portions of the eastern and western coasts of North America, least terns face many obstacles in their attempts to nest on open beach habitat, including development, disturbance from people and pets, and sea-level rise. Professor Forsys will describe efforts to manage alternative least tern habitat (rooftops), creation of new alternative habitat (rafts) and experiments with novel methods to discourage disturbance of nesting least terns in Southwest Florida.

For the complete schedule of festival-related field trips and to make reservations, visit www.rookerybay.org. ■



Josh's teachers always complained he couldn't sit still, picked fights, defied authority and didn't follow directions. It got worse when he discovered marijuana and wouldn't take his medications. This chemical irregularity led to violent outbursts, legal troubles and depression. Discipline only incited threatening behavior that caused him to be brought to the Crisis Stabilization Unit.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD

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Robo medicine

At least two U.S. medical schools so far are early adopters of Dr. Benjamin Lok's and Dr. Carla Pugh's “Robot Butt” for teaching doctors-in-training to properly (and compassionately) administer prostate exams. The robot, bent over a desk to simulate the patient profile, has sensors to alert the students if they dig

too deeply or quickly for comfort. Other sensors enable a check on eye contact to evaluate “bedside manner.” (News of the Weird reported a similar innovation in 2012 by Nobuhiro Takahashi, whose model's “sphincter” has the ability to “clench up” if the probing becomes too distressing.) ■

Suspicious confirmed

During the September Guantanamo Bay trial of five people charged in connection in the 9/11 attacks, defense lawyers continued to complain that their “confidential” client information was being leaked from the poorly secured “classified” Pentagon computer net-

work. Said the lead defense counsel (Air Force Col. Karen Mayberry), the normal Department of Defense “classified” network is so porous that she has been forced to use the Wi-Fi at the local Guantanamo Starbucks, which she regards as more secure. ■

The continuing crisis

■ Neuroscientist James Fallon, fascinated by the brains of serial killers, experienced a seminal career moment in 2005 when he realized that his own brain scan was a dead-on match for the typical psychopath's. Subsequent self-examination revealed him to be, he said, a “pro-social psychopath,” displaying traits similar to a killer's (aggressiveness, low empathy) and different (“killing” opponents only in games and debate, with little compassion for their haplessness). “I'm kind of an asshole,” he admitted, according to a November report by The Smithsonian, “and I do jerky things that piss people off.” Mr. Fallon failed to break bad, he guesses, because he “was loved (growing up), and that protected me.” He figures he has not kicked his pathology but rather strives “to show to everyone and myself that I can pull (this balancing act) off.”

■ Homeless man James Brady had his New Jersey state benefits cut off in October for “hiding” income. He had found \$850 on a sidewalk in April and turned it in; when no one came forward, it was returned to him, though he was unaware that he needed to report it as “income.”

■ A 16-year-old Fox Chapel, Pa., boy

realized at a football game in September that he was inadvertently carrying a pocket knife and conscientiously turned it in to a security guard — which earned him a 10-day school suspension. The school's “zero tolerance” rule, said the boy's father, “sends a message (that) you should probably lie.”

■ Betty Green was fired as clerk at the Speedway gas station in Lexington, Ky., in November when she “just said no” to an armed robber, who smiled and walked out. Company rules require always giving up the money. Said Green, “I don't think anybody knows what you are going to do until it happens to you.”

■ In November, the senior class president of Northwest Christian University in Eugene, Ore., “came out” — as an atheist. Eric Fromm, 21, is apparently popular on campus, and an ABC News report revealed that he was under no pressure to resign or drop out. Said the director of university relations, “All of our students are on a journey. ... We as an institution meet students where they are at.” Mr. Fromm said he was impressed with the school right from his initial visit. “No one was speaking in tongues or handling snakes, so I decided to stay.” ■

Bright ideas

■ The vandalism of Marion County High School in Jasper, Tenn., on the eve of a big football game in November was not, after all, the work of arch-rival South Pittsburg — notwithstanding the clues. The South Pittsburg markings were apparently made by Marion County teacher-coach Michael Schmitt, who was arrested. He told officers he was only trying to inspire the team (which lost anyway, 35-17).

■ Police in Urunga, Australia, charged teacher Andrew Minisini in December with taking three female students to a motel, giving them alcohol and seducing

them — not into sex, but into vandalizing the residence of one of Mr. Minisini's former colleague rivals.

■ A government-subsidized, foundation-supported program for alcoholics in Amsterdam announced a “welfare”/“work” program offering the city's drunks the equivalent of about \$14 a day — and five free cans of beer — for several hours of street-cleaning. Some beneficiaries told London's *The Independent*, in a November dispatch, that, of course, they intended to use the cash to buy even more beer. ■

Democracy blues

In November, Dave Wilson, a white conservative candidate for the board of the Houston Community College System, pulled off an astonishing victory over the African-American incumbent, by distributing campaign materials that

made him — Mr. Wilson — appear to be black and thus the favorite of African-Americans. Mr. Wilson's brochures depicting black “supporters” were all, he later said, copied from the Internet. ■

People with issues

■ A condominium association in Niles, Ill., is debating whether to pursue Norman Kazmierski since he has now moved. As a resident, he was accused of keying cars, egging hallways, disabling the emergency sprinkler system, and leaving several

pounds of excrement in buildings in protest of alleged mistreatment. The association said it all started when one resident asked Mr. Kazmierski to please park his car between the lines so that parking spaces could be used more efficiently. ■

UF: Florida consumer confidence unchanged in December

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Consumer sentiment among Floridians was unchanged in December at 77, the same as the revised November reading, according to a new University of Florida survey.

"It is now apparent that the sharp drop in confidence in October was largely a response to the U.S. government shutdown, and perhaps more importantly, the threat of the U.S. defaulting on its debt," says Chris McCarty, director of UF's Survey Research Center in the Bureau of Economic and Business Research.

In December, survey respondents' overall view that they are better off financially than a year ago fell two points to 67, but their expectations for their financial situations a

year from now rose six points, to 80.

Confidence in the nation's economy over the coming year dropped two points to 74, while trust in its performance over the next five years was unchanged, at 76.

Finally, respondents' consensus over whether now is a good time to buy a big-ticket item such as a washing machine fell four points, to 88.

Improving economic conditions, which leads to new jobs, could be contributing to Florida's sustained consumer confidence, Mr. McCarty says. The Florida unemployment rate declined again in November, down .3 percent to 6.4 percent, which is lower than the U.S. rate of 7 percent. An estimated 2,000 people who left the labor force permanently or stopped looking for work,

however, made the Florida unemployment figure look better than it is, Mr. McCarty explains.

The housing market is also improving, with the median price of a single-family home in Florida increasing \$900 from October to November to \$169,900 — the first monthly increase since July. Prices are up 13.3 percent from the previous year.

However, residential values might not rise as much in 2014, Mr. McCarty cautions. "For one thing, those in charge of federal programs that helped to sustain the recovery will use the good economic news as an opportunity to begin backing away from such support," he says.

The Federal Reserve, for example, will reduce its purchase of treasuries and mort-

gage-backed securities, which will increase mortgage interest rates. In addition, the FHA plans to lower the cap it will cover for home loans from \$729,750 to \$625,500. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac will raise guarantee fees to lenders, which will be passed on to borrowers. In addition, the latest survey shows holiday spending was weaker than last year, something Mr. McCarty attributes to a combination of deep discounting by retailers and a very short holiday season compared to last year due to the lateness of Thanksgiving. ■

— Conducted Dec. 1-19, the UF study reflects the responses of 420 individuals, representing a demographic cross-section of Florida.

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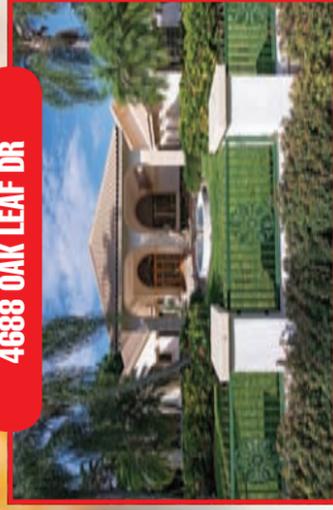
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Registration is \$250 for individuals and \$900 for a foursome. To sign up or for more information, call Laura Lafakis at 687-5175, email laura.lafakis@youthhaven.net or visit www.youthhaven.net.

■ The sixth annual **WINK News Feeds Families Hunger Walk**, a benefit for the Harry Chapin Food Bank, steps out at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, at Miromar Outlets. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

In the first five years of the event, \$1 million has been raised. This year's goal is \$300,000. Each dollar donated to the Hunger Walk will provide \$6 worth of food to people in need. The Harry Chapin Food Bank distributes food via its partner-agency network of pantries, soup kitchens and other emergency food programs.

Walk co-chairs for 2014 are Sandy Robinson of Northern Trust and Dr. Brian Schwartz of 21st Century Oncology. WINK News anchor Lois Thome is the honorary chair. Presenting sponsors are Garden Street Iron & Metal and the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

Sign up individually or with others as a team. For more information, call Marta Hodson at 334-7007, ext. 132, or email martahodson@harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Online registration is also available at www.harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ The fifth annual **Baby Basics Walking Challenge** steps out Saturday morning, Jan. 25, at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is open now at www.babybasicscollier.org.



Participants of all ages can stroll from 1.5 miles to 6 miles in the park. Registration is \$20 for one walker and a child and \$10 for additional children. Sign-up begins at 8:30 a.m. and the walk sets out at 9:30 a.m. Brunch provided by Wynn's Catering and McDonald's will be served afterward.

Baby Basics provides free diapers and kindness to more than 345 infants and toddlers from low-income, working families in Collier County and Bonita Springs. For more information, visit the website above.

■ The eighth annual **Run for the Paws** to benefit Humane Society Naples starts at 8 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Naples Municipal Airport. The run/walk is a Gulf Coast Runners Club event. Registration is \$25 through Jan. 24 and \$30 on the day of the event (\$10 for high school students and younger).

Pets are welcome but must be leashed (non-retractable leash) and up-to-date with vaccinations. For more information, call Humane Society Naples at 643-1555 or visit www.humanesocietynaples.com.

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■ The eighth annual **Naples Bike Brunch** to benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition sets out from Lowdermilk Park on Sunday, Jan. 26. Riders can choose to pedal courses of 10, 20, 40, 62 or 100 miles. Registration details are at www.naplespathways.org.

NPC promotes a safe biking, walking and running infrastructure in Naples and Collier County. Volunteers are needed in numerous capacities to help ensure the success of the Naples Bike Brunch. For details, call Deborah Johnson of the Gulf Coast Runners Association at 298-6940 or email grdeborah@hayoo.com.

■ Media day for the **ACE Group Classic** at TwinEagles takes place Thursday, Jan. 30, as a benefit for the Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program run by the Education Foundation-Champions For Learning. Media day golfers will enjoy a lunch buffet before teeing off as well as dinner and an awards program afterward. 2013 ACE champion Bernhard Langer will be in attendance along with Take Stock in Children scholars.

Registration for \$1,000 per foursome includes hole sponsorship; individual golfers can sign up for \$200. For more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.ChampionsForLearning/MOD.

■ The 21st annual **Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital Celebrity Classic** is set for Friday, Feb. 21, at The Forest Country Club in South Fort Myers. Participants meet and golf alongside 2013 World Series Champion Boston Red Sox players and other former greats from Major League Baseball, the NFL and NHL. The step-around scramble format begins with lunch and registration at 11

a.m. and a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

The Boston Red Sox Children's Hospital "Tee Party" takes place the evening of Thursday, Feb. 20, also at The Forest, with live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$50.

Tournament and "Tee Party" proceeds will be matched dollar for dollar to benefit construction of Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida.

Scanlon Auto Group is this year's presenting sponsor. Additional sponsorship opportunities remain available and range from \$1,400 to \$15,000. Single golf slots are \$350. For more information, call the Lee Memorial Health System Foundation at 343-6950 or email BostonGolf@LeeMemorial.org.

■ Planning for the eighth annual **Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Race** for the Cure is well underway, with the race set for Saturday, March 8, at Coconut Point in Estero. Several activities will be new to the 2014 event, including a "Pre-Pink Out Party" the night before the race and, on race day, a Kids for the Cure area with activities, games and prizes and a "Man Cave" where guys can relax. Local bands are signing up for "Bands for the Cure" to play along the route.

The Flowers of Hope display will once again feature pink tulips planted along the running course in honor of or in memory of a person who battled cancer.

New volunteers are always welcome. The committee meets monthly at the offices of Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida at 26800 S. Tamiami Trail in Bonita Springs.

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Not so with Youth Haven's annual signature event, where the featured speakers and stories are always about extraordinary individuals achieving amazing things against herculean odds.

Youth Haven provides shelter, guidance, therapeutic support and love to severely abused and neglected children.

Sean and Leigh Anne Tuohy spoke at the nonprofit's inaugural luncheon benefit three years ago. This Memphis family adopted 17-year-old Michael Oher after his drug-addicted mother gave him up. Now an offensive lineman with the Baltimore Ravens, he is also the subject of the Academy Award-winning film "The Blind Side."

The next year brought Apolo Anton Ohno, eight-time Olympic short-track skater medalist, to the podium. Mr. Ohno's parents divorced when he was an infant, and he never knew his mother. Mentors and friends helped him find his emotional footing in childhood, and he went on to become the most decorated American Winter Olympic athlete of all time.

Erik Weihenmayer, who is blind, climbs mountains. As last year's guest of honor, he shared his story of courage, triumph and mentors who inspired him to a life of possibilities, not limitations. Mr. Weihenmayer is the only blind person who has reached the summit of Mount Everest, as well as the tallest peak on each continent.

The fourth annual luncheon, coming up Wednesday, Jan. 22, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort, continues the tradition. Guest speaker Antwone Fisher is a *New York Times* best-selling author, poet and the subject of the eponymous movie about his life starring Denzel Washington. Mr. Fisher started life in a series of abusive foster care homes and today inspires young people around the world to believe that a life of joy and purpose, no matter their pain, is within their grasp.

A limited number of tickets to this

year's luncheon remain available for \$300. You'll be in and out in about 90 minutes, and you'll wish it had lasted longer. For reservations or more information, call Aileen Carrol at 687-5155 or email aileen.carroll@youthhaven.net. ■

Wine, Women & Shoes includes 'Key to the Closet' raffle

Cancer Alliance of Naples presents "Key to the Closet" at the annual Wine, Women & Shoes signature luncheon on Friday, Jan. 31, at The Club at Mediterra.

Naples professional organizer Marla Ottenstein, chair of the "Key to the Closet" aspect of the afternoon, has secured a closet full of gifts and services from 72 local merchants ranging from handbags, fragrances and jewelry to home accessories and more than 30 gift certificates, including one for \$3,000 from Naples Closets. One lucky guest will win the "Key to the Closet" and go home with the entire contents. Tickets — \$50 each or three for \$100 — will be on sale at the luncheon. One hundred percent of the proceeds from

ticket sales will go to CAN. The winner must be present to win.

The closet prize includes door-to-door delivery service of the entire contents of the closet; the winner can also opt to "re-gift" all or a portion of the contents to a local charity of her choice.

Wine, Women & Shoes is a nationwide fundraising platform that has raised more than \$20 million for women and children's charities throughout the country since its founding in Napa Valley. To date, 150 charities have hosted an event in 55 cities.

CAN is devoted to helping people in Collier County and southern Lee County who are undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment for cancer by providing financial support for non-medical bills (rent, utilities, gas and food, etc.) as well as providing education and information resources.

For more information about the Cancer Alliance of Naples or to purchase tickets to Wine, Women & Shoes, call 643-4673 or visit www.CancerAllianceofNaples.com. ■

— See "Save the Date" starting on page C24 for information about more benefit events coming up around town.



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On Saturday, the full and half triathlon bicycle race affect traffic from

approximately 7:30 a.m. until 5:20 p.m.

On Sunday, the Sprint triathlon bicycle race and the Olympic triathlon bicycle race will impact traffic from approximately 7:10-10:30 a.m.

For detailed maps of the race routes, visit <http://www.hitstriathlonseries.com/naples-f/maps>. ■

Older drivers can brush up on road skills

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■ **Monday, Jan. 13:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd., Naples; 498-5734.

■ **Thursday and Friday, Jan. 16-17:** 2-5 p.m. at Country Creek Country Club, 21131 Country Creek Drive, Estero; 498-5820.

■ **Thursday, Jan. 16:** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 750 Seagate Drive, Naples; (734) 968-3105.

■ **Friday, Jan. 17:** 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Blvd. W., Naples; 732-5310. ■

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The Collier County Sheriff's Office gives drivers a heads-up that traffic enforcement deputies will be posted at the following places the week of Jan. 13-17:

■ **Monday, Jan. 13**

- Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary: Aggressive driving
- Rattlesnake Hammock Road and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Red-light running
- Collier Boulevard and Golden Gate Parkway: Aggressive driving

■ **Tuesday, Jan. 14**

- Immokalee Road and Juliet Boulevard: Red-light running
- Goodlette-Frank and Vanderbilt Beach roads: Speeding
- Livingston Road and Osceola Trail: Speeding

■ **Wednesday, Jan. 15**

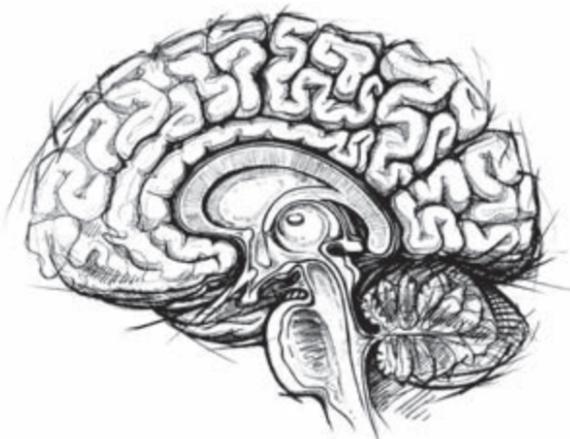
- 48th Terrace Southwest at Golden Gate Elementary: Aggressive driving
- Collier and Golden Gate boulevards: Speeding
- Santa Barbara and Davis boulevards: Red-light running

■ **Thursday, Jan. 16**

- U.S. 41 East and Southwest Boulevard: Speeding
- Vineyards Boulevard: Speeding
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■ **Friday, Jan. 17**

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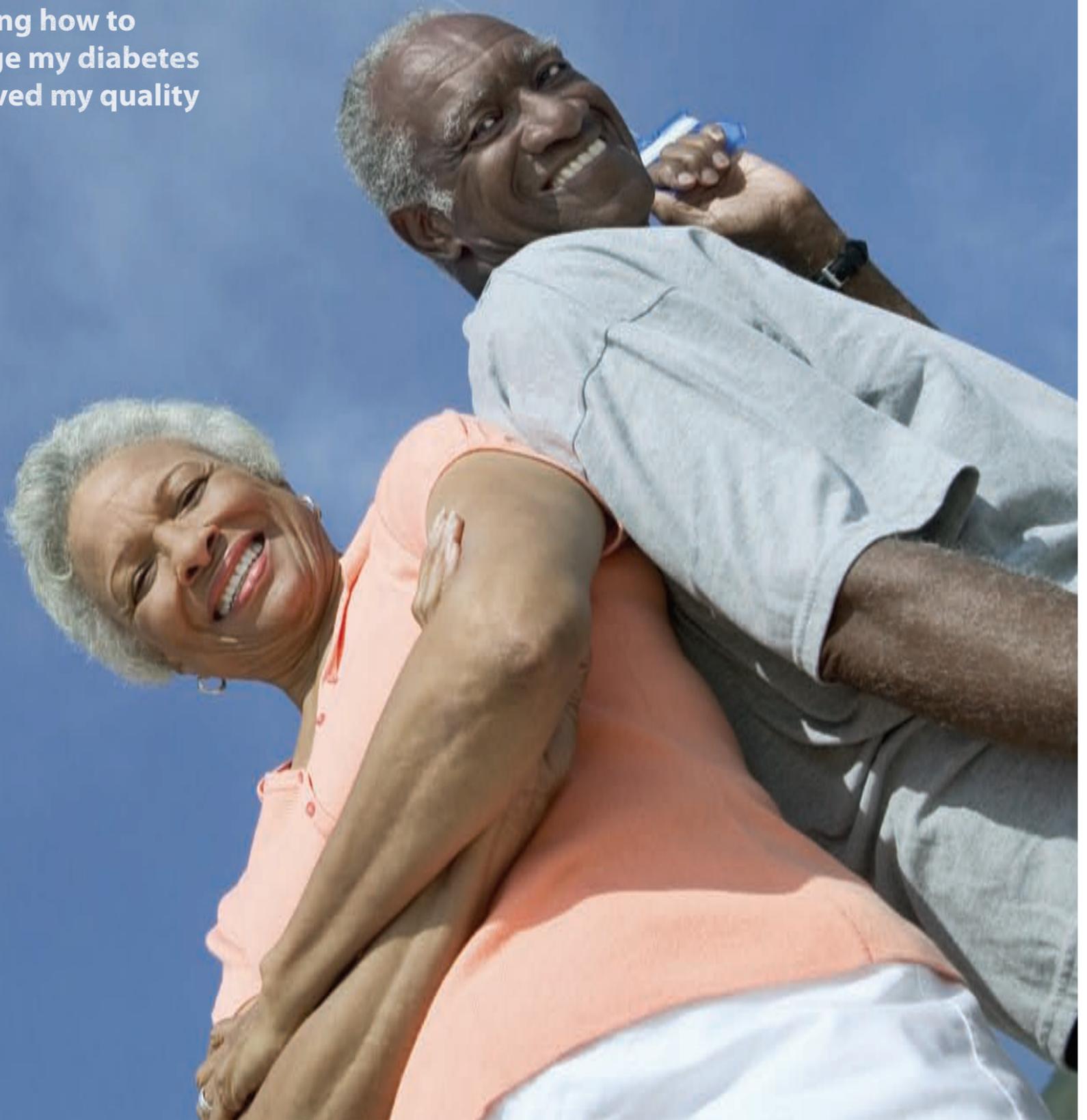


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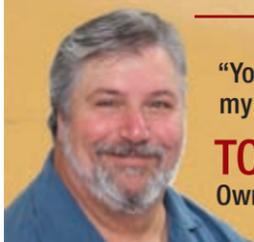
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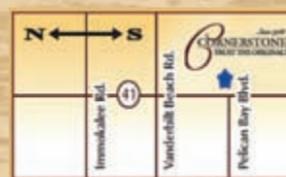
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CLUB NOTES

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

■ **Kappa Kappa Gamma alumni** hold their next luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Students in the music program at Barron Collier High School will provide entertainment. Cost is \$25. Call 403-3012 for reservations.

■ **Boston College Alumni of Southwest Florida** hosts the Boston College luncheon at Brio in Waterside Shops from noon to 1:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 13. Cost is \$18 per person (cash please). For reservations, call Diane Van Parys at 431-5224 or email bcswfloridaalumni@gmail.com.

■ The **Florida Poetry Club** meets for open mic readings at The Norris Center from 4-5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting is Jan. 14. Members and guests are welcome to enjoy dinner together at Alberto's on Fifth afterward. For more information, call Jan Cosner at (440) 554-1144 or email formulawriting@hotmail.com.

■ The **Jewish Genealogy Shared Interest Group** meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, 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 emailing genresearch13@yahoo.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** elected new officers at its December meeting. **Outgoing president Arlene Mauer, left, received a plaque in appreciation of her leadership over the past four years. It was presented by first vice president Nancy Fodi, right.**

■ The **Naples Doll Club**, under the umbrella of the United Federation of Doll Clubs, meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month, November-April. Members promote the love of doll collecting, both antique and modern, and learn about doll making, history and fashion, during meetings and workshops.

The club's annual doll show and sale takes place Friday and Saturday, Jan. 17-18, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Hours are 1-5 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about the club, call Myrna Eby at (574) 780-0951 or email mydolls_2@yahoo.com.

■ Members of the **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance**, their guests and the public are invited to the alliance's New Year social event from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1255 Piper Blvd.

The evening will showcase the achievements of members whose orchids rose to the top in monthly exhibitions during 2013. An orchid raffle will be held for new and renewing members, and orchid plants will be available for purchase.

Attendance is free. For more information, call 498-9741 or visit www.GulfCoastOrchidAlliance.com.

■ **Toastmaster Academy** welcomes humorist Shawn Purvis, the 2009 Toastmasters district humorous speech contest winner and district winner of the Toastmasters International speech contest in 2011 and 2013, with "Humor: The Art of Survival" from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15, at the Bonita Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive, Bonita Springs. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Purvis, who believes anyone can learn to be funny in his or her own style, performs at numerous comedy clubs in Tampa Bay and runs a comedy show at Finley's Irish Pub and Eatery in Largo. His comedy is not a series of jokes, but rather humor incorporated into stories about everyday life. In his workshop, he shares his life story and how he learned to use humor to survive.

Admission is free for Toastmaster Academy members, \$10 for others. Seating is limited. For reservations or more information, call Marianne Oehser at 216-3030 or email mtoehser@gmail.com.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Ron Benson, guest speaker for the first meeting of the New Year, will discuss the use of DNA to advance genealogical research.

Attendance is free and all are welcome. Regular meetings take place on the second Tuesday evening of every month. For more information, call 593-4550 or visit www.thegscc.org.

■ The **Big Cypress Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** holds its next meeting at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, at the Country Club of Naples. The program will be about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Members and guests are welcome. Reservations are necessary and can be made by calling Madonna Crame at 455-7295.

■ 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 Jan. 16. Call 513-4568 for location.

■ **Indiana University alumni in Southwest Florida** are invited to brunch starting at noon Sunday, Jan. 19, at Olde Cypress Country Club. Guest speaker will be distinguished alum Paul Trash, chairman and CEO of the Tampa Bay Times. Mr. Trash will be joined by the paper's 2013 Pulitzer Prize winner, Tim Nickens. Call 514-8608 for reservations.

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Woman's Club's** second annual Naples Kitchen Tour showcasing kitchens in Port Royal area homes takes place Wednesday, Jan. 22, with tours setting out from the Naples Woman's Club at 10 and 11 a.m. and noon. Transportation is provided.

Tickets include an open house from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at club headquarters, where entertainment, a gift boutique and food will be provided. Each home on the tour will also have gourmet samplings, musicians, floral designs and boutique shopping.

Tickets are \$100 for general admission, \$150 for patron level. Proceeds will benefit Friends of Foster Children, the David Lawrence Center, Youth Haven and the Naples Woman's Club philanthropic efforts.

To purchase a ticket, call Ann Palmer at 262-2259.

■ Members and guests of the **Naples Press Club** will hear from Mei-Mei Chan, president and publisher of The News-Press Media Group, at the club's luncheon meeting beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at the Hilton Naples.



Mei-Mei Chan

Reservations are required by Jan. 20. Cost is \$25 for members, \$30 for guests. Members can respond by email to rsvp@naplespressclub.com. Non-members and/or those members ordering online can copy the URL <http://bit.ly/18Ovqi5> into their browser.

■ Members and guests of **Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter of Naples**, Bonita Springs and Marco Island will celebrate Founders Day with a luncheon Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Naples Yacht Club. Guest speaker Gwynne Young is a past president of the Florida Bar Association. Several 50-year Thetas and one 75-year member will be honored.

Cost is \$30. RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 21, by calling Mary Lynn Myers at 431-5434 or emailing mlm2817@aol.com.

■ The **Naples Music club** exists to support music education and performance, to provide scholarship and to engage in collaborative outreach efforts within Naples and its neighboring communities. New members are always welcome; prospective members can learn more about the club's mission, vision, history, directors, concerts and events, scholarship programs, student recitals, adult performance groups and members who are studio teachers by visiting www.naplesmusicclub.org. Membership applications are available online.

Upcoming programs include:

Thursday, Jan. 23: A benefit concert featuring Peruvian pianist Priscila Navarro.

Saturday, Feb. 15: "Music from Around the World," a recital by club members.

Friday and Saturday, April 4-5: The 2014 student scholarship competition.

Saturday, April 26: The annual scholarship winners recital.

For location and ticket information about the above, visit the website.

■ The **Southwest Florida Chapter of the American Airlines Kiwi Club** meets for a luncheon and auction at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. The club is a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines. The chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. New members are always welcome.

For reservations and information about the location for the upcoming meeting, call Eileen Pearson at 595-1761 or email Barbara Traci at summerbid@comcast.net.

■ **Zonta Club of Naples** invites members and visiting Zontians to its monthly meetings at Brio at Waterside Shops at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Feb. 6. Cost is \$17. For reservations or more information, call Erica Vanover at 434-1112.

■ The **Greater Naples Branch of AAUW** meets on Saturday morning, Feb. 1, at Hodges University. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for coffee and continental breakfast.

Guest speaker will be Ginger Lew, former senior counselor to the White House National Economic Council. Previously, as part of the Clinton Administration, she was senate confirmed as deputy administrator and COO of the U.S. Small Business Administration. Today, Ms. Lew is managing director of Enduring Hydro, a clean energy company that invests in the hydro sector. She received an undergraduate degree in political science from UCLA and a juris doctorate from Boalt Hall School of Law.

Cost is \$5. Guests are welcome. Payment can be made at the door, but reservations are required and can be made by emailing ankhnaton1@comcast.net. For more information, visit www.aauwgnb.org.

■ Since it started in 1977 with 10 members, **Corvettes of Naples** has grown to a club with more than 275 collectors and aficionados of the iconic sports cars. Club members enjoy the benefits of networking with other Corvette owners and Corvette Clubs as well as their own monthly social functions including car shows, picnics, cross-country trips, home parties and dining at fine restaurants.

Monthly meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. in North Naples. The next meeting is Feb. 6. Visitors who own a Corvette are always welcome. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ The **Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples** has announced that Buckeye Heisman Trophy recipient Eddie George, who recently joined OSU as an assistant vice president, will serve as honorary chair for the annual Buckeyes in Paradise gala set for Saturday, March 8, at the Hilton Naples. Proceeds from the gala help the club provide scholarships for local students to attend OSU.

For more information, visit www.naplesbuckeyes.com.

■ The **Seven Sisters of Southwest Florida** hold their fourth annual networking social from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at Galerie du Soleil in Old Naples. All alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley colleges are invited.

Cost is \$20, and reservations are required by Jan. 30. For more information, call Karen Kayser Benson (Mount Holyoke) at 293-0354 or email kbb-coach@comcast.net.

■ 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, mah-jongg, crafts, gourmet cooking, coffees, movies, card games and book discussions.

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 about the January meetings, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ Chess players of all ages and levels of ability are welcome to join **Chess at Moorings** for friendly competition from 9 a.m. to noon every Saturday at Moorings Park, and Chess at Lutheran from 9 a.m. to noon Monday at Marco Island Lutheran Church. Each morning begins with a brief discussion by a local expert about some aspect of the game.

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

Moorings Park is on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. Stop at the entrance gate for directions to the Chess Club meeting. Marco Island Lutheran Church is at 525 N. Collier Blvd.

For more information about playing chess at either location, call Wade Keller at 389-2525 or visit www.chess7.net.

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Professional kiteboarder Damien Leroy is the second of four guests lined up for the series.

A two-time Kiteboarder of the Year, Mr. Leroy was a professional ski racer earlier in his career. He has competed and won all over the world in both sports and has also been a fly-fishing guide and a pilot. Today he represents adventure sports as a sponsored athlete and innovator in stand-up paddleboard surfing and kiteboarding. He is also an active voice in the effort to add kiteboarding to the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.

Dates and speakers for the next two programs are TBA.

Each program lasts an hour and includes storytelling, videos and photography. Following the presentation, guests can continue the conversation

with the speaker at a restaurant nearby.

"Our speakers are carefully selected to engage both the armchair adventurers alongside the most seasoned world travelers in our community," says Jill Wheeler of Wellfit Institute. The series kick-off in October, with Australian journalist and adventure traveler Megan Clair, was standing-room-only, she adds.

Attendance at each program is free. Organic and gluten-free caterer Sage Events will provide complementary appetizers at the upcoming program. For more information, call Ms. Wheeler at 595-3199, email jill@wellfitinstitute.com, visit www.wellfitinstitute.com or follow Wellfit Institute on Facebook. ■



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Damien Leroy is a professional kiteboarder.



Three mega-trends will take health care into the long-term future

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For the past seven years, as I have shared my thoughts, aspirations and predictions for the immediate future in this column early in the New Year, the common themes have been quality, transparency, integration, growth and, lately, a changing model of health care from repair to prevention. This week, I'll share three longer-term, mega-trend predictions and next week, four micro-trend forecasts.

My mega-trend predictions come with a sense of profound urgency, are more global in nature and have a longer timeline to completion.

In a nutshell, what got us here will not sustain us going forward. We are embarking on a new system to help all of us live longer, happier and healthier

lives. Change, of course, is never easy; and we are certainly feeling discomfort personally, institutionally, regionally, nationally and globally, as resources grow ever scarcer. Nonetheless, change is upon us and with it, these three mega-trends.

■ No. 1: Strong alignment has become essential among patients, physicians, insurers, health-care systems and, more important than ever and previously under-appreciated, pre- and post-hospital care facilities, such as visiting home nurses, skilled care facilities (nursing homes), assisted living, home rehabilitation, hospice and a myriad of other out-of-hospital services.

Florida's overall health-care ranking, according to America's Health Rankings, places us in the middle of the pack, at 31 (up from 34 over these past five years). In order to move up further, Florida needs to improve our ability to integrate across environments.

We can only measurably improve individual and community health by act-

ing as unified ecosystems of patients and caregivers communicating seamlessly, with common goals and a focus on disease prevention and wellness.

■ No. 2: Health-care consumers demand transparency and high value (value = quality/cost). Transparency is coming of age with the digitization of health-care records and ubiquitous Internet access. Like it or not, insurers are narrowing networks and directing insured patients to higher value care.

California's "reference-based pricing" for state workers and retirees might be a model for Florida. The Golden State covers the amount charged (minus a deductible) for 41 "value" hospitals based on outcomes and costs. Patients who choose a costlier option must pay out of pocket. James Surowiecki in *The New Yorker* summarizes: "Most people chose one of the 'value' hospitals, whose outcomes were similar to people who chose the more expensive hospitals. The state saved money, and the threat of losing customers led the more expensive hos-

pitals to cut prices; one study found that the price of joint-replacement surgery fell about a third."

■ No. 3: Globalization is real, with patients ignoring traditional geographic boundaries as they seek out care.

Harvard Business Review reports that innovative hospitals in India deliver the same outcomes as the best in America — but at a fraction of the cost. And in the Cayman Islands, Ascension Health and Narayana Hrudayalaya Hospital have embarked on a \$2 billion project, starting with a high-quality heart hospital performing open-heart surgery with very reasonable charges.

Next week, I'll complement my observations on these longer-term trends with thoughts about four micro-trends that have special bearing on our own near-term tactics at NCH, as we help our citizens lead longer, happier and healthier lives. ■

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

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Ms. Erlbaum also teaches chair yoga from 10:30-11:15 a.m. Thursdays in the Ole Movie Theater at Lely Resort. Cost is \$7.50. The

workout includes moves for stretching muscles, building bone strength, releasing the joints and enhancing balance.

All stretches are done on a chair or with the support of a chair, making the class great for people who can't get down on a yoga mat (or back up from one). Those in wheelchairs and beginners are most welcome. No special equipment is needed. Wear loose, comfortable clothes.

For more information, call (413) 230-1518 or email jean.erlbaum@verizon.net. ■

'Frankly Speaking' series starts

The first program in Hazelden addiction treatment center's 2014 "Frankly Speaking" community speaker series takes place from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at Hodges University. Guest speaker Dr. Joseph Lee will discuss "Adolescents, Young Adults and Risk: What Parents Need to Know."



Dr. Joseph Lee

The medical director for Hazelden's youth services, Dr. Lee is a psychiatrist, author and adolescent addiction and mental health expert who works with families across the country and abroad helping them deal with drug and alcohol abuse, anxiety, depression and eating disorders that teens struggle with today.

"All too often, parents gain knowledge and access help too late in the process," he says. "I will share an honest look at what parents need to know to guide their teens through these critical years."

The lecture is free and open to the pub-

lic. Teachers, law enforcement and mental health professionals can earn one free CE credit. A "meet and greet" with Dr. Lee will begin at 6:30 p.m., and he will sign copies of his newest book, "Recovering My Kid," following his presentation.

For more information, call Mary Campbell at 659-2351 or email marycampbell@hazelden.org.

Dr. Lee will present "Parenting, Family Culture and Addicted Youth," a program for addiction and recovery professionals, from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Hodges University. Registration is required at www.hazelden.org/naples.

Also at the Hazelden center in Naples, the next smoking cessation classes are offered from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, and Thursday, Feb. 20. RSVP by emailing Theresa Feller at tfeller@hazelden.org.

Alumni of the Hazelden program are invited to an alumni gathering at 7 p.m. every Thursday, also at the Hazelden center. The center also hosts an Al-Anon meeting at 5:30 p.m. every Thursday.

Hazelden in Naples is at 950 Sixth Ave. N. ■

Adopt a healthy lifestyle for 2014

Purely You Spa invites the public to a "New Year ... New You!" healthy lifestyle class from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 11, at the spa at 3066 Tamiami Trail N. in Naples. Attendees will hear from spa owner Jennifer Alvarez Linguini about ways to get on the path to a healthier, more balanced lifestyle. Among the topics are food as fuel and medicine, useful shopping strategies, anti-aging skin care techniques and reducing and

coping with stress. Jon Bates of Addicted to Fitness will make a presentation, and antioxidant green tea will be served.

Cost is \$25 (\$12.50 for spa members). Attendees will receive a \$50 gift certificate toward a facial, massage or annual membership at Purely You Spa.

Advance registration is required. Call 331-8266 or visit www.purelyyouspa.com. ■

Clinic will benefit from Bargain Box sales

All proceeds from sales at the Bargain Box Thrift Store on Saturday, Jan. 18, will go to help fund programs that serve low-income, uninsured, working patients who receive medical care at Neighborhood Health Clinic. The "Bargain Box Benefits" sale runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and includes 50 percent off all merchandise and an hourly drawing for an additional discount.

An outreach mission of Naples United Church of Christ, the Bargain Box provides more than \$200,000 each year to programs and charitable endeavors in Collier County

and abroad. More than 100 volunteers help run the thrift store.

"These one-day special events help us connect with our local charity partners and build awareness of their role in the community," says William Anderson, volunteer committee chair. "As people begin to view our store as a mission destination where their purchases help local organizations do good, we are hopeful that this connection will help our charity partners reach beyond those already in their care." ■

Edison offers class for medical technicians

Edison State College is offering clinical medical assistant and phlebotomy technician class Feb. 4-May 29 at the Naples and Fort Myers campuses. Students receive training that prepares them for the National Comprehensive Certification Test.

The 14-week course provides 180 hours of classroom instruction and a 220-hour

externship that will be coordinated by Edison State College.

Participants must provide proof of CPR completion and health-care screenings. Space is limited; registration and payment are required in advance. Call 433-6963 or visit www.edison.edu/ce/institutes. ■

Alateen meetings every week on Marco

Young people who are affected by someone else's drinking are invited to find support and hope at weekly Al-Anon Alateen meetings on Marco Island. Meetings are at 4

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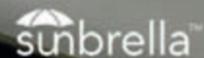
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Pediatric dental center brings smiles to a special-needs man and his family

BY KAYDEE TUFF

Special to Florida Weekly

In 20 short years, Andrew Whitehurst has overcome more adversity than most of us will face in a lifetime. Complications at his birth were later diagnosed as cerebral palsy, epilepsy and autism. Doctors told his mother, Melissa Whitehurst, that Andrew would never walk or talk. He does both. He also does laundry and for Andrew, a trip to the local Laundromat is like a day in Disney-World. His simple joy for life always evokes a smile from his mom.

But Andrew's own smile was sorely deteriorating to a point that no one fully understood until a visit last May to the Naples Children & Education Foundation Dental Pediatric Center. It was a visit that would change his life.

For most families, the annual trip to the dentist is routine, compulsory and sometimes anxiety ridden. For Andrew and his mom, however, it was a nightmare.

"Over the years it has been extremely difficult to obtain proper dental care for Andy," Ms. Whitehurst says. "Exams made him a nervous wreck," she explains. "He tends to be very fearful and loud, so they were not able to complete a thorough exam."

Even basic treatment, such as cleanings, required anesthesia, for which the family's medical and dental insurance companies refused to pay.

Despite attempts of several pediatric dental agencies to examine Andrew without anesthesia, the extent of Andrew's dental issues remained unknown.

"I knew Andy hated to have his teeth brushed," Ms. Whitehurst says. "But I had no idea how serious his dental issues were."

Last year, Andrew was referred by his family dentist to the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center on the Naples campus of Edison

State College. The center is one of very few in the state with the resources to provide specialized dental care for children like Andrew. Staffed by the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida and pediatric dental residents from the University of Florida College of Dentistry, this 20,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art facility offers routine and specialty services for underserved children ages birth to 21.

After Dr. Lauren Governale, the center's clinical director, examined Andrew, she recommended further treatment under anesthesia.

"Andrew is one of hundreds of patients at the center who lack the ability to cooperate for complex dental care in the clinic environment," Dr. Governale explains. Thanks to NCEF, she adds, the center has the tools needed in order to help these families.

The center also works in partnership with Lee Memorial Health System, which allows access to its operating room and anesthesia team to provide special-needs patients with comfortable care under general anesthesia.

Despite these resources, the need far outweighs availability, which meant Andrew remained on a waiting list for more than a year.

"When our time finally came, we were extremely pleased with the care provided to Andy as well as the concern and kindness extended to our entire family," his mother says.

During the three-hour surgery, Dr. Governale was able to address years of serious dental issues, resulting in one extraction and 20 restorations. As the hours stretched on, Ms. Whitehurst was relieved that her son was comfortable, tolerated the procedures well and was able to return home the same day.

But it wasn't until that evening and the



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Andrew Whitehurst and his mother, Melissa, are both all smiles after Andrew's dental surgery and treatment at the NCEF Dental Pediatric Center.

days that followed that she would realize the extent of her son's previous debilitating pain.

In a heartfelt letter to Dr. Governale, Melissa shared, "Although Andrew has extremely limited verbal communication, you cannot imagine how thrilled I was that night when he looked deep into my eyes and said clearly, 'Teeth no hurt.'"

Since his dental surgery, Andrew's medications have been reduced by 90 percent, astounding his physicians. These medications included drugs to address behavior, which Ms. Whitehurst now believes was greatly affected by years of constant dental pain.

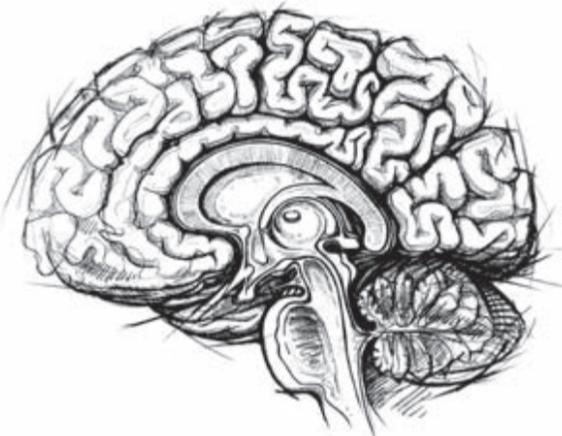
Freedom from pain has also changed Andrew's social life. Formerly a homebody, he now loves going places, especially the MOSI Science Center in Tampa. He is an avid football fan and proudly serves as the Official Towel Washer for the Geneva Classical Academy Knights, his brothers' football team.

"It has been a delight getting to know

the new Andrew. Our family, friends and physicians are overwhelmed with the progress he has made since May," Ms. Whitehurst wrote to Dr. Governale. "I am so thankful and sincerely wish every child with special needs could be seen in your wonderful dental clinic."

Andrew's story is just one of the many miracles taking place at the pediatric dental center each day, thanks to the UF College of Dentistry, the Healthcare Network and NCEF, the grants arm of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. ■

— Kaydee Tuff is the communications and marketing coordinator at the foundation for the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida. For more information on how you can change the life of a child, contact the Healthcare Network at 658-3313 or www.healthcareswfl.org, or the Naples Children and Education Foundation at 658-3113 or www.napleswinefestival.com.



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Road dogs

Want your dogs to be welcome when you travel? Plan ahead and be considerate

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORTON
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Many of us travel during the holidays to visit family or to experience the beauty of a celebration in a favorite place. We did both over the Christmas holiday, packing up the dogs for a road trip to Santa Fe, N.M., for the Yule festivities, followed by a visit with family in Magdalena.

Dogs are part of my family, but bringing them along requires a good bit of packing and preparation, not to mention higher than normal levels of supervision. Our 6-year-old cavalier, Harper, is an experienced traveler who took her first plane ride when she was just 6 months old, but senior dog Gemma and foster dog Kibo were unknown quantities as far as staying in hotels or other people's homes.

I'm happy to say that they conducted themselves respectably during their stays in three different hotels, four different rooms, and visits to two different homes, including one with other dogs. There was a close call in a hotel hallway and in one of the homes, but a sharp eye and quick responses ensured that we didn't have any potty accidents to clean up along the way. From 20 years of traveling with dogs, here are my best tips on having a successful trip at any time of year.

■ Reserve a room early at a pet-friendly hotel, especially if you are visiting a tourist destination such as Santa Fe. The streets were crowded with visi-



A crate keeps your pet safe in the car and provides a comfortable place to relax in a hotel room.

tors, and we weren't the only ones with dogs. Confirm that the room is pet-friendly a few weeks beforehand.

■ If you're driving to your destination, fill a gallon jug with water from home and mix it with the tap water at the places you visit. Even though the water is treated, different areas have different "bugs" in the system, and your dog will be less likely to have stomach upset from the change.

■ Some dogs suffer motion sickness. If yours is one of them, ask your veterinarian about Cerenia to prevent nausea and vomiting. Give it with a small amount of food half an hour to an hour before you hit the road.

■ Make feeding time easy, especially if you feed an unusual brand or a raw

diet. Before you leave, contact pet-supply stores at your destination to make sure they carry your dog's food in case you run out. We pack dehydrated food and just add warm water.

■ Even the best-trained dog can have an accident in a strange place or get sick and vomit or suffer diarrhea. Bring along a bottle of odor and stain remover and towels for cleanup — don't use the hotel's towels or the ones in your sister-in-law's bathroom!

■ A hard and fast rule for us is that all dogs must empty their bladders before setting paw in hotel or home. That's especially important if you're visiting a home (or hotel) where there are other dogs.

■ When visiting family, let the dogs meet outdoors before they all go inside. Gemma grouses in the presence of strange dogs, but once she has a few minutes to adjust — and realize she's in their territory — she settles down and becomes polite.

■ Take into account unusual conditions or places. Santa Fe's chilly winter climate was a shock to tiny Gemma, used to warmer California weather, but she stayed warm and cozy in a red fleece coat. At a crowded event, she rode in a tote bag, but otherwise she explored "The City Different" on her own four legs.

The best part of our trip? Being told that our dogs would be welcome back any time. ■

Pets of the Week

>> **Boppity** is a spayed, 6-month-old spayed tabby who is super friendly, playful and fun.



>> **Demitrius** is a handsome, neutered, 2-year-old Labrador retriever/great Dane mix who weighs about 70 pounds and has gorgeous blue eyes. He has started learning his basic obedience commands and will make a wonderful family pet.



>> **Jingle Jangle Bella** is a spayed, 2-year-old basset hound/rat terrier mix who is about 25 pounds of sweetness and fun.



>> **Lucass** is a neutered, 3-year-old terrier mix who weighs about 15 pounds. His adorable expression matches his happy disposition.



To adopt or foster a pet

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

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Shedding clothes in anticipation of a blizzard



Your raised-in-Southwest Florida diva is flying off to Ohio for a family visit this weekend and according to everyone I've told, it's going to be so frigid that I won't be able to breathe the air because it will turn my lungs to ice.

People are telling me that if I don't wear insulated gloves, my fingers will fall off. When I posted a photo on Facebook of a pair of cute knee-high boots with a slight heel that I bought for the trip, my northern friends immediately scoffed and sent dire warnings, "Those are FASHION boots!!! They will not help you up here!! Go get SNOW BOOTS — lined with FLEECE!!!" So many comments, so many capital letters and exclamation points!!

Needless to say, the Midwesterners put the fear of freezing to death in me and I decided to take inventory of my closet to see if I had warm enough clothes to wear in the frozen tundra that was once Dayton, Ohio. This led to completely cleaning out my closet for the first time in years.

And now you know why my Christmas tree is still up.

What started off with one rule — if it hasn't been worn for one year, out it goes — turned into three full days of agonizing decisions of what to donate and what to keep. I also came to the realization



Left: Vicki and Richard Pitbladdo, Michele Eddy and Steve Agius. Right: Norm Wedderburn, president and CEO of the Make-A-Wish® Southern Florida shares the mission with 2013 Wishmakers Ball guests.



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that I'm addicted to clothes (I prefer that wording rather than "hoarder"). Seriously, no one needs 20-plus plain black T-shirts, but especially someone (moi) who hardly ever even wears plain black T-shirts. Maybe I'm subconsciously searching for the *perfect* plain black t-shirt, which compels me to buy one, clinging to hope, every time I go into a store.

Then there are those pieces of clothing we refuse to part with because we once looked good in them. I have the prettiest floral print sundress, and while it's both age-inappropriate and will never fit again, I'm convinced I look good in it because I have a lovely photo of myself wearing it. I finally forced myself to admit that the photo is from when I was at an Indigo Girls concert in 1993 — 21 years ago.

And what of those items we hold onto purely for sentimental reasons? For

instance, there's the gown I wore the first time my then-boyfriend (now husband) and I went to a formal soiree. This was nearly 10 years ago, and yet there it was, still taking up closet space (and with a red wine stain, which I noticed as I steered myself and tossed it into the donate pile).

Lastly, we all have the clothes we are certain that someday, somehow, some way, we will fit into again. These are the "goal clothes" that only serve to depress us when we come across them in the depths of our closets and drawers.

Truth is, I have my regular closet in the bedroom and, hidden in the den, my Skinny Closet. Whereas most (non-hoarding) people have one or two pair of jeans that they hang onto in the hopes that they'll be able to wear them if they cut down on the carbs a little, I have an entire closet full of tiny clothes. It's crazy. This week,

however, much of it went into the donate pile. Much, yes, but not all.

And in case you're wondering, I have enough of a cold weather wardrobe that I would be perfectly fine for a month or more in Antarctica.

Benefit Ball

Although my Great Closet Purge of 2014 was thorough, I did manage

to hang onto enough gowns to wear to the dazzling array of galas marking my busy calendar. One of note, for which tickets remain available, is the eighth annual Wishmakers Ball to benefit Make-A-Wish. It's coming up Saturday, Jan. 18, at the Hilton Naples.

This year's theme, "When You Wish Upon A Star," hints at what will surely be a glittering evening, especially with Amy Sedlacek of ABC-7 and Keegan Gerhard of The Food Network co-hosting the festivities. Tickets start at \$225, and all proceeds benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida. Make your wish for a wonderful evening come true by calling 992-9474 for your tickets. ■

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

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— **Matt McGraw**, customer service and marketing manager for PALMCO

Turning palm fronds into greenbacks

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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WHEN YOU THINK FLORIDA, YOU SEE PALM trees. Ben Bolusky has pegged the palm as Florida's icon. He cannot picture a coastal resort, seafood shack or theme park without the silhouette of a palm tree being instantly there.

The CEO of the Florida Nursery, Grower & Landscape Association, Mr. Bolusky has numbers to back up his praise. “Florida's nursery growers sold \$406 million worth of palm trees in 2010 to landscape and retail businesses. Palms represented nearly 10 percent of the \$4 billion in flower, plant and tree sales by growers in Florida that year,” he says, citing an economic impact study by the University of Florida.

But those numbers do not account for the sales of palm tree collectors, men like Greg Sillcocks, who spend their days chasing down trees. If the Discovery Channel were looking to film another reality show saga with the hunt and adrenalin of Alaska king crab fishing or striking gold, the television powers that be may want to consider the life of palm collectors — lives spent moving trees and always looking for more trees to move.

Mr. Sillcocks says there are only four companies in the state that do what he does. He named his business Collector of Palms. His truck has a picture of Popeye with a big palm slung over his shoulder. Mr. Sillcocks has been collecting exotic palm trees, finding them and selling them to landscapers, since 1982.

Boy, oh, boy, does he have stories. He once found a treasure trove of Sylvester palms in Fort Pierce. The guy he bought them from had a black-and-white photograph of his great grandfather planting those trees in 1893. Sentimental as those Sylvesters may be, the man was going through a divorce and his wife was get

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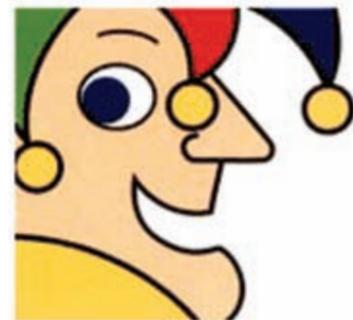
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Greg Sillcocks and an employee plant Phoenix reclinata palms that were relocated from a golf course in Lehigh Acres.

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A Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce event, and a luncheon for the Marco Island Police Foundation. **B6-7 ▶**



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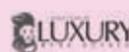
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Real estate's new normal is good news for everyone



There are many factors that impact residential housing prices.

1. As the total U.S. population grows, more households are formed. Unless they are incredibly hard pressed, children will exit the parental home and establish their own home. While there is stagnation in growth of the U.S. population, there remains pent-up demand for housing by households formed post-2008.

2. As prices rise, the investment aspect of home ownership becomes increasingly more attractive to those looking for investment opportunities. Most investors are not capable of buying into a falling market and cannot predict when the bottom is in place, so they wait for the market turn and evidence of a meaningful price recovery or stabilization.

3. As prices rise and the economy is improving, the banks become less squeamish about lending and credit terms become less stringent. They are also able to lend at higher interest rates. Some might think that rising interest rates dampen demand, but often buyers fear even higher interest rates one year or two years out. For example, the recent rate rise did not dampen housing sales: "According to Freddie Mac, a 30-year, conventional, fixed-rate mortgage rose to 4.26 percent in November from 4.19 percent in October; the rate was 3.35 percent in November 2012" (National Association of Realtors).

4. And in Florida, we also benefit from follow the leader behavior. Northerners move to Florida, then their friends come to visit and like it here, then one

of the spouses begins to bug the other that they, too, need to buy now before prices rise even more, etc. No doubt, there are some snowbirds soon returning who are lamenting not having purchased last year — or lamenting having sold too low. They might be surprised by the rise in sale and rental prices since the end of last (snowbird) season. There's a pretty good chance that those folks will pull the trigger this year as they face relatively tight inventory levels. Per the National Association of Realtors, the total national housing inventory at the end of November was 2.1 million existing homes available for sale; this represents a 5.1-month supply at the current sales pace. This unsold inventory of 2.1 million homes is slightly more homes than a year ago.

5. Buyers are influenced by the rent versus buy comparison and, per Trulia's online real estate research (most recent report of September 2013), it is still cheaper to buy a home than rent, even after the rise in mortgage rates. "Homeownership remains cheaper than renting nationally and in all of the 100 largest metro areas. But rising mortgage rates have narrowed the gap between the cost of buying and the cost of renting. The 30-year fixed rate is now 4.80 percent, compared with 3.75 percent one year ago (according to the Mortgage Bankers Association). This jump in rates has raised the cost of buying relative to renting. As a result, buying is 35 percent cheaper than renting today, versus being 45 percent cheaper than renting one year ago." Specifically, in the South Florida markets, buying was cheaper than renting

in Miami (36 percent); Fort Lauderdale (47 percent); West Palm Beach (52 percent); and Fort Myers/Cape Coral (46 percent).

6. The stock market has been robust in the past several years and exceeded prior highs. Most individual investors do not like to sell their losers but are more inclined to sell their winners. At this point, most equity investors are back to even or if heavy into technology or NASDAQ stocks, they have money falling out of their pockets and they are willing to reallocate to real estate.

Residential real estate is somewhat a self-fulfilling prophesy; a residential housing recovery provides meaningful GDP growth in that related expenditures are made: furniture, appliances, carpet, lighting, landscaping.

It would seem that there is room for continued improvement in the housing market. That's good news for South Florida, which is very real estate intensive and sensitive. ■

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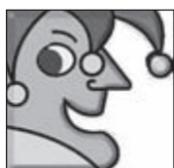
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Those close to retiring and those who aim to retire within a decade or so should be doing more than sitting back and waiting for their golden years to begin — or freaking out about how behind they are.

If you're within 10 years of retirement, you still have time to improve your portfolio and prepare yourself for the end of your peak earning years. Below are some suggestions.

As you approach the end of your working life, you've already earned more money than you're going to make over the rest of your life. As important as your investments have been throughout your career, they take on added importance as you realize that they're going to have to support you, significantly or completely, during retirement.

That's one reason why those within 10 years of retirement should consider cutting back on stocks and adding bonds.

You may also consider creating your own pension-like income stream with annuities from insurance companies. Think twice about index annuities and variable annuities, though, as they can have some major downsides, such as steep fees. For many folks,

immediate annuities or deferred-income annuities (also called longevity insurance) can make more sense, though today's low interest rates make them less attractive.

Don't ignore seemingly riskier investments. Small-cap stocks are able to grow more briskly. International stocks provide exposure to economies that are growing quickly, too.

In many ways, it's riskier not having a wide range of investments than it is to focus on any one kind of stock. You can tap a wide range of stocks (and bonds) inexpensively via index mutual funds.

Even once you optimize your investments, nothing's better for your investments than to save more in your tax-favored accounts such as IRAs or 401(k)s. If your nest egg isn't where it should be by now, you might consider working a few more years than originally planned before retiring, in order to sock away more. That's a powerful tactic.

Finally, consider consulting a pro for advice. You can look up financial advisors at napfa.org, for example.

My Dumbest Investment

Investing Guts

Back in the 1980s, I saw an article about a new company. It sounded really interesting, and I had a gut feeling it would be a good investment. I spoke to my broker, but he talked me out of investing in it. One word: Microsoft! I've never trusted a stockbroker since.

— E.W., Farmington, N.M.

The Fool Responds: That's a painful loss, as Microsoft shares have grown more than 500-fold since they debuted in the mid-1980s. Not all stockbrokers are savvy, skilled and working hard to maximize your gains. But even the best of them make some bad calls now and then, as do the best investors. And when Microsoft was young and small, it was far from clear that it would grow to dominate its market so much. There are small companies around today that people will be slapping their foreheads about in regret 20 years from now.

It's best to take responsibility for our own investment decisions, ideally doing our own research and thinking. If that's too much, as it is for many, opt for a simple, inexpensive broad-market index fund. ■



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

Last week's trivia answer

I'm named after a Kansas railroad machinist who wanted to produce affordable luxury vehicles. Brands under my roof over the years have included DeSoto, Willys Hudson, Nash, Plymouth, Maxwell and Chalmers. I assembled tanks for the U.S. Army in World War II. In 1941 I introduced a wood-sided, steel-roofed station wagon with a name that's on minivans today. After being bailed out in 2009, I'm owned by Italy's Fiat and a United Auto Workers health-care trust and am profitable again. There's talk of Fiat buying all of me. An art deco building in Manhattan bears my name. Who am I? (Answer: Chrysler) ■



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Ask the Fool

Renewable Energy Investments

Q What companies should I look at to invest in renewable energy?

— S.R., Miami

A You could invest in smaller companies with tight focuses on niches in the sector, but you can't know which of them will win out in the long run. You might instead opt for a reliable utility company with alternative energies in its mix. Or perhaps consider some big companies with significant renewable operations. (Utilities and large-cap companies tend to offer dividends, as well.)

ABB Ltd. (NYSE: ABB) provides power and automation technologies worldwide, and is a major developer of solar and wind power projects, such as big onshore wind farms in Europe. It recently bought Power-One, a leading manufacturer of solar power inverters. Then there's General Electric (NYSE: GE), known for its jet engines, light bulbs and much more. It's also beefing up its investments in alternative energies. Along with Siemens AG (NYSE: SI), GE is a global leader in wind turbines.

You might also consider some mutual fund-like exchange-traded funds (ETFs), such as the Market Vectors Global Alternative Energy ETF (NYSEArca: GEX) or the PowerShares Global Clean Energy Portfolio (NYSEArca: PBD). They offer easy exposure to dozens of alternative energy companies, many on the small side.

Q I found a stock trading for less than a dollar per share that pays out more than a dollar per share in a dividend! A good deal?

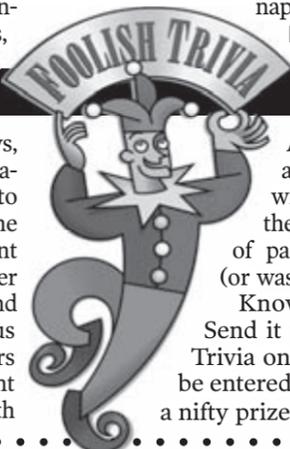
— R.R., online

A Think twice about any stocks trading below \$5 per share. They're penny stocks and are often volatile and risky. And with any dividend payer, it's smart to see how much it's earning each year, as you want earnings to more than cover dividend obligations, lest the dividend end up reduced or eliminated. ■

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Name That Company

I began in 1939 as All-American Airways, transporting airmail to western Pennsylvania and the Ohio Valley. I later morphed into Allegheny Airlines, and then took on some other names before arriving at my current one. I operate more than 3,000 flights per day, employ more than 33,000 people and have the world's largest fleet of Airbus planes. I serve about 80 million passengers yearly. In the past, I merged with Piedmont and America West. I've just merged with



American Airlines, and the new airline will be the biggest in the world by number of passengers. Who am (or was) 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

Check Into Marriott

Marriott International (Nasdaq: MAR) is on the move again thanks to a general upswing in travel and the IPO of larger rival Hilton spurring interest in the sector. But you might do well to go with Marriott instead.

With more than 3,800 properties in 74 countries and 19 hotel brands, Marriott is raking more than \$13 billion annually. Its brands include The Ritz-Carlton, Bulgari, Renaissance, Courtyard, Fairfield Inn, Residence Inn and Springhill Suites.

The company's franchise model has been working, and there's significant insider ownership, with about 25 percent of shares held by Marriott family members. The company rewards shareholders with a dividend that recently yielded 1.4 percent, and it has bought back nearly \$2 billion of

shares in the past few years.

In its last quarter, Marriott's revenue grew by 15.8 percent over year-ago levels, while earnings rose 12 percent, with both numbers topping expectations. The company is growing its business, with around 850 properties in development and an additional 144,000 rooms on the way, mainly international. It recently bought rights to an African property that will make it Africa's biggest hotel company.

Sporting a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 23, the stock isn't a screaming bargain, but it's not vastly overvalued, either. Quarter after quarter, and year after year, Marriott management has delivered solid returns, with a focus on shareholder value. Growth-seeking investors should take a close look. ■

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PALMS

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ting the house, so he sold the trees. Mr. Sillcocks sold them to Universal Studios. Another time, he found a beauty of a banyan tree in Clewiston, for Mr. Sillcocks does not limit his business to palms. He cut that 110,000-pound banyan back to a stump, a 16-foot-wide, 25-foot-long stump. He hired state troopers to escort that stump up the back roads to Universal Studios. Took them three days to move that stump from Clewiston to Orlando, going 40 mph, pulling over to let the cars go by.

Just last year, Mr. Sillcocks found a gumbo limbo tree in Cape Coral that he moved by barge, pushed by a tugboat around Key West, for a billionaire couple settling into Palm Beach. He will not say how much the couple spent on the tree, but says they spent \$40,000 on the barge.

"Pretty wild," Mr. Sillcocks says of the tree-collecting business. He got into the business by working for a landscaper in Clearwater. He was finding trees and moving trees while his boss drove a Porsche, banking off of his back.

Now working for himself, Mr. Sillcocks might be the guy who knocks on your door and says, "Hi, I'm Greg. Let me give you my business card. You might be interested in this. I'm a supplier of exotic palm trees. Just so happens, you have one. I want to buy it. What do you say?"

Maybe you bought that tree when it was little, planted it because you thought it was pretty, but didn't know its worth. Maybe the birds and the bees pollinated that seed. Now that tree's big and Mr. Sillcocks wants to pay you cash money for it.

"And I want you to plant a new seed, grow another tree for me," he says.

One woman in Cape Coral has grown him three trees — Canary Island date palms — his big-money tree.

But Mr. Sillcocks does not want to talk about the money he makes. He does not want people to think he's shortchanging them, says he pays them good money. He would rather remind them of the work he does: He digs his trees out by hand, lifts them up by crane, root prunes them, trims them, cleans up all the trimmings, fills the hole in the ground, wraps the trees up safe and rigs them to move them down the road.

He does not advertise. He has a reputation. "I'm really good at what I do," he says.

Back in the boom of the '90s and early 2000s, Mr. Sillcocks was living out of hotels, chasing trees. Now he lives in Cape Coral. Says he's surviving. He's looking forward to 2014. He feels business picking up. And he has a photographic memory. He knows the trees on the east coast, waiting for him in Melbourne, Satellite Beach, Stuart, Port St. Lucie and Fort Pierce. He knows where the trees grow fat on the west coast, loving the salt and sand of Cape Coral, Port Charlotte, Punta Gorda, Bonita Springs, Estero and Lehigh Acres.

Mr. Sillcocks does not feel in competition with nurseries. He's looking for trees that are 10-years-old or older. He says nurseries don't want to hold onto a tree that long. Nurseries want to sell a tree within three to five years, so they can plant more



Greg Sillcocks removes a sea grape tree from a residential property in south Fort Myers.

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trees to sell. He says nurseries sell trees with 2-foot trunks, but collectors are looking for trees with 10-foot trunks, 20-foot trunks, 30-foot trunks and more.

Matt McGraw, customer service and marketing manager for PALMCO, a palm tree wholesaler on Pine Island, feels nurseries and tree collectors have a symbiotic relationship. "Collectors provide a valuable service in that they can sometimes locate hard-to-find specimens that cannot be found in a farm or nursery setting," he says.

PALMCO grows 27 varieties of palms, planting a few hundred to a few thousand of each every year, depending on the popularity of the variety. Over the last five years, the farm has sold an average of 18,000 to 20,000 palms per year. The farm grows its palms nice and uniform, as most clients place large orders for the "same" tree.

PALMCO ships trees to the Florida Panhandle, Alabama, Louisiana, all over the Southeast and over to the Bahamas. Workers find it amusing when they get a phone call from Minnesota or Michigan, some client looking for his annual poolside palm tree. No matter how hard he tried to save the one from the year before, palm trees up north just don't keep.

"Palms are not as well-known a Florida agricultural product as, say, citrus or sugarcane, but it's still an interesting industry," Mr. McGraw says. "Farming palms, your return on investment can sometimes take quite a bit longer. It takes so much longer to grow palms than fruit."

He says it can take three to seven years to grow a palm. A tree can cost \$30 to \$75 a year to grow, considering labor, land, fuel, fertilizer, water and so on. Wholesale palm trees will sell for \$125 to \$8,000 a tree, depending on size and quality.

As far as sales, Mr. McGraw says palm trees go hand-in-hand with construction. If people are not building, they are not landscaping. But he has noticed more and more apartment complexes are renovating spaces, giving him hope that construction and the economy are on the upswing, making nurseries and tree collectors alike happy. ■

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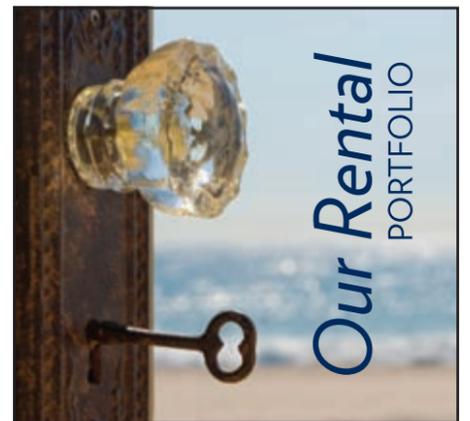
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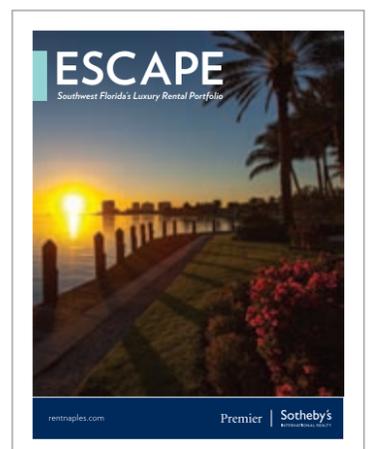
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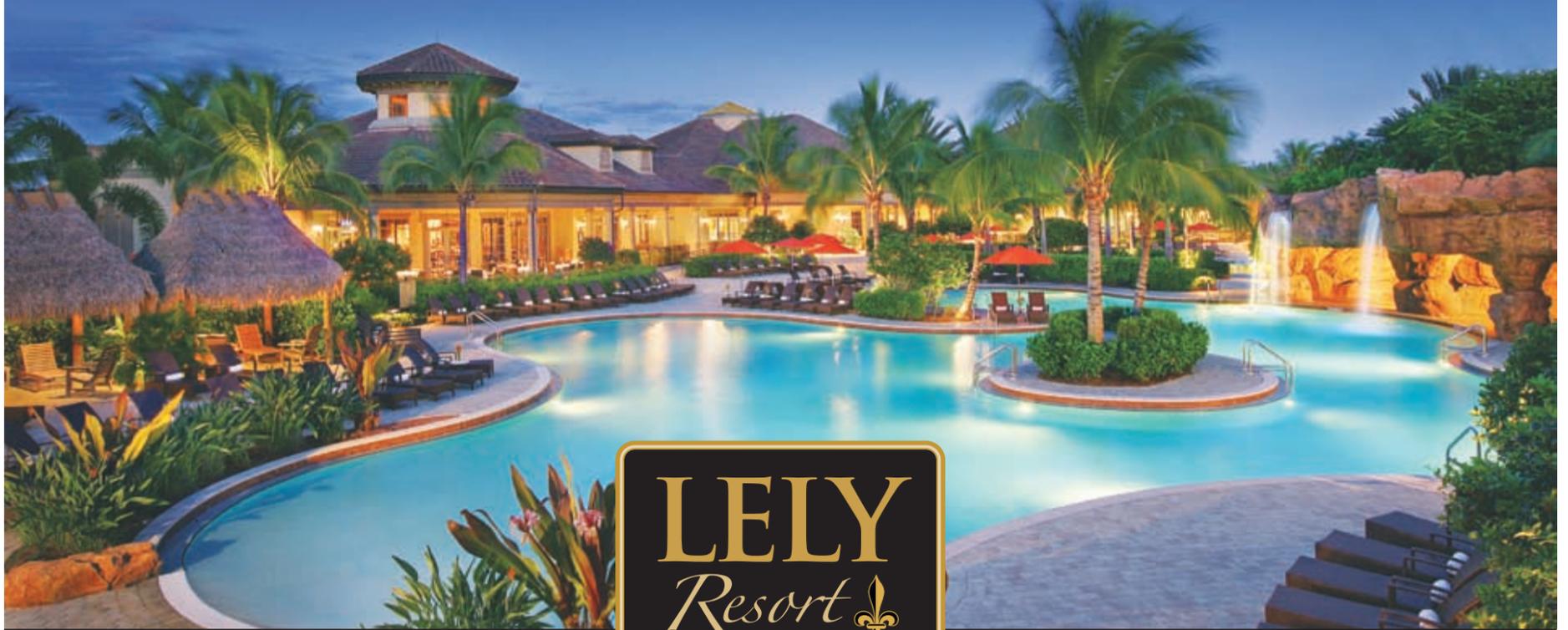
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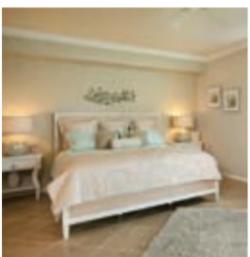
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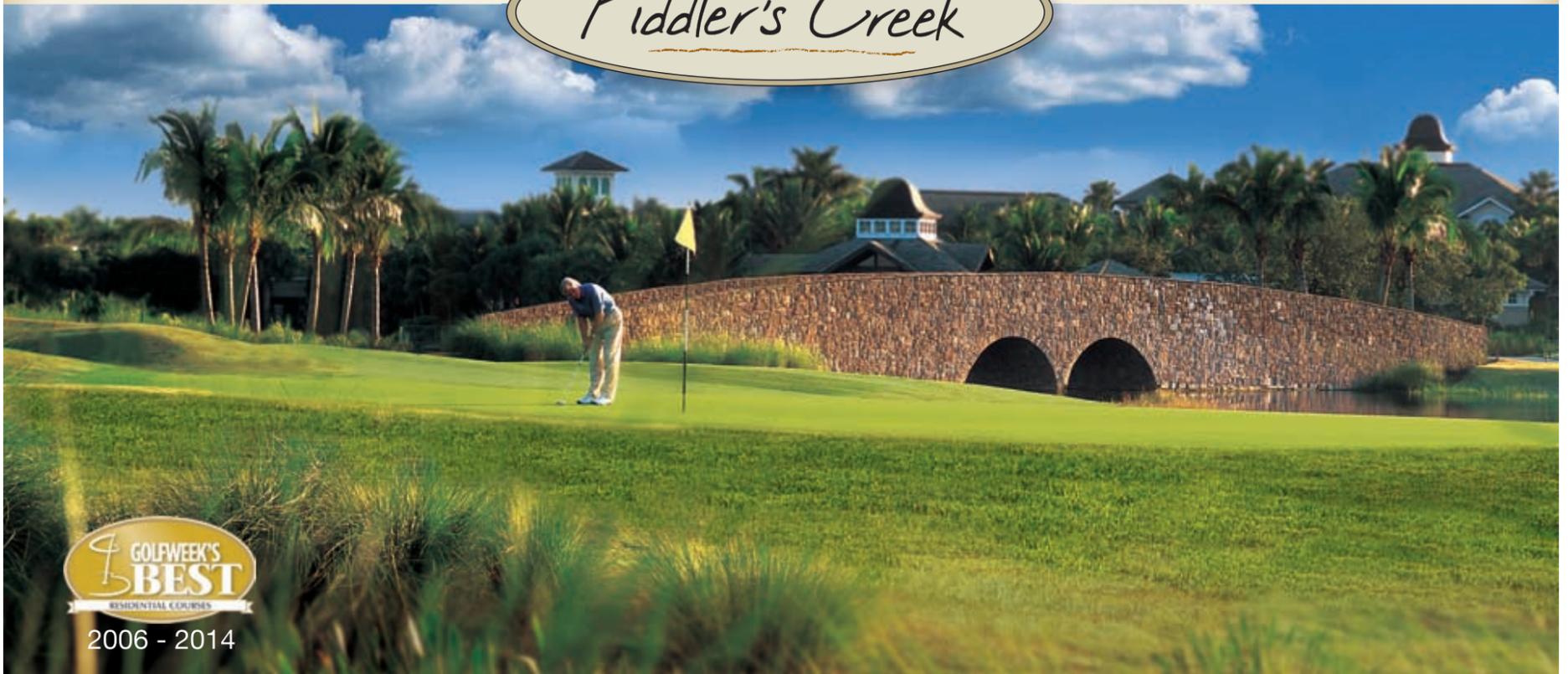
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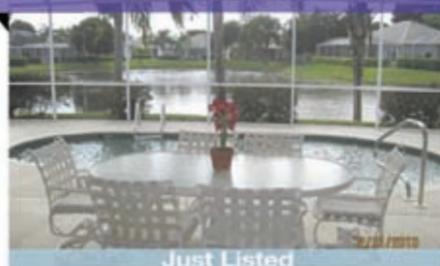
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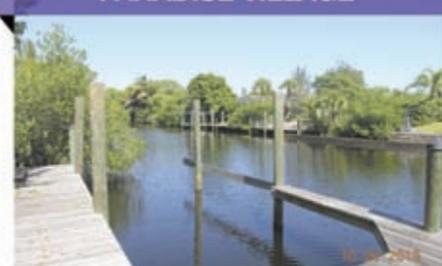
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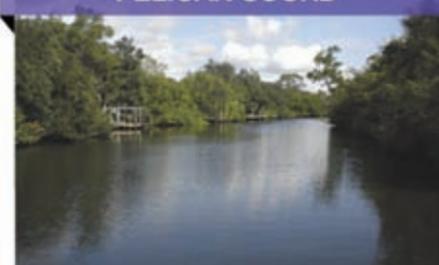
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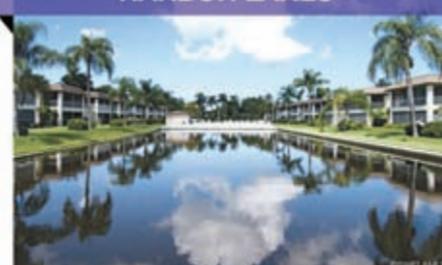
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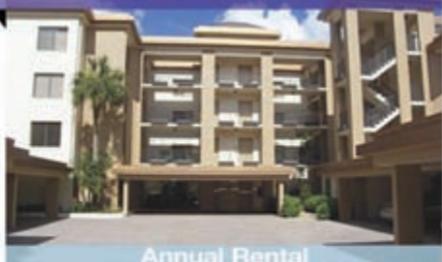
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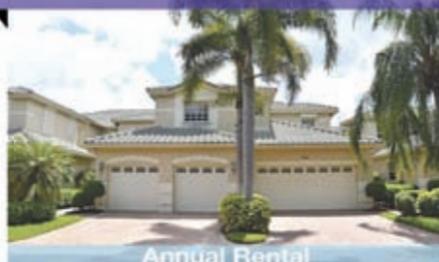
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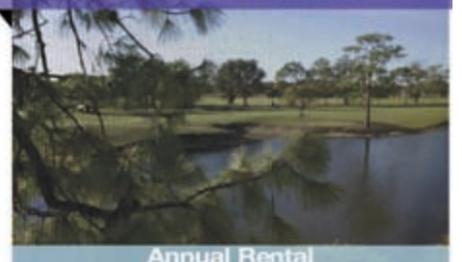
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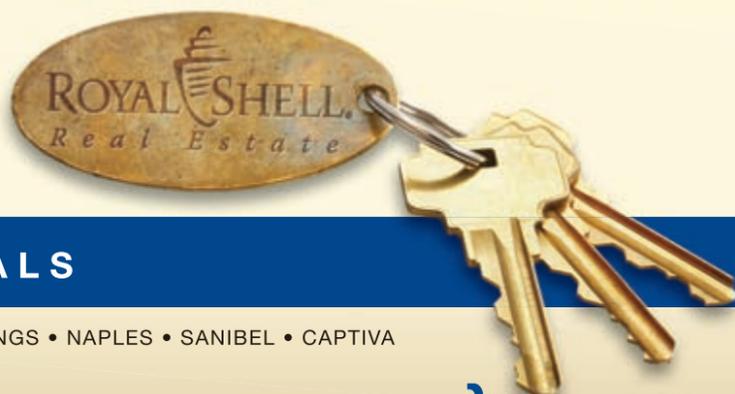
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Lennar showcases four models

Lennar Homes hosts a model home open house in Runaway Bay and Sonoma at Fiddler's Creek Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11-12. Food and beverages will be served from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 11. Four models are open:

■ The three-bedroom, three-bath **Bougainvillea**, a single-story home with 2,800 square feet of living area and a three-car garage. The home is priced from \$625,990. The great room floor plan has an island kitchen, dining room, breakfast nook and screened lanai with an optional summer kitchen. The Bougainvillea is priced from \$625,990.

■ The three-bedroom **Laurel**, a two-story design priced from \$725,990. A wrap-around lanai offers private entrances from the master suite, family room and second bedroom. In addition to the open family room and island kitchen with a dining nook, the Laurel has formal living and dining rooms. A second-story bonus room has a private balcony and bath.

Both the Bougainvillea and the Laurel are in Runaway Bay. Two model coach homes will also be open for tours next door at Sonoma at Fiddler's Creek. They are:

■ The single-story **Florence**, with three bedrooms and two baths in 1,741 square feet of living space. The Florence, with a two-car garage, is priced from \$280,990.

■ The two-story **Verona**, with three bedrooms and two baths in 2,110 square feet. The Verona has a three-car garage and is priced from \$300,990.

The entrance to Fiddler's Creek is off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. For more information, call Matt Devereaux, vice president of sales for Lennar in Southwest Florida, at 278-1177 or email matt.devereaux@lennar.com.

Memory care residences planned

Financing has been finalized for a new memory care residential area at Terracina Grand, near the corner of Davis Boulevard and County Barn Road in Naples. Opening in January 2015, the two-story building will have 55 apartments for individuals with all stages of Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. A groundbreaking ceremony takes place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15.

The new community will consist of friendship suites, studio apartments and one-bedroom apartments and will operate in a secure environment utilizing the "Pearls of Life" philosophy. An award-winning national dementia program, "Pearls of Life" focuses on the daily successes and new experiences of each resident.

General contractor for the project is Naples-based DeAngelis Diamond. The architect is HKS Architects of Fort Myers and Dallas. Project development and design is by JBG Design & Development of Chaska, Minn. Terracina Grand is managed by The Goodman Group of Chaska, which develops and manages senior living communities, health-care centers and commercial properties in 10 states.

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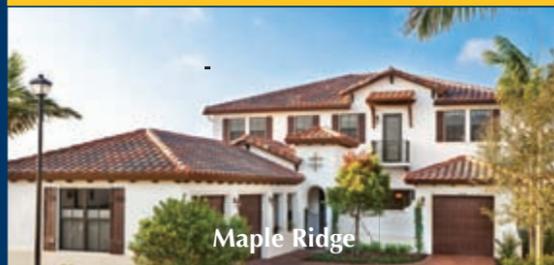
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Real estate experts will share their outlooks for 2014

Registration is open for the 14th annual Southwest Florida Real Estate Outlook Conference set for 7:30 a.m. to noon Thursday, Jan. 29, at Harbor-side Event Center in downtown Fort Myers. Presented by the Southwest Florida CCIM District, the conference provides networking and educational opportunities for any individual or company that deals with, or wants to learn more about, commercial real estate transactions.

The conference is open to the public, with an early registration fee of \$50 for non-members and \$40 for Southwest Florida CCIM District members.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the day of the event for \$60.

Business leaders from throughout the community will discuss where the economy is today, what the expectation is for 2014 and what business leaders need to prepare for in the future. All commercial real estate categories will be addressed — retail, industrial, land and office.

Panel speakers will include Matt Stephen, Premier Commercial Office; Jim Boback, Boback Commercial Group; and Wilson Bradsaw, president of Florida Gulf Coast University. In addition, Randy Anderson of the

economics department at the University of Central Florida will discuss the economic outlook for 2014 as it pertains to real estate.

Attendees will receive a booklet containing data about real estate transactions, as well as a current membership listing for the Southwest Florida CCIM District that includes Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties.

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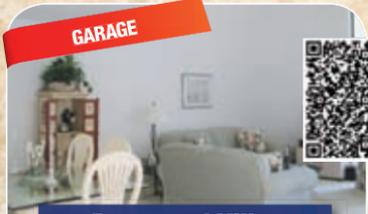
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Top 10 celebrity homes on the market in 2013

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The real estate market continued to groan and grasp its way up slowly from the recession abyss throughout 2013. Across the United States, median home prices increased almost 10 percent, with some regions making slow progress while others worrying they might run out of inventory.

Like many Americans, the recovering housing market led many celebrities to put their homes on the market in 2013. Here's a look at TopTenRealEstateDeals.com's 2013 Top 10 Celebrity Homes for Sale.



▲ **Sheryl Crow's** Cross Creek Farm in Tennessee encompasses 152 rolling acres and comes complete with a Western-style saloon, barn, riding arenas, a building for farm equipment, a large storage building, guest-staff houses and a pool with waterfall and spa. It also has a solar system designed to reduce electric costs by 42 percent. First listed for \$7.5 million in early 2010, it went back on the market last year with an asking price of \$5.8 million.



▲ **Matt Damon's** estate on La Gorce Island, one of North Miami Beach's most exclusive and secure celebrity enclaves, has all the exterior character of the grand mansions of the Henry Flagler era, yet the interior is sharp contemporary. The star and his wife acquired the 1935 estate in 2005 and listed it for sale in 2013 for \$18.999. On an acre of premium waterfront land with Biscayne Bay frontage, the 12,705-square-foot residence has seven bedrooms and 10 bathrooms. There's also a pool house and a two-bedroom guesthouse.



▲ **Kid Rock's** fans might expect him to live in a log cabin with a couple of hens roosting on the porch railing. It's hard to picture him in the Balinese-style abode he has for sale in Malibu. The

8,305-square-foot residence, with five bedroom and five baths, has sweeping views of the tropical landscape. It's on the market for \$13.45 million.



▲ Considering their generation, it's a little surprising that **Bob and Delores Hope** would go so futuristic in their architectural taste with a 23,000-square-foot home that looks a bit like a volcano and that from above might be mistaken for a UFO. The undulating roof has openings that allow daylight and the stars to shine through, casting shapely shadows into the interior. The house also has a spa with greenhouse wall, six bedrooms, 13 bathrooms, indoor and outdoor pools, a pond, putting greens and a tennis court. Mr. Hope died at age 100, his wife at 102. The Hope estate is asking \$50 million for the Palm Springs, Calif., property.



▲ **Carrie Underwood** and her NHL hockey playing husband, **Mike Fisher**, put their Canada home on the market after he was traded from the Ottawa Senators to the Nashville Predators. On 11 acres in Carp, Ontario, the property is close to five golf and country clubs, lakes and the Mississippi River. The couple is asking \$2.2 million for the 6,000-square-foot home.



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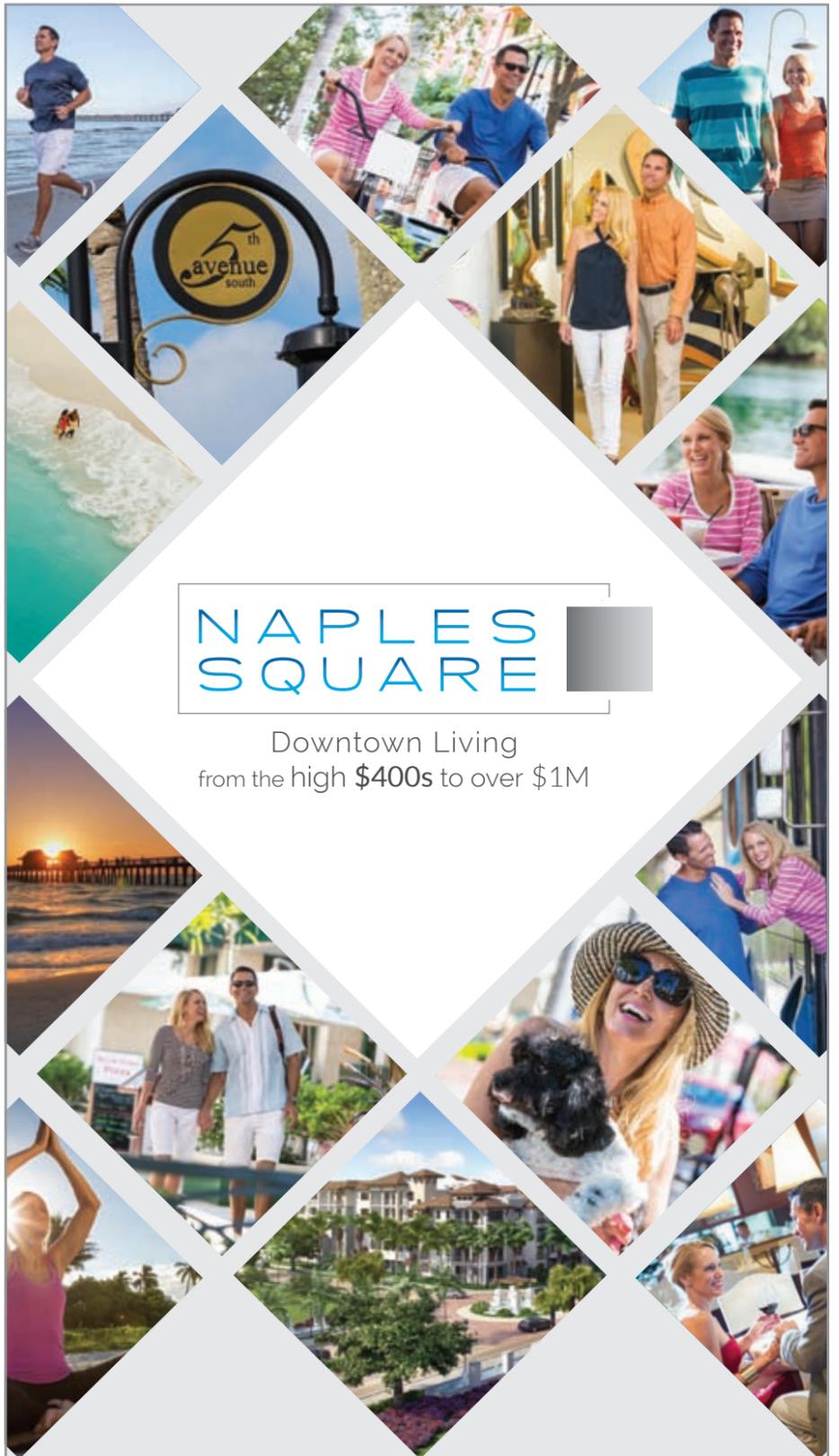
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CELEBRITY HOMES

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▲ **Suzanne Somers** and her TV host husband, Alan Hamel, have created an earthy and at the same time glamorous estate in Palm Springs, Calif. Modeled after L'oustau De Baumaniere in Provence, France, it consists of five buildings on 73 acres set into the side of a craggy mountainside. There are no cars; access is via a private funicular, golf cart or a hillside of stone steps. There is also an amphitheater that seats 50, a dance floor carved into the mountain, a pool, spa, hiking trails and natural waterfall. First listed in 2008 at \$35 million, the property is now available for \$14.5 million.



▲ **Reese Witherspoon's** ranch in Ojai, Calif., was built in 1923 for Edward Libbey of Toledo glassware fame as a horse stable. In 1937, Frank Capra used the home as the setting for Shangri-La in "Lost Horizon." The compound has a total of 5,481 square feet between the main house and three guest cottages. There are nine bedrooms, nine baths, a carriage house, swimming pool, spa, horse stables, barn, blacksmith's shop and acres of pasture and organic gardens. Hitch your horse there for \$5.9 million.

■ **Bob Newhart** (no photo) purchased his Bel Air estate in 1990 for \$4.2 million and reduced the asking price from \$18.9 million to \$15.5 in 2013. Built in 1941 and designed by famed architect Wallace Neff of the Southern California era, the 9,169-square-foot Mediterranean-style residence sits on 1.37 landscaped acres with lagoon pool. The main house has five bedrooms, eight bathrooms and two servants' quarters. A separate building houses offices, garage, guest apartment and a pool house.

▼ **Howie Mandel** finished 2013 on a happy note, selling his Malibu beach home that had been on and off the market since 2011. Originally listed for \$7.25 million, the selling price was \$7 million. In the sought-after Point Dume neighborhood, it sits on an acre-plus with panoramic Pacific views and has everything for comfortable family living and entertaining, including five bedrooms, 5½ baths and a theater, gym, office and great room. ■



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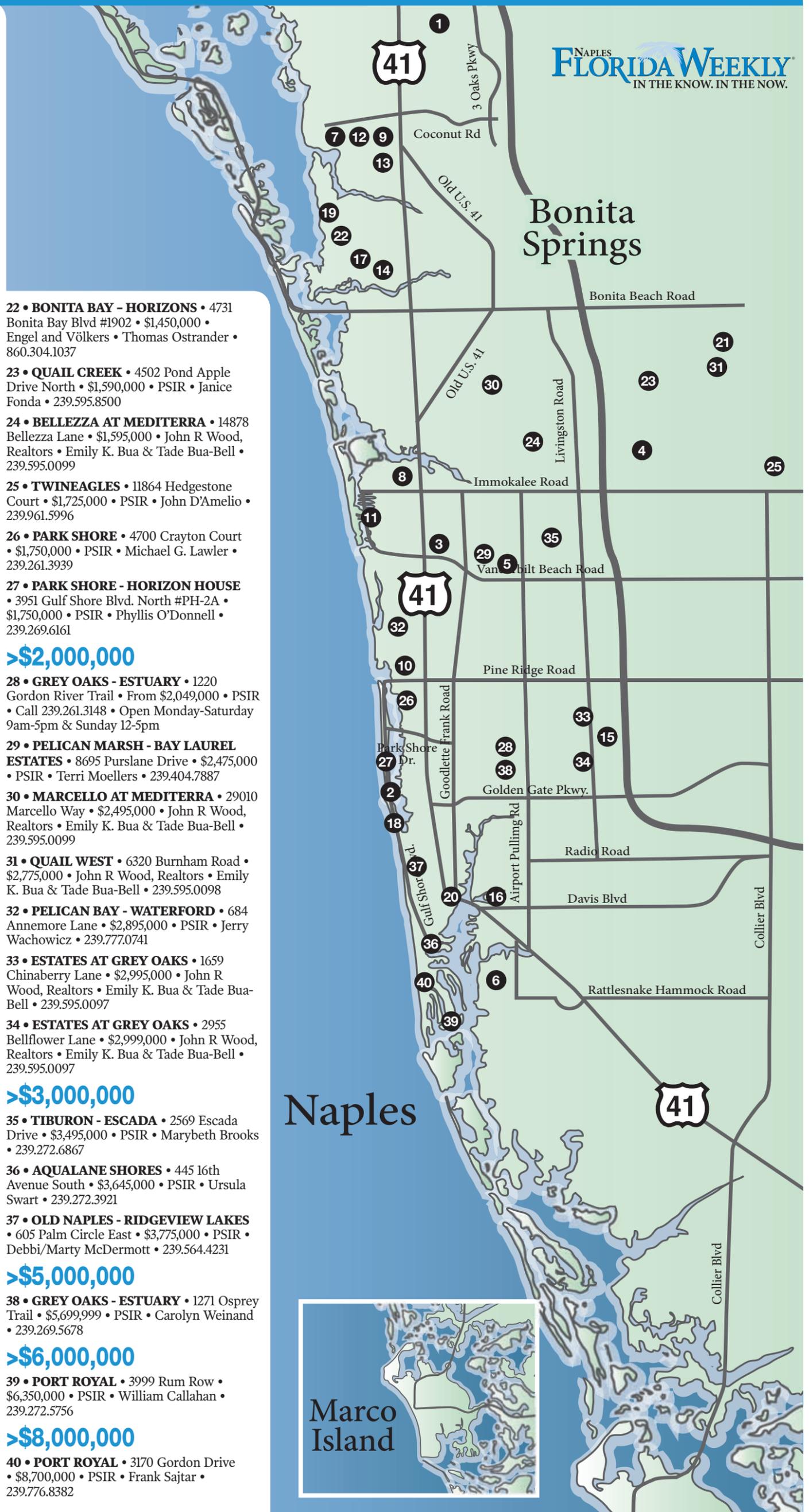
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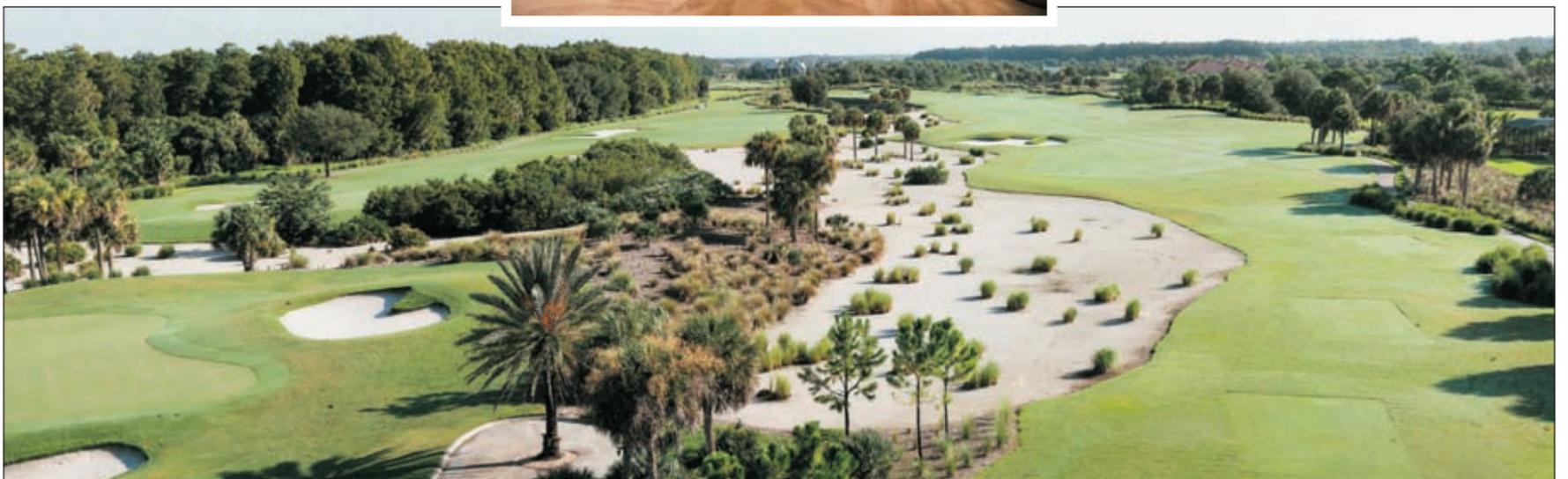
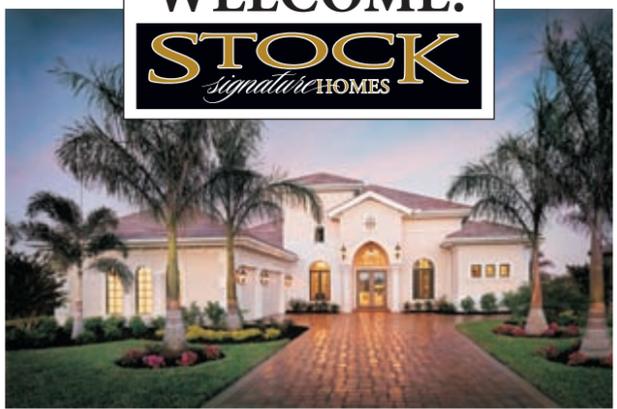
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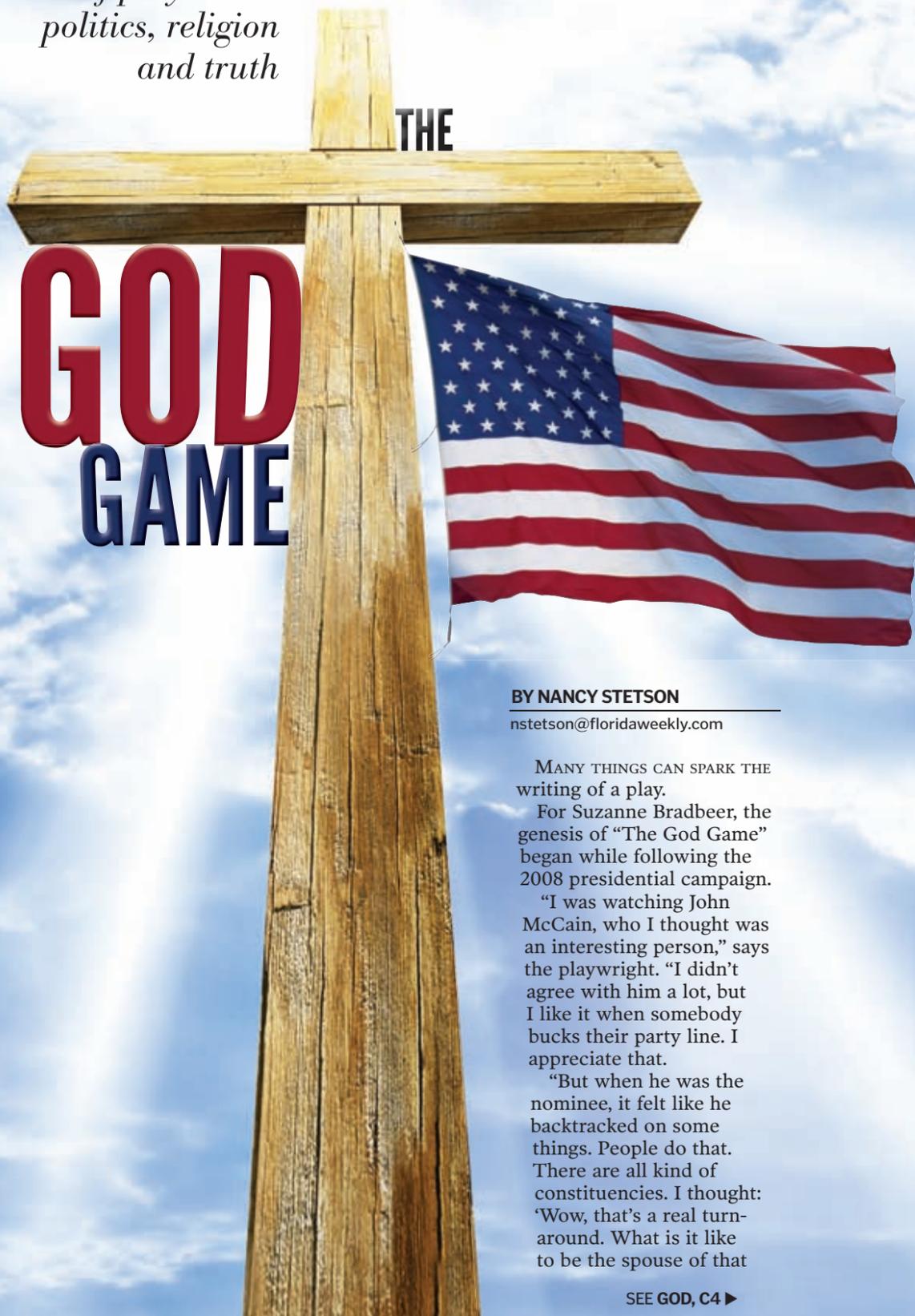
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For Suzanne Bradbeer, the genesis of "The God Game" began while following the 2008 presidential campaign.

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Plenty of red flags — but they're all mine



When a friend loaned me her copy of "Temptations of the Single Girl: The Ten Dating Traps You Must Avoid," I tried not to roll my eyes. I've had it with dating guides and their contradictory advice. But this one seemed different. The book bills itself as "a modern fable," and a fictional story provides the narrative backbone.

In the story, single girl Kelly must learn to avoid the temptations that wreck many relationships, and by the 10th insight (spoiler alert) she's figured it out.

"She knew how to set up her dates and she knew what to ask. She knew what to avoid and what to look for. She had a process and tools that worked. Her single girlfriends marveled and scratched their heads, trying to figure out what Kelly was up to. She smiled coyly and insisted she was simply learning to date smarter."

All of which sounds good to me.

We seem to consider love less science than alchemy, and we rarely approach relationships in a systematic way. Mostly we cross our fingers and hope for the best.

In the ninth chapter, we follow Kelly

on a first date with a new man. Before she meets her potential match, she takes careful notes of the questions she plans to ask him.

"It felt more like going for a job interview than a date. *This guy doesn't know it*, she thought with a little smile, *but*

he's interviewing today for the job of boyfriend-leading-to-husband."

On the date itself, Kelly grills the man about his past relationships: If he'd ever been married, how long since his last partnership, why that particular romance ended. This, according to the

book, is how smart girls proceed.

But I was a little worried. It felt wrong to approach a date with a list of qualifications to tick off. Still, when a handsome man I met at a holiday party invited me out for drinks, I thought, *Here's my chance*. I drew up my list of questions, committed them to memory and then set out to meet him at the local pub.

He turned out to be funny and an engaging storyteller, and soon I was having such a good time that I forgot all about my list. Until he started asking questions of his own.

"So, you're more of a cat person?" he said.

I nodded.

"Well, that's a red flag." He laughed as if he were only kidding.

I laughed too, but I had the uneasy feeling he might be taking notes.

He ordered a second round of drinks and settled back in his chair then gave me a measuring look.

"Have you ever been in a serious relationship?" he asked.

I started to tell a joking story about the ins and outs of dating, but I realized he was serious. Next he wanted to know if I was marriage-minded and if I planned to have children. Suddenly, I understood what was happening: He had his own pre-screening questions. There was all that wise dating advice thrown back at me — only he was the one dating smart. ■



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person? Do you challenge them on it? What is it like to be at the breakfast table with this person you've spent your life with? Do you say something different to them? Do they challenge you?"

She imagined what that conversation might be like. Then she took it a step further: What if your partner was talking about something that was the passion of your own life?

In "The God Game," which has its world premiere at Gulfshore Playhouse in Naples this month, a senator from Virginia is tapped to be the Republican vice presidential running mate.

The dilemma: He's an agnostic. "They want him to be more Christian," says Playhouse Founder/Producing Artistic Director Kristen Coury, who's also directing the play. "He is an incredible senator. His wife is a very devout Christian, but he doesn't go to church. He doesn't think that matters. They say to him, 'Just go to church a little. Say "God bless America" here and there. He says, 'Doesn't my record matter? I've served in the military and I've been a good senator for the state of Virginia. Doesn't all that speak for itself?' It's a good question."

Ms. Coury says she's seen statistics that say the probability of an atheist being voted into public office in this country is lower than any other group, including, she lists, "gays, blacks, any ethnic group and any religious group, including Muslims."

"I find that so fascinating," she says. Ms. Bradbeer, who says she grew up in the Episcopal Church, in "a liberal Christian family," calls the senator's wife "a committed Christian. Her best friend is gay, and she hates the way that certain parts of the church have been bashing and using the Bible as a bludgeon; she finds that terribly offensive and upsetting."

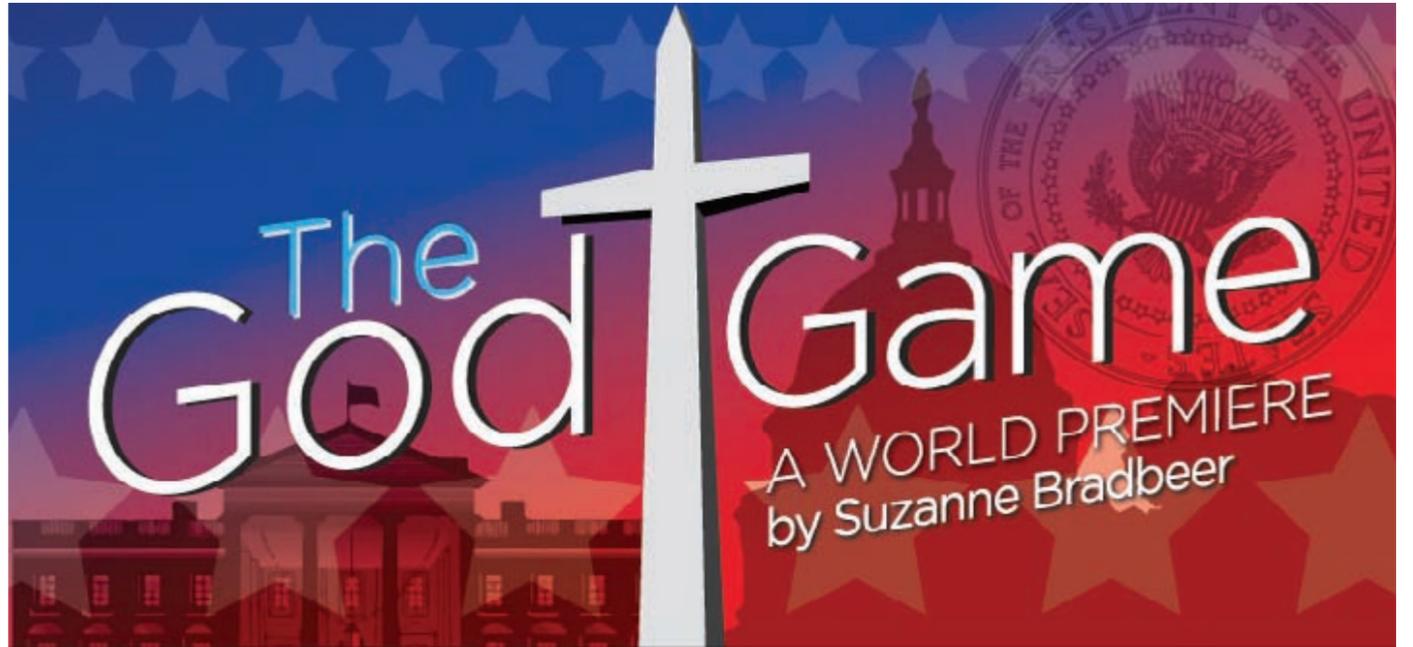
But she also finds it offensive that her husband is being asked to pretend to be Christian when he isn't.

You could definitely make the argument that he's being asked to sell out, Ms. Bradbeer says.

"He feels it's inappropriate," she says. "That's his first reaction: 'If that's what you're asking me, you're asking the wrong guy.' As the play goes on, he starts rethinking that initial reaction. And he believes that he has something to offer."

She's created multi-faceted people. "I think I've created characters that people will see the different sides to them," she says. "They're complicated, interesting people that you can admire. They're not all one thing or another. They're faced with a dilemma. That's what interested me: what do you do with this dilemma?"

She wrote a three-character play because she thinks it's a number ripe with dramatic possibilities. For example, they can all agree, or can have shifting allegiances. The trio have known each other for a long time, so



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Playwright Suzanne Bradbeer

I'm interested in really complicated people who are dealing with complex issues, and there isn't an easy answer."

— Suzanne Bradbeer, playwright of "The God Game"

they have a personal history together, like a family, she says.

Because of this, there's a shorthand to their communication, and their shared history allows them to passionately express their emotions.

Jeffrey Binder will play Matt, the campaign manager, Laurence Lau will play Tom, the senator, and Yvonne Perry will portray his wife, Lisa.

"I think the characters are surprising," Ms. Bradbeer says. "You can't be sure, you can't necessarily peg them: 'Oh, this is so-and-so.' You can't place them in a box. In that way, they're like more real people... I'm interested in really complicated people who are dealing with complex issues, and there

in the know

'The God Game'

- >> **When:** Jan 17-Feb 9 (preview Jan. 16)
- >> **Where:** Gulfshore Playhouse at The Norris Center
- >> **Cost:** Starting at \$33 (preview \$25)
- >> **Info:** (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org

you say that... To me, the underlying theme is about truth in politics."

In addition to presenting the play at Gulfshore Playhouse this month, she's also directing the play, with the same actors, at Capital Repertory Theatre in Albany, N.Y., in May. (The play was a favorite there when presented as a reading during its 2012 New Play Summit.)

The two cities couldn't be more different, she says, noting that while Naples is a conservative, mainly Republican town, Albany has a reputation for being a liberal city.

She's curious to see how audiences in the two places react to the play.

But she's not worried about ruffling feathers.

"I'm learning not to be concerned about anybody's point of view," Ms. Coury says. "My life purpose is to bring good theater to the world and change people's minds and hearts. And if I'm going to do that, I have to find the best pieces of theater I can find. Hopefully, people can find their hearts and minds have been opened, their horizons broadened."

"Even when they get angry, it can affect a change. That's my sole purpose at this point: present worthy topics for discussion under the guise of great theater."

In past seasons, she's presented David Mamet's "Race," a look at race relations and presumptions; "I Am My Own Wife," about a man in Nazi Germany who dressed and identified as a woman and may or may not have helped the Stasi; and "Venus in Fur," a play about sadomasochism, power plays and gender roles.

"Race," "I Am My Own Wife" and "Venus in Fur" were all a huge success for us," Ms. Coury says. "When I am most courageous is when the audience turns out."

Despite the seriousness of the topic, there's a lot of humor in the play, says Ms. Bradbeer.

"It's very, very funny and charming," she adds. "All three characters are smart, all three passionate."

"The God Game" is a play where the "personal and the political mix it up," she says. "I'm not interested in just politics alone, I'm interested in how it affects a person, and how it affects a relationship, and how it can still be such a struggle for people of good intent to figure out the right way to make decisions... and if there even is a right way." ■



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Theater

■ **South Pacific** – Through Feb. 15 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

■ **Relatively Speaking** – By Theatre Conspiracy through Jan. 25 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or www.theatreconspiracy.org. See review page C8.

■ **Stage 2 Improv** – By The Naples Players through Jan. 26 in the Tobye Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.stage2improv.net.

■ **Whistle Down the Wind** – Through Jan. 19 by TheatreZone at the G&L Theatre, the Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatrezone-florida.com.

■ **Black Tie** – By The Naples Players Jan. 15-Feb. 8 in Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre. 701 Fifth Ave. S. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **The God Game** – By Gulfshore Playhouse Jan. 17 through Feb. 9 at the Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 866-811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org. See story page C1.

■ **The Fox on the Fairway** – By the Marco Players through Jan. 26. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.com.

Thursday, Jan. 9

■ **Smooth Moves** – Take a tai chi class from 10-11 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. \$10 for Garden members, \$15 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Go for Grenache** – Decanted Wines hosts “The Grenche & Glam Gala” from 5-7 p.m. Black and white attire requested. \$25. Reservations required. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 434-1814 or www.decantedwines.com.



Capt. Chris Desmond of the Ten Thousand Islands Dolphin Project shares stories about his team of naturalists and biologists and their adventures aboard the Dolphin Explorer in a lecture and film from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. In the photo above, Capt. Desmond and his team work to remove monofilament from the tail of a dolphin named Seymour in waters off Marco Island. Seymour’s story made national news. Presented by the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University, the evening includes a light buffet. \$30. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

■ **Evening on Fifth** – Fifth Avenue South comes alive with live music, dining and dancing from 6:30-9:30 p.m. www.fifthvenuesouth.com.

■ **Jazz Sounds** – The Center for the Arts Bonita Springs presents “Dan Heck – The Legends of Jazz” at 7 p.m. at the new CFABS Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs, 10150 Bonita Beach Rd. \$25 members; \$30 non-members; \$35 at the door. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.



Comedian Jimmy Travis promises big laughs when he takes the stage at The Norris Center at 7 p.m. Jan. 10. Mr. Travis entertains without offending with an ever-evolving routine that’s appropriate for ages 15 and older. \$20. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3058 or www.naplesgov.com.

■ **Look Who’s Laughing** – Kenny Smith and Billy Bingo take the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight through Jan. 11. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

■ **Cook’s Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads class in pasta from 6-8 p.m. \$60. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifenasles.com.

■ **Stand Up Guy** – Steve Trevino takes the stage at Off The Hook Comedy Club tonight through Jan. 12. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

Friday, Jan. 10

■ **Art Party** – Kathleen Bradford Studio/Gallery hosts its January Featured Artist reception from 6-8 p.m. with Francoise Marie Thein, who works in fused glass and ceramics. The exhibit runs through Jan. 31, and the artist shares insights into her work from 1-3 p.m. Jan. 12. 4259 Bonita Beach Road. 776-6844.

■ **Four Decades** – Collier County Museums honors the 40th anniversary of artist Paul Arsenaault’s arrival in Collier County with an exhibition of his paintings of some of his favorite local spots. An opening reception is from 6-8 p.m. at the Naples Depot Museum, where the exhibition will remain through March 22. 262-6525 or www.arsenaaultstudio.com.

Saturday, Jan. 11

■ **Downsizing Dos** – Miromar Design Center presents Diane Torrisi of Diane Torrisi Designs with tips for downsizing based on her own recent experience. The free presentation begins at 11 a.m. and will be followed by refreshments with the designer in the center’s Poliform showroom. RSVP: www.miromardesigncenter.com.

■ **Breakfast with the Birds** – Meet fellow birders and guides Susan Kubat and Fran Huxley at Tigertail Beach Park on Marco Island at 9 a.m. and head out to identify shorebirds and wading birds here for the winter. BYOB (bring your own breakfast). www.friendsoftigertail.com.

■ **Car Show** – The West Coast Muscle Car Club hosts a car show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Bayfront on Naples Bay. www.westcoastmuscleclub.com.

■ **Anniversary Sale** – True Fashionistas Designer Resale celebrates its second anniversary from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with storewide savings, drawings for gift cards, free makeovers by Trish McEvoy representatives, refreshments and more. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-5044 or www.truefashionistasresale.com.

■ **Art Fest** – The 29th annual Bonita Springs National Art Festival comes to Riverside Park on Old 41 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Jan. 12. No admission fee, but \$5 donations are welcome. www.artcenterbonita.org.



The Naples Players presents A.R. Gurney’s “Black Tie” Jan. 15-Feb. 8 on the main stage at the Sugden Community Theatre. The father of the groom must defend the time-honored ways of his past as he prepares to make a memorable speech at his son’s big day. Cultures clash, however, threatening to throw black-tie convention out the window. \$35 for adults, \$10 for students. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Cook’s Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads a weekend brunch class from noon to 2 p.m. \$50. 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4663 or www.goodlifenasles.com.

■ **Rib Cook-Off** – The third annual rib cook-off at Marco Island Brewery takes place from noon to 6 p.m., with judging at 5 p.m. The fun includes live music, corn hole tournaments and raffles. Proceeds benefit the Marco Island Police Foundation scholarship fund. \$20 includes a full meal. 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. 389-2823 or 389-4511.

■ **It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts workshops with Fabian Salas and Lola Diaz of Buenos Aires from 2-3:15 p.m. and from 3:30-4:45 p.m. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pabloretango.com.

■ **A Taste of Thailand** – Whole Foods at Mercato hosts a cooking class for tom kha coconut milk soup, penang chicken curry, and stir-fried greens from 6-7:30 p.m. \$10. www.wholefoodsmarket.com/naples.

■ **Pop-up Gallery** – Works by Bonny Hawley and Peter Garon are featured from 4-7 p.m. in the United Arts Council’s pop-up gallery in Unit 704 at Venetian Village. Free. Also at the Village today, several artists from the Southwest Florida Pastel Society will be at work from 2-5 p.m. at locations throughout the plaza. www.collierarts.com.

■ **Panel Discussion** – The Gallery on Fifth Mercato hosts a panel discussion about the relevance of Socialist Realist art in contemporary America from 4-6 p.m. 220-7503 or galleryonfifth@artorg.net.

■ **Motown Jam** – The Sounds From the Park concert series presents Motown tunes from 5-10 p.m. at Sugden Regional Park. Free. www.swfmusicfestivals.com.

■ **Art After Dark** – Artists of the Galleries of Crayton Cove welcome the public to discover their newest favorite paintings from 6-9 p.m. 403-8393.

Sunday, Jan. 12

■ **Left Bank ArtFest** – The Marco Island Foundation for the Arts presents another Left Bank ArtFest show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Esplanade on Marco Island. 389-0280 or www.marcoarts.org.

■ **Mozart to Madness** – Opera Naples soprano Steffanie Pearce and pianist Richard Bosworth present “Mozart to Madness” at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Congregation of Greater Naples. \$20. Doors open at 2:30 p.m. 6340 Napa Woods Way. www.uunaples.org.

■ **Organ & Piano Duo** – Brian Jones and Bruce Adami perform at 4 p.m. as part of the Hyacinth Concert Series at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Free. 791 Harbour Drive. 261-1487 or www.mooringschurch.org.

■ **Evensong** – The choir of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church sings Evensong at 4 p.m. at the church. Free. 553 Galleon Drive. 262-6581, ext. 207, or www.trinitybythecove.com.

■ **Comedy Cometh** – Jim Belushi and Chicago Board of Comedy perform at 7 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Monday, Jan. 13

■ **Jazz Jam** – Fred’s Food, Fun, and Spirits hosts Jebry and friends for a jazz jam from 6-9 p.m. 431-7928.

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Tuesday, Jan. 14

■ **BINGO!** – Greater Marco Island YMCA hosts Bingo starting at 1 p.m. Complimentary coffee, tea, and snacks provided. \$14 for one packet, \$22 for two. 394-9622, ext. 20.

■ **Soprano Arias** – The Naples Opera Society presents Karin White at 7:30 p.m. at The Norris Center. Open seating, no reservations; \$5 suggested donation. 898-5079.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

■ **Art Reception** – The Artist's Gallery on Marco Island hosts an opening featuring Finnish woodcarver Veli Lapinoja from 5:30-7 p.m. 760 N. Collier Blvd. Ste. 107. 784-4436 or www.marcoislandgallery.com.

Coming up

■ **Travel Enrichment** – Get Out of Town Travel hosts a presentation about Silversea Cruises' Silver Discoverer and World Cruise 2015 at 11 a.m. Jan. 16 at The Artist's Gallery on Marco Island, and 3 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. Reservations required. www.getoutoftowntravel.net.

■ **Writers' Salon** – South Regional Library hosts a writers' salon presented by Estelle Rauch and Iris Shur from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 16. Eight writers will be selected to read. Submit original short fiction, poetry or essays for consideration to creative-writerehr@gmail.com by Jan. 10. 252-7542.



“Observations: Pastel Paintings, Prints and Tiles,” an exhibit of works by Lynne B. Wilcox and Karen Stone, opens with a reception from 6-9 p.m. Jan. 11 at Art Gallery Old Naples2. Harpist Kate Peterson will entertain. Included in the exhibit are Ms. Stone’s “Battle of Bloody Marsh,” above, and Ms. Wilcox’s “Perfect Pairs,” right. Free. 1187 Eighth Street S. 560-9569.

■ **Gallery One** – Gallery One hosts an opening reception for an exhibition of the latest works by David O’Keefe from 5-7 p.m. Jan. 16. RSVP required. 770 Fifth Ave. S. 263-0835.

■ **Gardner-Colby Gallery** – Gardner-Colby Gallery hosts an opening reception for “Figures and Fantasy,” a group show of figurative works by Kim English, Stan Moeller, Aaron Westerberg Jim Lewis and sculptress Claire McArdle along with fanciful pieces by Ran Adler and John Schuyler, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Jan. 16. 386 Broad Ave. S. 403-7787 or www.gardnercolbygallery.com.

■ **Full Moon Tour** – Naples Historical Society presents a full moon tour of Historic Palm Cottage at 8 p.m. Jan. 16. Reservations required. Free for NHS members, \$10 for others. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.



■ **Arbor Day** – The City of Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee hosts an Arbor Day at 10 a.m. Jan. 17 at Veterans Community Park. Live performances by Tommie Barfield Elementary Students and Marco Island Charter Middle School Jazz. Free. 389-5035.

■ **Women of Art** – Artist Betty Newman visits the Sweet Art Gallery from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 17 as part of “Women of Art” also featuring Jill Segal and Nancy Wolfes. 597-2110 or www.thesweetartgallery.com.

■ **Music, Martinis, & Tuxedos** – The Southwest Florida Symphony presents “The Music of the Rat Pack” with The Copa Boys vocal group and guest jazz conductor Michael Berkowitz at 8 p.m. Jan 17 and 18 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, Fort Myers. 418-1500 or www.swflslo.org.

■ **Beer Tasting** – Whole Foods at Mercato hosts a beer tasting and live music from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 17. \$5, with proceeds to benefit Champions For Learning. www.wholefoods.com/naples.

■ **Flea Market** – The United Church of Marco Island hosts a flea market and bake sale sponsored by the Italian-American Society and the Marco Island Kiwanis Club from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jan. 18. 320 N. Barfield, Marco Island. 877-2846.

■ **I Luv Pets** – The I Luv Pets Fest, a benefit for Dogs for Disabled Veterans, takes place from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Jan. 18 at Naples Estates. Activities include wiener dog races, agility competition and low-cost vaccinations. 774-6741.

■ **Winter Art Festival** – The Naples Masters Winter Art Festival takes place Jan. 18-19 at Shoppes at Vanderbilt. 293-9443 or www.boulderbrook.net. See story page C18.

■ **Art Show** – The Friends of Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park present the annual Wildlife & Wildlands Art Show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jan. 18. 593-2658 or www.delnorwiggins.org.

■ **Color Me Beautiful** – Auctions Neapolitan hosts a beginner chalk paint class from noon to 3 p.m. Jan. 18. \$125 includes all supplies. Registration required. 1100 First Ave. S. 262-7333. ■

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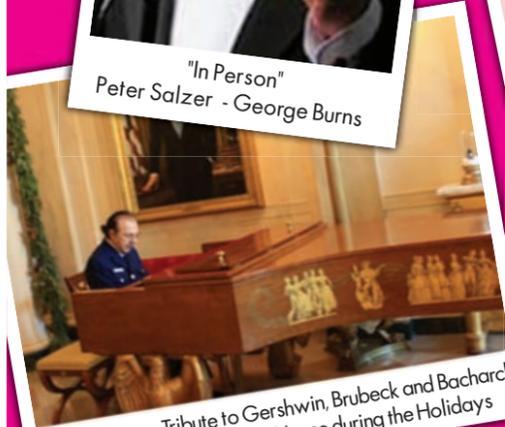
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'Relatively Speaking': Some laughs, but mostly mildly amusing

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Relatively speaking, "Relatively Speaking" is a decidedly mixed bag.

You'd think the show, playing at Theatre Conspiracy through Jan. 25, would be a sure-fire hit, because it consists of three one-act plays, each written by those known for their comedic prowess.

First, there's Ethan Coen, who with his brother Joel gave us such films as "Fargo," "Raising Arizona" and "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" Then there's Elaine May, who teamed up with Mike Nichols for a while and is known, in addition to her standup, for updating older movies into the modern films "Heaven Can Wait" and "The Birdcage." She was also a writer on the films "Tootsie," "Reds" and "Primary Colors." Lastly is Woody Allen, known for his books, standup, plays and movies, especially classics such as "Annie Hall" and "Hannah and Her Sisters."

But comedy is tough for actors to pull off well. Unfortunately, those in "Relatively Speaking" don't always succeed.

These three one-acts make for a wildly uneven program.

Mr. Coen's "Talking Cure" opens the evening, with Ken Johnson as a psychiatrist and Todd Fleck as his patient, Larry. Mr. Fleck is superb as a postal worker gone ... well, postal. He verbally weaves and bobs like a boxer and suggests that maybe *he's* the doctor. Mr. Fleck is totally natural in his role.

Mr. Johnson comes off a little too milquetoast and timid; his character is definitely out of his league with this patient.

After a series of short scenes between the two, we're given a scene with Husband (Johnny Maloney) and Wife (Stella Ruiz) in which we discover where Larry obtained his hostility and keen arguing skills.

Because the program consists of three one-act plays, it wasn't immediately clear to me that this was still the first play and not the second. Audience members might be similarly confused, initially.

Ms. May's "George is Dead" proved to be the most problematic for this



A scene from "Relatively Speaking" at Theatre Conspiracy.

troupe. The dark comedy is about a wealthy, spoiled woman, Doreen (Beth Yazvac), whose husband has just died while on a skiing trip. She shows up unannounced at the home of Carla (Rosalyn Thomson), whose mother used to be Doreen's nanny.

Doreen is the epitome of entitlement. She's been waited on her entire life; everything's been done for her. Not only is she in denial about her husband's death, but as an adult she still expects everyone else to take care of things for her.

Both actors speak so softly it was difficult to hear them at times from the back of the theater. (Though their characters are talking to each other, the audience needs to hear them too.)

And Ms. Yazvac spoke in a high-pitched, whiney voice that was so grating that frankly, if a third character had walked on stage and shot her character, I think I would have cheered.

A third character does arrive, eventually — Scott Thomson, as Carla's husband. As the couple proceeds to fight, Ms. Thomson provides the much-needed energy this play has been lacking up to that point.

Pat Chamness, as Doreen's former Nanny, has a short but effective role in "George is Dead." Although she was not on stage very long, she got laughs every single time she opened her mouth.

The comedic pacing in this second act is off, as is the tone. Dark comedy is an extremely difficult type of humor to perform. I wish director Angie Koch had worked on this more with her actors.

The props are also a little strange. (No credit is given in the program for set design or props.) The television set (which plays a central role in the story) is relatively tiny, and placed on a rolling kitchen cart; but the casket, rolled to the very front of the stage, is enormous, and definitely the real item. Perhaps the director was making a statement about the enormity of death. Or perhaps these were just the props they were able to procure.

"George is Dead" did not get very many laughs; I think the humorous possibilities in it were lost.

Mr. Allen's "Honeymoon Hotel" is the funniest of the three one-acts. That's because Mr. Allen peppers his script with great one-liners. (Also, I

suspect people who are familiar with his movies are also predisposed to laugh at his work. Even with other actors saying his lines, you could hear Mr. Allen's reedy voice in your mind, also saying them.)

The premise: Jerry (Scott Thomson, again) has disrupted his stepson's wedding and run off with the bride, Nina (Stella Ruiz, again.) They're in a tacky honeymoon suite, deliriously in love, when there's a knock at the door.

Then another. Then another, until there are 10 arguing people crammed into the honeymoon suite, including a drunk rabbi, Jerry's shrink, the bride's distraught parents, and Jerry's wife (or soon-to-be ex-wife).

People fill up the hotel suite almost like the Marx Brothers' cabin room in "A Night at the Opera."

It's a wonderfully absurd situation, with many great one-liners about marriage and love. (Says one character: "There's a lot to be said for inertia in marriage, especially with Netflix.")

However, with Jerry's rationalizations about stealing his son's bride (and his insistence on noting that he's his stepson, not his son, as if that makes any difference), it's difficult not to hear echoes of Mr. Allen's rationalizations about his own scandal: sleeping with (and eventually marrying) Soon-Yi Previn, his romantic partner's adopted daughter.

The actors' accents vary greatly in this ensemble piece, and some seem to be playing their character purely as schtick.

But Mr. Allen's lines, and the craziness of the situation, made me laugh again and again. (And the actors should note that if a line's getting a laugh, they shouldn't say the next line while the audience is still laughing; no one will hear what they say.)

The program ends on a high note with Mr. Allen's "Honeymoon Hotel."

I only wish the entire evening had been as funny. ■

in the know

'Relatively Speaking'

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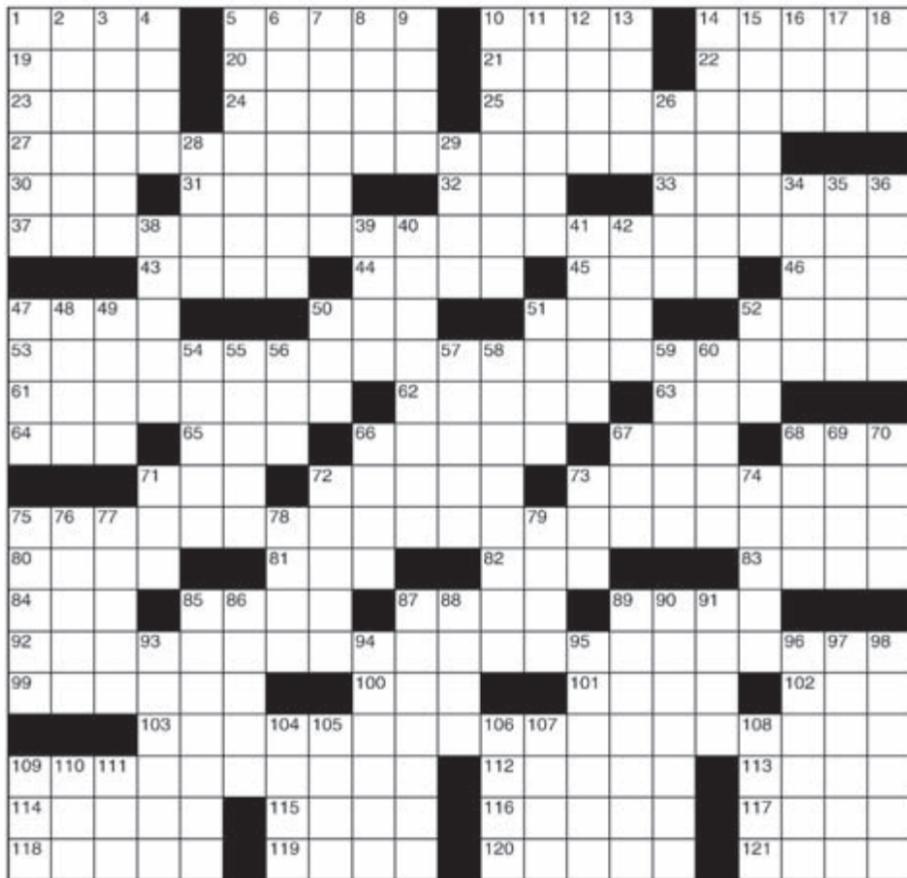
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 - 21 San — (Riviera resort)
 - 22 Stop for a bit
 - 23 Brutish beast
 - 24 Aunt's husband, in France
 - 25 Coerced
 - 27 Start of a riddle
 - 30 "— be great if ..."
 - 31 Filly's feed
 - 32 Pitching star
 - 33 Perceived to be
 - 37 Riddle, part 2
 - 43 Imitate a supermodel
 - 44 Toe the mark
 - 45 Dickens villain Uriah
 - 46 That girl's
 - 47 "Horton Hears —"
 - 50 Mr. Capote, to his friends
 - 51 "La Cage — Folles"
 - 52 Cogito-sum connector
 - 53 Riddle, part 3
 - 61 Part of a PA system
 - 62 Maims
 - 63 Ely or Paul
 - 64 Ida, neighbor
 - 65 Point a pistol
 - 66 Port city in Florida
 - 67 Eatery bill
 - 68 Quarterback
 - 71 "What's the —?" ("Same thing, right?")
 - 72 Gillis of an old sitcom
 - 73 El Capitan's national park
 - 75 Riddle, part 4
 - 80 Time of Christmas
 - 81 Poetic time after dusk
 - 82 Tonic go-with
 - 83 Cash spitter-outers
 - 84 River in Switzerland
 - 85 Big name in PCs
 - 87 Long drink
 - 89 Counterpart of "Sir"
 - 92 End of the riddle
 - 99 Bible book before Job
 - 100 Veiled
 - 101 Be sore
 - 102 Metal source
 - 103 Riddle's answer
 - 109 Cities plus their suburbs
 - 112 Oldsmobile of 1999-2004
 - 113 Like most cupcakes
 - 114 From Tehran or Tabriz
 - 115 Post-Q run
 - 116 More critical
 - 117 Suit option
 - 118 Was gutsy enough
 - 119 Apt name for a herding dog
 - 120 Simplified
 - 121 Pablo's "this"
- DOWN**
- 1 Totally fail
 - 2 Fraction equal to .125
 - 3 Texas border city
 - 4 "Right on!"
 - 5 Big to-dos
 - 6 Funicello of "Zorro"
 - 7 Form anew, as a sentence
 - 8 Perfumed powder
 - 9 Editor's "put this back in"
 - 10 Overgrown with limbs
 - 11 Filmmaker Eisenstein
 - 12 Nero's 3,100
 - 13 Dorothy's dog
 - 14 Add zest to
 - 15 Redeemed, as a check
 - 16 Make public
 - 17 Profit from
 - 18 With 48-Down, Burgundy or Chianti
 - 26 Fritter away
 - 28 Not "for here," in a restaurant
 - 29 "— it up and spit it out" ("My Way" lyric)
 - 34 India's Jawaharlal
 - 35 Lay — (fail miserably)
 - 36 Old Detroit beer brewer
 - 38 Winning by a single point
 - 39 Honked thing
 - 40 United Arab Emirates' capital
 - 41 Closes
 - 42 Voluptuous
 - 47 Tennis situation
 - 48 See 18-Down
 - 49 Many a flat-screen
 - 50 Eliot's Rum — Tugger
 - 51 "— boy!"
 - 52 Vast span
 - 54 Hiker's path
 - 55 ET tales, say
 - 56 — pah band
 - 57 Herb in curry powder
 - 58 Broken chord
 - 59 Rub off
 - 60 Prize won by Obama
 - 66 Tattered
 - 67 Singer
 - 68 Color lightly
 - 69 Tabloid tidbit
 - 70 Disarray
 - 71 Viña — Mar
 - 72 John of farm equipment
 - 73 "Round — virgin ..."
 - 74 Port city in Florida
 - 75 Stupefied
 - 76 — Ark
 - 77 Rid of some rodents
 - 78 Fork (off)
 - 79 Virgo, e.g.
 - 85 Mass near a tonsil
 - 86 Around, in a date
 - 87 Instigates
 - 88 Extensive
 - 89 "Mother —" (old Irish song)
 - 90 Olympic track star
 - 91 1940s film critic James
 - 93 Actress Courtney — -Smith
 - 94 Perot running mate
 - 95 Puts H2O on
 - 96 Utters
 - 97 Writer
 - 98 Really must
 - 104 Is incorrect
 - 105 Netting
 - 106 Walk across a stream
 - 107 Kulik of figure skating
 - 108 In the flesh
 - 109 — -cap stock
 - 110 Eventful time
 - 111 Roofer's goo

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HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Like your zodiacal sign, the sure-footed Goat, you won't allow obstacles in your path to keep you from reaching your goal. Don't be surprised by who asks to go along with you.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** Let your head dominate your heart as you consider the risks that might be involved in agreeing to be a friend's co-signer or otherwise act as his or her backup in a financial matter.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Prioritize: Resolve to close the door and let your voicemail take your phone calls while you finish up a task before the end-of-week deadline. Then go out and enjoy a fun-filled weekend.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Although you're getting kudos and other positive reactions to your suggestions, don't let the cheers drown out some valid criticisms. Better to deal with them now than later.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Following your keen Bovine intuition pays off, as you not only reassess the suggestions some people are putting in front of you, but also their agendas for doing so.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** You continue on a high-enthusiasm cycle as that new project you've assumed takes shape. You're also buoyed by the anticipation of receiving some good news about a personal matter.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your

eagerness to immerse yourself in your new assignment is understandable. But be careful that you don't forget to take care of that pressing personal situation as well.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** This is a good time to learn a new skill that could give a clever Cat an edge in the upcoming competition for workplace opportunities. Enjoy the arts this weekend with someone special.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You could risk creating an impasse if you insist on expecting more from others than they're prepared to give. Showing flexibility in what you'll accept could prevent a stalemate.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** Although you can weigh all factors of a dispute to find an agreeable solution for others, you might need the skilled input of someone you trust to help you deal with an ongoing situation of your own.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** The good news is that your brief period of self-doubt turns into a positive "I can do anything" attitude. The better news is that you'll soon be able to prove it.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** This is a good time for Sagittarians to start making travel plans while you still can select from a wide menu of choices and deals, and not be forced to settle for leftovers.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** Your capacity for care and compassion helps to bring comfort to others. ■

By Linda Thistle

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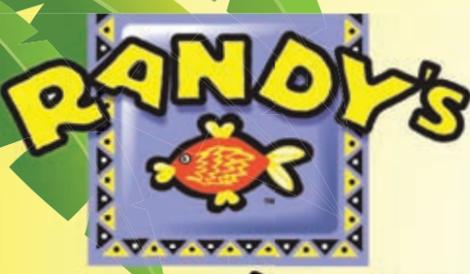
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Is it worth \$10? Yes

The inclination to reveal the end of the movie in its opening moments is inexplicable, unfathomable and unforgivable. It has worked exactly two times in film history — “Sunset Boulevard” (1950) and “American Beauty” (1999) — both of which were masterpieces for a variety of reasons. Every other time it’s been attempted, the technique has yielded the same futile effect: The audience observes the hero in a damaged state, then there’s a jump to the beginning of the story, meaning all the life-or-death scenarios in which the hero embarks have zero legitimate suspense because the viewer has already seen the character later in the story.

Why undermine the entire movie with an unnecessary flashback?

“Lone Survivor” makes this mistake. The opening shows Marcus Luttrell (Mark Wahlberg) in a helicopter receiving medical attention, clearly alive but very banged up. We then jump to three days earlier. Not sure about you, but if I’m watching a movie called “Lone Survivor” and it begins with the ending and shows a major movie star still alive, I kinda feel like I know who the lone survivor is. The idea that we’re supposed to be interested in seeing how he gets hurt is irrelevant. The fact remains that director Peter Berg’s (“Battleship”) movie would be more interesting, dramatic and tense if we didn’t know who survives.

It’s a shame, too, because this is otherwise a pretty darn good movie.

In Afghanistan in June 2005, Operation Red Wings sends four Navy SEAL Team 10 members into the mountains to capture/kill Taliban leader Ahmad Shah (Yousuf Azami). The team includes Luttrell, squad leader Mike Murphy (Taylor Kitsch), Danny Dietz (Emile Hirsch) and Matt “Axe” Axelson (Ben Foster). All is well until they encounter three goat herders — and elderly man, a teenager and a boy — and take them hostage. The SEALs decide to let them go and evacuate the area, but soon find themselves in a gunfight with Taliban mercenaries.

The shootout on the mountain is harrowing, lengthy and tough to watch. The SEALs communicate well, work together, use intelligence and skill, but

they are so outnumbered it’s almost an impossible fight to win.

These scenes, as well as the strategic planning and discussions, are nicely shot and edited; the director creates a palpable sense of immediacy that successfully puts us on the hill with these heroes. As a result, we see and feel true heroism, and it’s inspiring. Too bad we already know who survives.

It appears Mr. Berg is intent on championing the SEALs heroism and courage — and understandably so. No doubt having the real Luttrell on set, especially while on the mountain, helped ground the film in realism. However, neither intention nor authenticity excuses the narrative disservice done by ruining the ending.

Being a bit more stealth in story



structure, but just as impactful — virtues the SEALs no doubt would appreciate — would have been the way to go here.

The script, written by Mr. Berg, is based on a book by the real Mr. Luttrell and Patrick Robinson. I ask: How often do moviegoers know the writers of a movie? Or even care? For marketing and entertainment purposes, the “truth” of the situation could have easily been hidden (or at least downplayed) by Universal Pictures in order to allow “Lone Survivor” to work better dramatically. ■


 in the know
 

 >> Video of Navy SEAL training comprises the opening credits, and images of the real individuals involved are shown before the closing credits. In all ways imaginable, this movie is a love letter to the Navy SEALs.

CAPSULES

The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug ★★★

(Martin Freeman, Ian McKellen, Richard Armitage) Bilbo (Mr. Freeman), Gandalf (Mr. McKellen), Thorin (Mr. Armitage) and 12 other dwarves head for a showdown with Smaug, a fire-breathing dragon. The action and effects are superb and it’s a worthy middle installment in this “Hobbit” trilogy, but it’s too long, and it lacks a clear ending. Rated PG-13.

'The Wolf of Wall Street'★★★★½

Money, drugs and hookers are a dangerous combination for anyone. When put in the hands of a hotshot young stockbroker without a conscience, they can be deadly. In the case of Jordan Belfort (Leonardo DiCaprio), debauchery becomes a way of life. With morality nowhere to be found, he and his colleagues, especially his right-hand man Donnie (Jonah Hill), aren’t easy people to like, but they are fun to watch. Rated R. ■



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BY KIM AND TERRY KOVEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Canes were used not only to aid in walking, but also as part of European and American fashionable dress in the 18th and 19th centuries. Many canes had an extra function, too. Some held swords, guns, flasks, telescopes, cameras, fans, seats, perfume, poison, drugs or hidden papers. Many had silver, gold or jeweled handles or even handles that were modeled heads of presidential candidates. Elegant but fragile handles were made of porcelain. In the late 19th century, the famous Meissen porcelain factory in Germany made elaborate cane handles that look like small figurines. They were shaped to be easy to hold and carried, but would break if dropped or hit. Few of these cane handles have survived, and they often are sold without the cane shaft. A three-quarter figure of a woman extending into a curved cane handle was auctioned by Cowan's Auctions of Cincinnati in October 2013. The handle, with Meissen's blue crossed-swords mark inside, sold for \$800.

Q: I have an 8-by-10-inch painting by A.E. Hayes. I have been told that it's an example of "tin foil art." It's in a very old frame and the back is sealed with old tape. If I remove the tape, I'm likely to ruin the painting. Can you tell me how this painting was done?

A: Your painting is a piece of "tinsel art," which is a form of reverse-painting on glass. It was popular from about 1850 to 1890. Most tinsel paintings were of

flowers. The painting was done in reverse order. Flowers or other foreground details were painted on the glass first and then the background was painted. Pieces of crumpled foil were added to unpainted parts of the picture. Then the picture was framed with the clear glass in front, the foil in the back. The picture was backed with cloth or paper and sealed with a piece of cardboard or thin wood. When the painting was hung, the foil glimmered in the glow of candlelight or gas light. Most tinsel pictures were done by young women for their own homes. Perhaps A.E. Hayes was one of these women. Good early tinsel paintings sell for \$100 to \$500, depending on size, subject and condition.

Q: I inherited an old cider press from my uncle. Stenciling on it reads, "The Higganum Mfg. Corporation Manufacturers, Higganum, Conn., USA." It still works. We made cider with it the other day. Can you tell me anything about its

history and value?

A: Higganum Manufacturing Co. was founded by brothers George and Thomas Clark in 1867. The company made cider

This porcelain cane handle must have been used carefully to remain unbroken for over 100 years. The woman figure was made by the Meissen porcelain factory of Germany. It sold for \$800 at an October 2013 Cowan's auction in Cincinnati.



mills, wine presses, lard presses, wagon jacks and agricultural equipment. It was incorporated by about 1880. In 1892, the company was renamed Clark Cutaway Harrow, after its most successful product. Several of the factory buildings burned down in 1914, but the company continued to operate for several more

years. The rest of the property was sold in 1942. Your cider press was probably made in about 1880, before the company name was changed. Value: About \$100.

Q: When I was a young boy, my grandfather gave me a violin he said was very valuable because it was a genuine "Mittenwald." Stamped inside the instrument it reads, "Joan Carol Kloz, in Mittenwald, An. 1788." I searched the Internet and found that Johann Carol Klotz (1709-1769) was a violin maker in Mittenwald.

However, the names are spelled differently on my violin and the date doesn't fit. What do you think? Is this a valuable violin?

A: Millions of violins supposedly made by famous German makers are fakes made in the early 1900s. Authentic old violins are very rare. Several members of the Klotz family made violins in Mittenwald, which has been known for its violin makers since the late 17th century. The date on your violin is a problem since Joan (Johann) died in 1769. To find out if your violin is authentic, first show it to a professional violinist and ask if it appears to be a fine old violin. Then have a reputable musical instrument dealer or appraiser look at it. You will have to pay for an appraisal, but authentic old violins made by members of the Klotz family are rare and sell for thousands of dollars.

Tip: From 1954 to 1963, an American radio had a small triangle or circle on the dial between the 6 and 7 and 12 and 16. It was a Civil Defense mark. ■

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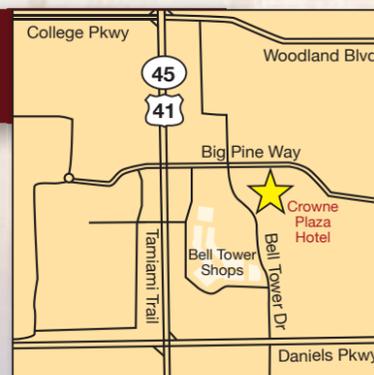
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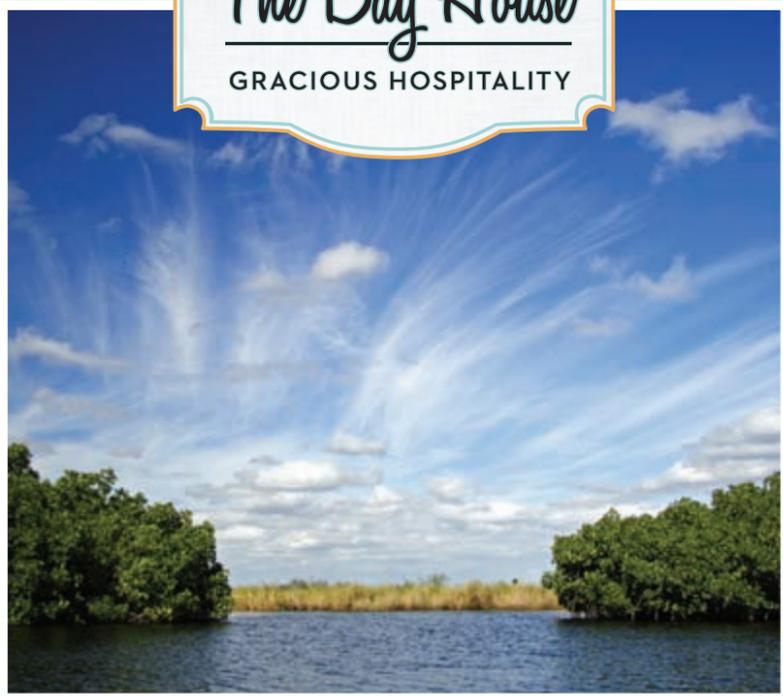
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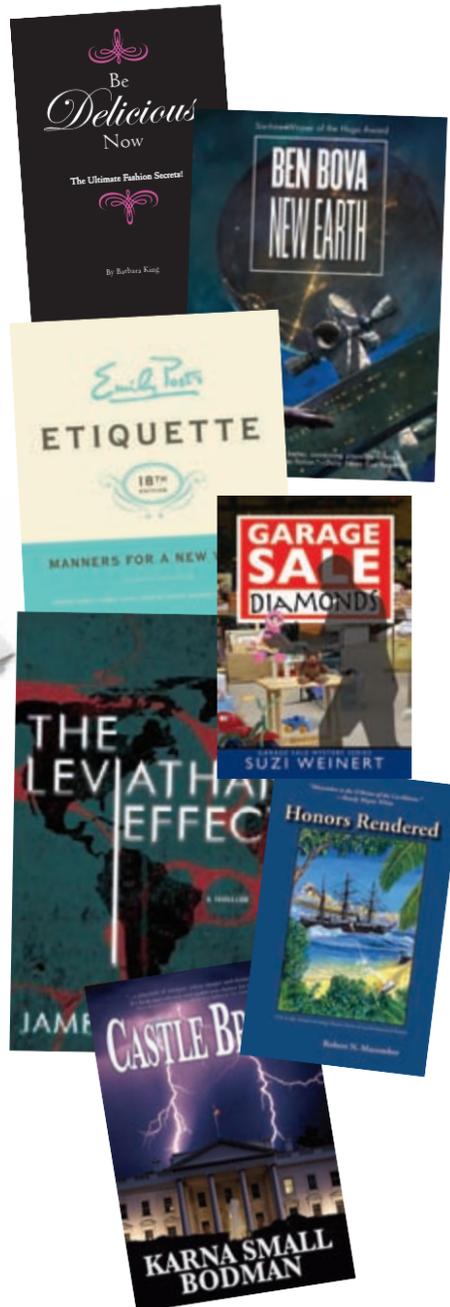
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sale at the event will be donated to First Book-Collier County.

A free book-signing with the authors takes place in the showroom from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11. The public is welcome.

Participating authors are Karen Bartlett and Alan Maltz, "Journey Through Paradise: Naples, Marco Island & The Everglades"; Karna Small Bodman, "Castle Bravo"; Ben Bova, "New Earth"; Michael Connors, "British West Indies Style"; Barbara King, "Be Delicious Now, The Ultimate Fashion Secrets!"; James Lilliefors, "The Leviathan Effect"; Robert Macomber, "Honors Rendered"; Peggy Post, "Emily Post's Etiquette, 18th Edition"; Tina Wainscott writing as Jamie Rush, "Dragon Awakened"; and Suzi Weinert, "Garage Sale Diamonds" (the sequel to "Garage Sale Stalker," on which the Hallmark movie "Garage Sale Mystery" was based).

Norris presents "The Writer's Domain" in partnership with Barnes & Noble, which is holding a book fair at its Waterside Shops location Jan. 9-11, also to benefit First Book-Collier County, a nonprofit that provides new books to local children in pre-K through first grade living in poverty. ■



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Marco bookstore will welcome author Sue Monk Kidd in March

Sunshine Booksellers on Marco Island will welcome bestselling author Sue Monk Kidd ("The Mermaid Chair," "The Secret Life of Bees") for a discussion and signing of her newest novel at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. "The Invention of Wings" was released Jan. 7.

Tickets for \$39 include a copy of the book and priority seating. A portion of ticket sales will benefit the center for the arts. Only 150 tickets will be sold initially. At a later date, an additional 50 tickets will be made available for \$10 each that will be standing room only and will not include a copy of the book.

An Oprah's Book Club 2.0 selection, "The Invention of Wings" is described on amazon.com as "a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom and the desire to have a voice in the world ...

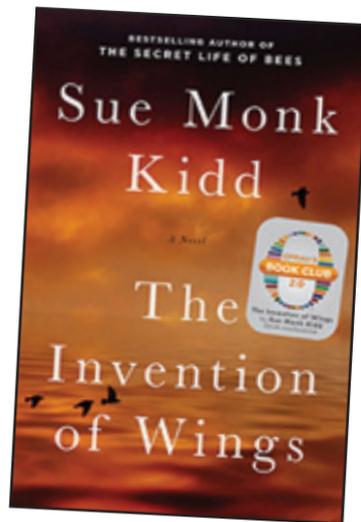


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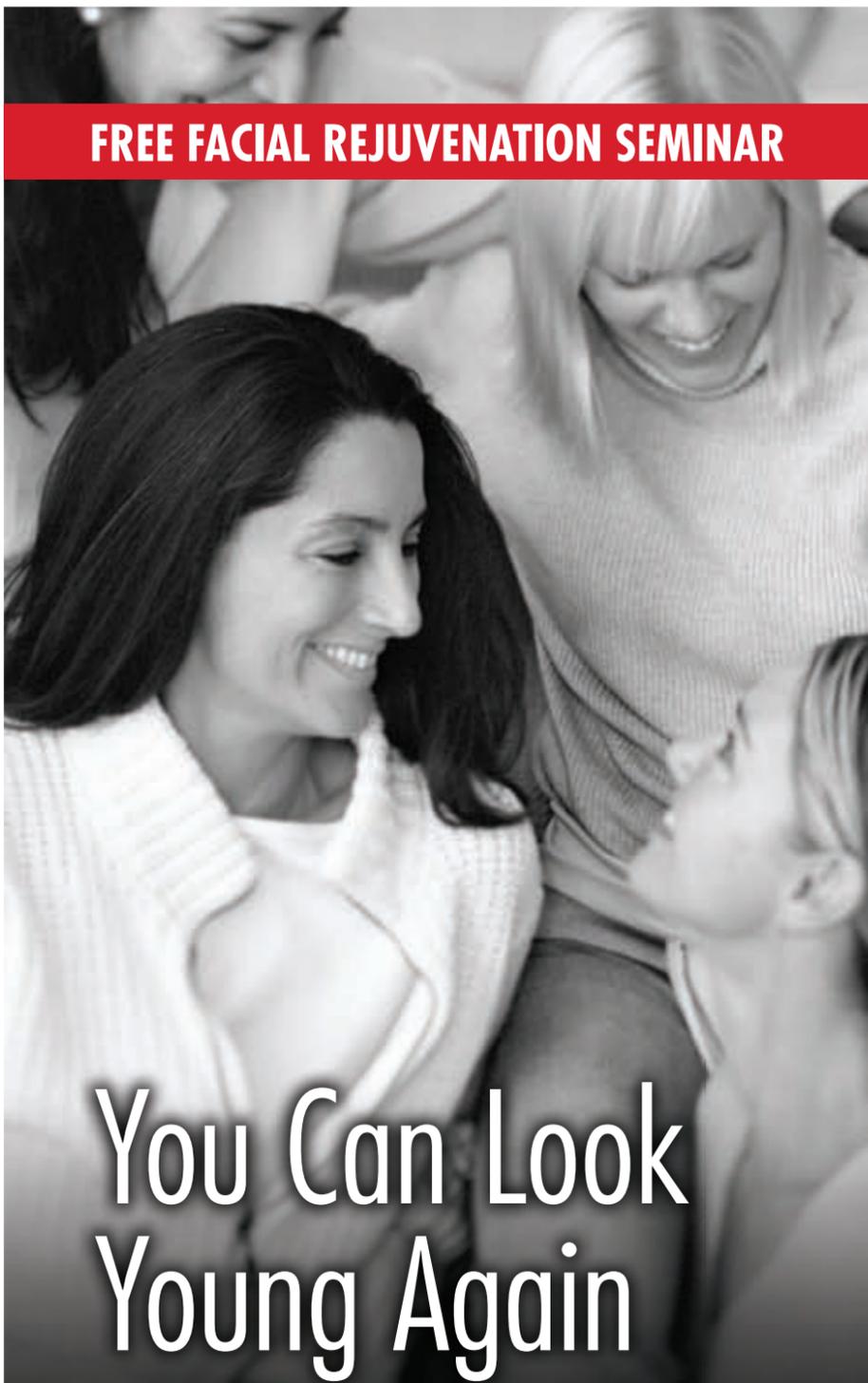


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Underwater photographer will make a splash at Naples Masters Winter Art Festival

Underwater photographer Alicia Earle Renner, whose work has appeared in National Geographic and Scuba Diving Magazine, is the featured artist for the 2014 Naples Masters Winter Art Festival.

Ms. Renner believes that through her lens she has become a steward of the earth, teaching people to love nature one photo at a time. She photographs wildlife, flora, landscapes and people, but is most notable for her underwater images of manatees, dolphins, fish, rays, shrimp, coral and other sea life.

She has been published three times by National Geographic, and her shot of a peppermint Goby titled "Hey You Up There" won First Place-Macro Shot in an underwater photography competition sponsored by Scuba Diving Magazine.

She considers her biggest accomplishment being selected by world-renowned photographer Moose Peterson to participate in his prestigious Master Light Program. Fewer than 20 people have graduated from this three-month program of wildlife photography mastery. Ms. Renner is now endorsed by MR. Peterson and was published in his magazine, BT Journal.

In 2010, Ms. Renner had a joint exhibition with Clyde Butcher at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, where she has a permanent exhibit. She also owns and operates AER Photography and Art Gallery on Elizabeth Street in Key West.

The Naples Masters Winter Art Festival will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-19, at Shoppes at Vanderbilt in North Naples.



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■ **Colored Pencils:** Feb. 24-28 - Ms. Hammond will use techniques outlined in her book, "Lifelike Drawing in Color," to show how to depict a variety of subjects from still life to animals, flowers and scenery.

All classes are held in the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. To register or for more information, call 530-5940. ■

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Famous hand

BY STEVE BECKER

This deal features Edwin Kantar, Los Angeles star, who played it in a national team-of-four championship. West led a diamond against four hearts, and East cashed two diamonds before returning a trump. Looking at all four hands, you might think the contract would fail by either one or two tricks.

But Kantar analyzed his prospects thoroughly and came up with an inspired line of play that brought home the game. He decided that his best chance was to play East for specifically the K-x of spades and the king of clubs, which East was likely to have on the bidding.

Accordingly, after playing three rounds of trumps, Kantar cashed the ace of spades and then led a spade to dummy's eight! This worked out just as he had hoped when East was forced to win the trick with the king, thus establishing an extra spade trick in dummy on which Kantar could later discard one of his club losers.

But that wasn't all Kantar accomplished with this play, for East now had to return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard, allowing South to escape his other club loser. So Kantar miraculously wound up making four hearts, finding a way to avoid losing any clubs at all.

Note that it would not have helped West to play the nine of spades on the

East dealer.

East-West vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	Dble	Pass	1♠
2♦	2♥	Pass	3♥
Pass	4♥		

Opening lead — two of diamonds.

second spade lead. Kantar, consistent with his play, already had assigned East the doubleton king of spades, and he would have proceeded on that assumption regardless of which spade West produced on the trick. It isn't easy to talk a fellow like Kantar out of a preconceived notion. ■

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Performances will be March 19-April 6. For more information, call (610) 462-8155 or visit www.themarcoplayers.com.

■ The **Naples Players** will hold auditions for **"Distracted,"** a comic drama by Lisa Loomer, at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the Sugden Community Theatre. Appointments are not necessary.

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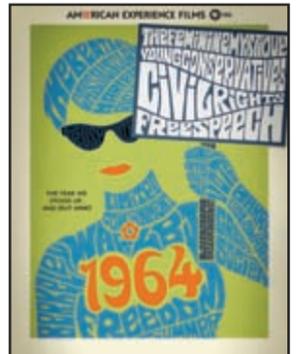
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DuMont a hit in 'Dallas Buyers Club'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I have a question about the actor who played Jared Leto's father in "Dallas Buyers Club," which I saw over the holidays. He looks so familiar, but I can't quite place him.

— *Kyra T., via email*

A: You're thinking of character actor James DuMont, who's been on tons of TV shows like "American Horror Story," "Treme," "Nashville" and "Bonnie and Clyde," and on the big screen in "The Butler," "Ocean's Thirteen," "War of the Worlds" and "Along Came Polly," to name just a few.

James was thrilled to be in "Dallas Buyers Club," which centers on Ron Woodroof (played by Matthew McConaughey), who works around the system to help AIDS patients get the medication they need after he is diagnosed with the disease. James plays the estranged father of Jared Leto's character, Rayon, who's transgender and HIV positive.

Q: This past summer I got involved with a series called "Mistresses." Can you tell me if it's going to return, or was it just something they put on for the summer?

— *Liz R., via email*

A: ABC has renewed "Mistresses" for a 13-episode second season, which is scheduled to air in summer 2014. The show, which is based on the British series of the same name, stars Alyssa



James DuMont

Milano, Rochelle Aytes, Jes Macallan and Yunjin Kim. The show centers on the lives of four female friends, and their involvement in an array of illicit and complex relationships.

Q: I really enjoy "The Glades," but I think I read someplace that it is being canceled. I truly hope this is not so. Can you please find out its status?

— *Diane, via email*

A: The A&E network decided this past fall to cancel "The Glades" after four seasons. The police procedural broke records for A&E when it debuted, but slowly and steadily it lost more than one-third of its viewers throughout the series run, so the network canceled it. ■

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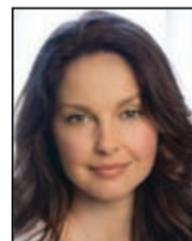
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The Hunger Ball takes place the evening of Sunday, Feb. 9. It will be catered by Crave Culinaire, with entertainment by Little Eddie and the Fat Fingers. A silent auction will benefit the food bank. Newscaster Chad Oliver of NBC2 will emcee.

Tickets to the ball are \$65. Call 919-0205 or 919-0201 to make a dance lesson appointment and/or to purchase tickets to the ball. For more information, visit www.johnnyandlisadance.com.

Actress and activist Ashley Judd brings her passion for women's rights to Planned Parenthood of Collier County's 10th annual "Choice Affair" on Saturday evening, Feb. 1, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.



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Ms. Judd is an international voice on humanitarian causes ranging from AIDS to birth control, military rape to comprehensive sex education, to equity and justice for women around the world. Her mission and that of Planned Parenthood go hand-in-hand.

Past speakers at the Choice Affair include Gloria Steinem, Ellen Goodman, Jane Fonda, Kathleen Turner, Helen Thomas and Anna Quindlen.

Tickets start at \$350. For more information and to purchase tickets or sponsorships, call Linda Goldfield at 262-8923 or email linda.goldfield@ppcollier.org.

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Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 per VIP patron and \$10,000 per premier sponsor table of 10. For more information or to reserve a ticket, contact Monica

Biondo at 304-3505 or visit www.davidlawrencecenter.org.

■ Myra Janco Daniels has been named honorary chair of Opera Naples' **"Fete du Cirque"** gala set for Wednesday, Feb. 19, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

The gala takes place two days before Opera Naples' performance of **"I Pagliacci"** (Feb. 21-22), also at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort under the Pavilion tent. Taking advantage of the theme and the "Big Top" venue, both the gala and the opera performances will feature performers from Circus Sarasota.

Items up for bid during the gala's live auction include tickets to the Royal Enclosure during Britain's Royal Ascot Week next June, the most prestigious event on the European horse-racing calendar invariably attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; tickets to New York's Fashion Week; a trip to Paris and French wine country; and a veranda suite on a luxury Seabourn cruise.

For ticket information, call Opera Naples at 963-9050 or visit www.OperaNaples.org.

■ Charity for Change holds its inaugural signature fundraising event, "The 'Giver' Challenge," from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at Vi at Bentley Village. The night of minute-to-win-it fun will include name-that-song and other games relating to the Charity for Change character education program. The safari-themed fundraiser will include an open bar, appetizers, plated dinner, deejay and silent auction.

For more information, call Suzanne Todd at 784-7945 or visit www.charityforchange.org.

■ The NAACP of Collier County holds its 31st annual **Freedom Fund** banquet Saturday evening, Feb. 8, at the Hilton Naples. This year's gala has a "Let the Good Times Roll" Mardi Gras theme and includes a cocktail reception, dinner, silent and live auctions and live music and dancing.

For tickets or more information, visit www.naacpcolliercounty.com or email freedomfund@naacpcolliercounty.com.

■ The 11th annual Neighborhood Health Clinic Block Party takes place Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. The party generates approximately 25 percent of the Neighborhood Health Clinic's annual operating budget. Using a professional volunteer staff and funded by private philanthropy, the clinic delivers medical and dental care to low-income, working but uninsured Collier County adults.

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■ **New York Times** bestselling author and former Washington Post Magazine general editor Leslie Morgan Steiner will present the keynote address at The Shelter for Abused Women and Children's 2014 **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope** luncheon on Monday, Feb. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort.

Ms. Steiner's memoir, "Crazy Love," details how she survived four years of domestic violence in her first marriage before escaping and rebuilding her life. A Harvard graduate with an MBA in marketing from Wharton School of Business, she has been a regular on the "Today Show," NPR, ABC, CBS and MSNBC as an advocate for the awareness and prevention of domestic violence.

Tickets for \$350 per person include admission to a designer boutique at the hotel. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call Susan Utz at 775-3862, ext. 261, or email sutz@naplesshel-ter.org.

■ Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center hosts "**Swing Into Spring for the Arts**" on Saturday evening, March 22, at Windstar on Naples Bay. The night begins with a reception and

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■ The 2014 **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22, at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Northern Trust is the title sponsor.

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■ The Greater Naples YMCA holds its ninth annual **Sneaker Ball** on Friday, Feb. 21, at Seacrest Country Day School. Proceeds will help the Y continue the rebuild and repair efforts that have been ongoing since a Labor Day fire. Guests are encouraged to wear sneakers with their black-tie optional attire. Dinner will be by Artichoke & Company and

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■ **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** hosts its annual gala Friday, Feb. 28, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. To the theme of "Let the Fun Times Roll at Mardi Gras," guests will gather at 6:30 p.m. for cocktails, dinner, and silent and live auctions. Honorary co-chairs are Becky and John Allen; co-chairs are Janet and Blake Gable.

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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule reviews of previous restaurant reviews:

■ **Alexander's Restaurant**, 4077 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 262-4999

For more than 25 years, Alexander's has thrived in an unlikely but lush setting just off U.S. 41. Walk from the parking lot into its verdant courtyard, the trees strung with tiny white lights, and you feel miles away from civilization. The dining room has a European feel, but I recommend dining outdoors, weather permitting. Chef/owner Alexander Bernard's food has a continental bent but emphasizes sustainable and organic ingredients and imaginative pairings. The vegetarian spring roll consists of crisp pastry, fresh spinach, gorgonzola and toasted walnuts with a plummy balsamic dipping sauce. The chef is equally adept at fish and meat, as evidenced by an excellent macadamia-encrusted grouped with beurre blanc and a crispy duck with portwine reduction, sweet-tart lingonberries and heavenly sweet potato flan. Mini desserts include tasty treats such as Key lime pie, goat cheese cheesecake and Snickers pie and are just enough to satisfy after a big meal. Beer and wine served.

Food ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★ ½
Reviewed February 2013

■ **Eurasia**, 8793 Tamiami Trail E., Naples; 352-0888

Chef Ettore Mancini hails from Italy. His wife, who serves as the gracious hostess, has Vietnamese roots. And so they have married their heritages to create the menu at their East Naples restaurant. That means that one member of the party

can indulge in Vietnamese roasted quail, summer rolls and crepes, while another can tuck into Italian classics. From the Italian options, the hot antipasto provides tastes of clams oreganato, clam casino, baked shrimp and eggplant rollatini. The eggplant was the best of the bunch. Shrimp stuffed with crabmeat was nicely executed as well. Although grilled beef with lemongrass had lots of fresh ingredients — crunchy bean sprouts, grilled beef, vermicelli noodles — the lemongrass was undetectable. Pho, the Vietnamese soup that eats like a meal, was popular at other tables and I'd order that on a return trip. Tiramisu was large and fluffy and just right for dessert. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed May 2013

■ **The Local**, 5323 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples; 596-3276

This is a restaurant whose name aptly describes its mission: to serve as much farm- and sea-to-table food as can be procured from area farms and local waters. Run by two Culinary Institute of America alums, one who also did a stint at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, The Local offers a menu that's creative, a setting that's refreshingly unfussy and a staff that's friendly and accommodating. Local items are boldfaced on the menu, which changes as availability does. Clam flatbread, featuring Pine Island clams, local tomatoes and herbs on a thin, yeasty crust, was a great starter. So was the snapper ceviche, with locally grown serrano peppers, avocado, red onion, cilantro, golden grape tomatoes and citrus. Grilled Gulf-caught

cobia with tomato confit and grass-fed short ribs were both simply but expertly prepared. Sides of calabaza squash, crunchy chard and smashed potatoes were all cooked perfectly. For dessert: two mini-sized treats, Key lime panna cotta and bread pudding, were both just right. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed June 2013

■ **Osteria Tulia**, 466 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 213-2073

It sits along tony Fifth Avenue, but inside, Osteria Tulia is downright homey, simple and rustic, with food to match. Chef/owner Vincenzo Betulia spent more than a decade at Campiello nearby and now heads up his own place that's filled with family members creating superb authentic fare. Caponata and fresh bread whets the appetite. House-made ricotta with walnuts and fresh herbs and meatballs napped in tomato sauce and garnished with pine nuts, currants and melted Parmesan were great starters. The roasted chicken was a thing of wonder, tender and succulent, served with farro, acorn squash and locally grown black leaf kale. House-made garganelli with braised lamb sugo and sheep cheese will make pasta lovers swoon. For dessert, don't miss the ricotta fritters with slow-cooked berries and whipped cream. As befits such a homey establishments, service was warm and nurturing. Full bar.

Food ★★★★★ ½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★ ½
Reviewed April 2013

■ **Wylds Cafe**, 4271 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 947-0408

Three local, classically trained chefs opened Wylds in 2005 with a broadly American but European-influenced menu. Today, the food remains creatively conceived and consistently well executed, and the service staff exhibits a level of polish you'd expect in tonier locations. Wylds offers some appetizers found all over the place, but here they have a twist. Escargot, for instance, are draped with garlic cream sauce and tucked into a little boat of crisp prosciutto, the salty ham and petite salad of peppery arugula providing nice counterpoints for the lush sauce. We thought the roast duck Napoleon was much too big for an appetizer, but it was delicious nonetheless, with a flaky pastry, succulent meat, tender mushrooms and garlicky bechamel sauce. The Parmesan-crusted walleye proved an excellent showcase for this flaky white Northern fish. When it comes to pork chops, it doesn't get much better than Wylds' select heirloom Kurobuta chop, with a slightly charred exterior and fat-marbled pink interior doubling up to create an ideal taste experience. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
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Plenty of places around town serve good pizzas. But the list shrinks considerably when you count the number that are doing good at the same time.

Pizza Fusion's proclamation — "Saving the earth, one pizza at a time" — is no pie-in-the-sky claim.

Even before you walk in the door you can spot a big difference: The company-owned delivery car is an electric Smart car, which, along with the company slogan and name, has proudly emblazoned on its side, "I'm saving 17,634 lbs. of CO2 per year."

Once you walk inside, there are lots of other features that might not scream "eco-friendly" but are. Those lovely brick walls are made from reclaimed Chicago bricks. The tables — including a welcoming 20-plus-person community table that dominates the center of the dining room — are fashioned from reclaimed bowling alley lanes, and old construction site pallets form the attractive wine racks.

Franchisee Brown Thompson, who also owns the Fort Myers branch, has followed the chain's vibrant green business approach by installing sensor-equipped lights and faucets, low-flow dual flush toilets and compostable to-go utensils and containers.

But what about the food, you ask? Well, about 75 percent is organic. Some is vegan or gluten-free (and marked as such on the menu). And, best of all, what we tasted was delicious.

Start off with a beverage — a Gateway Gold draft from the Fort Myers Brewery, perhaps, or a bottle of some other beer crafted in Florida. Or maybe you'd rather have one of the organic or sustainable wines. We tried a glass of Petit Clos Henri Sauvignon Blanc (\$8), a New Zealand wine made from organic grapes that was fruity without the dominant grapefruit notes often found in sauvignon blancs from this region.

While pizzas are the stars here, Pizza Fusion serves more than pies. Start with the zucchini al forno (\$8), a roasted squash filled with walnuts, breadcrumbs, bits of red and green bell peppers and served with a drizzle of balsamic glaze.

Salads come in half or full sizes. The smaller version of the pear and gorgonzola salad (\$7 half, \$10.50 whole) was



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Fresh-baked focaccia bread holds free-range chicken, marinara sauce, basil and provolone.

a bountiful array of arugula, romaine, pears, gorgonzola and candied walnuts. The well-balanced balsamic vinaigrette was a great match (other choices include Caesar or ranch).

Pizzas come in two sizes as well, and the smaller one — aptly called the personal pizza — is just right for one person. If you want pepperoni, bacon, meatballs, steak, chicken or sausage, you can have them, but there are plenty of interesting vegetarian options as well. We tried the Greek (\$8.50 personal, \$16.50 large), a mix of kalamata olives, slices roma tomatoes, organic tomato sauce, feta cheese, parsley, mozzarella and provolone. It was excellent on a multigrain crust that was crisp but not brittle. Other crust options include original organic or gluten-free (\$3 more for the personal pizza, \$5 more for the large). There are also soy and daiya (dairy-free) cheeses.

Vegans can have a field day here, and there are pies flagged as heart healthy (olives and veggies), containing antioxidants (tomatoes) or promoting mental acuity and brain function (spinach).

Not in the mood for pizza? There are a number of sandwiches and wraps as well, including the Tuscan steak, the caprese, the portobello grill and the free-range roasted chicken (\$10). Served on focaccia bread baked on premises, the chicken sandwich was warm and fragrant, with rich marinara sauce, shredded fresh basil and provolone cheese. No sliced processed chicken here. Filled with chunks of moist, tender chicken, it was a great sandwich. It came with a big mound of arugula dressed in what tasted like a basic vinaigrette, more acidic than the balsamic version on the pear and gorgonzola salad.

And should you feel the urge for a little

A Greek personal pizza contains kalamata olives, tomatoes, tomato sauce, feta cheese, parsley and cheese.

something sweet after all that tomato sauce, garlic and such, Pizza Fusion doesn't disappoint in this department, either. There's carrot cake, a homemade brownie or our choice: three homemade chocolate chip cookies (\$3.50), delivered soft and chewy, with melting chips and a mound of vanilla ice cream flecked with specks of vanilla bean throughout. A very nice finish to a great meal.

Not only was the food good, so was the service. When we dined at lunch on New Year's Day, there were only a few tables occupied, so it wasn't too hard for our server to keep up, but she was charming and was even happy to change the channel on the television behind the bar so that my companion could catch a few minutes of a football game.

For most people, pizza is a major comfort food. When you eat Pizza Fusion's version, it's comforting to know it's good for you — and for the planet — too. ■

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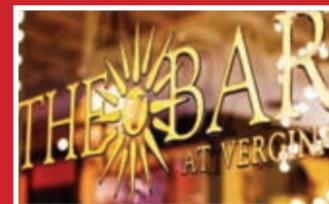
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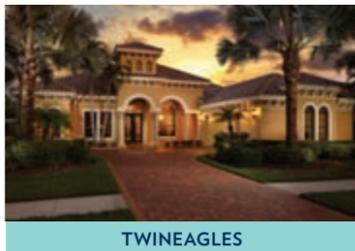
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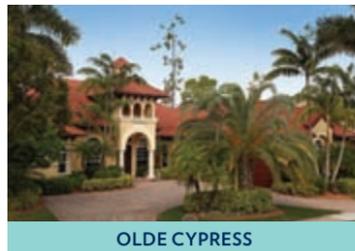
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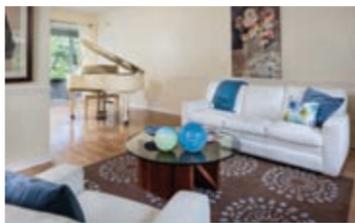
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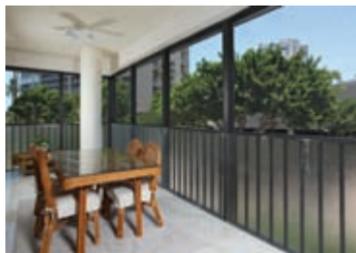
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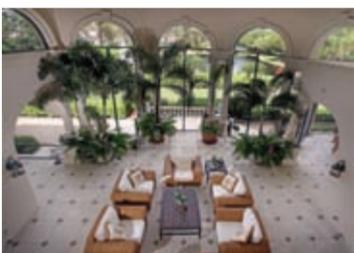
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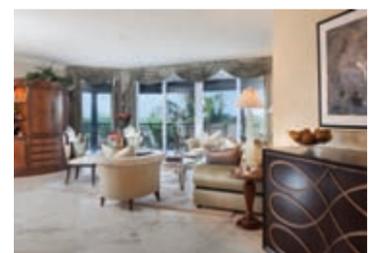
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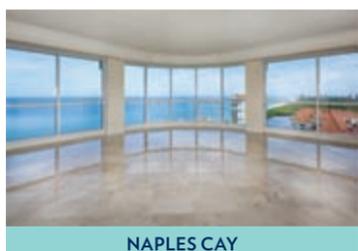
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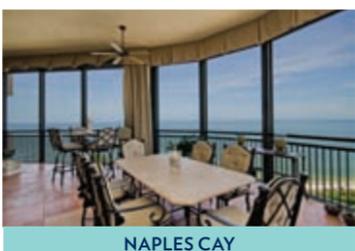
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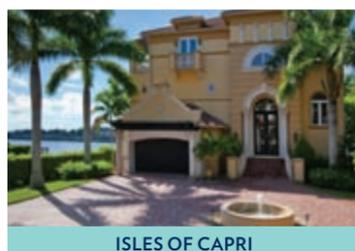
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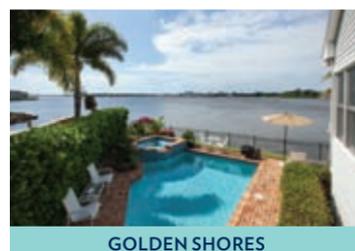
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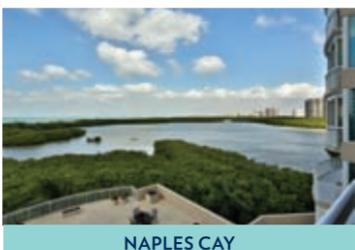
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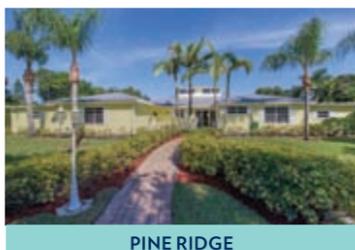
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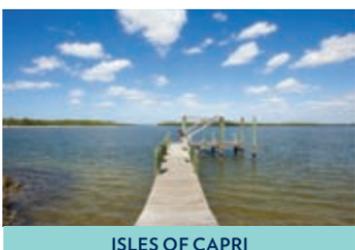
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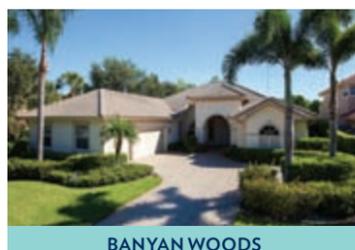
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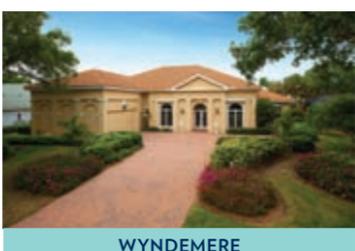
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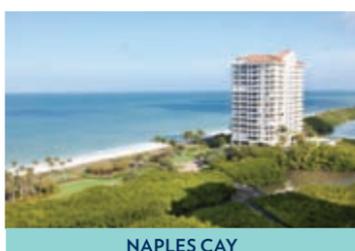
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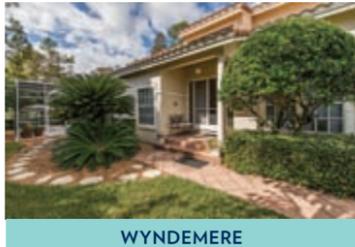
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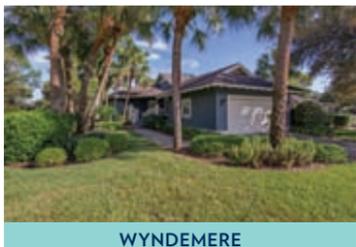
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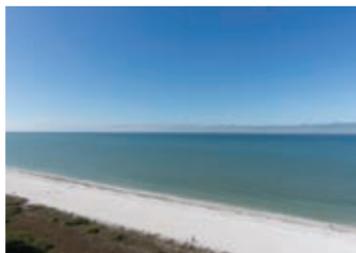
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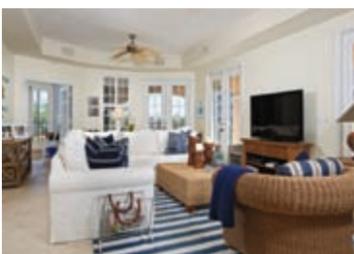
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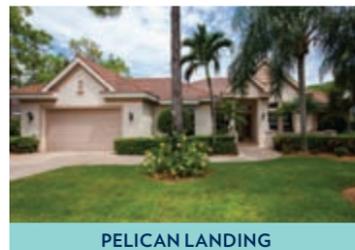
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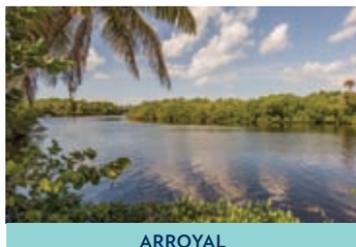
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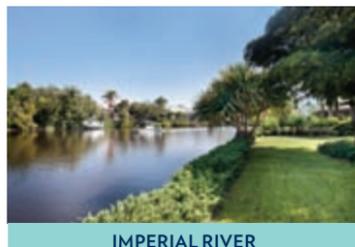
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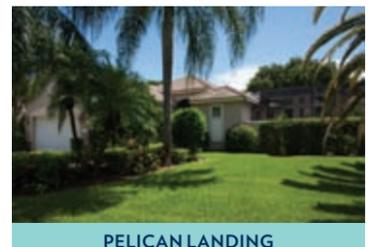
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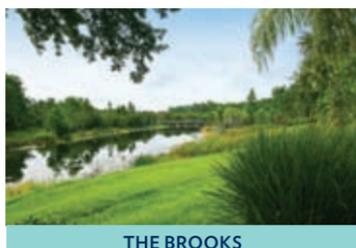
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