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From the ashes, a new Greater Naples YMCA begins to emerge

BY LAURA TICHY-SMITH
 Special to Florida Weekly

Paul Thein, CEO of the Greater Naples YMCA, will have a hard time forgetting last Sept. 2 and the Labor Day thunderstorm that swept through the Naples area. During the deluge, lightning struck the Y's main building, sparking a blaze that destroyed about 70 percent of the structure containing the gymnasium, fitness



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center, locker rooms and administrative offices. For Mr. Thein, the memory is offset by feelings of excitement and gratitude, however, thanks to the community's response to the catastrophe: a \$4.4 million fundraising cam-

paign that will result in a bigger and better Y for Naples by year's end. "It's been a blessing in disguise," he says about the tragedy. "We're 15 years into the future because of the fire." A groundbreaking ceremony was held recently for the construction project, which upon completion in December will result in a new and improved, two-story,

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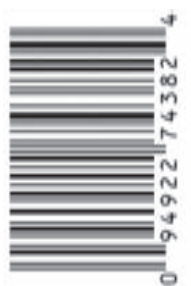
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COMMENTARY

Wearing pants



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“They put on their pants just like everybody else.”

Remember that old saw? Maybe you heard it from your parents or your teacher or your coach or your mentor. Or your drill instructor, but he would have said, “trousers.”

And maybe it’s true — pants, trousers or skirts.

They put them on like everybody else. As a metaphor, it’s one of the greatest equalizers ever molded by Americans.

Is that man rich? Does that woman come equipped with the title “boss?” Is he a star or is she the owner?

And you — when you pull on your pants or your skirt, do you go to work at Walmart, or lay asphalt, or wait tables, or pick up trash and haul it to the county incinerator? Do you serve doughnuts, or run the IT department, or harvest tomatoes and watermelons or take calls and keep the books in somebody else’s business?

Are you marketing another pant-wearer’s dream?

No matter, here in the United States. We all put our pants on the same way. Don’t we? We’re all human beings, no one person more valuable than another, at the core.

Bank accounts and stock investments

don’t define us. Privilege and station at birth, or genetic good luck (big brain, high energy, stable temperament), not to mention race, sex, religion or daddy’s money or land — they don’t make us better. Do they?

They might make us more productive. More successful. More widely traveled. More comfortable. But at bottom, it’s our humanity that holds an intrinsic and unassailable value, reshaped endlessly in unique physiologies. And each of us carries that humanity in equal measure, whatever our talents.

We know that, most of us, but too often we seem to forget. Which makes me wonder if a notion so simple in the recognition but sometimes so challenging in the application — respect for others — is being taught in school.

We can’t know if it’s being taught at home until we read the book of character outside the home — until we see somebody in action.

But in school we can insist: Respect has to be taught. Creatively, if necessary.

Public education in Florida provides less wiggle room for teacher creativity than once upon a time. Right down to the kindergarten level, teachers are required to follow texts approved by the state strictly, and to maintain a steady flow of paperwork that traces their progress with students, day by day.

A few years ago when my son’s kindergarten teacher wanted to introduce a glimpse of the art of Van Gogh to her class of black, white and brown school-children — little bright faces from suburb

or city street, from gated community or migrant community — she had to get permission from the principal.

The same was true when she introduced a variety of music to those kids: classical, Chinese, American marching band, the holiday music of this culture or that. What she wanted to offer was outside the prescribed curriculum.

Thirty years into her calling, this teacher was a brilliant and talented woman. She’d once been taught to respect others, apparently (her mother a Scottish immigrant; her father a New York Jew and a G.I.), because she taught it herself — in part by offering students quick glimpses of worlds other than their own.

But to do that required not only a creative vision for living, but also the kind of creativity that one uses to soften starched-shirt regulations and regulators. She shouldn’t have had to work that hard to do it right, but since she did, she did.

By the end of the school year, that teacher had 22 very different children living on the same page, in the same culture.

And she had taught them something that appeared in no method-derived textbook written by people with Ed.D. doctorates: that they all put their pants on (or their dresses) the same way, even if they came from Holland, could paint flowers and fields so you would never see them the same way again, were missing an ear and had been dead for 120 years.

She taught them that each was worthy, that each could learn A,B,Cs and 1,2,3s in English, together. Some were and still are better at it than others, but that didn’t

matter. She taught them that every human is a brush stroke laid down from the palette of a world of humans splashed radiantly across the canvas of life — together, like it or not.

And just as in all painting, every stroke of any color — every dappled dot, twist, whorl, line, dash or swirl — counts. None is superfluous. She taught them that.


I’ve heard religious people say that we’re all equal in God’s eyes. But I expect us all to be equal in each other’s eyes, too. That should be a cultural imperative in the United States. It should be taught in every home and school. We all put our pants on the same way. So don’t treat the next fella cavalierly.

I try to practice it in living and writing, because I think it adds to our strength. When I write profiles about people with whom I may disagree deeply on some issues, for example, I always approach them sympathetically. I figure they will inevitably have strengths I won’t, and know things I don’t. I try to consider them teachers of a kind — and I look for something, some one thing, that we hold in common or that makes me proud.


Rarely or never do I fail to find it.

We, all of us, don’t have to agree with each other or even to understand each other fully, to be proud of each other. To be glad to stand in the same world and draw breath from the same natural bank, with each other.

And why? Because we all put our pants on the same way. ■




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OPINION

VA health care's socialist paradise



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Special to Florida Weekly

For the left, the Department of Veterans Affairs is how health care is ideally supposed to work. No insurance companies, no private doctors, no competition — just the government and the patient.

The VA is an island of socialism in American health care. It generally provides adequate care — to a limited universe of people and for only certain conditions — but has long been plagued by scandal. It is perhaps the worst bureaucracy in the federal government. As with all such single-payer-type systems, the cost of the notionally free health care is in the rationing, in this case the wait times that have had desperately ill vets hung out to dry for months.

The usual Obamacare excuses don't apply here. The existence of the VA isn't politically controversial. No one is trying to repeal it, or "sabotage" it. What we're seeing is simply unaccountable bureaucracy in action.

When the benchmark was created for

VA facilities to get vets appointments within 14 days, meeting the goal was easy: All it took was logging appointments dishonestly to hide the wait time. This is how poorly performing government bureaucracies have met goals from time immemorial; it's why, on a much more vast and monstrous scale, Soviet five-year plans were always such runaway successes on paper.

The VA system worked for everyone but the patients — and the whistle-blowers. The daughter-in-law of a Navy vet in Phoenix who died after never getting follow-up for his "urgent" case was told, in lines that perfectly capture the spirit of socialized medicine: "It's a seven-month waiting list. And you're gonna have to have patience."

But the bureaucracy acted with alacrity when its reporting scheme was at risk. In St. Louis, the former chief of psychiatry says he was put under administrative investigation when he complained about wait lists. A whistle-blower who worked in Fort Collins, Colo., alleges that she and a colleague were transferred when they refused to hide wait times.

So far, the VA affair is running the usual course of Obama administration scandals, with the requisite denial and lack of accountability. VA Secretary Eric Shinseki has referred to the incidents as "isolated

cases" (even though 26 facilities are now under investigation). No one has been fired.

The White House has reverted to its default position of maintaining that it doesn't know much about what's happening in the vast government it always wants to make bigger. Spokesman Jay Carney seemed to suggest that the president first heard about the scandal on CNN.

Of course, the problem with wait times and the trustworthiness of the VA's own reporting wasn't news. The Government Accountability Office has been warning of it since 2000. It headlined a December 2012 report, "VA HEALTH CARE: Reliability of Reported Outpatient Medical Appointment Wait Times and Scheduling Oversight Need Improvement."

The VA obviously isn't going anywhere, but the scandal should be the occasion for making it more transparent and accountable, and giving vets more choices. As of now, it represents a case study in how a bureaucracy tends to its own interests, even at the expense of veterans relying on it for matters of life and death. ■

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

Maya Angelou: Still she rises



amy GOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

*"You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise."*

These are the words Maya Angelou wrote in her poem "Still I Rise." She died last week at 86 at her home in North Carolina. In remembering Maya Angelou, it is important to recall her commitment to the struggle for equality, not just for herself, or for women, or for African-Americans. She was committed to peace and justice for all.

"If growing up is painful for the Southern Black girl, being aware of her displacement is the rust on the razor that threatens the throat," she wrote in the opening pages of her first breathtaking autobiography, "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," which chronicles her childhood to the age of 17. Born Marguerite Ann Johnson in St. Louis, at the age of 7 or 8, she was raped by her mother's boyfriend. He was killed shortly thereafter. As a result of the trauma, she remained virtually silent for five years, speaking only to her brother. She became a single mother at 17, and struggled to support her son as she worked a variety of jobs, eventually gaining success as a calypso singer.

She heard Martin Luther King Jr. address the Harlem Writers Guild, of which she was a member, and joined with a fellow performer to produce and sing in "Cabaret for Freedom" in Greenwich Village, to raise funds for King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference. By some accounts it was King, or the legendary activist and organizer Bayard Rustin, who asked her to take on a leadership role with the SCLC, which

she accepted, becoming the group's Northern coordinator.

Maya Angelou became a supporter of Fidel Castro and the Cuban revolution. She met and fell in love with a South African civil-rights activist, and they moved to Cairo with her son. They stayed together for three years, but she stayed on in Africa, moving to Ghana, where she met Malcolm X. The two collaborated on the pivotal political project that Malcolm X was developing, the Organization of Afro-American Unity. She returned to the U.S. to support the effort, but Malcolm X was assassinated shortly after her return. That tragedy, and the 1968 assassination of her friend Martin Luther King Jr., devastated Angelou. It was in 1969 that she was encouraged by the author James Baldwin, among others, to focus on her writing. Thus was born her first of seven autobiographies and the phenomenal career for which Maya Angelou is known around the world. Reciting her poem "On the Pulse of Morning" at President Bill Clinton's first inaugural in 1993 catapulted her into the mainstream consciousness.

While some schools and libraries still censor her work for unflinchingly depicting the life she led, it was through my hometown library, while in my early teens, that I first saw Maya Angelou. The library invited her to speak, and speak she did — and danced, and sang, in a display of talent that made us laugh, cry and gasp as she moved her black and white audience of hundreds ... together.

In commemorating Maya Angelou, none can speak as eloquently as she did herself about people who inspired her. At the Democratic National Convention in Boston in 2004, she spoke of Fannie Lou Hamer, who attempted, 40 years earlier, to gain recognition for the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. Angelou said: "In the most private part of the heart of every American lives a burning desire to belong to a great country. To represent a noble-mind-

ed country where the mighty do not always crush the weak and the dream of democracy is not in the sole possession of the strong."

Maya Angelou's tribute two years later, on the passing of her friend Coretta Scott King, could be said of Angelou herself: "She was a quintessential African-American woman. Born in the small-town, repressive South. Born of flesh and destined to become iron. Born a cornflower and destined to become a steel magnolia."

In eulogizing actor and activist Ossie Davis at his 2005 memorial service in Harlem's historic Riverside Church, Maya Angelou's delivery was poetic as always. Her words of reflection on his death can serve as well as we note her passing:

"When great trees fall, rocks on distant hills shudder. Lions hunker down in tall grasses, and even elephants lumber after safety. When great trees fall in forests small things recoil into silence, their senses are eroded beyond fear. ... Great souls die, and our reality bound to them takes leave of us."

Maya Angelou's eloquence, in her poetry, lives on:

*"Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
...Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise."* ■

— Denis Moynihan contributed research to this column.

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It would be the exception rather than the rule to attend a charitable function on the Paradise Coast and not see Kaleigh Grover, publisher of Naples Illustrated, there. Since joining Palm Beach Media Group in 2006, she has played a key role in building the Naples publication's brand. She's also been the driving force behind several new custom publishing products for the company.

In addition to overseeing the 15-year-old Naples Illustrated, Ms. Grover oversees six other PBMG titles: Naples Charity Register, Neapolitan (the in-room book of the Waldorf Astoria and Edgewater hotels), Fifth Avenue South Magazine, One Life Magazine, Estate Portfolios and Salut!, the official magazine of the Naples Winter Wine Festival. "The marketplace has made us the leader," she says proudly. "We're going to continue giving readers and luxury lifestyle advertisers one of the best regional magazines in the country."

One of five siblings, Ms. Grover was born and raised in Tampa and has been drawn to the water since birth. "It must be in my genes," she says, adding her father paid his way through medical school by working

Talking points with Kaleigh Grover

Mentors: It's cliché, I know, but my parents. Both of them taught me wonderful life lessons that I try hard to honor.

Something your mom was always right about: Do it right the first time.

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? I was all over the board. My father always said, "Make a career out of your hobby and you will always enjoy going to work." I was always in trouble in school for talking in class, so I guess in some ways I followed my heart, because I haven't stopped talking and socializing yet!

What would you be doing if you weren't doing this? Traveling.

Last vacation destination: We rented a home in Eleuthera in May for our 25th wedding anniversary. No phone, TV no Internet ... pure pleasure!

One thing on your bucket list: Chatting with Jimmy Buffett (back to that talking thing!).

Hidden skill or talent: Carpentry. Really.

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

Something you'll never understand: Terrorism.

Advice for your kids: Be kind and make a difference.

Something that's been on your mind: How far I have to go in preparation for a big race in November.

What makes you laugh? Almost everything. Laughing is my favorite pastime.

Last book read: D.J. Niko's "The Riddle of Solomon."

Guilty pleasures: Getting up before anyone else and having total control of the TV clicker.

Pet peeve: Moody people.

What are you most proud of? My husband and children.



as a tarpon fishing guide in Boca Grande.

After studying nursing and business at Auburn University, she chose the latter for her career and worked the hotel industry for 15 years, most of which was as national sales manager at the former Registry Resort (now the Waldorf Astoria Naples).

She and her husband, Michael, have two daughters: Sara, a student at UCF, and Alleigh, a student at FSU.

An avid entertainer, Ms. Grover loves to cook and decorate — things she watched her mother do with ease — but insists she's a true tomboy at heart. "I have more power tools than my husband — and not just drills. I

have the big table saws and nail guns," she boasts. When she's not fishing and diving, she's building furniture and what-nots.

"Now that my garage and shed are filled to the brim with 'unnecessary things,' as Michael calls them, we need to get started on building a cabin on our farm in Kentucky so we can de-clutter here!" she laughs.

"Thank goodness for shellac nail polish," she adds, "because sandpaper can't hurt it and paint comes right off when it's time to clean up for the charity events that I am also passionate for."

Ms. Grover's long list of community involvement includes serving on the board of directors for the Education Foundation of Collier County (now Champions For Learning) from 2005-2012 (she was chairman in 2010 and served as Golden Apple chair in 2008). In 2012 she was a Glass Slipper award recipient from the foundation. She has also served on the sales and marketing council of the Collier Building Industry Association and was named Associate of the Year in 2006. In 2010 she was one of *Florida Weekly's* Power Women, and since 2009 she has served on the board of Sports Club of Naples/Bonita Springs. ■

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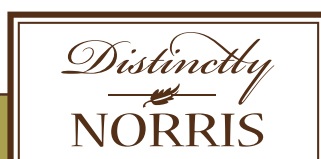
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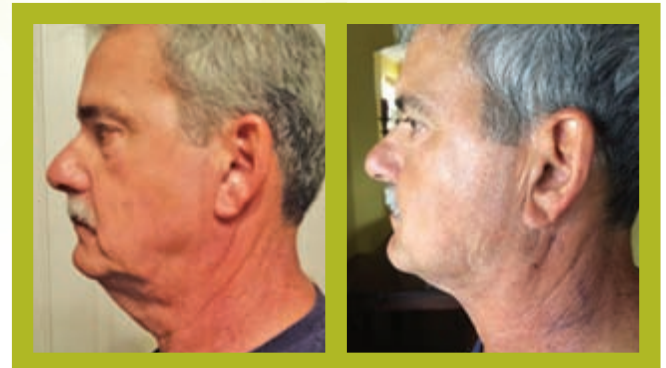
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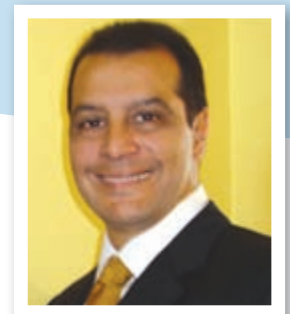
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Teen drivers, parents invited to 'Street Smart' presentation

Drug Free Collier and the Collier County Public Schools driver education department invite teen drivers and their parents to a presentation designed to encourage smart choices behind the wheel. "Street Smart" is an interactive program that offers a real-life view as seen through the eyes of first responders.

Thanks to support from Coastal Beverage, the program is offered as Collier County students begin summer break and face the "100 Deadliest Days for Teens on the Road," according to the National Safety Council.

"Street Smart" will be presented from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, June 6, in the auditorium at Barron Collier High School.

Attendance is free.

"Our goal is to promote better communication between parents and their children prior to the start of the '100 deadliest days,'" says the school district's Tracy Bowen. The program covers topics such as distracted driving, driving under the influence, fatigued driving and use of seatbelts.

Nick Healey, a 17-year-old Barron Collier High School student who lost his leg in a car accident over spring break,

will also address the audience about the importance of remaining vigilant behind the wheel. As he learns to overcome new challenges each day, Mr. Healey remains positive and determined to help others.

Information about local programs designed to improve teen driving skills, including the Teen Driver Challenge sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Office, will also be available.

The NSC report shows that car crash-

es involving teen drivers killed almost 1,000 people during the summer of 2012 and that more than 550 of those victims were teens.

Since car crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens in the U.S., Drug Free Collier is working with local community partners to find solutions.

"Protecting our children is our primary mission," says Melanie Black, executive director of the nonprofit organization. "Although our focus is substance abuse, we recognize that other risks also threaten today's teens."

For more information, contact Drug Free Collier by calling 377-0535 or emailing info@drugfreecollier.org. ■



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Gigadollars and cents

In April, Anton Purisima filed a claim in Federal District Court in New York City that the Lowering The Bar blog calculated was for the largest monetary demand ever made in a lawsuit — “\$2,000 decillion” (or 2 followed by 36 zeroes, which of course is many times more money than exists on planet Earth). Mr. Purisima’s lawsuit names Au Bon Pain, Carepoint

Health, Kmart, the New York City Transit Authority and LaGuardia Airport among the parties allegedly causing him so much distress (by fraud, civil rights violations and even “attempted murder”). Lowering The Bar also noted that “\$2,000 decillion” could also have been accurately nominated as “\$2 undecillion” or even “two octillion gigadollars.”

Only in Florida

■ Calvin Rodriguez was arrested in Port St. Lucie in May as the man who had been using a shaved key to steal a series of cars from parking lots. His spree came to an abrupt halt as he sped away from police in a stolen Honda Civic only to crash into a huge alligator in the road.

■ On May 1, a wildlife trapper called to Pine View School in Osprey, south of Sarasota, removed four alligators (one of

which was 8 feet long) from the campus while classes were in session (but without disruption).

■ Beachcombers in the Gulf of Mexico town of Redington Beach were treated on May 17 to the sight of a full-grown elephant treading water about 20 yards offshore. (The animal had made its way to the water after being unloaded for a commercial birthday party appearance.)

Democracy in action

■ During a regional session of Spain’s parliament in February, a photographer from the newspaper *El Diario Montanes* captured a shot of legislator Miguel Angel Revilla looking at a picture of a nude woman (in a magazine otherwise concealed inside a folder). (He explained later that he was of course just reading the articles.)

■ In May, U.S. Rep. Joe Garcia of Florida was captured on a C-SPAN camera during a House Judiciary Committee hearing casually eating his earwax. In the sequence, described on a Time magazine blog, he dug into his ear, inspected the

results, placed them in his mouth, then went “back for seconds.” (Rep. Garcia explained later that he was actually dealing with a “hangnail.”)

■ One of the leading theories as to the cause of a radiation leak at a nuclear waste dump near Carlsbad, New Mexico, in February is the facility’s recent, unanticipated switch to “organic” kitty litter. Previously, an inorganic variety had been used to absorb liquid in the waste drums shipped to the facility from bomb-making plants that had been temporarily storing the waste pending creation of a permanent nuclear waste storage site.

Latest religious messages

■ In April, India’s Delhi High Court judges declined to halt the local government’s program of posting pictures of deities on the walls of buildings in order to discourage public urination (that surely no one would soil his lord). The plaintiffs pointed out that the campaign was so clearly ineffective that perhaps the deities’ images were even making the problem worse — that “evidence” so far shows that confronting the images might even compel some people to relieve the “pressure on the

bladder.”

■ An unnamed 60-year-old Buddhist monk was arrested in Nantou County, Taiwan, in April after a convenience-store manager said he was caught red-handed swiping packets of beef jerky. “I don’t know why,” he told police, “but lately I had this craving for meat.” He also had trouble with honesty, initially denying his guilt before finally confessing to the officer that “I have let Lord Buddha down.” (Buddhists traditionally are strict vegetarians.)

Fine points in the law

■ The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals ruled in 2013 that it was not necessarily illegal for teachers to send students sexually oriented text messages — that the state law banning the practice violated “free speech.” As a result, in February 2014, prosecutors in Tarrant County dropped their case against a junior-high teacher who had exchanged 688 text messages with a 13-year-old female student over a six-day period in 2012, on topics such as “sexual preferences and fantasies” and whether either of them ever walked naked around the house. The messages would be illegal, the court had ruled, only if they led to a meeting or an offer of sex.

■ Despite a 1971 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court declaring that governments could not punish people who are merely “annoying,” dozens of towns (according to a March *Wall Street Journal* report) continue to regard the behavior as criminal. (The justices decided the word is too “vague” to give fair warning of which behaviors

are illegal, but an Indiana deputy attorney general told the *Journal* that anyone with “ordinary intelligence” knows what is annoying.) New York has such a law, as do Lawrence, Massachusetts, and Cumberland, Maryland — among the 5,000 mentions of forms of “to annoy” in a computer search of municipal ordinances. (Britain’s House of Lords in January blocked a proposed anti-annoyance law.)

■ Among the discretionary punishments authorized to Georgia judges is banishing an offender from the county in which he committed the crime. Complained driver Ricardo Riley (who as of February is barred from Walton County), “I didn’t commit no murder, I’m not a sex offender, I’m not a criminal. I just got a speeding ticket.” Judge Brad Brownlow, perhaps irritated at Mr. Riley’s request to reduce the original fine, instead piled on punishments — including banishment. Mr. Riley, from adjacent Gwinnett County, has friends he can no longer visit. ■

Fisherman lands endangered sawfish off Sanibel shore

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Brian O'Reilly can now spin a fish tale sure to induce envy among other saltwater anglers.

The Punta Gorda resident found the unexpected at the end of his hook while fishing near the Sanibel shoreline recently: a roughly 15-foot-long smalltooth sawfish.

The rare, sleek, prehistoric-looking fish is known for its rostrum, a long, flat snout with rows of razor-sharp, teeth-like structures along the outside edge that gives it a saw-like appearance. Sawfish use their rostrums to locate, stun and kill prey.

Mr. O'Reilly's catch was a relatively large specimen of *Pristis pectinata*, which can grow up to 23 feet in length, weigh as much as 1,300 pounds and is considered endangered by the federal government.

"It was amazing to be able to witness something like that firsthand," Mr. O'Reilly says. "It's a beautiful creature."

The afternoon of May 19, Mr. O'Reilly had anchored his 19-foot boat about 200 yards offshore and had two lines in the water, each hook baited with half a ladyfish, in hopes of snagging a shark or tarpon.

His first hour on the water was punctuated only by a 3-foot sand shark taking the bait. Then Mr. O'Reilly got a hit that was deceptive at first.

"It took both baits from both rods," he says. "One hit and I grabbed the rod and then a second later, the other hit. Initially, I thought I had a couple of large fish that went out in the same direction. I knew it



Brian O'Reilly and the sawfish he landed (and released) off the Sanibel shoreline.

was really big because I couldn't get it up from the bottom."

He thought he might have a goliath grouper or stingray in the 400-to-500-pound range on the line as he fought to land it. "For about an hour, I couldn't tell what the fish was," he adds. "I finally had to put all my weight into it, at the risk of breaking the line, just to see what this thing was."

As he brought the fish to the surface, he saw the 4½-foot rostrum ensnared in his tangled fishing lines.

In order to remove the fishing line, he steered the boat toward the nearby beach at idle speed and came to rest a short distance offshore in a few feet of water. A passing tourist helped him tie a nylon line around the sawfish's tail so they could safely cut away the fishing lines. The task took about half an hour, and the whole affair proved fascinating for passersby.

"There were so many tourists on the beach, clapping and cheering and having

a good time," says Mr. O'Reilly.

He gauged the fish's size relative to his boat and says it took off like a bullet when it was released.

"My primary concern was to make sure that thing was healthy and to get the line off the saw so it could live another 20 or 30 years," he says.

Fishing has long been a hobby for Mr. O'Reilly, who heads out in pursuit of snook, redfish and trout about three or four times a month.

The sawfish was his largest catch thus far, although he has snagged an 11-foot bull shark and a 180-pound tarpon in the past.

"This was the biggest thing I ever saw," he says, adding it was a great feeling to get the massive fish untangled so it could go on with its life. "I'm a conservationist. I love Florida and I love our waters. I hope the population explodes and that they're (smalltooth sawfish) here for a very long time." ■

Museum welcomes local filmmaker

The Collier County Museum welcomes Naples filmmaker K.C. Schulberg for a program about the 1958 movie produced by his grandfather in the Everglades. Mr. Schulberg will discuss



K.C. Schulberg, circled in red, at 5 years old in 1958 on the set at the Everglades City Rod and Gun Club during filming of "Wind Across the Everglades."

"Wind Across the Everglades" at 2 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the museum in the Collier County Government Complex. The film will also be shown.

The movie — produced by Stuart Schulberg and written by his brother and the younger Mr. Schulberg's uncle, Budd Schulberg — starred Burl Ives, Christopher Plummer and Peter Falk; locals who appeared included Totch Brown and Seminole Chief Cory Osceola. The storyline focused on illegal poaching of native birds for the sake of their plumage, which was prized for use in women's high-fashion hats of the day.

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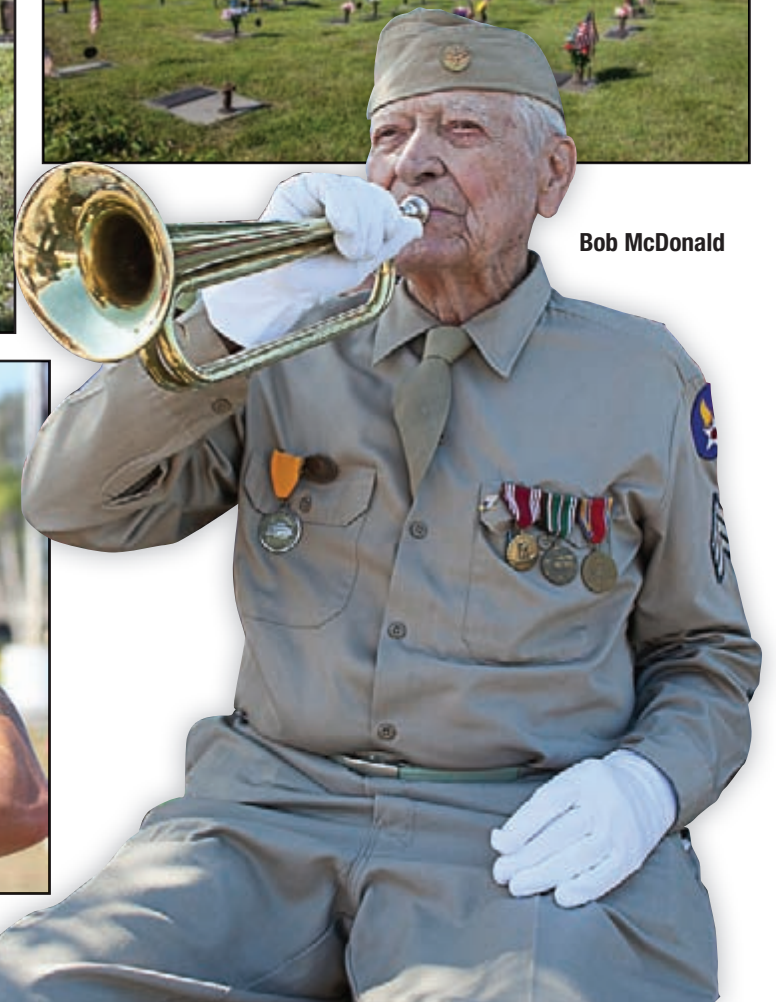
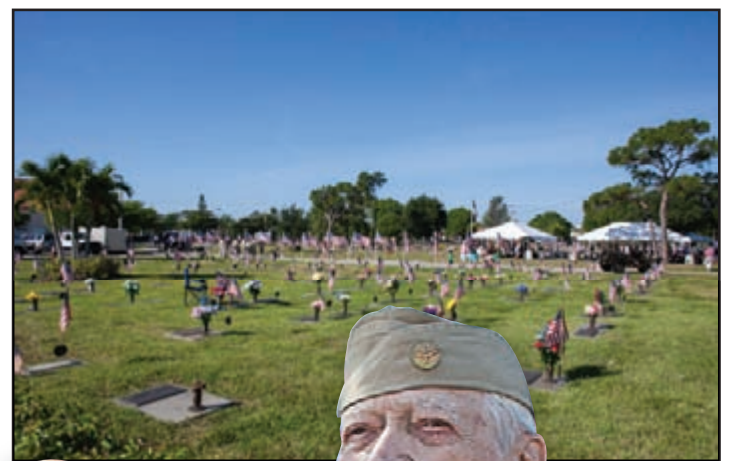
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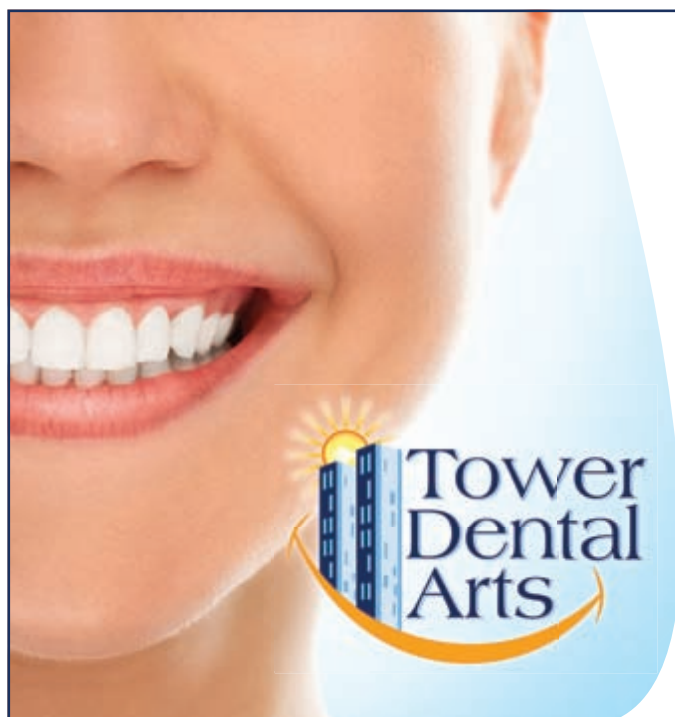
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The Y's programs and services will remain onsite during construction in the existing building adjacent to the new main facility. Called a "Healthy Living Center," the new building will house services such as pediatrics and family medicine; speech, physical, massage and occupational therapy; and vision and dental screenings in addition to regular Y programs. There will also be sick-child care for working parents.

Plans also call for a new Youth Development Center that will allow for expanded enrollment; additional scholarships will become available for families that cannot afford the child-care and education programs the center will provide. Vegetable gardens will dot the 20-acre campus, enabling children to learn about agriculture and proper nutrition.

"The new Y, with what is restored and what is coming, will be second to none in Southwest Florida," Mr. Thein predicts.

Rising from the ashes

A half-day schedule meant the facil-



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Children enrolled in programs at the Y turned the first shovels of dirt at the groundbreaking celebration. See more photos from the groundbreaking on page C25.

ity was closed when the fire erupted at about 2 p.m. last Labor Day. Mr. Thein was bowling with his family when he received a phone call from the campus' maintenance director notifying him of the blaze. When he arrived on the scene, he recalls, "The flames were at least 10 to 15 feet through the roof."

He stood on the sidewalk and watched firemen work to extinguish the fire and limit damage from the three-alarm blaze. "It pretty much destroyed everything. What wasn't burnt out was smoke damaged or water damaged."

Naples Y staff was able to restore member services, programs and youth sports in alternate locations around the county within 10 days.

The Y's insurance carrier covered \$1.5 million of the roughly \$7 million cost of creating the Healthy Living Center.

Fundraising received a major jolt in February, when Best Buy Inc. found-

er Dick Schulze and his Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation pledged \$1.5 million to the project, if the community could match that gift amount. Thanks to a \$1 million contribution from an anonymous donor, the Y was able to raise the matching funds in less than seven weeks.

"I didn't know if we could raise the \$1.5 (million), but I knew we had the right cause and we had the right community," says Mr. Thein. "We got large donations and small donations. It's not any one person. I think everybody believes in the Y, and they've come together in this community."

It was the Community Foundation of Collier County that brought the Schulze family foundation and the Y together.

"The foundation is here to connect donors with nonprofits," foundation President and CEO Eileen Connolly-Keesler explains. "Obviously, when you

have a disaster such as the Y did, it really gets the community's attention because the Y is one of those organizations that really needs to be a community staple."

In the fire's wake, the executive boards of directors of the foundation, the Y and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce met to discuss what needed to be done to fast-forward the construction project. The foundation provided a \$25,000 grant for the Y to hire a capital campaign director, and foundation donors contributed \$40,000 to the fund drive.

Mr. Schulze and his wife Maureen live in Lee County. The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation is based in their home state of Minnesota, where it's known for supporting education programs, youth development and medical services.

"Now that Mr. and Mrs. Schulze are residents of Florida, they've wanted to get involved in helping the community here as well," says Mary Beth Geier, coordinator for family foundation's Florida region. She cites the YMCA's good works as the reason why the matching funds were accumulated in a relatively short period of time.

Donations are still being sought for the \$1.5 million needed to construct and outfit the second of two new gyms in the plan.

in the know

To view plans for the Greater Naples YMCA's new Healthy Living Center, visit www.donstevensdesign.com/3d-animations.php and select "YMCA Video."

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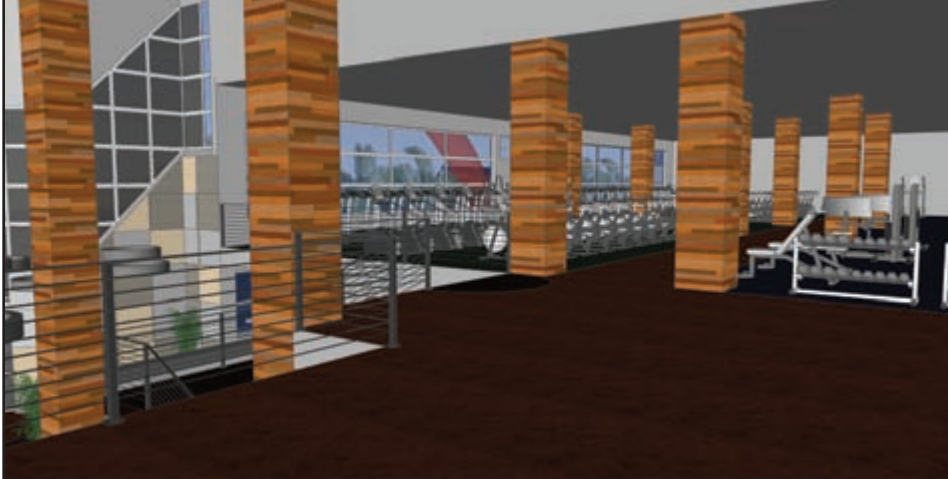
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Top: A rendering of the Greater Naples YMCA Healthy Living Center, scheduled to open in December. **Bottom:** A rendering of an exercise room on the second level of the future Healthy Living Center.

North Naples resident and personal trainer Aubrey Alby has pledged to help the fundraising effort. Mr. Alby uses the Y to put clients through their paces. He's also a triathlete who'll be entering his first professional competitions this year. He has pledged to donate half his earnings from four big-money races

he intends to enter. He's also soliciting sponsors who will make donations for each of the 26.2 miles in the marathon portion of the triathlons.

"I like everything about the Y's mission," Mr. Alby says. "It's not just another gym. It's really there to help the community." ■

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■ The **Gamma Phi Beta Alumnae Club** on Naples invites all Gamma Phi Betas to the "Summer Lunch Bunch" get-together at 11:30 a.m. Monday, June 9, at Bravo! Cucina Italiano at Mercato. For reservations or more information, call 594-8420.

■ The **Genealogical Society of Collier County** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 10, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 780 Harbour Drive in Naples. Guest speaker Nancy Fodi will present "Digging for New Treasures Using Little-Known Resources." Ms. Fodi will discuss various websites for genealogical research. Refreshments will be served. Admission is free, and guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.thegscc.org.

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■ 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 June 12. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.dpi-sig.org.

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes

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■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is June 19. Call 963-4670 for location.

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

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on the second and fourth Tuesday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

■ **Marco Island Toastmasters:** 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 Elcam Circle, Marco Island. Email Chris Pritchard at colliertoastmasters@gmail.com.

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

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

■ **Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club:** Noon on the second and fourth Friday at the American Cancer Society, 5020 Tamiami Trail N. Call Kathy Feinstein at 594-0900.

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

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When Hurricane Charley hit Friday, Aug. 13, 2004, local meteorologists made the decision to deviate from the National Weather Service. It probably saved a lot of lives.

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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Thursday, Aug. 12, 2004: a pleasant summer morning and a nice afternoon, with the wind carrying a sweet sea-scent many miles inland, accompanied by the edges of an endless gray sky.

It was exciting, at first, because what lay just beyond the western horizon was supposed to miss — this looming storm named Charley that looked like an evil explosion, on television radar.

Most people on the Gulf Coast still felt excited the next morning, too, a day that fell almost comically on Friday the 13th.

Although the sky grew deeply, ominously gray, they trusted both the National Hurricane Center and their local meteorologists, who said that they were not on Hurricane Charley's target map.

But that was wrong.

Starting just before 11 a.m., that brutal day became the hallmark legacy of three regional meteorologists, who recognized nearly simultaneously that the southwest coast was about to get hammered: Jim Farrell, chief meteorologist at WINK-TV, and Jim Reif, the chief meteorologist at ABC7, along with Robert Van Winkle, the chief meteorologist at NBC2.

Wayne Sallade, Charlotte County's director of the Office of Emergency Management (the EMO), calls it "Jim Reif's bright shining moment. He had a lot of bright shining moments, but this was the brightest."

Mr. Reif died April 7 at 61, following a bicycle accident in Fort Myers. But on that infamous morning, and together with Mr. Van Winkle and the NBC2 team, he decided that an 11 a.m. advisory from the National Hurricane Center was going to be wrong — or if not wrong, not right enough.

They recognized that the intense and fast-moving storm had experienced a "wobble," and would likely turn right (east) toward the barrier islands of Lee and Charlotte counties, and the heavy population centers nearby.

It was a maverick moment. No meteorologist likes to differ on air from the scientists of the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center. But they did it anyway.

"Even though the National Hurricane Center has not declared this a major hurricane," Mr. Reif announced, "this is in fact a major hurricane, and we are growing more and more concerned that this is going to be a major impact to us in Southwest Florida."

And then he nailed it, on the air: "You need to take protective measures now, to protect your life and the lives of your loved ones."

Those warnings, some two hours ahead of the NHC's confirmation that Southwest Florida's meteorologists were right, not only saved lives (about 15 deaths ultimately occurred), but it saved many people from having to endure a lot more suffering than they did.

How it happened Friday morning

Beginning at 8 a.m., the NHC issued



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Robert Van Winkle and Jim Reif cover Hurricane Charley in 2004 in the NBC2 studio.



The final path of Hurricane Charley ripped right through Southwest Florida in 2004.



The newsroom at NBC2 and ABC7 during Hurricane Charley.

a standard, data-based analysis and prediction of the dangerous storm. That was based on information delivered by radar and the hurricane hunter crews that fly their aircraft into the storm.

The NHC also issued an intermediate advisory at 11 a.m., something it didn't use to do frequently but offers regularly in a program called NOW-casting, when a storm becomes an imminent threat, explains Mr. Sallade.

In that advisory, which turned out to be off the mark, the NHC noted that Hurricane Charley was still tracking north of the region, with winds blowing as much as 150 miles per hour.

The men and women at the NHC were doing their job exactly as they should have, says Mr. Sallade.

"The 11 a.m. advisory was based on 8 a.m. data. They need three hours to get that stuff out. They were reporting what they saw," he explains.

"At the Hurricane Center, they're scientists. They're not media people."

Meanwhile back in the studio at NBC-2, Jim Reif — both a scientist and a media person — was doing his job, too, along with everybody else. They'd been up all night, cool, calm and collected, watching a bullet that hadn't changed course.

But suddenly at about mid-morning they were sweating, because they realized that everyone from the Caloosahatchee River north was in the crosshairs of the violent storm.

"What Jim and Robert were

NHC's report. That's an uncomfortable decision for any, meteorologists say, but especially under pressure. Lives were on the line.

First, though, they had to get permission from the boss to make that move — Steve Pontius, executive vice president of Waterman Broadcasting.

"We pulled our team aside," Mr. Van Winkle recalled in an April conversation about Mr. Reif, "and Jim said, 'We need to break with this NHC forecast.' Even though we both got credit for making that call, we needed Jim's experience that day."

Mr. Pontius recalls the entire moment as both extraordinary and bizarre.

"God's honest truth, it's Friday the 13th. And all day long we had prepared for a hurricane we thought was going to miss us and go 120 miles out in the gulf and hit north of Sarasota, and be a big deal. So our focus was getting some live trucks up and staging them so we could swoop in up there, when the hurricane passed.

"About 10:30 a.m., I looked up, and Jim was coming in my door, with Robert.

"Jim says, 'We're telling you right now, it's going to change course. It's going to impact our area and get as far south as Cape Coral.'

"I said, 'Isn't there a new National Hurricane briefing coming out in a few minutes?'

"Jim said, 'Yes, but they won't say that. There are politics and the science involved, so they have to move slowly.'"

On the spur of the moment, Mr. Pontius called a meeting, and made his decision almost in mid-stride.

"I looked at them and said, 'You guys have a responsibility — to tell our viewers that this is how we see it, and we strongly suggest you take shelter.'"

They wasted no time. And they were right.

"They were so spot on," Mr. Pontius recalls, adding this final salute to Mr. Reif — a man gone from the flesh, but now in hurricane season eternally present, it seems: "When the weather was at its worst, he was at his best."

Quick, or crazy, reactions

All over the region, people saw their broadcasts and reacted.

Mike Kiniry, then a WGCU public radio journalist, was sent to the Emergency Operations Center in Lee to do remote broadcasts back to the studio.

"I was standing out front chatting with Dan Noah, the warning coordination meteorologist down from the National Weather Service in Ruskin. His cell phone rang and I could immediately tell from his demeanor that he was getting serious news," he recalls.

The hurricane had turned, and Mr. Kiniry called his mom and told her to get out of her house near the Caloosahatchee River. That night, he would discover his own North Fort Myers house completely destroyed by a huge African mahogany tree — except for

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the room where he kept his art and his aquarium fish.

Stephanie Davis, *Florida Weekly's* social commentator, heard Jim Reif's broadcast and retreated from her home to the downtown Cigar Bar — for a week. The place had electricity because it was on the grid for the sheriff's office and the jail.

Wayne Daltry, then head of Lee County Smart Growth and the man who years earlier had prepared the first sophisticated emergency evacuation plan on the southwest coast for just such an occasion, also heard the warning broadcast. But it was too late to evacuate, he figured.

"We immediately made the hallway the safe room, and called the kids and told them to do the same," he recalls.

Sanibel-based artist Lucas Century, with his wife, Dee, and their greyhound, Gracie, had already evacuated to the Homewood Suites at the Bell Tower.

"We were dialed into Jim Reif and Van Winkle, listening to their dire warnings about the shift in directions and in particular the 16-foot water surge predictions. They had, for a short time, predicted the storm was headed right for the east end of Sanibel, which is where my old 1960 ground-level cottage was."

The wall of water — the massive surge — never came because the storm was traveling three times faster than other storms typically move on a 27-degree-north bearing, Mr. Sallade explains. But it was still a terrible blow.



The control room at NBC2 and ABC7 during Hurricane Charley.

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"This was when the electricity went out and I was left with the awful sick feeling that my property and art studio was about to be blown away," Mr. Century recalls. "It was early in the day, but I started reaching for the case of cold beer I found myself guzzling."

The broadcasts also gave some people a chance to be, if not crazy, bolder than sanity requires.

Stacey Chadwick Brown, an administrator and teacher at Edison State College, recalls hiding at her brother-in-laws house with three small daughters, a wrecked van and a case of bronchitis, while her husband, Stuart, a theater professor at Edison State, stayed home.

The home, right on the Caloosahatchee River, was 11 inches above sea level.

"Stuart tied himself to the ironwork of the house with a rope during the storm and prevented the house from flooding with a hose, a diet Coke can, probably some chewing tobacco and a pump. No lie."

Some people didn't even bother to tie themselves to their properties, they were so tough. Or old. Or both.

"I was taking care of my father who, at the time, was 90 years old," recalls Woody Hanson, a real estate appraiser who grew up on the river in Fort Myers. His father had lived through the famous

and deadly hurricanes of 1926 and 1928, just to start with.

"Our house is situated under some very large oaks that survived Hurricane Donna in 1960," Mr. Hanson explains. "I suggested that we should relocate because of the path of the storm."

"He says, 'We've never run from a hurricane and we never will. Ain't nothin' but a bunch of wind and rain. Doesn't amount to nothin' unless the eye wall hits you.'"

Which, in the end, is not the view of most people, Wayne Sallade chief among them.

He started the fateful day with his crew at a Charlotte County operations center that amounted to little more than a Ted's shed, he recalls. After an emergency telephone call at about 3 p.m. from a friend who told him he would be no good to anybody dead, he moved the 50 or so personnel toward the much safer operations center at the county jail.

But they never made it. Halfway there, with the rising wind already at about 75 miles per hour and shrapnel of sorts pocking and cracking the windshield of his Ford Expedition in a dozen places, he led the crew into the airport.

As luck and wisdom would have it, he says, he'd been able to convince taxpayers in 1999 to provide an extra penny to reinforce one building at the airport, for emergencies. And that's where they went.

Jim Reif and company would have told him — and probably did tell him — to move a lot sooner than he did.

But at least he did it in time, he admits.

"When the storm was over, every other building at the airport was destroyed," Mr. Sallade recalls. "But not that one." ■

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3	Ike (Tx, La)	2008	2	\$ 29,520,000,000
4	Andrew (Fl, La)	1992	5	\$ 26,500,000,000
5	Wilma (Fl)	2005	3	\$ 21,007,000,000
6	Ivan (Al, Fl)	2004	3	\$ 18,820,000,000
7	Charley (Fl)	2004	4	\$ 15,113,000,000
8	Rita (La, Tx)	2005	3	\$ 12,037,000,000
9	Frances (Fl)	2004	2	\$ 9,507,000,000
10	Allison (Tx)	2001	TS	\$ 9,000,000,000

— Source: National Hurricane Center



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An aerial view of Miami-Dade County showing damage from one of the most destructive hurricanes in the history of the United States. Hurricane Andrew did extensive damage to homes in Miami, leaving little behind in its wake. One million people were evacuated and 54 died in this hurricane.

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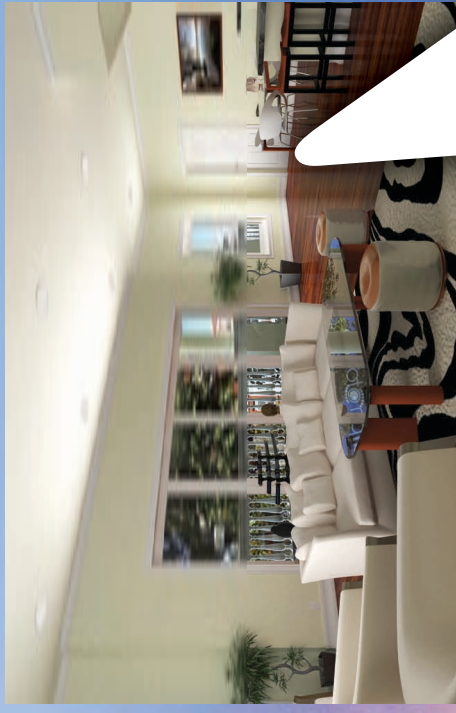
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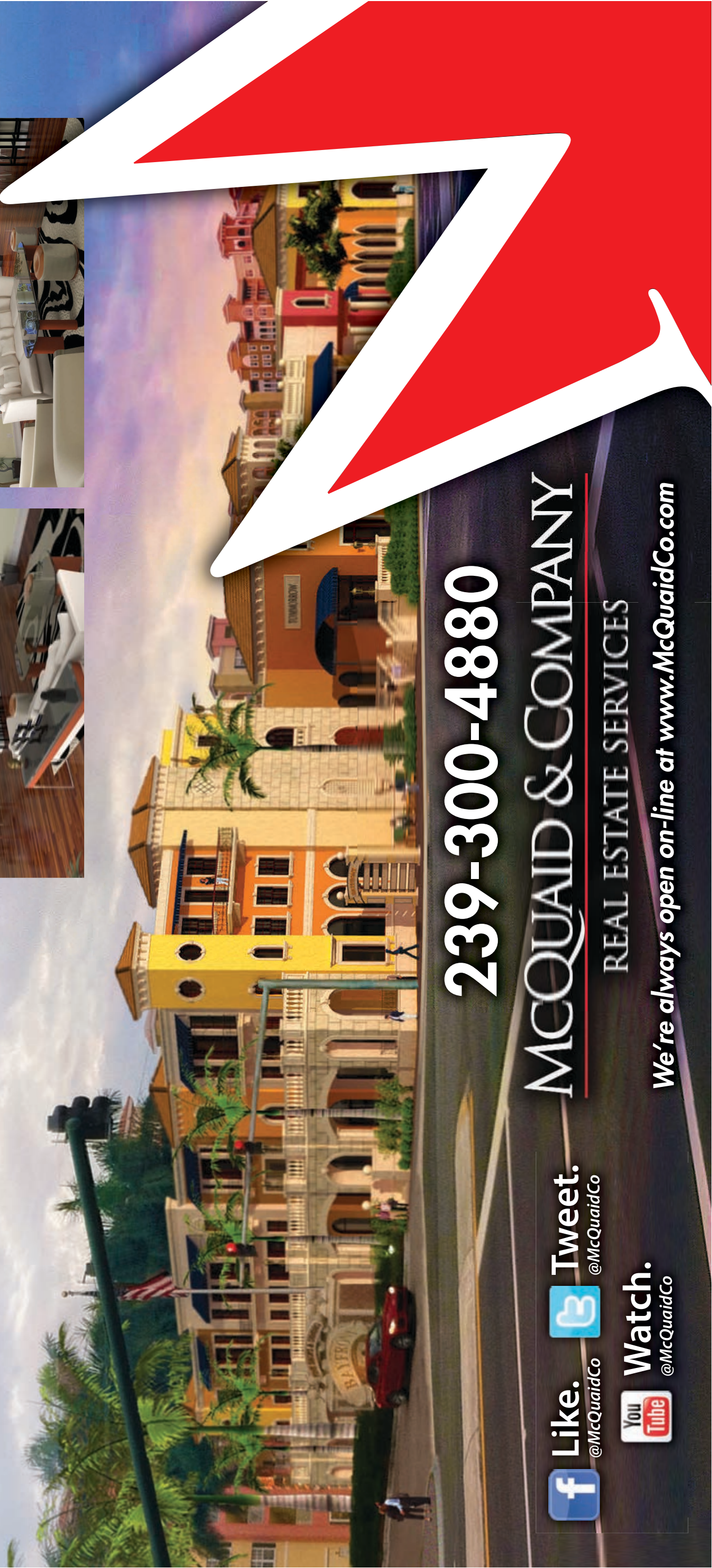
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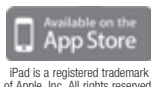
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Insuring your home from a hurricane — expect the best, prepare for the worst

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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With names like Charley, Wilma or Katrina, hurricanes are Southwest Florida's most unwanted houseguests. But it's been awhile since we've had the non-pleasure of their company and reports of their mayhem: widespread flooding, trees crashing into roofs, blowing doors out of houses and turning pool cages into something that vaguely resembles modern art. When considering how to insure your home from such windy, watery attacks, local agents shared tips on the best policies for homeowners.

The biggest threat that hurricanes present to homes are floods from tidal surge or rising water, said Ted Todd, who runs an Allstate Agency serving the region. If you live in a high-risk zone, having the necessary flood insurance is required if you have a mortgage. But others may assume that because they're not in the highest risk area, it's not worth buying or they won't be flooded — but that's not true, Mr. Todd and other agents warn.

Homeowners in lower risk areas often hear that they are in a "preferred risk zone," but that's a misnomer, said Brian Chapman of State Insurance Agency

in Port Charlotte. Nearly 20 percent of flood insurance claims come from these moderate-to-low risk areas, the National Flood Insurance Program says.

"Even though we say that all the time, we sometimes feel like it falls on deaf ears," Mr. Chapman said.

Primary high-risk areas have a one in four chance of flooding during a 30-year mortgage while secondary flood zones have less risk. A big, slow moving storm could damage homes in both zones.

Flood insurance covering a \$250,000 dwelling and \$100,000 in contents runs about \$400 per year in a secondary zone.

"I always tell people, look, if it's not your grocery money, buy it, because it's just a prudent thing to do," Mr. Todd said.

Wind

Asking yourself what you can do on your own to secure your home is the first step to keeping your costs minimal after the storm — and potentially lowering your cost for wind insurance, said Mr. Todd.

"I think the conversation should center on, how safe is my house from a storm?" he said. "Where are my weaknesses? Are there some affordable things I could do to make myself safe from a storm and consequently that

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could save (me) money?"

He recommends buying a wind mitigation inspection report, even if you have a newer home or haven't had one in a while.

It costs about \$125 from a certified contractor. Be sure to get your money's worth. Walk around with the inspector and ask questions about what you can do to better protect your home. Simple fixes like bracing for a garage door could help lower the cost of your policy and make the difference between coming through a bad storm with minimal damage or facing a disaster.

"That will reduce premiums, and from a real estate standpoint, increases value," said Bud Hornbeck, president of Lutgert Insurance in Naples.

While many still buy wind insurance from the state-run Citizens Property Insurance, there are many other, usually better options these days. If there is an especially bad storm, the state will likely be severely challenged to handle all the claims it would have in a disaster as the largest insurer of homes in Florida, said Mr. Todd.

In the past, the state offered wind coverage because fewer private companies offered the benefit; now, most do. That leaves homeowners with more options, such as consolidating flood and wind policies under one company.

"It's a good thing if we can reduce the exposure for the state," Mr. Todd said.

Property

Here are two technical terms to look out for when it comes to property insurance.

"Replacement Cost" policies offer full protection in a loss. It would replace damaged equipment with new equipment, without regard to its age and con-

dition. "Actual Cash Value" policies may cost less but, by taking into account age and condition, can reduce the amount you'll be reimbursed.

For instance, if you save \$500 by purchasing an "actual cash value" policy, it might pay you \$100 for a sofa, whereas "replacement cost" would buy you a new one.

And be wary of insurance mailings offering special deals. In general, it's a good idea to deal with a local agent — someone who would have to deal with you face to face if you aren't properly covered, Mr. Todd pointed out — than buying ultra low-cost policies advertised in mailers from elsewhere in the state.

"Not all homeowners policies are created equal," said Mr. Chapman of State Insurance Agency.

For instance, they might both cover a home for \$200,000 from a hurricane — but one might leave your pool cage uninsured while the other includes it in the policy. ■

in the know

>> File a claim as soon as possible after the storm. It's also a good idea to begin assessing any damage and call vendors to find the best quotes, Mr. Todd said — though wait to start the work until you've consulted with your insurer.

>> Seasonal residents should make arrangements to have someone thoroughly check their home in the event of a hurricane. Even if the dwelling appears fine from the outside, there can be considerable damage — mold and the like — inside.

>> Keep close at hand the telephone numbers of your insurance agent and the 800 number for your insurance company.

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The difference between a good season and a bad season is one storm

BY ROBERT VAN WINKLE
NBC2 Senior Chief Meteorologist

A decade after Hurricane Charley hit Southwest Florida and here we go again. —

Will we get hit this year? Will it be an active season? Is another hurricane like Charley, Wilma or Sandy going to form again this year?

Well, the only real important question to ask yourself is: If a hurricane was headed this way, would you be ready?

After some very quiet hurricane seasons since Hurricane Charley, my fear is that Southwest Florida may have many residents who won't be ready for the next big storm. After 10 years, our collective memory may be fading and as a bit of amnesia sets in, our motivation to prepare for hurricane season diminishes.

As we get ready for hurricane season you will see the long-range forecasts from meteorologists out in Colorado or government forecasters from The National Hurricane Center. All interesting stuff, but the fact is, those long-range forecasts were very wrong last year and they may be wrong again this year. Long-range forecasts are designed to give you a general idea of how active the season will be but they never tell you where the storms will actually go once they develop. Nevertheless, here is the 2014 Atlantic Hurricane Outlook from the National Hurricane Center:

Named storms	8 - 13
Hurricanes	3 - 6
Major hurricanes	1 - 2



The season average is:

Named storms	12
Hurricanes	6
Major hurricanes	3

My advice is to pay little attention to those long-range forecasts when making your decisions to prepare for the season ahead. The long-range forecasts don't really matter. We live in Florida and we are as vulnerable to hurricanes as ever before. It's only going to take ONE hurricane to make for a very bad year and sooner or later we are due for another bad year.

Preparing for hurricane season isn't rocket science. The first step is to assess your living situation and start with simple

answers to simple questions.

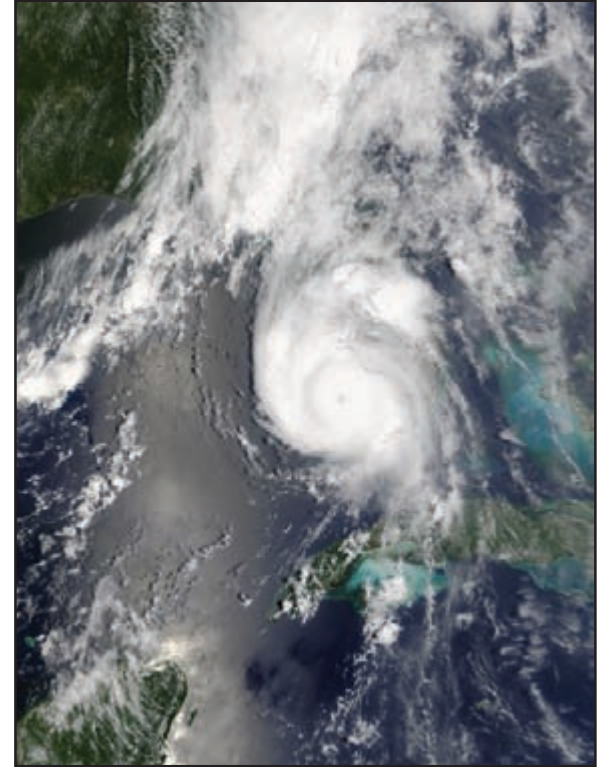
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4. What will I do with my pets or animals in my care?
5. Is my insurance policy up to date?

Start with these questions and I'm sure you will come up with more that apply to you and your particular situation. Take a few minutes and start with the basics and you will be well on your way to establishing your personal hurricane plan.

There is nothing you can do to avoid hurricanes and tropical storms if you live in Southwest Florida. We've been hit before, we will be hit again, and there is no way to know for certain when the next storm is coming.

So make your plan this year. Keep a close eye on the tropical weather forecasts and be sure to watch NBC2 News every day if a storm is pointing this way.

If I am right and hurricane amnesia



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Hurricane Charley hit land Friday, Aug. 13, 2004.

continues to spread across Southwest Florida, we could find ourselves feeling unnecessary panic if a storm moves toward us this year. It doesn't have to be that way as long as you have a hurricane plan in place. It only takes one storm to make it a bad season. Make a plan and be ready. ■

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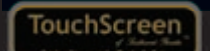
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Pet family members need a plan, too

When formulating a hurricane plan, make sure it includes all members of the family, including pets.

After so many animals were abandoned following Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans and Hurricane Charley in Southwest Florida, disaster preparedness officials have stepped up measures to help pets and to encourage owners to plan ahead in case a hurricane strikes.

Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties all have emergency shelters for people and their pets, although space — and therefore, access — is largely restricted to those in spots where evacuation is mandatory.

“People should have a hurricane plan for their pets as well as family but the pet-friendly shelter should not be their plan,” says Ria Brown, public relations and information manager for Lee County Domestic Animal Services. “It is intended as a last resort if they cannot execute their personal plan, not because they failed to have a plan.”

If people find they need to go to a county-run pet shelter, they will be required to stay as well and will need to care for their pets throughout the stay.

Animals must be current on immunizations and have sufficient food, water and an approved crate.

The best option is for people to leave the area and take their pets with them. Don't expect local veterinarians or boarding kennels to accept animals. They will fall under the same guidelines and conditions as residents. And, should a hurricane strike, they are likely to be without power as well.

To prepare their pets for hurricane season, owners should attend to the following:

■ **Vaccinations:** Make sure pets are current on these now. It takes a couple of weeks for most immunizations to become protective so it's too late once a storm approaches.

■ **Identification:** Put pets' county licensing tags on their collars, as well as an ID tag with your phone number. Make sure your address and phone number is current on ID tags. A microchip ID (available through most veterinarians as well as Animal Services), is highly recommended because collars can be lost during storms but the chip will remain implanted and owners can update the

company as to their whereabouts,

■ **Hurricane kit:** Gather up pet supplies. (See accompanying box.)

■ **Medications:** Make sure you keep a few weeks' worth on hand so you won't have to rush to refill them at the last minute.

■ Secure a place to stay.

Pet hurricane kit

- Leash and secure collar
- Pet food (in waterproof containers), enough for at least one week
- Water for one week
- Manual can opener
- Bowls for food and water
- Impact-resistant crate of sufficient size (no soft-sided or homemade models and one for each pet)
- Bedding (blanket or towels)
- Litter, litter box and scoop for cats
- Pet's regular medications
- Toys, chewies and other stress relievers
- County license and other identification (microchip IDs are encouraged)

■ Proof of vaccinations

■ Photo of pet

■ Pet first-aid kit

■ Grooming items

Websites

■ **Leelostpets.com:** The Lee County Domestic Animal Services site has a section dedicated to storm preparedness for pets.

■ **Colliergov.net/pets:** For Collier County information.

■ **Charlottecountyfl.com/emergency/hurricanes:** For Charlotte County information.

■ **Pbcgov.com/publicsafety/animalcare/hurricane.htm:** For Palm Beach County information.

■ **Hsus.org:** The Humane Society of the United States also has a downloadable pamphlet on disaster preparedness.

■ **Petswelcome.com:** A listing of hotels and motels that accept pets. ■

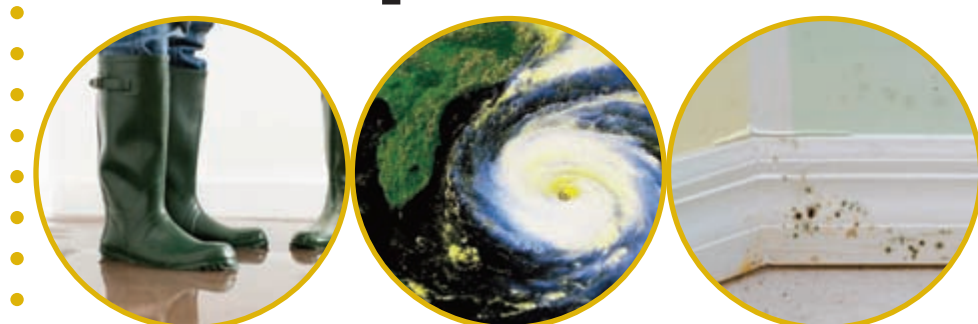
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Storm action timeline

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- Develop your storm plan.
- Stock your hurricane supply kit.
- Create a checklist of items you will want to take with you if you have to leave.
- Take “before” pictures of your home for insurance purposes.
- Find out the elevation of your home.
- Make sure your street address is clearly marked on your home.

Hurricane Watch is announced

- Hurricane conditions are possible within the next 48 hours.
- Clear your yard of potential flying debris, including lawn furniture, toys, etc.
 - Lower the water level in the swimming pool by one foot.
 - Board up windows.
 - Gas up the car. Check your oil and tire pressure.
 - Get cash. ATMs and banks may not be open after a storm.
 - Turn the refrigerator to the coldest setting.
 - Store plenty of water.

Hurricane Warning is issued

- Hurricane conditions are possible within the next 36 hours.
- Gather important documents.
 - Finish shuttering doors and windows.
 - Evacuate if you are ordered to do so.
 - If you’re staying home, designate a safe room. Interior bathrooms or closets on the lowest level with no windows work best.
 - Charge cell phones and other devices.

During the storm

- Stay indoors.
- Stay away from windows even if they’re shuttered.
- Listen to media reports for the latest information.
- Stay inside even if it appears calm. Do not go out until the all-clear is given.

After the storm

- The longest part of the process, recovery can take weeks.
- Move slowly and cautiously as you survey and clean up. Most injuries take place after the storm.
- Do not use public water until you are notified that it is safe.
- Avoid travel if possible.
- Do not connect generators to house wiring.
- Beware of downed power lines, wild animals and even domestic animals that may be frightened or lost.
- Take pictures of damage and contact your insurance agent.

in the know

What’s in a name? Wind and rain

Every year since 1953, the National Hurricane Center has generated an alphabetical list of names for the season’s tropical storms and hurricanes. At first, the lists consisted of only female names; since 1979, the names alternate between male and female. There are six lists that continue to rotate, changing only when there is a hurricane so devastating that its name is retired.

These names have been retired:

2000 - Keith	2004 - Frances	2007 - Noel
2001 - Allison	2004 - Ivan	2008 - Gustav
2001 - Iris	2004 - Jeanne	2008 - Ike
2001 - Michelle	2005 - Dennis	2008 - Paloma
2002 - Isidore	2005 - Katrina	2010 - Igor
2002 - Lili	2005 - Rita	2010 - Tomas
2003 - Fabian	2005 - Stan	2011 - Irene
2003 - Isabel	2005 - Wilma	2012 - Sandy
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2004 - Charley	2007 - Felix	

2014 STORM NAMES

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Bridges

Travel across the area’s bridges becomes unsafe once winds reach gale force, or in excess of 34 mph. Even if physical barricades are not present, drivers should exercise common sense when pre-storm travels involve crossing bridges.

Evacuation orders for Southwest Florida’s barrier islands will be issued well in advance of a storm, and those affected should promptly heed such orders, before travel across bridges becomes unsafe and roads are closed off. ■

Agencies and organizations offer emergency help

Hindsight is always a dishonest voice for the present. Storms on the west coast have been few since Hurricane Wilma during the 2005 season — the last major hurricane to affect the Fort Myers area. But no one wants to walk down the street and see fallen trees and power lines scattered along the road, and wonder what to do next. Yet, this scenario is a reality we should prepare for during every hurricane season.

Floridians know from experience that neighbors, churches and local busi-

nesses come together in unprecedented ways to help with recovery efforts. Nevertheless, we’ve compiled some of the contact information for the “big” organizations that can serve as a starting place for either volunteerism or for your own recovery once the weather system has passed.

From reporting downed power lines to who to call about clean water, canned food and local shelters, these accredited contacts will help with your questions and needs. ■

Important Phone Numbers

- * American Red Cross
278-3401
www.redcross.org
- * FEMA
Disaster assistance
(800) 621-3362
www.fema.gov
- * FPL
334-7754
www.fpl.com/storm
- * LCEC
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www.lcec.net/hurricane
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Caregivers especially need to have a plan

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The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association encourages families and caregivers of persons living with Alzheimer's or related dementia to make a plan for hurricane season.

"It's been almost 10 years since the Florida Gulf Coast has seen a major hurricane like Hurricane Charley (which hit Punta Gorda on Aug. 13, 2004)," says Gloria Smith, president and CEO of the Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter. "Families must prepare for the additional steps needed for family members with memory disorders."

Advance preparations

■ Consult with your physician and pharmacy about what mechanisms they have in place for continuity of care and prescription needs in the event standard communications lines are down.

■ If your loved one lives in a residential facility, find out about its disaster and evacuation plans. Ask if you will be responsible for evacuating your loved one.

■ Prepare an emergency kit (see below for suggestions).

■ Enroll in MedicAlert + Alzheimer's Association Safe Return, a 24-hour nationwide emergency response service for individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementia that wander or who have a medical emergency. Call (888) 572-8566 or visit www.alz.org. If you are already enrolled in MedicAlert + Safe Return, make sure your information is up to date.

■ Keep all medications organized and in a safe, accessible place.

■ Pre-register at your county's special-needs shelter in case you need to evacuate to a shelter.

■ Know your evacuation route.

Emergency kit

Consider preparing an emergency kit in advance. Keep it in a watertight container and store it in an easily accessible location. Your emergency kit might include:

■ A recent picture of the person with dementia.

■ Easy on/off clothes (a couple of sets).

■ Supplies of medication (or minimally, a list of medications with dosages).

■ Velcro shoes/sneakers.

■ Incontinence products.

■ Extra identification items for the person, such as an ID bracelet and clothing tags.

■ Copies of legal documents (such as power of attorney), medical documents that indicate the individual's condition and current medications, insurance cards and Social Security cards.

■ Physician's name, address and phone numbers (including cell phone).

■ Flashlights and batteries.

■ Battery-operated radio.

■ Earphones and calming music, as loud areas can increase agitation of someone with dementia.

■ Simple activities (photo album,



scrapbooks, etc.).

If a hurricane is coming your way

■ Get yourself and the person with Alzheimer's to a safe place.

■ If the need to evacuate is likely, do not delay. Try to leave as early as possible to minimize long delays in heavy traffic.

■ Alert others (family, friends and medical personnel) that you are changing locations, and give them your contact information. Contact them regularly as you move.

■ Be sure there are people other than the primary caregiver who have copies of the person with dementia's medical history, medications, family contacts and physician information.

■ Purchase extra medications.

■ Stock up on bottled water, non-perishable foods.

■ Have the Alzheimer's Association and MedicAlert + Safe Return phone

numbers.

Coping with agitation

■ Approach the person from the front and use his or her name.

■ Use calm, positive statements and a patient, low-pitched voice. Reassure.

■ Respond to the emotions being expressed rather than the content of the words. For example, say, "You're frightened and want to go home. It's OK. I'm right here with you."

■ Don't argue with the person or try to correct. Instead, affirm his or her experience, reassure and try to divert attention. For example, "The noise in this shelter is frightening. Let's see if we can find a quieter spot. Let's look at your photo book together."

Take care of yourself

Now more than ever, caregivers need help managing their stress and handling some of the behaviors their loved ones may be experiencing during a hurricane.

■ Take care of yourself by finding a good listener to hear your thoughts and feelings about the event.

■ Find moments to breathe, meditate and reflect.

The Alzheimer's Association-Florida Gulf Coast Chapter can help you prepare. For more information, call (800) 272-3900 or visit www.alz.org/FlGulfCoast. The website has additional recommendations for hurricane season preparedness and a list of all shelters, including pet and special needs shelters. ■

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Floridians suffering from hurricane amnesia

Dearth of storms, and tropical tenderfoots, worry first responders and emergency managers, who say we aren't prepared for season

BY ATHENA PONUSHIS

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Kieran Bhatia first felt an affinity for meteorology as a sixth-grade student in Maryland, when he realized how much the colors he would see on a radar screen affected his sports schedule. His teacher always had radar on in the back of the classroom. Young Kieran found it fascinating how those colors would forecast his afternoons. Plus, he thought it was cool how everyone liked to talk about the weather.

Now a Ph.D. student at the University of Miami Rosenstiel School, Mr. Bhatia has been drawn to the study of hurricanes, though he has yet to live through one. He is not alone.

Florida has had eight years of storms staying away and eight years of people moving in. Looking at the state's longest hurricane drought in history — well, the longest drought on record since 1851 — coupled with the huge influx of new residents — Florida boasts four cities on Forbes' latest Top 20 list of America's fastest growing cities — Mr. Bhatia fears there may be a knowledge deficit in public preparedness.

Again, he is not alone.

Florida Power & Light executives say they can't sleep at night, tossing-and-turning over a complacent public. Emergency management directors worry there's a bit of communal "amnesia," as Florida's going on nine years with no hurricane landfalls.

FPL estimates 40 percent of its customer base, or close to 4 million people, have never experienced a major hurricane. They are new customers. The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council reports a 50 percent turnover rate in demographics every eight years, meaning snowbirds who were weathered to tropical storms may have been replaced by tropical tenderfoots. And the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management says statistics show 90 percent of people don't even know if they live in a storm-surge evacuation zone.

This new blood and lapse of memory motivated Mr. Bhatia to gather his Ph.D. buddies and hit the ground running, forming a "Canes on Canes" weather team with a calling to inform communities: "Here's what scientists want you to know when you see what you see on TV."

"People look at the graphics they see on TV with more of a skeptical eye than an informed eye," Mr. Bhatia says. "They don't know how worried they should be."

One of the slides in the "Canes on Canes" presentation carries the headline, "With great weather comes great responsibility," putting a youthful, Spider-Man spin on the subject matter. The ensuing slide shows the paths of the 58 hurricanes that have passed through South Florida since 1851, including 31 major storms; the density of color makes it look like the peninsula has been hit by a Pink Floyd laser light show.

Through the fresh presentation, the students hope to impart messages like:

■ A larger storm does not mean a stronger storm, as Mr. Bhatia points out, "Hurricane Andrew was a very small storm but one of the strongest hurricanes to make landfall in the U.S."

■ There's more to the story than



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The annual week-long storm drill at FPL's Category 5 Command Center.

the category. Only one mile per hour separates a Category 1 from a Category 2. Only one mile per hour separates a Category 3 from a Category 4. Mr. Bhatia says, "Categories, yes, they are important and they are scientifically-grounded, but at the same time, it's just a peak wind speed, it's not something we want someone at home to look at and say, 'OK, I'm basing all my decisions on if it's a Category 1 versus a Category 3.'"

■ There's more to the storm than the fastest observed wind speed. Remember the water. Mr. Bhatia says the flooding due to storm surge is a silent killer; it does not receive a lot of attention but statistically, it is the No. 1 cause of deaths in hurricanes.

"A lot of people take a sigh of relief when August passes and there's no hurricane, but the peak for South Florida is October," Mr. Bhatia says. "I think people need to realize that when they're getting ready for Halloween, they're also getting ready for the peak of hurricane season."

The most enlightening part of the presentation may be the explanation surrounding the "cone of uncertainty," the storm projection that carries a name as ominous-sounding as some "Princess Bride" character. Here are the takeaway points of the cone:

■ Scientists design the cone based on what happened two out of three times in the past five years, so one out of three times, scientists expect the storm's track to go outside the cone.

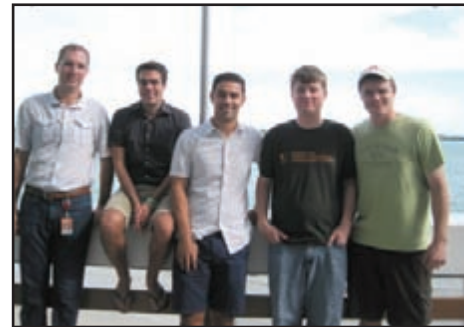
■ Scientists will use the same forecast cone all season long, no matter the storm. Uncertainty may be higher in some storms than others, but all season through, you'll see the same cookie-cutter cone on TV.

■ The cone shows the probable path of the center of the storm, not impact. A storm is much larger than the center of its track. Impact can extend far beyond the cone, even if the forecast track is correct.

"Just because you're not in the cone, you have to realize that one out of three times, your storm center is forecast to go outside of your cone," Mr. Bhatia says. Everyone should be prepared, not just the cone-destined.

On the flip side, he adds, "If two out of three times the center's going to come over you, that should be enough to start preparing, right?"

Asked if the science is saying Florida's due, since the state's months away from being nine years hurricane-free, Mr. Bhatia says, "The science is telling us that South Florida is always due. Historically, one out of every three years we'll have a



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The "Canes on Canes" team from University of Miami Rosenstiel School, from left: Brian McNoldy, Falko Judt, Kieran Bhatia, Jason Godwin and Matt Onderlinde.

hurricane that affects South Florida, so I think every year, you should be expecting a hurricane to come ... Florida's very unique in that we have great weather but it comes with a price ... I'd say we're always due, not to let your guard down because of recent trends, for all we know, 2014-2015 could be just like 2004-2005."

FPL President Eric Silagy punctuates this "not a question of if, but when" view. "We are going to be hit by a storm at some point and that's why we all need to prepare as if it's going to be this season," he says.

In the years since Florida's last hurricane, Mr. Silagy says FPL has prepared by investing \$1.4 billion to harden its system; inspecting all power poles (over a million); inspecting more than 15,000 miles of line (Mr. Silagy lends perspective by saying that's the equivalent of going from Florida to California round-trip twice); clearing vegetation from over 100,000 miles of line, (which Mr. Silagy equates to going around the world four times), all thanks to the time Mother Nature has given them. Mr. Silagy prays people don't take this time for granted. He encourages everyone to prepare. "That's what we do here at FPL," he says. "Every day that we're not actually responding to a storm, we are preparing for a storm."

Mr. Silagy says this at FPL's Physical Distribution Center and Category 5 Command Center in Riviera Beach during the utility's week-long, simulated-storm drill. Every year, FPL makes up a fictional, virtual hurricane so employees can hone their craft at post-storm power restoration. This year virtual Hurricane Echo strengthened to a Category 3, making landfall in Highland Beach. Storm surge swelled up to nine feet in Palm Beach. Six to 12 inches of rain fell throughout the state. Five tornadoes spun off the storm. The hurricane exited near Jacksonville.

"We don't drill to understand what

we do well," Mr. Silagy says. "We really drill to understand where we can do better, where there are gaps, where we can improve."

Wanting employees to be hit by the element of surprise, much like a real storm, FPL meteorologists threw make-believe curveballs at them, like the flooding of a substation, or loss of a gas line, all on day one.

In early May, the media invited on day five of the drill, Mr. Silagy stands next to a general in the Florida National Guard. Mr. Silagy wears a blue shirt and black loafers. The general wears camouflage and black boots. FPL's signature lightning strike stitched over Mr. Silagy's heart. The words "U.S. Air Force" stitched over the general's heart.

Mr. Silagy announces a "unique" partnership with the Florida National Guard, where a mid-level officer will be embedded for six months with FPL's emergency preparedness unit, allowing the two entities to develop a closer relationship before an event occurs, so they can react better together when it does occur.

"You can't do a storm restoration without logistics, and I would argue there's probably no better entity in the world than the U.S. military on handling logistics," Mr. Silagy says. "And as good as we think we are at FPL with logistics, I'm looking forward to learning some lessons."

Taking the mike, Brigadier Gen. James Eifert adds, "Better integration with our fellow first responders is no longer a buzzword or a catchphrase, it's an imperative. Restoring power to the citizens of Florida is more than just a metric, it's about saving lives. ... We need to better understand the vulnerabilities of our power grid, our water supply ... so we can better serve our citizenry."

Bill Johnson, director of the Palm Beach County Division of Emergency Management, does not want people to approach storm season solely relying on government. "We are not the safety net," he says. "They need to be prepared ... We've got our plans in place. It's important our citizens have their plans in place, as well."

This season the county is pushing a "Know Your Zone" campaign. Mr. Johnson describes the campaign as aggressive and comprehensive. He says their message has not changed, but they have reshaped it, simplified it to target a broader audience.

The message is four-fold: "Make a plan. Build a kit. Be informed. Get involved."

Emergency management even revamped their website, shortening their web address to the memorable www.readyPBC.org. And the department added the smartphone app DART, short for Disaster Awareness & Recovery Tool.

"We want to target millennials, the younger generation, and allow them to push the message up to our elderly population," Mr. Johnson says.

Addressing storm surge, Mr. Johnson shares the county mantra: "Hide from the wind. Run from the water." At maximum, 250,000 people would have to evacuate Palm Beach County in the event of a Category 5 storm, he says.

Concerned that the nervousness people used to attach to the start of hurricane season may have drifted apart like clouds in the sky, Mr. Johnson says he cannot emphasize enough, "Preparedness is the key." ■



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Clever gadgets help keep life cool when storms heat up

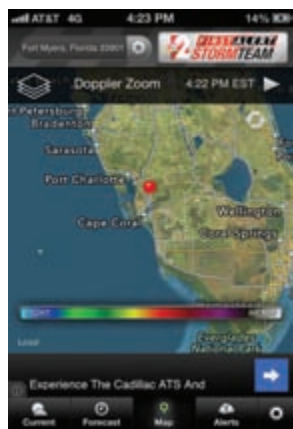
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It's that time of the year when the weather folks start making appearances on the TV channels with a bit more frequency. Cone of concern and storm trajectory begin to sound familiar, as do advertisements for hurricane shutters, generators and other supplies to keep one safe during a tropical storm or hurricane. Preparation is key to keeping cool in the event of a severe storm. But why not add some fun along with function this year?

At *Florida Weekly* we collected a list of some useful and tech-savvy fun gadgets to help you and your family blow through another hurricane season.

Communication

Knowing what's happening is key to protecting yourself and family during a severe storm. A radio or device that delivers storm track updates, evacuation orders and routes and other need-to-know facts is vital to staying safe.



NBC2's weather app is free and allows users to track Southwest Florida's only live Doppler Radar.

The Red Cross FRX3 Eton Emergency Radio features AM/FM and NOAA Weather radio bands. The built-in solar panel radio can be powered with a hand crank. The device comes with an LED flashlight, cellphone charger, internal rechargeable battery and a glow-in-the-dark locator. Available at the www.redcrossstore.org for \$60.



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Staying connected via smartphones helps to keep you in the know throughout a hurricane or severe storm. Hurricane by American Red Cross features a free app that allows users to track the weather and gets local area alerts on iOS or Android devices. The app also lists open Red Cross shelters and offers information on how to handle a storm before, during and after.

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Find your best friend

Storms can be loud and startle pets. Sometimes they get loose. So, to find them quickly, ensure your four-legged friends are registered and have a microchip, but also consider a GPS finder. The GPS Pet Locator by Pocketfinder allows owners to track lost pets on a website or via android or IOS phone. And the device is rugged and water proof. Available online at www.pocketfinder.com. Cost is \$129.95 plus monthly service for \$12.95.



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For function and fun

The news is out that a storm is expected to strike so it's time to prepare. Though weathering a storm is unavoidable, having some fun and maybe even learning a thing or two about weather and the atmosphere is possible!



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Flag Day ceremony will include proper retirement of worn flags

The Collier County Veterans Council, Naples Airport Authority, Boy Scouts of America-Alligator District, the Museum of Military Memorabilia and the Collier County Freedom Memorial Task Force host a Flag Day ceremony Saturday evening, June 14, at the Collier County Freedom Memorial at the northeast corner of Golden Gate parkway and Goodlette-Frank Road.

Starting at 5 p.m., Boy Scouts will accept worn American flags from the public and demonstrate the correct way to fold them for retirement. Ceremonies will begin at 6 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. The event will conclude with the Scouts presenting the folded American flags to a veteran for burning, performed according to the U.S. Flag Code with an airport incinerator.

The Museum of Military Memorabilia, which is housed at Naples Municipal Airport, accepts flags that are too worn to be displayed and has retired almost 3,000 during the past year.

"Most people know it is improper to display a flag that is worn-out or tattered, but few are comfortable destroying an unserviceable flag," says Robert McDonald, president of the museum. "We are happy to take part in the Flag Day ceremony and to provide collection services throughout the year."

The U.S. Flag Code specifies when a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of the U.S.A., it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning. Flag Day was established to commemorate the birthday of Old Glory. ■

Public forums set for school board race

The Southwest Florida Citizens Alliance urges Collier County voters to be informed about the 2014 Collier County School Board elections.

Unlike elections for the Collier County Commission, in which voters can cast a ballot only for the candidate running in their district, each voter gets one vote per school district seat that is up for election. This year, school board districts 1, 3 and 5 are up for election. Nine candidates have registered their intent with Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office so far.

There are two ways a candidate can officially qualify for the ballot:

1) He or she must have obtained 1,806 signed and approved candidate petitions by the May 19 deadline.

2) He or she can pay a qualifying fee of \$1,507 by Friday, June 20.

As of now, there are three candidates for District 1, four for District 3 and two for District 5. This could change up until June 20.

Absentee ballots will go out July 23. Early voting is Aug. 14-23, and primary election day is Tuesday, Aug. 26.

If any candidate receives 50 percent plus one vote in the primary, he or she will be

elected. If not, the top two candidates in each district will advance to the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 4.

The Southwest Florida Citizens Alliance has scheduled four public forums to give voters the opportunity to learn about the candidates and their views on numerous education issues. The candidates will receive detailed questionnaires prior to each forum. Each forum will have a few questions from this questionnaire, several from the moderators and at least a third from the audience. Attendance is free. All forums begin at 7 p.m., and doors open at 6:15 p.m.

■ Monday, June 23: The Marco Island Historical Museum, 180 S. Heathwood Drive

■ Wednesday, June 25: The Collier County Extension Service office, 14700 Immokalee Road

■ Thursday, July 17: Naples First Baptist Church, 3000 Orange Blossom Drive

■ Tuesday, July 22: Covenant Presbyterian Church, 936 Trail Blvd.

The complete questionnaire for candidates is online at www.swflcitizensalliance.com. ■

Absentee/mail ballots available now for Congressional District 19 election

The deadline for Collier County residents to request a mail-in ballot for the upcoming special general election for U.S. Congressional District 19 is 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 18.

Voters can submit requests online at www.CollierVotes.com under the "Vote by

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August will mark NCH's two-year anniversary as Florida's first and the nation's seventh affiliate of the Mayo Clinic. Two years ago, few of us could have envisioned the many benefits in terms of shared knowledge and best practices that would result from our relationship with this iconic institution.

An essential part of our relationship is the periodic meetings we have with Mayo. CFO Mike Stephens, Chief Strategy Officer Mike Riley and I recently traveled to Rochester, Minn., to share best practices, marvel at the progress Mayo health care scientists have made with personalized genomics and regenerative medicine, and map projects for the upcoming year that will have the maximum impact for the patients we serve.

Mayo's Dr. David Hayes, medical director of the affiliated practice network and a cardiac electrophysiologist, shared several best practices, two of which have particular relevance for NCH:

- Electronic consultation (eConsult) allows an NCH physician to obtain a clinical consultation from a Mayo expert at one of its three campuses. More than 80 percent of the time, this can be accomplished without the patient needing to travel. This resource has been further enhanced by AskMayoExpert, a proprietary knowledge base through which referring physicians seek an online answer appropriate for the patient. Using AskMayoExpert decreases the need for a formal eConsult by 75 percent.

- Another Mayo affiliate has set up an eConsult automation system to

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Common treatment for patients with chronic, progressive lung disease found to be ineffective

A drug used to treat patients with mild to moderate lung damage from the disease idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis is no better than placebo for preserving lung function, according to a study supported by the National Institutes of Health.

The finding is in the final report of a clinical trial called Prednisone, Azathioprine, and N-Acetylcysteine: A Study That Evaluates Response in Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis. It was published last week in the New England Journal of Medicine.

Previous studies suggested that therapies combining N-acetylcysteine, or NAC, with immunosuppressive and anti-inflammatory drugs could

slow progression of the disease. IPF affects about 200,000 people in the United States, only half of whom survive more than 2-3 years from initial diagnosis.

"IPF is a devastating disease," said James Kiley, Ph.D., director of the Division of Lung Diseases at the NIH's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. "While it is disappointing that NAC was ineffective in preserving lung function in IPF, these are the kind of high-quality data that patients and their caregivers need to make informed decisions."

Among other measures, researchers relied on forced vital capacity to assess changes in lung function. FVC is the

total amount of air a person can exhale after taking the deepest breath possible. During 60 weeks of follow-up, the study found no statistically significant difference in FVC declines, IPF symptom flare-ups, deaths or hospitalizations between patients treated with NAC and those treated with placebo.

"We have made major strides in understanding the biology and clinical implications of pulmonary fibrosis," said Fernando J. Martinez, M.D., executive vice chair of medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College, New York City, and an author of the study. "As a result, there is tremendous hope for therapeutic options on the horizon."

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1. If you see a teen or adult suddenly

collapse, call 9-1-1; then

2. Push hard and fast in the center of the chest at 100 beats per minute.

As part of its national Hands-Only CPR campaign, the AHA has a new one-minute training video about the life-saving technique. To learn

more, visit www.heart.org/handsonly-cpr or www.facebook.com/AHACPR. ■



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Three times is a charm for giving blood

Community Blood Center has introduced "Go for 3," a contest to encourage and thank blood and platelet donors to keep on giving this time of year. People who give three times between now and Oct. 31 have the opportunity to win a wide-screen TV courtesy of Executive Electronics of Southwest Florida.

Whole blood can be donated every 56 days and platelets every two weeks, which means that provided they make their first donation prior to July 11, donors can give three times before Oct. 31.

Those who successfully donate twice by Oct. 31 will qualify for a drawing for two nights at the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort and a \$25 gift card to Buca

di Beppo Italian Restaurant.

Winning names will be drawn on Nov. 10.

The minimum age to give blood is 16 with parent consent. There is no upper age maximum. Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, should eat prior to giving blood and must be well hydrated. Photo ID is required at donation time.

Donations can be made at any Community Blood Center bloodmobile blood drive or at the Community Blood Center headquarters in Naples at 311 Ninth St. N.

For more information, including bloodmobile locations and times, visit www.givebloodcbc.org or www.facebook.com/givebloodcbc. ■

Doctors present program about 'brain attacks'

IberiaBank and Physicians Regional Healthcare System present a free program titled "Brain Attacks" by Drs. Eric Eskioglu and Brian Mason at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 11, at the bank branch at 2180 Immokalee Road, Naples. A reception begins at 5:30 p.m.

The National Stroke Association reports that stroke is the nation's third leading cause of death and that more than 750,000 Americans experience a new or recurrent stroke or brain attack each year.

Drs. Eskioglu and Mason will discuss the latest life-saving technology and innovative treatment options for acute stroke, brain aneurysms and other brain and carotid artery diseases. Physicians Regional-Pine Ridge is the only certified comprehensive stroke center between Sarasota and Miami, and Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard holds a primary stroke center designation.

Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 593-2021. ■

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IPF, an incurable disease characterized by buildup of fibrous scar tissue within the lungs, causes progressively worsening shortness of breath, coughing, chest pain and fatigue.

Part of the National Institutes of

Health, the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, or NHLBI, plans, conducts, and supports research related to the causes, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of heart, blood vessel, lung and blood diseases; and sleep disorders. The institute also administers national health education campaigns on women and heart disease, healthy weight for children and other topics. For more information, visit www.nhlbi.nih.gov. ■

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seamlessly and almost simultaneously gather up all the clinical information into one organized PDF that is securely shared with a Mayo physician expert for an opinion. Turnaround for completion of the consultation is generally within two or three days.

From Mayo's Dr. Andre Terzic we heard an amazing presentation about regenerative medicine that was reminiscent of science fiction. And from Dr. Gianrico Farrugia we learned about

individualized medicine through a heartwarming story of a young father overwhelmed with cancer who was saved when his tumor's genes were defined and found to be amenable to a new chemotherapeutic medication.

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PET TALES

Of parks and pets

The national park trip is a classic family vacation, but does Fido belong there?

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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Visiting a national park is a popular pastime, especially during summer. We decided to beat the crowds last month by visiting Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks before the vacationing hordes overtook them. Two of our dogs stayed home with a pet sitter, but Harper — our most experienced traveler — came along for the ride.

I dithered about bringing her until the very last minute. Dogs can enter national parks, but they're not allowed on most trails or in buildings. National park lodges don't permit them, although some campgrounds and cabins make allowances for dogs. And forget about taking Buster to see Old Faithful spout or stroll along the boardwalk at Biscuit Basin checking out the steaming sulfur pools. He'll be canina non grata.

I knew all this going in, but as it turned out, the offseason was a great time to bring a dog. The rules still applied, but with trails closed by snow and many lodges not yet open, we didn't feel as if we were missing out on anything by just driving through and seeing the sights. The driving snowstorm at Old Faithful meant that Harper was more than happy to stay in the car while we waited for the geyser to blow, and, of course, we didn't have to worry that she would overheat.

Harper also stayed in the car when



To protect both pets and wildlife, keep your dog on leash and follow the rules about where dogs are permitted.

we pulled over to photograph bison grazing or a couple of grizzlies grubbing for grubs after their long winter nap. But when it wasn't snowing, hailing, sleeting, raining or thundering — all of which we encountered during our two days in Yellowstone — Harper hopped out of the car at the turnouts and walked with us as we appreciated the stunning views. If a vista required a short hike, we took turns staying with her.

At Grand Teton, it was sunnier if still cold, so Harper got more and longer walks at the turnouts and outside the visitor center. At one turnout, we put out some hides (scent) so she could practice her nose work. She found all three in record time — just before it started hailing.

We stayed outside the parks in Jackson, Wyoming, spending three days at a bare-bones motel and three at a luxury

resort offering offseason rates. Meals included car picnics, brunch at dog-friendly Cafe Genevieve and coffee at Persephone Bakery, which had outdoor seating. Other times she snoozed in her crate in the hotel room. On the two occasions that we needed to go somewhere without her — a hike with a local wildlife biologist and a visit to the National Museum of Wildlife Art — Harper stayed at Happy Tails Pet Resort at Spring Creek Animal Hospital in Jackson, which I had called before our trip to make arrangements.

On the way home, we made a bonus visit to Zion National Park in Utah, where we met other people with dogs in tow. Zion has the same pet rules as other national parks, but it has one trail that permits dogs. The paved Pa'rus Trail follows the Virgin River for almost two miles and is an easy stroll. (Tip: Don't drive your dog through Zion's hairpin roads if he's prone to carsickness.)

For the best national park visit with dogs, make reservations at boarding kennels and pet-friendly hotels well beforehand, and keep your dog's vaccination record handy in case you decide to park him at a kennel for a day while you hike. Traveling by RV is another good option because your dog will have a safe place to stay if you go somewhere he can't. If you want to take him hiking, make your way to the nearest national forest, where dogs generally are permitted. Just don't forget your bear spray. ■

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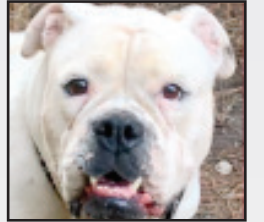
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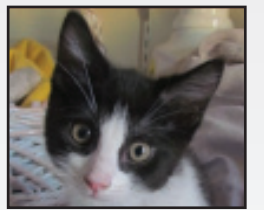
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>>**Coda Cupcake** is a spayed, 4-year-old English bulldog who weighs about 55 pounds. She's a happy girl who will be even more so in a forever home.



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If you think about it, there's something unfair about the fact that when we finally get Southwest Florida back to ourselves — after the snowbirds have fled, the traffic has finally eased up and we can walk into our favorite restaurants and have a seat without waiting — we immediately have to contend with the looming possibility that we could find ourselves in the path of the dreaded Cone of Despair. Hurricane season is officially here, and even though we must make sure we always have plenty of gallons of water, cans of tuna and topped-off gas tanks, I take comfort in knowing it could be worse: We could live in an area prone to earthquakes. There's no Doppler radar for earthquakes; thankfully, we get some warning when our natural disasters are on the way. So, there's that.

I recently heard from a third-generation Florida cracker that when the royal poinciana trees (the big, gorgeous trees with the orange/red blooms) get too colorful and full so early in the summer, it makes for an ominous hurricane season.

Don't even bother Googling that. I have nothing scientific to back it up. I read it on Facebook by said third-generation Floridian. But I will say that this is my fourth decade here, and the poinciana blooms are way too vibrant and fluffy for this time



"Oreo Truck, Naples, Florida" a digital photograph by Dennis Church of Bonita Springs, is part of the 28th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition on display through June 28 at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. Works by three Naples artists — Muffy Clark Gill, Leigh Herndon (who won the third place ribbon) and Joel Shapses — are in the show.

of year. So, I intend to be prepared.

But, honestly, how can a girl prepare herself to live sans electricity for even a few hours, let alone the possibility of several days, in the middle of August? That's my fear.

When Charley hit in '04, I grabbed my photo albums, family mementos and cell phone (a pink Nokia flip phone at the time — so old school) and fled to higher ground. We were lucky in my neighborhood — some flooding and a few trees down — but the horrific aftermath of no electricity for so long meant no air conditioning, no Internet and no ice for cocktails. Luckily, I had a gal pal who owned a home that was on the same power grid as the police station, so along with about a dozen other divas I took a pillow and sleeping bag over every night and slept like, well, a diva, with the air cranked down to 68.

Every year when June arrives, I promise myself that this will be the year I invest in a generator — or an open-ended plane ticket to Alaska.

Of course, the problem with the open-ended plane ticket is that we just don't know.

While the poinciana trees are an old-timey legend, we can also look at the well-documented urban legend: If Jim Cantore from The Weather Channel shows up in your town wearing a rain poncho, you're in trouble; but if Anderson Cooper arrives in galoshes, it's all over but the crying. And by that time it's way too late to book that open-ended flight.

When Charley hit, I was smart. When I headed for higher ground (i.e., the sturdy, concrete home of good friends), I didn't choose just any good friends. I went the house of well-prepared friends who regularly host parties, knowing there would

be plenty of important supplies, such as spirited beverages and dry goods, such as Chex Mix, crackers and those tasty pretzel thingies filled with peanut butter.

From now until the end of November, the smart hostess will be prepared for a pop-up hurricane party. And any good guest, especially those of us who live in low-lying areas, will be wise to keep a supply of hostess gifts on hand. I recommend a bottle of wine and a roll of duct tape.

So here's to a boring, uneventful hurricane season — one filled with happy hours, beach days and soirees. And let's just admire and appreciate the beauty of those full, vibrant royal poinciana trees while it lasts.

Fabulously Florida

Last Friday night at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers, it was all about the beauty of Florida, not the peril, as artists and art lovers gathered for the opening reception of the 28th annual All Florida Juried Exhibition featuring the best of the best by artists from around the state.

As we sipped wine and nibbled cheese, we admired almost 50 pieces, including works by well-known Naples artists Muffy Clark Gill, Leigh Herndon and Joel Shapses. Other Southwest Florida contributors to the exhibition include David Belling, Buck Ward, Mary Voytek and Carolyann McGahey. The show is filled with variety and runs through June 28. Don't miss it! ■

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Welcome to the real world

Businessman/dad has advice for new grads

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

YOU'VE FRETTED ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S future from kindergarten on. You've zoom-focused on homework and grades, worried that he wouldn't have the study skills and discipline to make it once he got out from under your thumb, and spent sleepless nights worrying he wasn't making the most of his college education.

Now that he's finally ready to graduate, the last thing

you want is for your child to stall at the real-world starting line after all the hard work he — and you — have put in.

You know that the economy is scarier than ever and jobs are hard to come by. You also know that a lot has changed since you sent out your first résumé. So what 11th-hour advice can you give your child to ensure that he'll make it as an adult (and not end up living in your basement forever)? Ben Carpenter has

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MONEY & INVESTING

Adopt the personality traits of the rich



(e.g., courteous to those who play a role in their wealth plan but discourteous to those who are considered to be disposable in their plan). Not all wealthy people are genuinely nice; sometimes their embrace will be followed by a dagger.

They are often persistent in everything. Whether it is their pursuit of wealth, accomplishing large or small tasks despite many obstacles, developing focused and consistent work behaviors. They will keep trying until they succeed. Their personality can be harsh and demanding, which is tiresome to those surrounding them, including fellow workers and spouses. Alternately, they can opt for persistence clothed in cheerfulness, positive thinking and cooperative effort. Regardless, wealthy people do not accept “no” for an answer. The hurdles they have overcome might have started with acceptance at a college or other school; it might have been getting an internship or summer job. The challenges continue through to raising funds for a start-up business; getting the first client; calling on a potential client who has repeatedly declined doing business; investing in a product or service for which there is no currently no market acceptance; etc.

A wealthy person innovates. He or she thinks of new products and services; new ways to sell to clients; new ways to solve problems; new careers to pursue; new venues for amassing wealth. It is hard to persist in doing the same thing if it always leads to failure, so he or

she innovates. It is sometimes easier to invent a solution rather than bulldozing ahead.

Most wealthy people love what they do. Their job or career is an extension of themselves. They look forward to work; the challenge is often for them to turn off the work mode and enter non-work and relaxation periods. The wealthy are not punching a time clock even if their humble beginnings require a time clock for their salary. They view their job as an opportunity to express their desires and abilities; hard work gives them a sense of satisfaction.

The wealthy understand that they are surrounded by an ever-changing world and increasing competition in all that they do. Beyond striving to do better, they undertake opportunities to learn more. The learning comes from their inquisitiveness about the world that drives them to read (and talk to people) within their industry as well as industries outside their career box. Even the discourteous wealthy might take opportunities to learn from those lower on the career ladder.

They are often integrated into their community. They view their community not just as a base for their wealth creation but are considering how they can positively impact the people around them. Some of their doing and giving is altruistic and some for business advancement.

Many of the characteristics of the wealthy are positive. Regardless of

whether wealth is achieved or not, a career characterized by hard work, innovation, persistence, sharing with the community, and holding onto a dream are all good things. It's even better if the negative characteristics (aforementioned) are avoided — but none of us are perfect.

Sometimes the super achievers will include narcissists. (Narcissism is a self-absorption and self-love to an unhealthy extreme.) Wealth is an easy vehicle with which to command authority, express superiority, be self-absorbed, self-admire, and to exploit situations and people. Wealth creates an environment in which this personality disorder can persist unfettered.

But do not fall into the trap of thinking that all powerful and wealthy people are narcissistic. We have multiple national examples of extreme benevolence, humility and charity among the wealthy — all while being innovators, leaders and persistent in pursuits. Obviously, these wealthy have self-imposed healthy boundaries or surrounded themselves with strong people who are not bought by money and are willing to confront unhealthy behaviors.

If you develop many of the personality characteristics of the wealthy, you might heighten your chances that you will reach your wealth goal. ■

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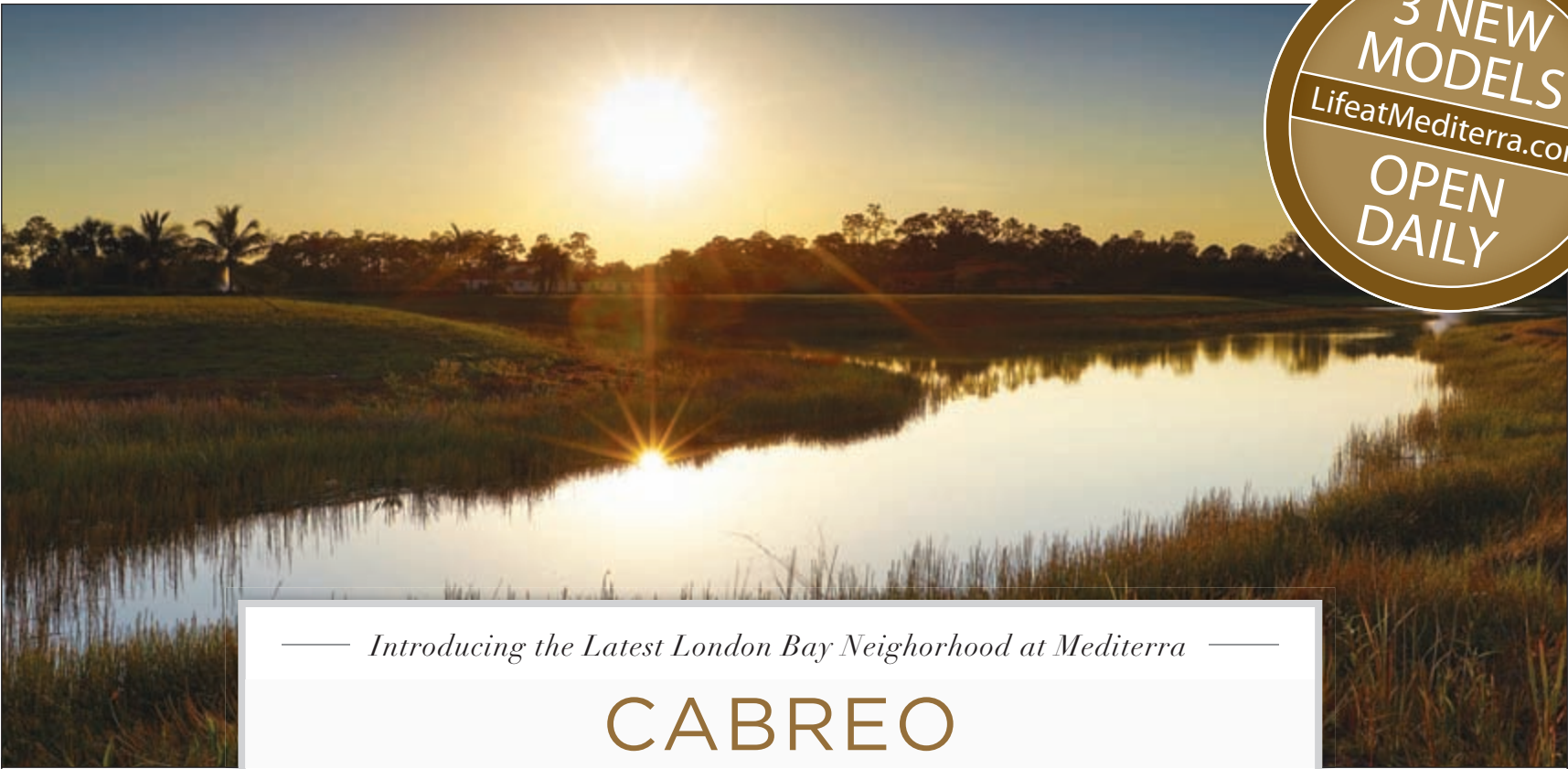
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some ideas.

"I know from experience how nerve-racking it can be to watch a child leave the nest, especially when there's so much about the real world he or she has yet to learn," says the author of the new book "The Bigs: The Secrets Nobody Tells Students and Young Professionals About How to Find a Great Job, Do a Great Job, Start a Business, and Live a Happy Life."

"I'll never forget the panic I felt when I realized that while my daughter Avery had received a top-notch academic education, she had no clue how the working world, well, worked," he says.

After a yearlong job search, Mr. Carpenter shares, Avery finally received a promising job offer in her field of choice. Then she sent him an email with the subject line: "Is this OK to send?" Until her horrified dad stopped her, Avery was about to ask her new boss for a later start date so she'd have more time to "tie up loose ends" (i.e., move out of her parents' home and into her own apartment). Yikes, right?

"Fortunately, I was able to redirect her before she inadvertently did any damage," Mr. Carpenter says. "But this instance really underscored to me how important it is that we parents actively guide our graduates through this uncertain time."

That's precisely the point of "The Bigs," a blueprint that employees of any age and level of experience (not just recent grads) can use to get — and do — a great job.

Having done it all, from opening his own bar to working his way through the Wall Street ranks to becoming the CEO of a major international financial services company, Mr. Carpenter seems the perfect coach. Here's some of his sage advice.

■ **Do what you're good at, not what you love.** Much of the career advice that's doled out these days encourages young people to "follow their dreams" and "feed their passion." Sure, you want your child to enjoy his career ... but you also want him to become and remain solvent instead of holding out for the "perfect" job that might never materialize.

"Most professionals are happiest doing what they are good at, while pursuing other passions — that their careers give them the means to finance — on the side," he says.

■ **Try out different fields when you're young.** Your rookie years — when you're young and before you have children — are the ideal time to aggressively seek out the best match for your personality and talents. "Of course," he stresses, "no one should leave a paying job — even if they're unhappy with it — before they have another one lined up."



COURTESY PHOTO

Author Ben Carpenter

■ **Think of your boss and your company before yourself.** This principle was the driving force behind Mr. Carpenter's insistence that his daughter *not* ask her new boss for a later start date, and it extends well beyond the first day of work.

Make sure your graduate understands that a rookie must prove she will be an asset to the team, not a drain on its resources or a liability for the coach. Often, that means putting the boss's wants and needs ahead of your own.

Mr. Carpenter's advice is that rookie employees need to show up before the boss, leave after she does, schedule personal appointments after business hours, work six months before taking vacation days, respond to phone calls and emails ASAP (even at night, on the weekends or during vacations).

"Everyone has to start at the bottom and work his way up," he says. "When your child shows that he's willing to sacrifice his own interests for the good of the team, he'll have gotten a huge head start on being named Rookie of the Year."

■ **Don't agree to anything you don't fully understand.** Once your graduate gets her foot in the door, she'll likely want to impress her colleagues and higher-ups at every turn. And in an attempt to avoid looking like she doesn't know what she's doing, she may be tempted to feign understanding and nod her head, even though she really has no clue what's going on. Caution her against this strategy, Mr. Carpenter urges.

"Early in my career, a client bullied me into saying 'yes' to a request I didn't understand — and it cost my employer \$25,000," he recalls. "It's always better to swallow your pride and say, 'I'm sorry, but I don't understand. I need you to

explain.' And that's just as applicable in your child's personal dealings as it is in her career."

■ **Learn to appreciate diverse work styles.** "Maybe you're a Type A personality who is totally frustrated by your coworker's seat-of-her-pants approach to projects. Remember, though, by shutting her out, you'll also deprive yourself of her creative solutions and outside-the-box insights," he says.

■ **Be a good steward of the "little" things.** For example, always proofread your emails for errors before pressing "send." Don't leave voicemails unanswered at the end of the day. Keep your desk and computer files organized. Call your clients to share progress, even when a report isn't required.

■ **Act like a leader.** Even if you're the lowest man or woman on the totem pole, you can still display leadership qualities such as having integrity and a good attitude, providing others with helpful feedback and treating them with respect.

■ **Do what you say you're going to do when you say you're going to do it.** Enough said.

■ **Don't complain about your job to your coworkers.** There will be plenty of things your child won't like about her first (and second, and fifth) job. But complaining about them around the water cooler — even if she has a very sympathetic audience — is never a good idea.

"Anytime your child is unhappy with something at work, whether it's her workload, the tasks she's being given or how she's being treated by a coworker, instruct her to bring those concerns directly to

her supervisor," Mr. Carpenter advises. "If she feels that isn't possible, tell her to continue to do the best job she can while looking for a more suitable position."

■ **Don't badmouth your coworkers.**

This is Mr. Carpenter's personal golden rule for business. Don't vent about your boss in the break room. Don't gripe about your coworker with the rest of the team. Don't even make fun of John's crazy tie unless he's right there laughing with you.

"These comments have a way of getting back to the people they're about," he says. "And even if the other person never becomes aware of what you said, your colleagues will make judgments about your character based on your willingness to bash someone else behind his or her back."

■ **Live within your means.** "I promise you will be happier in a small apartment, driving an older car, drinking cheap wine than you will be in a big apartment, driving a fancy car, drinking expensive wine and having to worry about how to pay for it all," Mr. Carpenter says.

■ **Don't forget to have fun.** Finally, remind your graduate that while she'll need to put her nose to the grindstone, she shouldn't forget to remove it every once in awhile.

"While work should certainly be a priority, it's also important to have fun and disengage every once in awhile," Mr. Carpenter says. "The fuller and more satisfying your child's life is in general, the more effective she'll be at work. Plus, part of living a happy life is having friends and family to share it with." ■





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ON THE MOVE

Awards & Recognition

Marissa Hartington of Marissa Collections has been named to JCK magazine's 2014 Power List of Influencers who shape the global jewelry trade. She is among only 50 of the most innovative CEOs, designers, retailers and tastemakers in the jewelry and watch business. Marissa Collections on Third Street South added its 1,400-square-foot jewelry gallery in November 2012. The gallery contains a highly curated assortment of more than 20 jewelry designers, including Arunashi, David Webb, Irene Neuwirth, Tamarra Comolli, Todd Reed and Yossi Harari.



HARTINGTON

Michael Wynn, president of Sunshine Ace Hardware, has been named a finalist for the Ernst & Young LLP Entrepreneur of the Year award in the Family Business category for the state of Florida. Winners will be announced June 12 in Orlando. In its 28th year, the Ernst & Young award program encourages entrepreneurial activity among those with potential and recognizes the contribution of people who inspire others with their vision, leadership and achievement.



WYNN

Board Appointments

Elizabeth Whitmer, a professor at Edison State College who teaches health information technology, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of directors for the Florida Health Information Management Association. She will work with the board and various committee members to improve services to the membership and increase opportunities for students as they pursue their education in health information management. The FHIMA promotes quality health care through strong health data information management and governance practices and principles.



WHITMER

Tom Goettel, director of special projects at Shaw Development LLC; **Matt Stepan**, commercial Broker at Premier Commercial Inc.; and **Susan Takacs**, COO at Physicians Regional Healthcare System-Pine Ridge have been appointed to the board of direc-

tors of the Bonita Springs Estero Economic Development Council.

The Leadership Collier Foundation announces the following officers and committee chairs took office on June 1: Chair, **Katie Sproul**, Barron Collier Companies; chair-elect, **Michael Wynn**, Sunshine Ace Hardware; immediate past chair, **CJ Hueston**, Corporate Dimensions; vice chair, programs, Chief **Jim Bloom**, Collier County Sheriff's Office; vice chair, campaign for leadership, **Russell Budd**, PBS Contractors; vice chair, leadership development, **Kathy Curatolo**, Collier Building Industry Association; vice chair, alumni, **Jan Kanton**, Success Systems; vice chair, alliances, **Chris Vernon**, **Vernon Healy**; vice chair, finance, **Lynda Waterhouse**, Collier Anesthesia.

Newly elected to the foundation's board of directors for three-year terms are: **Courtney Curatolo**, Planned Parenthood Collier County; **Jennifer Edwards**, Collier County Supervisor of Elections; **Russell Priddy**, Suniland Family LP/JB Ranch; **Maria Ramos**, Family Home Health Services; **Scott Sherman**, Arthrex; and **Ted Soliday**, Naples Airport Authority.

Real Estate

Joan Crompton has joined Premier Sotheby's International Realty as a sales associate in the company's Promenade office in Bonita Springs. A 40-year resident of Southwest Florida, Ms. Crompton has more than 25 year of experience in marketing. She is licensed in Florida and Connecticut.



CROMPTON

Patrick Ruff has joined the WCI Communities' development of The Colony Golf & Bay Club as a community representative. The Colony is within Pelican Landing in Bonita Springs. A licensed Realtor and broker, Mr. Ruff has more than 20 years of experience in real estate sales, development and construction. As vice president of Boat-Clubs of America, he oversaw construction of the company's marina facilities in Naples, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers and Fort Lauderdale. He holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from Florida International University and currently serves as president of the Naples Pathways Coalition's board of directors and on the Naples Area Board of Realtors' membership committee. As a community representative at The Colony, he will introduce visitors to the luxury condominium residences in the Terzetto and Cielo neighborhoods.

Law Enforcement

Paul Aliseo has been promoted to the rank of corrections sergeant for the Collier County Sheriff's Office. A graduate of Naples High School and Edison State College, Sgt. Aliseo started working at CCSO in the Naples jail center in 2003.

William Gifford has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in charge of training of the K9 Unit for the Collier County Sheriff's Office. Sgt. Gifford began his career with CCSO in 1997 and has had assignments in corrections, road patrol and vice/narcotics. He is a certified trainer and evaluator, instructing and evaluating K9 teams around Florida.

Professional Advancement

Sheila Dugan, deputy executive director of the Naples Airport Authority, has earned designation as an accredited airport executive from the American Association of Airport Executives. AAE designation is granted to those who have demonstrated their ability to handle the responsibilities of airport management. During the past five years, an average of 26 professionals have achieved accreditation in North America each year. Ms. Dugan joined NAA in 1990 and served as senior director of finance, human resources and administration before being promoted to her current position in 2011.



DUGAN

Nonprofit Organizations

Heather Markgraf has joined the staff at Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss as transition program coordinator to conduct functional assessments of students ages 14-22 who are blind/vision impaired in order to help determine the appropriate services to assist them transitioning to the work force or higher education. Miss Markgraf holds a master's degree in orientation and mobility and a bachelor's degree in visual disability education from Florida State University.



MARKGRAF

Engineering

Robert McGinnis has joined the staff at Forge Engineering. He recently earned a bachelor's degree in civil and environmental engineering at Florida Gulf Coast University and is working toward an MBA.

Sales

Judy Welker has joined Action Automatic Door & Gate as a sales consultant in the company's Naples showroom. A resident of Southwest Florida for more than 20 years, Ms. Welker has been a licensed real estate broker and an accredited home-stager preparing homes for resale. She has been involved in new home construction and remodeling for more than 30 years. ■

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Wisdom From Omaha

Superinvestors Warren Buffett and his business partner, Charlie Munger, recently held forth at their Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha, Nebraska. Here are some paraphrased nuggets:

- On figuring out what one's circle of competence is: Buffett explained that it requires being realistic and honest about what you really do and don't know. He knows of many CEOs who don't know where their circles begin and end. He thinks that most of Berkshire's managers know when they're playing in a game they are going to win.

Rose Blumkin, who sold Buffett her Nebraska Furniture Mart business years ago, is a good example. She didn't take Berkshire Hathaway stock in the sale, because she didn't have a great understanding of it. But she understood real estate and retail and cash. She knew exactly what she knew and did not know.

Munger added that competency is a relative thing, and that what he needed to succeed was to compete against idiots. "And luckily there's a large supply."

- On whether they support more pro-

secutions for misconduct in the 2008 financial crisis: Munger said we'll never have perfect behavior when there are a lot of people in an environment of easy money, and suggested that some criminal prosecutions can change behavior a lot. Buffett added that he favors prosecution of people more than prosecution of companies, because it changes behavior more. It's easier to prosecute companies because they will often just settle by writing a check.

- On money and happiness: Buffett said that there isn't a direct relationship between the amount you have to spend and your happiness. He wouldn't be happier if he had six or eight houses, and he said he'd actually be much less happy. Money makes a difference only up to a point. But once you go far beyond that point, it doesn't make a difference.

There's much more to learn about money, investing and life from Buffett. Read his annual letters to shareholders at berkshirehathaway.com. Roger Lowenstein's book, "Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist" (Random House, \$19), is a fascinating read, too. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Depreciation Appreciation

In my youth, I was convinced to invest in a now-defunct broadcasting company by a friend who had a large position in it. I bought about 10,000 shares of the micro-cap over time at an average of \$3.67 per share and sold them for pennies as it fell into bankruptcy. My friend lost most of his investment capital as well, and stated that his money would have been better spent buying a high-end sports car. I learned not to take unsolicited stock tips too seriously and to admit defeat when an investment thesis has failed badly.

— C.A., Houston

The Fool Responds: You learned the hard way that penny stocks are ultra-risky and often wipe out naive investors. A fancy sports car would indeed have been a better purchase, but don't think of it as an investment. Investments should ideally appreciate in value over time, whereas most cars will depreciate. It's rarely smart to act on a stock tip without doing your due diligence first. Well-meaning friends might be convincing, but they may not be the most astute investors, and even savvy ones will make blunders on occasion. ■



Do you have an embarrassing lesson learned the hard way? Boil it down to 100 words (or less) and send it to TheMotleyFool.com

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 was founded in 1976 by two guys in a garage who dreamed of easy-to-use personal computers for homes and offices. One of them left me for a while and established Pixar (which Disney now owns). I was written off by many in the mid-1990s, but after my founder's return I launched new products, some of which created new markets. My music-related revenue is on track to eclipse that of my laptops soon, and phones generate the bulk of my sales. My stock went public in 1980, and it has grown more than 180-fold since then. Who am I? (Answer: Apple) ■



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Ask the Fool

Hold the Dressing

Q What's "window dressing"?

— D.L., Sioux City, Iowa

A It's what some mutual fund managers do to fool most of us. Fund managers regularly report on their funds' holdings, typically every three or six months. Since they want to look good and impress existing and potential shareholders, some will sell poor performers they've held for a while and buy recent stellar investments. That way, someone perusing their list of holdings as of the end of the quarter might be pleased.

For example, perhaps the Kitten Kaboodle Fund (ticker: MEOWX) has been invested in some stocks that have plunged or been tied to scandals recently. If so, before the day on which the fund's holdings will be recorded and later revealed, the managers might sell out of those dogs, snapping up shares of recent market darlings. This is window dressing. Favoring funds with low turnover ratios (i.e., relatively little trading activity) can thwart window dressers.

Q Can you explain what a "2 percent floor" is?

— S.H., Dalton, Georgia

A It refers to your miscellaneous itemized deductions. They need to exceed 2 percent of your adjusted gross income (AGI) in order to be of any value. If they do exceed it, you'll be able to deduct only the amount by which they exceed it.

For example, if your AGI is \$50,000, your floor will be 2 percent of that, or \$1,000. If your miscellaneous itemized deductions total \$825, you can't do anything with them. But if they total \$1,600, you can deduct \$600. Many expenses may qualify, such as certain home-office expenses, tax-preparation fees, investment-related fees, job-hunting expenses and job-related expenses.

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Name That Company

I was created in 1930, but some of my businesses were making margarine, soap and soup tablets back in the 1800s. Today I'm a global giant; more than 2 billion people use my products daily in more than 190 nations. My brands include Lipton, Knorr, Dove, Hellmann's, Vaseline, Brylcreem, Close Up, TRESemmé, Ben & Jerry's, Omo, Surf, Good Humor, Klondike, Q-tips, Popsicle



and Slim-Fast. (I'm slimming down, and sold Wish Bone and Skippy.) Many of my brands have annual sales topping 1 billion euros. I employ more than 170,000 people, and 42 percent of my managers are women. ■

The Motley Fool Take

Wind and Rails

You get two industries for the price of one with Trinity Industries (NYSE: TRN). The company is primarily a railcar producer, building new railcars to replace all of those old, graffiti-stricken ones traveling across the country delivering goods. But over the past few years, its energy division has been steadily growing. (It has other businesses, too.)

Consider the promise of its wholly owned subsidiary, Trinity Structural Towers, which fabricates tubular wind towers. While electricity produced from wind power in the United States was recently just 4 percent of all generated electrical energy, the U.S. Department of Energy believes wind could supply 20 percent of all U.S. electricity by 2020.

Based in Texas, Trinity Structural Towers is in a prime location to supply wind farms in the Great Plains, the wind-rich region that T. Boone Pickens has dubbed "the Saudi Arabia of wind." Trinity's backlog of structural towers orders totaled close to \$270 million at year-end 2013.

With a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 12 and rising profit margins, Trinity's stock is appealing. Its dividend that recently yielded 0.5 percent may not be exciting, but it reflects a hefty 33 percent increase. Best of all is its diversification. Trinity's railcar business can cushion any hiccup in its alternative energy business, and while wind power spreads, when large equipment needs to be moved across the U.S., it will likely be done by a Trinity Industries railcar. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ The **Marco Island Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual Glory of the Grape fundraiser from 6-9 p.m. Sunday, June 8, at CJ's on the Bay. Tickets are \$50. Sponsorships and donations for a live auction are being accepted. Call 394-7549 for reservations or more information.

■ The **Above Board Chamber** invites members and guests to its next meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, June 9, at the Hilton Naples. The program will be a panel discussion about "What is the Value of Your Business?" Panelists will include Dan Regelski of the Small Business Development Center at FGCU, Trish Garthoeffner of Anchor Business Valuations, Susan Moyer of Cadeau & Company and Bonnie Bolton of JP Morgan Chase Bank. Tim Cartwright of the Tamiami Angel Fund will moderate. \$25 for members, \$30 for others. RSVP is required by June 6. Visit www.aboveboardchamber.com. For more information, call Jeanne Sweeney at 910-7426.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce meets from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednes-

day, June 11, at the Hilton Naples. Sign up at www.napleschamber.org.

■ The **East Naples Merchants Association** meets from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Physicians Regional-Collier Boulevard. For more information, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410 or Natalie Anguilano at 643-3600, or visit www.eastnaplesmerchantsassoc.com.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Hours from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 12, at Rodes Fresh-n-Fancy, 3756 Bonita Beach Road. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door for members; \$30 for future members. Call 992-2943 or email ellie@bonitaspringschamber.com to register.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce is set for 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, at The Classics at Lely Resort. On Wednesday, July 16, the group will gather aboard the Marco Island Princess. Call 394-7549 or visit www.marcoislandchamber.org.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next mixer for members and guests from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, at Hadinger Flooring, 401 Airport-Pulling Road. \$15 for CBIA members, \$25 for others. Reservations required. Call 436-6100 or visit www.cbiana.net. ■

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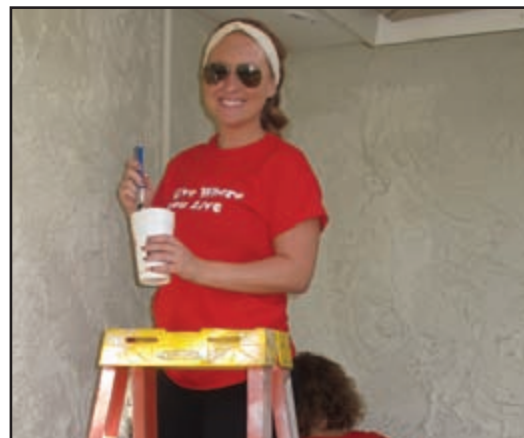
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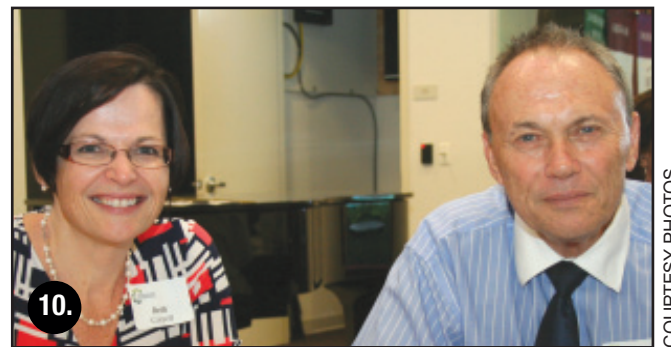
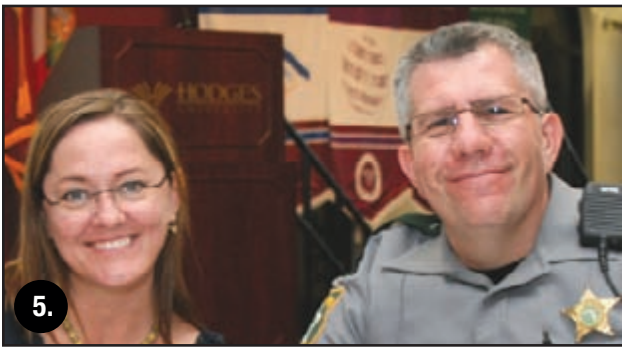


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Coldwell Banker acquires two area agencies

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Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate has acquired the assets of 5th Avenue Real Estate in Naples and Island Coastal Realty in Estero. The agency welcomes six sales associates from the Naples firm and 13 from the Estero firm.

“Our company is expanding operations in Southwest Florida and seeking opportunities to grow by identifying sales associates who know the local market inside and out,” says Clark Toole, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate in Florida, which is part of NRT LLC.

Stefan Bolsen, the owner of 5th Avenue Real Estate, was previously the master license partner and head of real estate for Engel & Völkers Florida. He and his wife, Bea Bolsen, both former attorneys from Germany, will become independent sales associates at Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate.

Under the leadership of Gwen and Kip Martin, Island Coastal Realty has provided professional real estate services to the Estero community for several years. Mrs. Martin joins Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate as branch manager of the Cape Coral office. Mr. Martin will work from the Coldwell Banker office in Fort Myers as a sales associate.

Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate has expanded its reach through several acquisitions over the past 14 months, including five in Brevard County (Melbourne) and one in Flagler County (Palm Coast). ■



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House Hunting:

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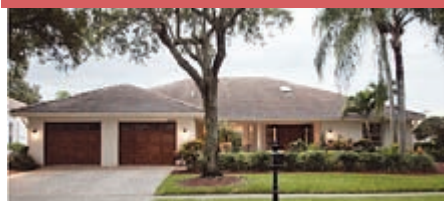
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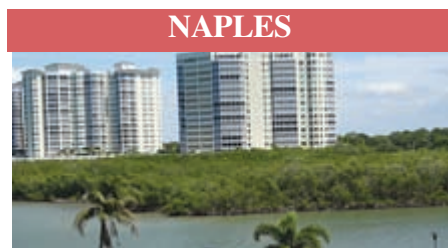
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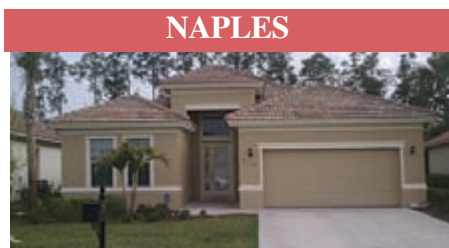
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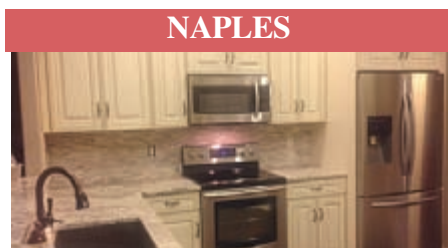
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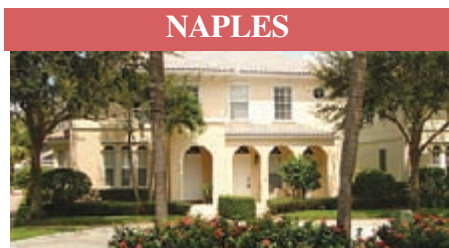
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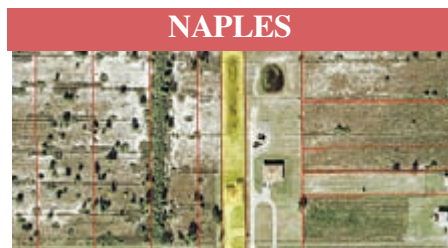
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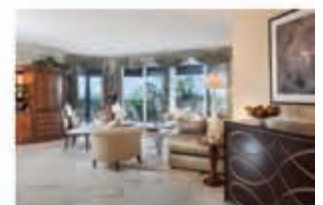
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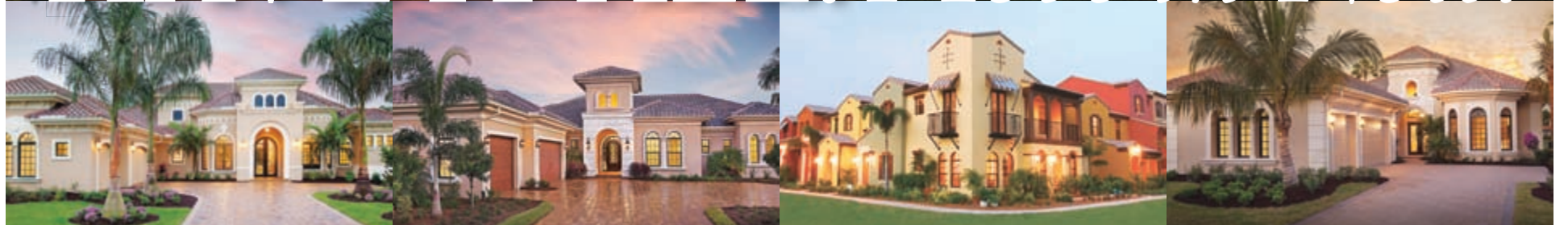


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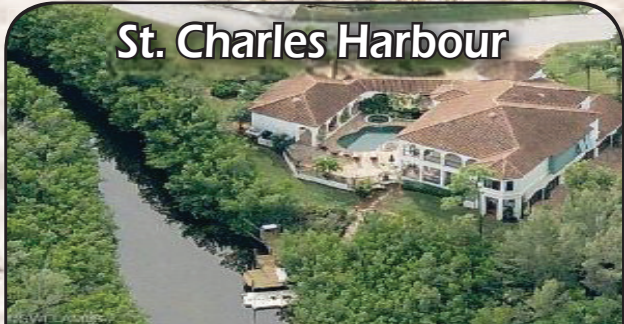


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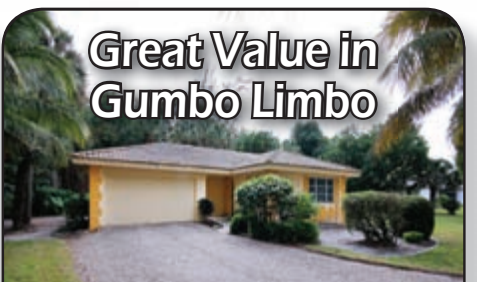
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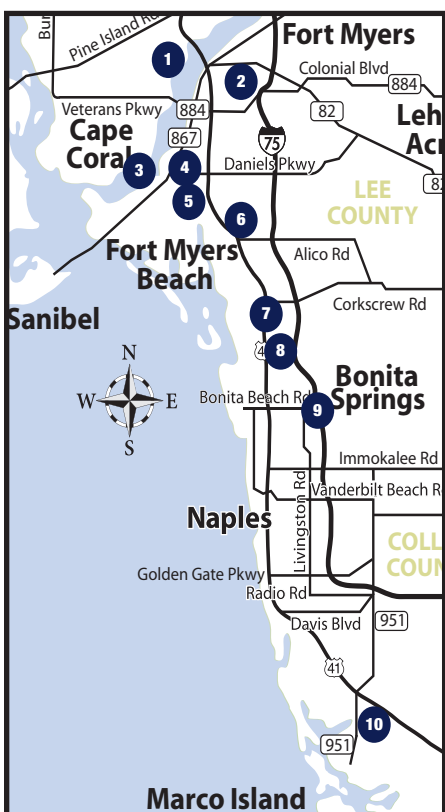
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D.R. Horton adds homes in Fiddler's Creek

Homebuilder D.R. Horton is adding to its inventory at Fiddler's Creek. In the village of Chiasso, the company is in various stages of construction on nine new inventory homes: four Madison designs, a Somerset residence, three Washington homes and an Emerson residence.

Located within the Veneta section of Fiddler's Creek, Chiasso has 59 single-family home sites. Available floor plans range from 2,583 air-conditioned square feet to 3,522 air-conditioned square feet.

The one-story Madison design has 3,246 air-conditioned square feet. There are three bedrooms plus den, four baths, a family room and open living/dining room with contemporary finishes throughout. The bedrooms are situated in separate corners of the home to ensure privacy, and the den is large enough to serve as a fourth bedroom. The Madison is priced from \$594,990, plus lot premium.

The Washington is a one-story residence with three bedrooms and 3½ baths in 2,788 air-conditioned square

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Upon completion, there will be 25 Golf Cottages, each containing large common areas, indoor and outdoor kitchens and four master suites with king-size beds and flat-screen TVs. Prices start at \$900,000 during this special launch.

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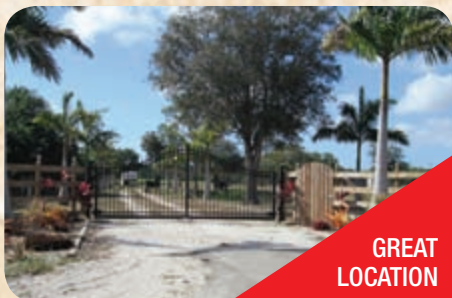
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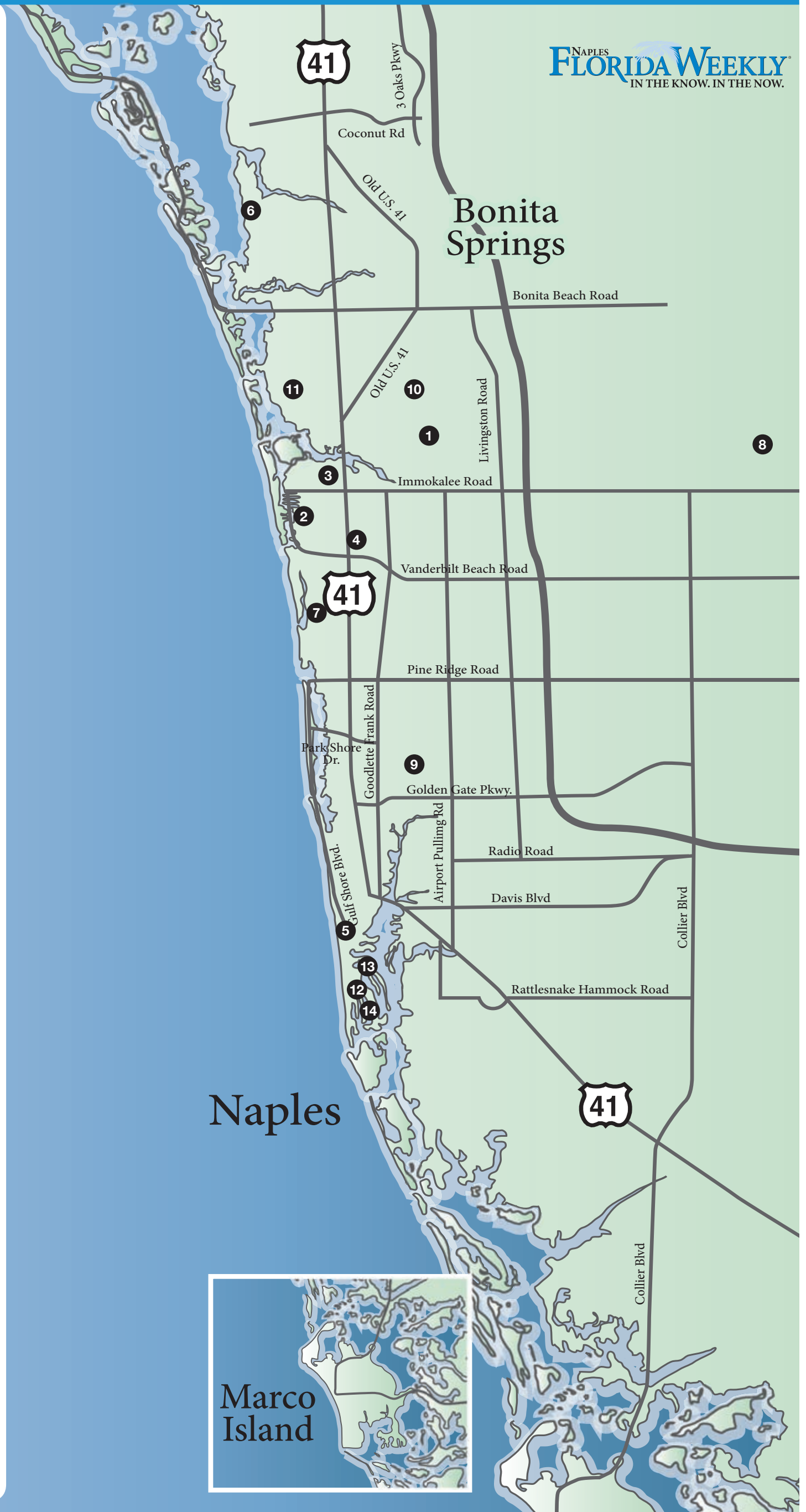
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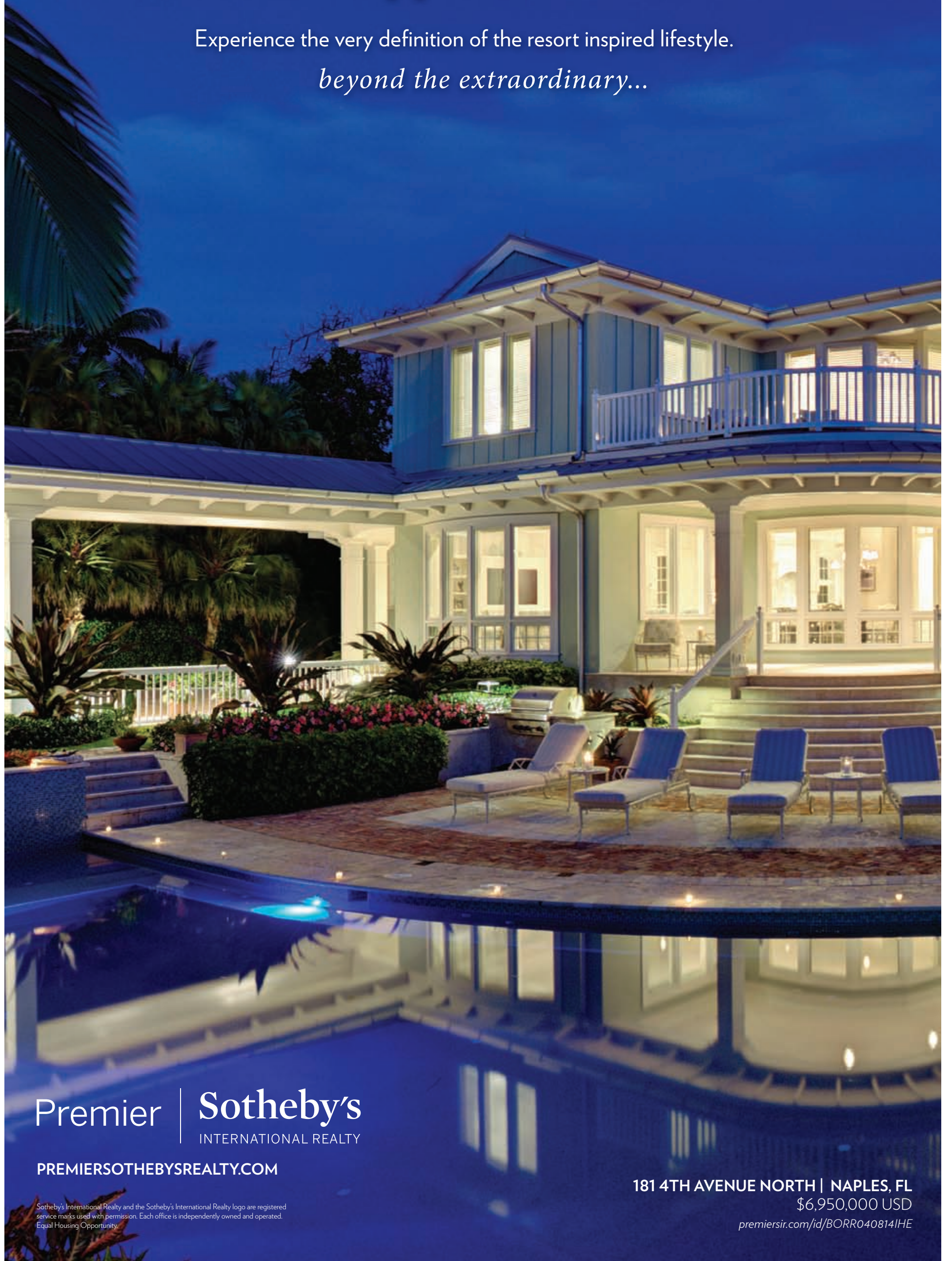
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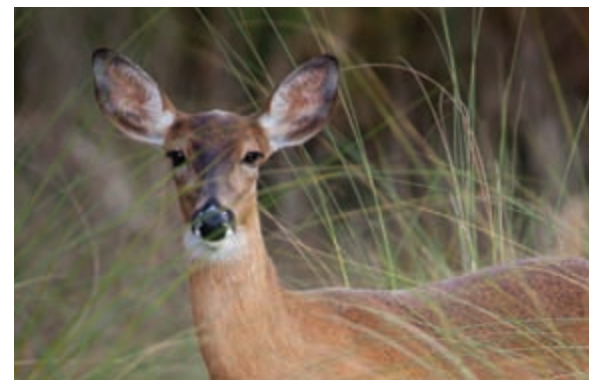
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“With every appraisal, I learn something. It’s all about research. Is there someone who knows more than you (about an object) or can do it better? You turn it over to them, or you consult with them.”

— Michael Logan, Michael Logan Appraisals in Punta Gorda



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Michael Logan appraises a vintage memory bank comprised of buttons and knick-knacks.

For what it's worth

Take your treasures to WGCU Public Media appraisal fair

BY NANCY STETSON
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It’s a fantasy fueled by episodes of “Antiques Roadshow”: That knick-knack you dusted off from Grandma’s attic

is worth thousands. That old painting that’s languished in the garage for years is actually by a highly collectible artist. Or that bauble you bought at a yard sale on a whim for a couple of bucks is a priceless, one-of-a-kind object.

We all live for that moment on the popular PBS show when the unexpected appraisal is declared and the owner’s mouth drops open in stunned disbelief as he or she is suddenly catapulted into a higher tax bracket.

Almost everyone, it seems, owns

some item they wonder about. Grandpa’s old pistol. Dad’s stamp collection. An unusual ceramic figurine.

WGCU Public Media knows just how popular “Antiques Roadshow” is and is holding its own version of the show as a fundraiser. For \$125, you can bring up to three items to be verbally appraised by experts at the station’s first Antiques Appraisal Fair on Saturday, June 7.

“I know the draw of it,” says Pam

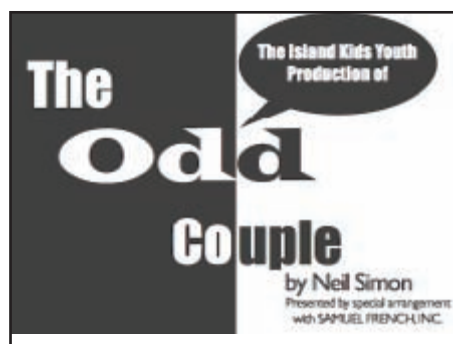
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Marco kids present Neil Simon’s ‘The Odd Couple’

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The youth troupe of the Island Theater Company on Marco Island presents Neil Simon’s “The Odd Couple” at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 13-14, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, June 15, at the Marco Island Historical Museum.

The classic comedy opens with a group of men assembling for cards in the apartment of divorced Oscar Madison. If the mess is any indication, it’s no wonder that Oscar’s wife left him. Late to arrive is the fastidious Felix Unger, recently separated from his wife and needing a place to live. When the slob and the clean freak decide to become roommates, the results are hilarious.



The production stars Luke Sheldon as Oscar and Cooper Ussery as Felix. Rounding out the cast are Eddy Ludwigsen as Murray, Josiah Hurltley as Speed, Ryan Sullivan as Vinnie, Joey Golec as Roy (Friday and Sunday performances),

Dylan Rodgers as Roy (Saturday performance), Abby Martin as Gwendolyn Pigeon, Jessica Lang as Cecily Pigeon (Friday and Sunday) and Marley Wilson as Cecily Pigeon (Saturday). Gina Sisbarro directs.

The show is sponsored by Jump Hair & Nails.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and can be purchased at the door or in advance at Centennial Bank on Marco and in the museum gift shop. Tickets are also available at www.theateronmarco.com. Doors open 30 minutes before each performance.

Island Theater Company will hold a theater camp for kids in July. For more information, call Pat Berry at 394-0080. ■

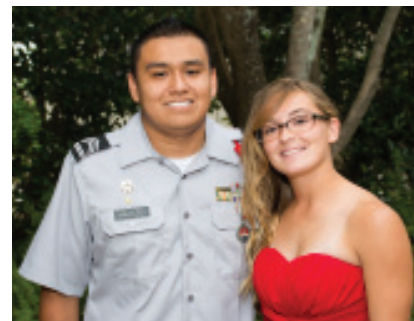
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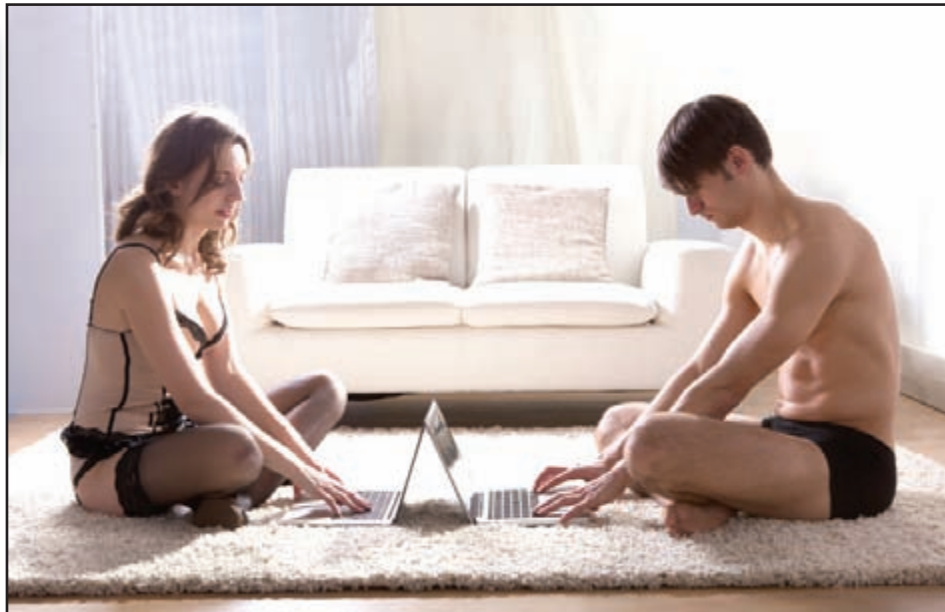
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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

How About We with a friend



After discovering the joys of the online matchmaking site How About We, I told my friend Josh he should join.

"I don't know," he said over dinner. "I've tried online dating before."

"But this is different," I said. "Trust me."

The next time I saw him, we met at his apartment. Josh pulled out his laptop but still seemed unconvinced.

"This will change your life," I assured him.

At my urging, he filled out the initial profile — a few simple questions — and uploaded several photos, then we jumped into the best part of How About We: weeding through potential dates.

On this particular site, singles suggest something fun to do, such as, "How about we go to the park?" or "How about we meet for cocktails?" and other singles decide whether they're intrigued. The site's format combines the quick thumbs-up or thumbs-down fun of Tinder with the more serious relationship intentions of places like eHarmony or OKCupid.

I sat beside Josh on the couch as he scrolled through the single women. I flinched each time he passed one over.

"Wait a minute," I said. "She's pretty." "Her?" He paused, considering. "No." He continued on. "No, no, no, no, no."

"What about her?" I asked.

"Too tall."

"And her?"

"Too old."

I thought I might cry. How can any woman expect to find love when men are so damn picky?

When Josh finally found someone who had potential, I felt more perplexed than ever.

"That one?" I said.

"Oh, yes," he nodded emphatically.

"She's beautiful."

He went down the list of her appealing attributes — qualities I could see and recognize but that I would never have considered special.

When I left Josh's apartment that night, he seemed brighter and more optimistic. For the first time since his breakup, he had dating options.

As for me, I felt dismal. I'd peered into the male brain and it was terrifying.

For a time, the experience left me sour on the opposite sex.

But then I met a girl friend for brunch not much later, and we got to

talking about the men we've loved. With her, she admitted, they always had a certain boyishness, a brashness and a daredevil charm. I laughed and shook my head.

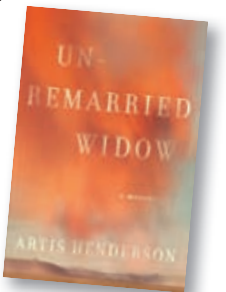
"None of that appeals to me," I said.

"I know," my friend said with a sheepish smile. "We all have our pathologies."

I thought back to the night in Josh's apartment and the women on How About We that he had selected. I remembered something I read once about the trick to creating a good online dating profile. Instead of striving to be universally attractive, the article said, we should focus on being honest about who we are — quirks and all. The goal is not to lure in everyone, just someone who likes our particular features.

It occurred to me that the session with Josh was actually liberating. What a relief to know that different men find different women appealing, and how uplifting to realize that we don't have to be the most beautiful woman in the world — just one who is beautiful through her own uniqueness. ■

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



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James, WGCU membership and special events manager. She came to the local station from Kansas City public television, where they've held a similar event for eight years.

"It seemed like a natural fit down here," Ms. James says. "Antiques Roadshow' is one of the most popular programs on PBS. Why not borrow on that popularity?"

The closest the actual show has come to Southwest Florida is Tampa and Miami. "We'd love to

have the 'Roadshow' come here," Ms. James says. But in the meantime, WGCU is holding its own event.

As of press time, 15 certified appraisers had signed up to offer their services. Most of them are local, with some coming from as far north as Sarasota and Venice, and one flying in from Chicago.

"Fine art experts, a stamp guy, general appraisers," Ms. James lists. "I'm working on a coin guy now."

When people purchase tickets, she asks them what they might bring, though they won't be held to it; she wants to know in order to assure the proper experts will be there.

So far the list of items includes a pearl-handled pistol, an Art Nouveau vase, a music box, a Chinese carved bone and porcelain box, silver coins, a stamp collection, a Rand McNally wall map from 1880, Chinese silk embroidery, a Russian icon, Bolivian pottery, a three-masted schooner behind glass and a circa 1700 Italian accordion.

Attendees will receive verbal approximations of their objects' value.

"These are not written appraisals," Ms. James says. "They'll give folks an idea whether they need to pursue something with an insurance appraiser or not, to make sure that it's valued for insurance replacement value."

Appraisers will spend approximately five to 10 minutes on an item.

People can sign up for the morning session (9 a.m. to noon) or the afternoon session (1-4 p.m.).

Michael Logan of Michael Logan Appraisals in Punta Gorda is donating his expertise for the WGCU fair. A certified appraiser of personal property, he teaches the Antiques and Residential Contents course for the International Society of Appraisers. The course "covers everything in and around the home," he says. "I'm a generalist. I have to do everything."

Mr. Logan has earned the ISA's top level of accreditation.

He's been appraising for approximately a dozen years, and had an antique shop in Tennessee for 25 years while also working as a mechanical engineer at a chemical plant.

His background as an engineer, combined with his love and knowledge of antiques, seemed the perfect combination for a career as an appraiser, which demands meticulous research and methodical, detailed recording of information.

"What you learn (through becoming accredited) is how much you don't know," he jokes. "With every appraisal, I learn something. It's all about research. Is there someone who knows more than you (about an object) or can do it better? You turn it over to them, or you consult with them."

The biggest or most interesting thing he found was an original manuscript of music by Stravinsky, written in the composer's hand. It was in the estate



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Michael Logan is one of more than a dozen appraisers who will value objects at the WGCU Antiques Appraisal Fair.

of a man from North Carolina; a family member had known Stravinsky, and he had inscribed the music to her.

Mr. Logan put it in the \$50,000 range.

The most expensive thing he's ever appraised?

"Two paintings, neither of which I liked," he says. "They were contemporary Russian. Looked like someone had just flung paint on them."

But that "flung paint" was worth \$350,000 on one canvas and \$250,000 on the other.

In the appraisal world, Mr. Logan explains, there are three values: insurance replacement value, market value and marketable cash values.

"Those are three very different values," he says, describing them as: "I'd insure it for this, I'd see it in a show for this market value, and here's what you might get for it."

Sentimental value of an object, is, of course, priceless.

Values can, and often do, shift over time. Hummel figurines, for example, "have tanked," Mr. Logan says. "Some of it's really worthless. Things that were worth \$150, \$250 are maybe \$35 now."

And as for those Beanie Babies that were the rage back in the 1990s? Pretty near worthless.

"No way were they going to have increased value," he says.

A personalized appraisal

As part of this interview, I bring some items in for Mr. Logan to appraise, to see what he would say.

The first is a vintage memory bank — a small wooden house decorated with old buttons, beads, toys and knick-knacks.

"Interesting," he says. "I haven't seen houses, but I've seen jars and vases that are covered like this. It's sort of a folk art type of thing."

Folk art was very desirable among collectors for a while, he adds, but now it doesn't really fit in with the trend



minimalist face might actually be a hole out of which to shake salt.

Mr. Logan doesn't suggest a price range, but he does tell me it would be worth more with the companion pepper shaker.

The next item is a yellow Fiestaware pitcher, something with great sentimental value as it was a wedding present to my parents more than 70 years ago.

"This is from the 1930s or '40s," he says. "It used to be a real collectible. It's not Depression glass, but there are people who like it."

While Fiestaware is still being manufactured, today's colors are different. "They don't make the old colors," he says. Once worth \$65 to \$70, my parents' pitcher today is worth somewhere in the \$35 to \$45 range.

The last item I present is a signed 2000 (or Y2K, as the artist referred to it) Robert Rauschenberg poster for what was then Edison Community College. Mr. Rauschenberg, who lived on Captiva Island, signed the posters to help raise money for the school's art gallery (which was renamed in his honor in 2004).

Mr. Logan puts my poster's value in the \$1,250 to \$4,000 range. As best as I recall, I paid \$250 to \$300 for it — and I'm glad I did. Mr. Logan advises me to put it in an acid-free mat, not adhered to backing, and to keep it away from sunlight. Non-glare glass would dull the colors and is not necessary, he adds.

Mr. Logan got into appraising because he saw a need for it.

"I got into it to help people," he says. "I'd seen families whose parents had passed away and left them a houseful of stuff. Then some unscrupulous person would give them lowball figures (and buy their things for less than they were worth.)"

"Don't ever hire an appraiser who's going to buy your (objects)," he says. "That's why I got into it. (To help.) I still look at it that way." ■

toward minimalist, Ikea-type décor.

He thinks the memory bank might be worth \$30 or \$40, which was less than what I had paid for it. But still, it's a unique object of art.

Next: a small figurine of a dog.

"It may be porcelain," he surmises, noting that the word "Japan" is faintly engraved on it. "It's post-war," he says. "This was sold in dime stores — Kreskes, Woolworths. They did people, animals, dishes. Everything in miniature, just like this." My little dog, he tells me, is worth about what I paid for it: not much.

Mr. Logan is intrigued by my small plastic figure with a red cylindrical hat. My best guess, by the writing on it, was that it was possibly a promotional item for a Japanese airline.

After turning it around in his hands for a while, Mr. Logan discovers he can unscrew the bottom. "A salt shaker?" he wonders.

What I had thought was a mouth on a

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Opera Naples announces music director

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Opera Naples announces the appointment of Maestro Ramón Tebar as artistic director, effective immediately. Mr. Tebar also serves as music director of the Florida Grand Opera, artistic director of the Palm Beach Symphony and music director of the Dominican Republic's biannual Santo Domingo Festival.



Maestro Ramón Tebar

When he was named to his position with the Florida Grand Opera in 2011, he became the first Spanish conductor appointed to an American opera company.

Mr. Tebar began working as a pianist and assistant conductor in his hometown of Valencia in Spain when he was 15 years old. He went on to become assistant conductor with the Joven Orquesta Nacional de España, while at the same time graduating with honors in piano and chamber music.

Since his arrival in the U.S. in 2005, he has been part of the musical staff of Palm Beach Opera and Cincinnati Opera, producing more than 40 different operas, while maintaining a full schedule in Europe, the Caribbean and South America.

He has served as a guest conductor for organizations including Italy's Orchestra Teatro Regio di Torino and the Spoleto Festival Orchestra, Spain's Festival de Opera de a Coruna, Germany's Kolner Philharmonie, the Netherlands' Het Con-

certgebouw, Russia's St. Petersburg Symphony and Orchestra de Rouen Haute-Normandie, to name a few.

He has conducted many internationally renowned artists, including tenor Ben Heppner, violinist Joshua Bell, soprano Maria Guleghina and cellist Gaudier Capuçon. In addition, he remains in collaboration with many of the world's most famous vocal artists — among them Montserrat Caballé, Angela Gheorghiu, Roberto Alagna and Joseph Calleja, performing with them from Buenos Aires to Amsterdam, San Juan to Moscow. Orchestral conducting occupies a good part of his annual activities in his native Spain as well as the Netherlands. He will make his Vienna State Opera debut in Rossini's "Il Barbiere di Siviglia" in winter 2016.

Mr. Tebar currently lives with his family in Miami.

"We are thrilled to have Maestro Tebar's international experience, guiding and implementing our upcoming programming," says Jerry Goldberg, chairman of the board of directors for Opera Naples. "As we become more firmly rooted in this community and grow in stature, it has become increasingly apparent to our board that the time has come for us to draw more extensively upon the great diversity of talent available worldwide. We're confident that this decision will invigorate our programming with fresh, innovative and creative performances, and facilitate bringing internationally recognized soloists to Naples."

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■ **Ad Libbing** – Stage 2 Improv puts on a family-friendly show starting at 8 p.m. tonight and every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through June 21 at the Sugden Community Theatre. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

■ **Just for Laughs** – Robert Kelly takes the stage at Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island tonight through June 8. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedyclub.com.

Friday, June 6

■ **Foreign Film** – South Regional Library hosts a screening of the film "O'Horten" (Norway, 2007) at 2 p.m. Free. Registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

■ **Remembering D-Day** – Naples Community Church holds a D-Day 70th anniversary commemoration service at 4 p.m. Naples resident and veteran Peter Thomas will recite his poem "Omaha Beach." 849 Seventh Ave. S. 213-1325.

■ **Preview Reception** – The Naples Art Association holds the preview reception for the 50th annual Founders Juried Awards Exhibition featuring works by 24 Florida artists from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. \$10 for NAA members, \$15 for others. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

■ **Tickling the Ivories** – Tickling the Ivories – Larry Moss performs from 6-9 p.m. tonight and June 7 in the piano lounge at Capers. 2640 Vanderbilt

Beach Road. 431-7438.

■ **Piano Music** – Concert pianist Jodie DeSalvo performs at 7 p.m. at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 0150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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■ **Laugh It Off** – Gary Keshner, Stan Keshner and Robbie G. take the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight and June 7. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

Saturday, June 7

■ **The Wild Side** – Naples Botanical Garden closes for construction this summer but offers a series of workshops on select dates. "Natural Areas: The Wild Side of the Garden" is set for 9-11 a.m. Free for Garden members, \$5 for others. 643-7572 or www.naplesgarden.org.

■ **Magic Carpet** – Youngsters ages 3-9 are invited to learn about woodwind instruments from members of the Naples Philharmonic at 9:30 a.m. in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. www.artisnaples.org.

■ **D-Day Ceremony** – The Naples Depot Museum hosts a ceremony commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day with guest speakers, re-enactors and military vehicles at 10 a.m. Free. 1051 Fifth Ave. S. 262-6525 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **Here's What's Cookin'** – Chef Kristina Filippo of The Good Life of Naples leads a class all about healthy and fast recipes for summer from noon-2 p.m. \$55. 514-4663 or www.goodlifefl.com.

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■ **Live Tunes** – The Wholetones take the stage starting at 9:30 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

Sunday, June 8

■ **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of "L'Auberge Espagnole" (France, 2002) at 2 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. \$5 for academy members, \$6 for others. Registration encouraged. 434-4737. 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

■ **Organ Concert** – Organists from throughout Southwest Florida play a wide range of music on the 3,604-pipe Casavant organ at Artis—Naples in the annual Festival of Great Organ Music beginning at 3 p.m. www.artisnaples.org.

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Monday, June 9

■ **Ocean Awareness** – Rookery Bay celebrates World Oceans Day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with half-off admission paired with a nature film presentation, up-close interaction with sea creatures at the touch tank and a naturalist led presentation about manatees. www.rookerybay.org.

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Tuesday, June 10

■ **Under the Tuscan Sun** – Decanted Wines celebrates hosts a Tuscan wine tasting with expert Marcello Palazzi from 5-7 p.m. \$15 with advance RSVP, \$20 at the door. 434-1814 or info@decantedwines.com.

■ **Shark Night** – Naples International Film Festival kicks off its summer series at Silverspot Cinema with "Jaws" (PG, 1975) at 7 p.m. \$25 person includes choice of house wine, beer or fountain drink, savory bites and sweet treats. www.silverspotcinema.com.

■ **Tango Tuesdays** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts an intermediate and advanced Tango from 8-9 p.m. \$5 per person. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or www.pablrepuntango.com.

■ **Live Blues** – Rick Howard and Mudbone perform blues tunes from 8-11 p.m. at Weekend Willie's. 5310 Shirley St. 597-3333 or www.weekendwillies.com.

Wednesday, June 11

■ **Art & Nature** – Shangri La Springs opens to the public for "Art & Nature" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plein air painters will set up their easels throughout the property. 27750 Old 41, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or www.shangrilasprings.com.

■ **Local Film** – The Collier County Museum hosts filmmaker and Naples resident K.C. Schulberg for a discussion of "Wind Across the Everglades," the 1958 film produced by his father Stuart Schulberg and written by his uncle Budd Schulberg, starting at 2 p.m. Free. Reservations required. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8738 or www.colliermuseums.com.

■ **All About Jazz** – Hear "The Complete History of Jazz in 75 Minutes" when Artis—Naples presents the Naples Philharmonic Jazz Orchestra at 6 and 8:30 p.m. in the Daniels Pavilion. www.artisnaples.org. ■

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Theatre Conspiracy has never shied away from controversy.

The company seems to specialize in taking sacred cows and serving them up as hamburgers — or steak — or sometimes just tasty food for thought.

Its most recent offering was Rich Orloff's play, "Chatting with the Tea Party," offered in four performances as a staged reading.

Mr. Orloff, a New York City-based playwright, saw how politically polarized the country has become. He was curious about the Tea Party and wondered, "Who are these people? Why do they think the way they do?"

He realized that neither he nor his friends knew any Tea Partiers personally. So between Thanksgiving 2010 and Election Day 2012, Mr. Orloff traveled around the country, interviewing the movement's local leaders at two dozen Tea Party meetings and events in various states.

He genuinely wanted to learn who they are and what they believe. "I wanted to make them real," he says.

"Chatting with the Tea Party" is an edited version of those conversations, which he recorded. (The "chats" were

edited out of necessity — otherwise, the play would be more than 63 hours long.)

From the press release, I initially thought I'd be seeing a one-man show with Mr. Orloff doing monologues, a la Anna Deavere Smith. I was surprised to discover it was a multi-person play. Theatre Conspiracy presented it with seven actors.

Jason Parrish of Florida Repertory Theatre portrayed Mr. Orloff, who is also the show's narrator. Christopher Brent, Stephanie Davis, J. Mitchell Haley, Katie Pankow, Louise Wigglesworth and Jim Yarnes portrayed various Tea Party leaders and unnamed liberals.

Mr. Orloff calls "Chatting with the Tea Party" a "documentary-style play" and says nothing the interviewees say is made up.

We're introduced to a mother who sees nothing wrong with cutting funding to her local schools, and a man who's growing his own vegetables and learning how to preserve them so he can live off the land if he needs to.

To some, the play might feel like watching the Fox Cable channel for two hours, interspersed with snippets from CNN or MSNBC.

The Tea Partiers talk about wanting to "take back America" and their desire for limited government, though when Mr. Orloff asks, no one is willing to give up Social Security or Medicare.

Ultimately, he calls them idealists, Utopians who want a much better America. Though he does not agree with them, he sees them as patriots who

love their country and are eager to get involved.

He admires their willingness to take action, quoting one woman who says, "You get off the couch."

Many are conservative Christians, he notes.

He ends the play with a very Christian question straight from the Gospels: Who is my neighbor?

His conclusion seems to be that the Tea Party people are willing to help "their own kind," but are not as charitable to strangers, outsiders, or anyone else deemed "other."

After the show, he said that in all his travels he only saw a few people of color involved in the Tea Party. And he didn't meet anyone who openly identified as gay.

The thing that is heartwarming about "Chatting with the Tea Party" is that it shows that people from both sides of the political spectrum can sit down and have a conversation.

And though Mr. Orloff tells of a friend who can now get healthcare even though he had a pre-existing condition, and also points out specific instances in which high-capacity magazine gun law bans would have helped save lives, he rarely gets into the nitty-gritty of how laws the Tea Party supports would affect people.

It's not just beliefs, but how those beliefs, turned into law, would affect society, whether it's class size in schools or salaries, safety, access to health care, non-discrimination or the right to marry.

Mr. Orloff walks a balance in his play,

treating everyone with respect and letting them have their say. (Though some self-identified Tea Party people seated near me muttered throughout the play and during the talkback, and felt that the playwright had "a liberal bias.")

But he's not afraid to skewer his liberal friends.

The talkback with the cast and the playwright was lively, but also respectful. Audience members included both liberals and people from the local Tea Party.

One complained that the mainstream media presents Tea Party people as "loonies and rednecks." Another said he was upset with being labeled a racist when he wasn't.

"Chatting with the Tea Party" has its moments of humor. But it also contains a lot of jargon and catch phrases, which tends to make people generic representatives of their political beliefs, rather than individuals. But then again, Mr. Orloff was being faithful in presenting everyone's exact words.

I would've liked to see more of the people behind the catch phrases.

The play is not exactly an evening of entertainment, but it is successful in that it opens the door to discussion afterward. I don't know if it will change anyone's mind.

I suspect liberals might feel it's too easy on the Tea Party, and that those within the Tea Party, like some who were sitting near me in the audience, will feel it's too liberal. ■

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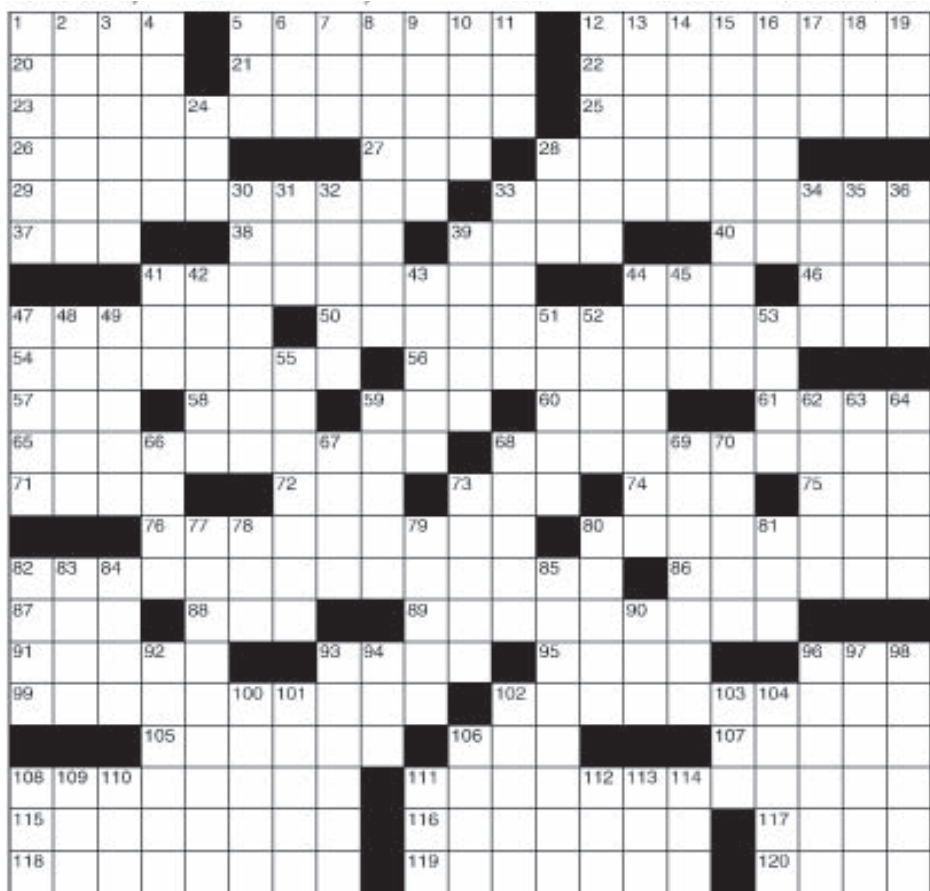
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 - 21 Acorn creator
 - 22 2009 animated film featuring the voice of Dakota Fanning
 - 23 Soap opera in Haifa?
 - 25 Mileage recorder
 - 26 "Sirens" actor Sam
 - 27 Break off
 - 28 Gadabout
 - 29 Parishioners in Milan?
 - 33 Onion roll in Benghazi?
 - 37 With 110-Down, scamming guys
 - 38 Style expert Kiensch
 - 39 RCA rival
 - 40 As hoarse as —
 - 41 Show's star
 - 44 Third degree
 - 46 Quotation mark shape
 - 47 Goner's cry
 - 50 Royal trappings in Oran?
 - 54 Spiny, yellow-green, tart-tasting fruits
 - 56 Name of four Pharaohs
 - 57 "Sliver" writer Levin
 - 58 Entertainer Brynner
 - 59 — for Evidence" (Sue Grafton book)
 - 60 Morning lawn wetness
 - 61 Kind of sword
 - 65 Ballroom dance in Nuku'alofa?
 - 68 Foe in Aden?
 - 71 Snick-a-— (combat knife)
 - 72 Yule quaff
 - 73 Ear buildup
 - 74 Note after fa
 - 75 Tony winner Burrows
 - 76 Like British soldiers in the Revolution
 - 80 Amer.
 - 82 Old sitcom guy in Aarhus?
 - 86 Stimulants, in slang
 - 87 Suffix with Bronx
 - 88 — the season ...
 - 89 Tall, lanky types
 - 91 Verbal exams
 - 93 Ancient Brit
 - 95 Aloe —
 - 96 Lucy of film
 - 99 Jet in Katmandu?
 - 102 Regime in Niamey?
 - 105 Verdict
 - 106 Prefix with plop
 - 107 Match venue
 - 108 Overlay, as an ID
 - 111 Comparable thing in Huambo?
 - 115 Short play
 - 116 Collection of fronded plants
 - 117 Pulled apart
 - 118 Big leopards
 - 119 Couple
 - 120 Not yet paid
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Mini-hospital
 - 2 Be beaten by
 - 3 Actor Hugh
 - 4 Multiskilled worker
 - 5 Comcast composer
 - 6 More, in Madrid
 - 7 Prez Eisenhower
 - 8 How goods are sold to the public
 - 9 Of the sea
 - 10 Element with the symbol Pb
 - 11 Wriggling fish
 - 12 —-Doo
 - 13 Sooner than tomorrow
 - 14 Nice smell
 - 15 Convention ID tag
 - 16 Priest, e.g.
 - 17 Top 10 tune
 - 18 Lansing-to-Flint dir.
 - 19 Article in Germany
 - 24 TV Tarzan Ron
 - 28 — Tin Tin
 - 30 Direct to the exit
 - 31 City official: Abbr.
 - 32 Dots in the sea, in Spain
 - 33 Peter of "M"
 - 34 Asia's — Sea
 - 35 Loughlin of "90210"
 - 36 Female youth org.
 - 39 Looks like
 - 41 That female
 - 42 Class that's a cakewalk
 - 43 Mystery author Marsh
 - 44 Superior skill
 - 45 Worked (up)
 - 47 "Virtue — own reward"
 - 48 Dimwit
 - 49 An Allman brother
 - 51 Part of CPI
 - 52 "Uh, excuse me ..."
 - 53 With the stroke of —
 - 55 — constant (liny number in physics)
 - 59 Hollywood's Samantha
 - 62 Norman Vincent —
 - 63 Imprison
 - 64 Ones looking
 - 66 Bacterium
 - 67 Small recess
 - 68 When tripled, "and so on"
 - 69 Occurring in small knots
 - 70 Split to unite
 - 73 "Haven't — somewhere before?"
 - 77 Has a midday meal
 - 78 Soft & — deodorant
 - 79 Ikea item
 - 80 Take wooden pins out of
 - 81 DJ's stack
 - 82 Celine of pop
 - 83 Raison d'—
 - 84 Type of tide
 - 85 Vicinity
 - 90 10-Down source, e.g.
 - 92 Call catcher
 - 93 Chair weavers
 - 94 Language of N. Amer.
 - 96 Stay in hiding
 - 97 Brush aside
 - 98 Not mature
 - 100 Meal holder
 - 101 Cola quantity
 - 102 United — College Fund
 - 103 Took off
 - 104 Poetry Muse
 - 106 Was sure of
 - 108 Chop (off)
 - 109 California's Santa —
 - 110 See 37-Across
 - 111 At the rear
 - 112 Zodiac feline
 - 113 Recliner part
 - 114 Certain vote

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

HOROSCOPES

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a new look for your surroundings is fun. Expect to hear mostly positive comments on your efforts, as well as some well-intended suggestions you might want to note.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Maybe you'd rather do anything else than what you're "stuck with" right now. But if you stop complaining, you might see how this could lead to something with real potential.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Even a proud Leo ultimately recovers from hurt feelings. However, a damaged relationship might never heal unless you're willing to spend more time and effort trying to work things out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) There are lots of changes on the horizon, so be prepared to make some adjustments in your usually fine-tuned life. One change might even impact a personal decision you've been putting off.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Being the dependable person you are could work in your favor for a project that requires both skill and accountability. But check this out carefully. There could be a hidden downside.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A temperamental outburst about a mishandled project causes some fallout. Be sure to couple an apology with an explanation. A new opportunity beckons by week's end.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Changing horses mid-

stream is usually unwise but sometimes necessary. Examine your options carefully before making a decision. A trusted colleague offers good advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While much of your time is involved with business matters, fun-time opportunities open up by week's end. Enjoy yourself, but be careful that you don't overspend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A "revelation" opens your eyes to what is really going on in the workplace. What you learn could make a difference in your career path. Continue to be alert for more news.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Not wanting to make waves might be the safest way to deal with a difficult situation. But no substantive changes can be made unless you share your assessments with others.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Things that usually come easily and quickly for the Aries Lamb might need more of your time and attention during the next several days. Try to be patient as you work things out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A changing situation can create some complications. But if you apply that sensible Bovine mind to what seems to be a hopeless tangle of confusion, you'll soon sort things out.

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"Let us tell an old story anew," begins Disney's "Maleficent," a cartoonish retelling of "Sleeping Beauty" from the titular horned villainess' perspective. There's plenty of flash and style, but little substance that sticks.

The film plays like a Disney park attraction that wows you with visuals yet treats the story like an afterthought. The difference is that park attractions/rides last all of two minutes, while "Maleficent" is 97 minutes of Angelina Jolie looking for something to do.

Ms. Jolie's Maleficent starts as an innocent fairy (played as a girl by Isobelle Molloy) in charge of protecting her land. The neighboring humans don't dare enter her territory in fear of the creatures that lurk within the moors. Sometimes, however, children are too naïve to know better, which is the case when farm boy Stefan (Michael Higgins) is caught stealing. The human fascinates Maleficent and the two become friends.

As the years pass, Maleficent and Stefan grow closer and fall in love, but they're separated as their kingdoms go to war. Then when Stefan (Sharlto Copley) betrays her, Maleficent is so spurned that she curses his newborn daughter Aurora to prick her finger on a spinning wheel by her 16th birthday, at which point Aurora will fall into a permanent sleep. Only true love's kiss can wake her — if true love exists.

Direct Robert Stromberg is making his feature film debut here, and his inexperience shows. He holds things together decently enough leading up to the curse, but there's a narrative lull in Linda Woolverton's ("The Lion King") script as the years slowly drudge along leading to Aurora's (Elle Fanning) climactic 16th birthday. This middle segment — which is a little more than a half-hour but feels longer — is pure dead weight, and with a third act full of head-scratching decisions, the film never recovers.

Story shortcomings would be forgiven with stronger visuals, but there, too, the director falls short. The visual effects, including the creatures, flying, magic and three pixie fairies (Leslie Manville, Imelda Staunton and Juno Temple) all look like they belong on a Saturday morning cartoon. Worse, the 3D is too dark, and in

some scenes you notice the demarcation between the live action set and visual effects added in post-production (the opening scene in which we see Maleficent from behind as she stares into the woods is a glaring example).

With the story a failure and the visuals underwhelming, we're left with Ms. Jolie's performance, which is a trip. To say she chews scenery would not be accurate; it's more like she swallows it whole. Note the glare with her eyes, the menace of her voice, the pure delight she exudes as her character breaks bad. Her defined cheekbones with white makeup and bright red lipstick, and how it contrasts with her intimidating black, horned costume, further accentuate Maleficent's true menace.

Maleficent is the epitome of a woman scorned, yet Ms. Jolie maintains her humanity with reluctant half-smiles and occasional good deeds. She's not even that mean to her assistant Diaval (Sam Riley) when he offers unwelcome advice. Although the character is an evil fairy, she never loses her capacity for good.

You can't blame Disney for wanting to put a new twist on a classic fairy tale, especially in an effort to show a new side to its most notoriously evil villain. "Maleficent" simply does not succeed at doing it. ■

in the know

- 1) One of Angelina Jolie's daughters with Brad Pitt, Vivienne, plays young Aurora in a scene in the woods in which Maleficent tells her to "go away."
- 2) True story: I once encountered Maleficent at Disney World. She scoffed, "Oooh, tourists!" to my wife and me, and I ran away scared.



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'X-Men: Days of Future Past'

★★★★
 (Patrick Stewart, Hugh Jackman, Ian McKellen) Wolverine (Mr. Jackman) is sent to the past to stop Mystique (Jennifer Lawrence) from killing a scientist (Peter Dinklage). Strong story and visuals, but the 3D is unnecessary, and the finale has implications that don't suit the franchise well. Rated PG-13.

'Blended'

★★★ 1/2
 (Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore, Kevin Nealon) Single parents Jim (Mr. Sandler) and Lauren (Ms. Barrymore) have a disastrous blind date and then unexpectedly bump into one another with their kids in tow while travelling in Africa. Some jokes fall flat, but it remains adorable to see Mr. Sandler and Ms. Barrymore together, and the film has a nice message. Rated PG-13.

'The Love Punch'

★★★
 (Emma Thompson, Pierce Brosnan, Timothy Spall) Divorced couple Richard (Mr. Brosnan) and Kate (Ms. Thompson) travel to Paris to steal a diamond from the man who took advantage of Richard in a bad business deal. Mr. Brosnan and Ms. Thompson are great together. It's funny, and the story's a trip. Rated PG-13.

'Godzilla'

★★
 (Bryan Cranston, Aaron Taylor-Johnson, Elizabeth Olsen) Godzilla becomes the saving grace for mankind when two giant monsters start destroying the world. The story is predictable and the effects are mediocre, but the biggest sin is this: There's not that much Godzilla in it. Rated PG-13.

'Million Dollar Arm'

★★★★
 (Jon Hamm, Lake Bell, Suraj Sharma) A down-on-his-luck sports agent (Mr. Hamm) believes the next big baseball star could be playing cricket in India, so he creates a game show to find undiscovered talent. Right up there with "The Rookie," "Miracle" and "Remember the Titans," this is a solid sports drama with a good heart and strong message. Rated PG.

'Chef'

★★★★
 (Jon Favreau, Sofia Vergara, Scarlett Johansson) After being fired by his jerk boss (Dustin Hoffman) and pissing off a famous food critic (Oliver Platt), a talented chef (Mr. Favreau) opens a food truck in Miami and drives across the southern U.S. with his son (Emjay Anthony) and sous chef (John Leguizamo). Funny when it needs to be and poignant throughout, this film showcases Mr. Favreau's ("Iron Man") skills as a writer/director/producer/actor in all the right ways. Rated R.

'Neighbors'

★★★★
 (Seth Rogen, Zac Efron, Rose Byrne) New parents Mac (Mr. Rogen) and Kelly (Ms. Byrne) fight with the frat house (led by Mr. Efron) that moves in next door. The laughs are consistent, creative and hilarious. Rated R. ■



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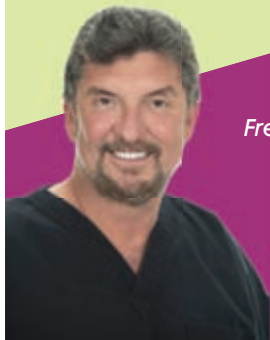
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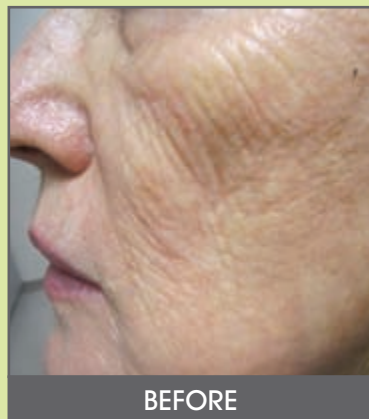
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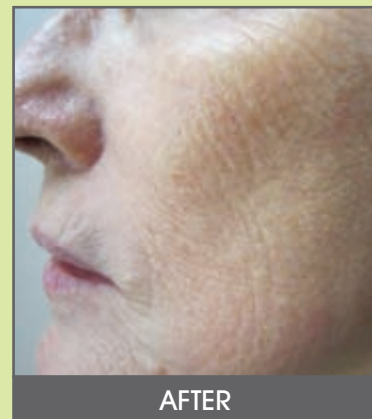
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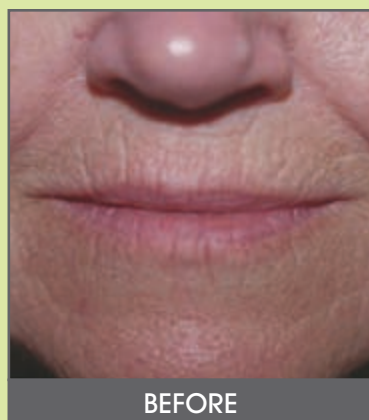


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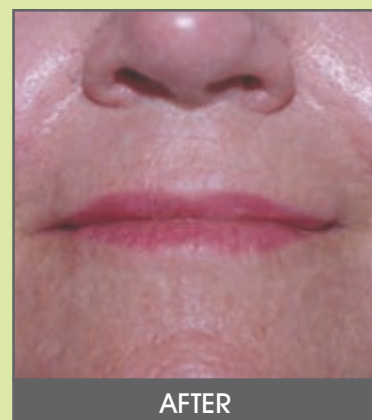


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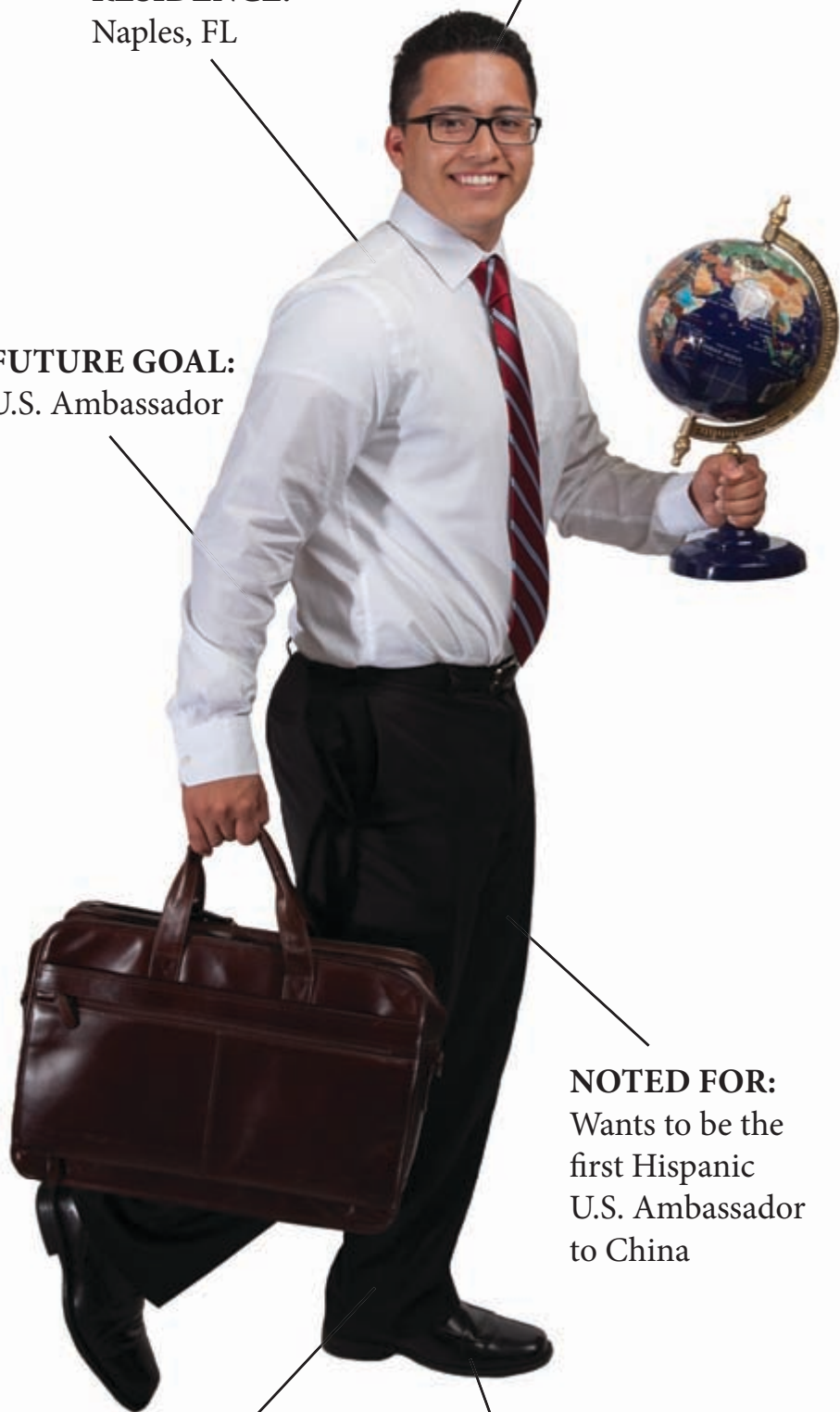
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■ **“The Widow’s Walk” by Robert Barclay. William Morrow. 320 pages. Trade paperback. \$14.95.**

Since retiring from a career in business and industry-related consulting, the man with the pen name Robert Barclay has developed a remarkable second career as a romance novelist. The latest title from this Coral Springs resident follows the successes of “If Wishes Were Horses” and “More Than Words Can Say.” Antebellum culture, architecture, time travel and other paranormal occurrences combine to make “The Widow’s Walk” intriguing and heartwarming.



BARCLAY

When young Massachusetts architect Garrett Richmond decides to purchase and restore the 1830ish home called Seaside, he knows that the task will be enormous, given the sorry condition of the house due to neglect and vandalism. However, it has been a dream of Garrett’s to meet such a challenge and

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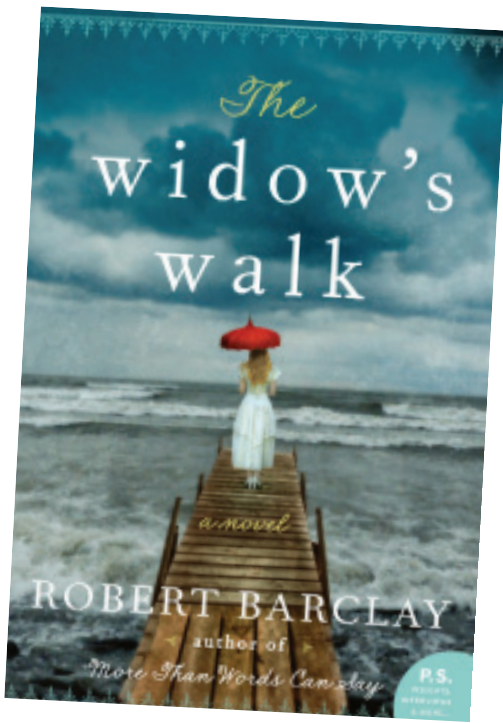
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Mr. Barclay employs effective strategies and skills to invite his readers into his preposterous premise. One, as mentioned before, is having us vicariously experience Garrett's gradual transition from doubter to believer. He is a man of scientific bent as well as esthetic sensibility. As Constance breaks down his resistance to the strangeness — the seeming impossibility — of her story, our resistance is swept away as well.

In addition, because it is so clear that these two are soul mates, we can't help but want them to come together in every possible way.

Mr. Barclay's skills at description put us firmly in a place that we can accept as real. Once we believe in the reality of Seaside and its environs, once we find Garrett a credible figure, we are ready to allow the willing suspension of disbelief that enjoyment of such a novel requires.

Effective minor characters — Garrett's parents, his business partner and his renovation contractor — keep us anchored to the reality that is challenged by the "what-ifs" of "The Widow's Walk."

The novel itself is supplemented by several "post script" features: a brief author biography, "The Story Behind the Book," "Reading Group Discussion Questions" and brief synopses of Mr. Barclay's two other novels. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.

dom, if not his life, and end up in Constance's lonely, shadowy netherworld situation.

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Matters become even more complicated when Garrett is taken back to the time of Adam's final voyage. Of course, for him, it's not really undergoing a flashback, as he is not returning to 1840s New Bedford — or is he?

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BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

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Q: My grandmother was married in 1899 and received a curvy birch bedroom dresser and chest as a gift. Both pieces are mounted with a beveled mirror in a carved wooden frame. My mother wasn't fond of the furniture, but she kept it and now we're using it because we can tell its quality is a lot better than anything else we own. The label on the back of each piece says “Robert Mitchell Furniture Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.” Please tell us about the manufacturer and the fur-

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Q: I'm looking for information about my black amethyst vase. Can you help?

A: Black amethyst glass looks black until it's held to the light. Then it looks dark but not black. It has been made in many factories since 1860, so unless the piece has a maker's mark, it's impossible to tell who made it. Look for similar shapes online or in books about 19th- and 20th-century glass.

Q: I was given several Lladro figu-

rines and would like to find out what they're worth and the best way to sell them, if I choose to.

A: Juan, Jose and Vicente Lladro started making Lladro porcelain in Almacera, Spain, in 1951. The company moved to Tabernes Blanques in 1958 and is still working. Figurines are made in both limited and unlimited editions, and a figurine may come in different colors and with different finishes. Most have a glossy glaze, some have a matte finish and some were made with Gres finish, a brightly-colored satiny finish introduced in 1970. Lladro figurines can be hard to sell. Price depends on condition, glaze and rarity. You can check online to see what they are currently selling for, but most unlimited edition figurines sell for \$50 to \$150.

Tip: Pewter looks best when displayed against a blue background. Silver is most attractive against a red background. ■

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CELEBRITY EXTRA

'True Blood' to take its last bite

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: It seems like I've been waiting forever — when will "True Blood" be back?

— Heidi T, via email

A: Your wait is almost over: "True Blood" returns to HBO for its seventh (and final) season at 9 p.m. Sunday, June 22

I spoke with series star Amelia Rose Blaire, who plays newly turned vampire (who just happens to be the late-Gov. Truman Burrell's daughter) Willa Burrell, and she gave me some scoops on the hit supernatural series' final season:

"Generally, I think fans are going to be really happy. The writers and everyone are doing a wonderful job. Everyone wants to make this the best ending to 'True Blood' that they can possibly make. Everyone is putting in 110 percent, and it is going to be epic."

She also told me a bit about how the cast is holding up during these last few months of shooting, knowing that the series is coming to an end: "We're going to be shooting until June, maybe even July, so right now I don't have much of that 'it's all going to be over soon' feeling. But I'm positive that as it comes closer, that it's going to affect everyone, because most of the cast and most of the crew have been here since season one. They've been working together seven years, which is an incredible amount of time to spend with someone."

Q: I read in "Billboard" last month that Journey and Steve Perry were not going to

reunite, despite the rumors to the contrary. What can you tell me about that?

— Peter F, Tempe, Ariz.


A: Neal Schon of Journey has indeed spoken out against the rumors of a Journey reunion with Steve Perry. In fact, the rock band is presently touring with current lead singer Arnel Pineda. However, last month, Steve Perry made a rare and unannounced appearance (he hasn't sung publicly since 1995) with the indie band the Eels at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn., singing an Eels song with the band, as well as Journey classics "Open Arms" and "Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin'." He sounded absolutely fabulous, and I hope this is an indication that he is ready to step back into the spotlight, make a new album and go on tour.

Readers: It's time to announce the fate of your favorite (or not-so-favorite) ABC shows from the 2013-14 season. Good news first — the renewed shows are: "America's Funniest Home Videos," "The Bachelor," "Castle," "Dancing With the Stars," "The Goldbergs," "Grey's Anatomy," "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.," "The Middle," "Modern Family," "Nashville," "Once Upon a Time," "Resurrection," "Revenge," "Scandal" and "Shark Tank." Shows that won't be returning for 2014-15 are: "The Assets," "Back in the Game," "Betrayal," "Killer Women," "Lucky 7," "Mind Games," "Mixology," "The Neighbors," "Once Upon a Time in Wonderland," "Suburgatory," "Super Fun Night" and "Trophy Wife." ■

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The events are getting farther apart as summer arrives in South Florida and dealers head north to Scott's Market in Atlanta and points beyond. WGCU will hold an appraisal fair, which should be a fun show-and-tell, and the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival is always worth a drive across the state.

■ **Antiques Appraisal Fair** — The WGCU Public Media Antiques Appraisal Fair is set for June 7 on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers. There will be more than a dozen certified appraisers with expertise in jewelry, musical instruments, primitive furniture, oriental rugs, ceramics and fine art. More than 400 people are expected

to attend. Tickets: \$125 and includes entrance for two people and the appraisal of three items. Ticketholders can select the morning session, from 9 a.m. to noon, or the afternoon session, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets available at www.wgcu.org/events or by calling (888) 809-9809.

■ **Auction at Gulf Coast Coin & Jewelry** — The company will hold a multi-estate auction from noon to 10 p.m. June 14, with previews set for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 12-13. It's at the company's showroom, 14181 S. Tamiami Trail, Fort Myers (across from Scanlon Lexus); 939-5636 or www.gulfcoastcoin.com.

■ **Antiques shops auctions** — The contents of two large antiques shops will be

auctioned June 22 in Palm Beach Gardens. The first, an "absolute" auction, takes place at 2 p.m., and will include furniture, antiques, jewelry, collectibles, crystal, gold and silver. The second, which will run 4 p.m.-6 p.m., will include antique firearms, Civil War, World Wars I and II memorabilia, fine art, furniture, jewelry, among other things. The sales will be held at 3902 Northlake Blvd. (in the Home Depot plaza), Palm Beach Gardens. Register to bid online at www.auctionsbydaum.com or liveauctioneers.com/catalog/28678. For reserved seating, call (772) 263-3444 or (561) 371-1958. ■

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CONTRACT BRIDGE
The bread-and-butter hands

BY STEVE BECKER

Complicated conventions often lead to disastrous partnership misunderstandings, but every now and then they produce sensational results.

For example, take this deal played in the match between Pakistan and Australia in the 1981 world championship. When Munir Ata-Ullah and Jani Fazli held the North-South cards for Pakistan, the bidding went as shown.

The Pakistani pair were using a system called SAAPP (Stone-Age Acol with Pakistani Pre-empts). The opening three-club bid by Fazli was artificial and indicated one of seven different types of hands! The true nature of the hand would presumably be described later on by the three-club bidder.

Ata-Ullah responded artificially with three hearts, aware that if Fazli's three-club bid was based on a long, solid suit, it could not be hearts. Fazli thereupon jumped to four spades, indicating a powerful eight-card spade suit, one ace and a void in an unspecified side suit!

Ata-Ullah's five-club bid showed first-round control of that suit, and Fazli's five-diamond bid identified his void in diamonds. This was all North needed to know, and he jumped to six spades, closing the bidding.

There was nothing to the play. Fazli ruffed the diamond lead, cashed the A-K of trumps and king of clubs, then led a heart, losing only the heart ace to

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ 8 7
♥ K Q 5
♦ K 7 6 4
♣ A Q 10 3

WEST

♠ Q
♥ A 7 6 2
♦ Q J 10 8 5 2
♣ 9 6

EAST

♠ 10 4
♥ J 3
♦ A 9 3
♣ J 8 7 5 4 2

SOUTH

♠ A K J 9 6 5 3 2
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ —
♣ K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
3 ♣ (!)	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	5 ♣	Pass
5 ♦	Pass	6 ♠	

Opening lead — queen of diamonds.

score 1,430 points.

It was a magnificent triumph for the SAAPP system. The same deal was played at four other tables, and at each of them the South player opened the bidding with four spades. This was followed by three passes at each table.

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■ The **56th annual NCH Hospital Ball** is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's ball has been designated as a benefit for the hospital's nationally recognized cardiology program. Co-chairs are Cortney and Kevin Beebe. Invitations will be mailed in late August. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call 624-2000 or email foundation@nchmd.org.

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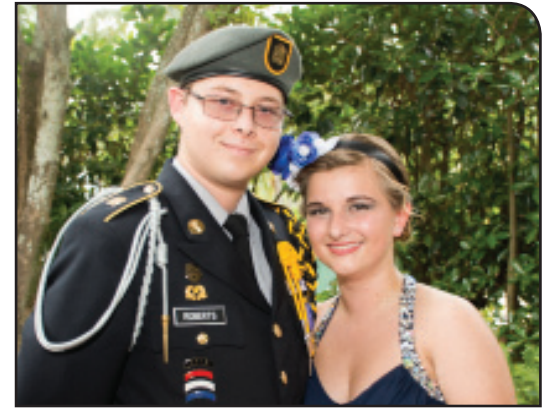
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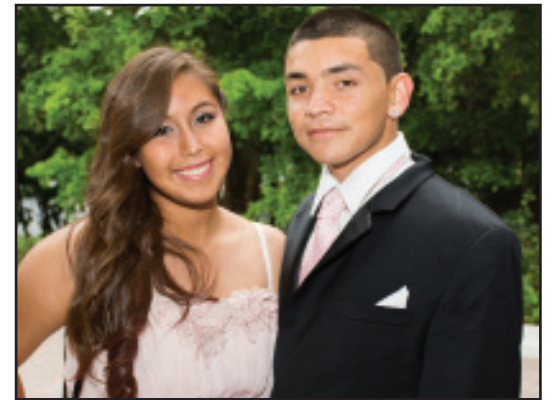
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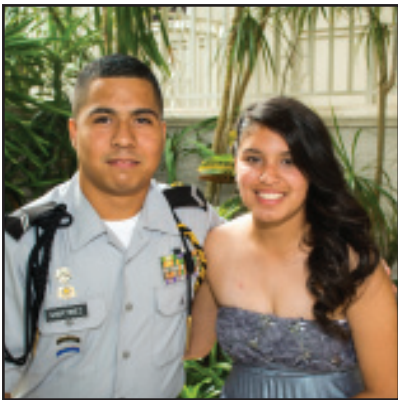
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VINO

How to hold your own when blind wine tasting

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Need an excuse for a party during the long hot summer? Consider gathering a group of wine-loving friends together for a blind tasting.

A blind tasting — in which guests taste wines without knowing what they are drinking — is an entertaining way to learn about new wines. It can help develop your senses and your ability to assess wine without preconceptions (if you knew it was a bottle of Two-Buck-Chuck, you probably would be less impressed than if it was Chateau Pompous Bordeaux 1961, for instance).

From simple to elaborate, there are many ways to conduct a blind tasting. Deciding on the method depends on the sophistication of your guests' palates.

Wine author and educator Jerry Greenfield, aka The Wine Whisperer, enjoys blind tastings and recommends serving a selection of varietals (as opposed to blends). "Give them a taste of four or five different reds and see if they can tell whether they're cab, shiraz, zin, merlot, pinot, whatever," he says. "Same for the whites."

The simplest way to conduct a tasting is to give everyone a scorecard with the bottles listed (Wine A, Wine B, etc.) and let them guess what kind each one is. There can also be room for comments — "This one had lots of fruit" or "This

one tastes like the cardboard box it was shipped in." The person who does best in identifying the wines is the winner. It's always nice to have a good bottle of wine as the prize.

To make it a bit more challenging, besides the category of varietal, you can add region, country and/or vintage to the scorecard. Award one point for each correct answer. The person with the highest score is the winner.

For a more experienced group, you can also have them score the wine by appearance, aroma, taste, body and finish. When you add up the scores, you'll know which wine everyone liked best.

Have scorecards ready and pass the bottles around, one at a time. Give everyone time to score and comment. At the end, reveal the blind selections one at a time and give everyone time to discuss their impressions. After that, add up the scores.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- Pick a theme. This can be all reds, all whites, wines priced at less than \$15 or from the southern hemisphere or California — or whatever criteria you prefer.

- Decide if you will supply all the wines or if each guest will bring a selection. If everyone brings a bottle, it will be less costly for you; but you can stage a more intricate tasting, such as New World varietals versus Old World counterparts, if you supply all the bottles.

- Make sure that there is enough wine for everyone to have a small sample. A bottle can provide 10 to 12 small portions, depending on how much you



Ready for a blind tasting.

pour. If you have 10 or fewer guests, a single bottle of each should be sufficient. With more people — or if you want to ensure that everyone can have a second taste of something they like — have two bottles on hand.

- Decide if you want the tasting to be "single blind" or "double blind." Single blind is when everyone knows what is being sampled (that there is a cab, a zin and a merlot, for example), but they don't know the order in which they are being tasted. This method is easier for those who not accustomed to tasting and scoring wines. The double blind method means no one knows what is

in any bottle (or, if everyone brings a bottle, they will only know what is in the bottle they provided).

- Glasses and dump buckets. A fresh glass for each wine is optimal, but it also works with each person having a single glass that can be emptied and rinsed between samples. Make sure you have easily accessible dump buckets on the table and some small glasses on hand for spit cups.

- Water and snacks. Supply pitchers or glasses of water for everyone, and some light food. Bread with a variety of cheeses is easy to serve and eat.

- Wrap the bottles with aluminum foil. This looks classy, and then you can number each bottle with a Sharpie.

- Provide scorecards. Use either a 20-point scale or a 100-point scale. There are many examples available online. I prefer a 20-point scale because it is simpler for most people. Don't forget to provide pens as well.

Here are some wine suggestions that are good for tastings:

- Reds — Merlot, cabernet sauvignon, shiraz, zinfandel and malbec.

- Whites — Chardonnay, sauvignon blanc, riesling, pinot grigio and torrontes.

- Old World-New World tasting pairs — Sancerre and sauvignon blanc; Bordeaux medoc and California cabernet sauvignon; Bordeaux St. Emilion and California merlot; white French Burgundy and California chardonnay; German riesling and Washington State Riesling; Italian primitivo and California zinfandel. ■

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CUISINE

Patric's makes a comeback in fresh space with some new tricks



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There was much gnashing of teeth and rending of garments when Chef Patric Achilles and partner Gary Teater shut the doors on their restaurant in Mission Square West some 18 months ago. They were looking for a new challenge — and maybe a less demanding work schedule — and decided they might find it at the Match/Point Cafe at the World Tennis Club.

For whatever reason, they have moved on, landing in a cozy little diner just east along Pine Ridge Road from their old digs. This one has a classic diner look but with fresh new fixtures, the result of their hardly being used by the previous occupant, Pee Wee's Diner, which operated in this spot for three months.

So Mr. Achilles and Mr. Teater have returned to the neighborhood, and it's clear that they haven't lost their following. In just the time it took us to consume a very fine breakfast, multiple tables of regulars showed up, greeting the owners and staff like old friends. Mr. Teater even inquired about one couple's dog, which had apparently departed since they last spoke. Clearly, these are owners who know their clientele well.

There are but 35 seats inside and a couple more tables outside. The place was about half full during our visit, so I'm not sure what it might feel like at capacity.

Although the room's dimensions are somewhat modest, the menu is not. Patric's serves breakfast and lunch and, because the chef is a devotee, it also offers a menu of paleo breakfast and lunch items.

(For those who have been living in a cave and haven't heard of it, the paleo diet is modeled on the dining habits of Paleolithic man who basically ate fish, grass-fed meat, eggs, vegetables and fruits, roots and nuts. It skips grains, dairy, refined sugars, potatoes and processed foods.)

At Patric's, the paleo menu also offers gluten-free toast and sweet potato home fries in lieu of the standard white variety.

Mr. Teater says that the diner has been getting a lot of business from fitness buffs who subscribe to the paleo diet and have a wealth of items from which to choose here, including omelets

Patric's has the look of a classic 1950s diner.



A pot roast skillet, complete with eggs, onions and potatoes, will satisfy a hearty appetite.



Brie-stuffed French toast with peaches makes for a decadent start to the day.

with jerk chicken, smoked salmon, a variety of meats or veggies, as well as steak and eggs, paleo pancakes (I have no idea what those are, but you likely do if you follow the diet), sandwiches served on gluten-free bread, quiche, sal-

ads and burgers.

But for the rest of us, there's even more of a selection: breakfast burritos, all manner of omelets, benedicts, pancakes, the whimsically named s@#t-on-a-shingle (otherwise known as chipped beef on toast) and homemade biscuits and gravy.

There's something for everyone. The Truckers Plate, for example, comes with a side of biscuits and gravy, corned beef hash, bacon, sausage or ham, two eggs and toast (\$12.50), while the Heart Healthy Sandwich consists of grilled multi-grain bread with hummus, tomato, bean sprouts, eggs, onion, sunflower seeds, avocado and a side of fruit (\$7.95).

We were looking for something between saintly and seriously sinful and found it. My companion tucked into a delicious stuffed French toast (\$7.50), thick slices of white toast loaded with creamy brie and topped with peaches. It came with syrup but needed not a thing to enhance the chewy bread, gooey cheese and just-sweet-enough-fruit on top. Our server was happy to bring my meat-shunning spouse a side of fresh fruit instead of the bacon or ham with which it normally comes.

I ordered the pot roast skillet (\$7.95), and our server presented it to me complete with an oven mitt beneath. The warm skillet was filled with home fries, a slab of tender pot roast and gravy, onions, two eggs over medium and cheddar cheese. A fresh biscuit on the

side completed the meal. I was able to eat about half of this hearty feast, which was a delicious variation on steak/ham/bacon and eggs. There's also a chorizo skillet that includes black beans and jalapenos. Next time, perhaps.

If you'd rather have lunch, there are lots of salads, some pasta dishes, sandwiches and wraps, chicken wings and fried green tomatoes.

We were too full for dessert, but took home an order of homemade cookies (\$1.25) and a large raspberry muffin (\$2.50) for later. The chocolate-chocolate chip cookies were chewy, rich and satisfying. The muffin was a little gummy, but that might have been the result of waiting until the following day to eat it.

The service at Patric's is like having a doting aunt wait on you. Our server was patient, kind, humorous and helpful. She offered suggestions but wasn't pushy and was happy to accommodate us in any way we requested. We saw much the same thing happening at tables throughout the room as customers happily dug into large steaming plates of fresh food and left with smiles on their faces.

Mr. Achilles and Mr. Teater are as good as they ever were. It's great to have them back where we can all have access to the great food and hospitality for which they have attracted a well-earned following. ■

in the know

Patric's
2091 Pine Ridge Road, Naples;
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Ratings:
Food: ★★★★★ 1/2
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★

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- >> **Reservations:** No
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Breakfast, \$3.95-\$12.95; lunch, \$6.50-\$9.95
- >> **Beverages:** Soft drinks served.
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