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## TRACKING DOWN FLORIDA'S ELUSIVE SKUNK APE

BY ARTIS HENDERSON

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BEFORE YOU SET OUT INTO THE Everglades looking for a Skunk Ape, you will need the following items: map of the area, ladder stand, leaf rake, rope, plaster, bucket, binoculars, a pocket knife, and, curiously, lima beans. This is according to the expedition checklist included in the Everglades Skunk Ape Research Field Guide, necessary reading if you hope to find one of South Florida's most mysterious and perplexing creatures.

According to the literature, the male Skunk Ape stands more than 7 feet tall, weighs over 300 pounds, has four toes



### Skunk Ape

- >> Has eight toes
- >> Estimated between 7-10 live in Florida
- >> Enjoys lima beans
- >> Much like the Sasquatch, Bigfoot and Abominable Snowman there have been only a few supposed sightings.

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### David Shealy

- >> Has 10 toes
- >> Estimated only one lives in Florida
- >> Enjoys lima beans
- >> Can see him at the Skunk Ape Research Headquarters every day

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## Florida Weekly writer named Journalist of the Year

### FLORIDA WEEKLY STAFF

Florida Weekly staff writer Athena Ponushis has been named Journalist of the Year by the Society of Professional Journalists in a statewide competition that included all newspapers, TV stations and magazines in Florida.

"Athena Ponushis clearly can handle a wide range of subject matter, telling each story with great detail, bright and engaging writing, clever turns of phrase and



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poignancy where warranted," the judges said of her work.

Florida Weekly also earned two other awards. Presentation Editor Eric Raddatz won for Art/Photo Illustration and the Florida Weekly staff won for its annual "Best" issue in the category of Special Publication/Section.

"All of these awards are especially sweet for us, considering the competition included the Tampa Bay Times, The Miami Herald, The Palm Beach Post and The News-Press," said Florida Weekly Executive Editor Jeffrey Cull.

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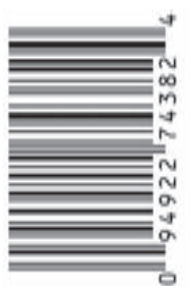
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# COMMENTARY

## Goodbye, summer



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This is an opinion about living, starting with a photograph my wife took on Sunday afternoon ("Goodbye, summer"), along with a question about your status:

Are you the parent or relative of somebody under 18 who just stepped out of summer and back into school?

I am, too — joined in the job by a woman who is arguably one of the 10 best mothers in the Western world. I'll leave you to determine who the other seven are. Because along with my wife, one of them is also my own mother and another is my sister.

That means you and I have power. The power to suggest a way of living and thinking that might lend our little hoodlums a sense of calm in an otherwise less-than-calm world. You know, someday. Someday when it's too late for us to set an example of anything other than mortality.

Here's how. Start outside, with your kids. Start with woods and fields and sea and sky. With mud and dry. With things that grow and die and grow again, from the mountain to the fen. (We Sunshine Staters should be comfortable with fens, or any other swamp.)

Then once you've started outside, start inside. With books. Books that

are fun and silly and amusing and maybe instructive.

Books that tell you how to think or what to do. Books that don't tell you how to think or what to do. Books that you like.

Books that are on-line or not, in or out of the European tradition or not.

After all, before printing there was only storytelling. Before computers there was only printing. And before whatever the future brings, there were only computers. And there have always been mud and bugs and mountains and swamps. Sea and sky. And stories.

So who cares what the delivery system is?

Some of our favorite books for kids — along with those of some of our friends and relatives — are these, in no particular order:

All the Narnia books by C.S. Lewis. Anything by Gary Paulsen ("Hatchet," for example) or Jerry Spinelli ("Maniac Magee") or Madeleine L'Engle ("A Wrinkle in Time") or Margaret Wise Brown's "Goodnight Moon."

Edward Lear's poetry and comic rhymes and "The Wind in the Willows," by Kenneth Grahame and E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web."

"Liza Lou and the Yeller Belly Swamp," by Mercer Mayer, or "Where Red Fern Grows," by Wilson Rawls.

The Beatrix Potter books: about Peter Rabbit and the "Tale of Two Bad Mice" and "Tom Kitten."

Not to mention "Where the Wild



Things Are," by Maurice Sendak, "The Graveyard Book," by Neil Gaiman, and Ogden Nash's "The Tale of Custard the Dragon," among others.

Or Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer," or the Eragon series (Christopher Paolini), or the Harry Potter books of J.K. Rowling or Tolkien's Hobbit stories. And especially "Pale Green Pants" and "The Lorax" along with others by Dr. Seuss. Or the simple but beautiful "Wolf Story" by William McCleery and "We're Going on a Bear Hunt," by Helen Oxenbury.

And don't forget Shel Silverstein's "Light in the Attic" and "Where the Sidewalk Ends," which my mother-in-law described as "poetry, imagination and absurdity all together" — a comment that helps me understand how she raised her luminous oldest daughter, one of the 10 best mothers.

Or "The Polar Express" by Chris Van Allsburg, which my niece, Lia Romeo, a novelist and playwright, praised for

"something about the power and the quietness of it (that) reminds me of a Hopper painting."

Along with the Florida-based books of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings ("The Yearling") and Patrick Smith ("A Land Remembered") and Carl Hiaasen ("Hoot" and others).

And these oldies but goodies: Aesop's "Fables" or Homer's "Odyssey" or (for slightly older kids) "The Big Sky" by A.B. Guthrie Jr., or "Lonesome Dove" by Larry McMurtry or "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn," by Betty Smith, or any of the J.D. Salinger novels.

But much better, try Salinger's flawless short story about war, courage, insanity, men, children, sanity and pure goodness: "For Esme with Love and Squalor."


That's one of the most positive short stories ever written, not to mention one of the most touching and beautiful, by a man who probably had PTSD, avoidance issues, anxiety, depression and who knows what else. That's just my guess. His story describes a wounded G.I. in London near the end of World War II, who gets help from a couple of kids.

So look: this weekend. Or after school. Or any time that presents itself. Get up out of the chair or get down in the chair. But get there somewhere with your kids.

In the mud.

In the print.

And give them a future, not to mention a mighty fine day. ■



# 8 Facts About Your Foot & Ankle

- 1 Get your foot measured for length and width prior to buying shoes every year.
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## GUEST OPINION

### The Florida governor nobody remembers



Here's a nightmarish thought. The seemingly interminable race for governor has almost three months to go. Can we possibly endure? This is an extraordinarily disheartening contest, laden with bombast and BS, and it comes atop the bumbling and mean-spirited rule of Rick Scott. Even in the best of years — and this is not the best of years by a long shot — Florida's politics will grind your soul to dust, if you let it.

The race appears to be a dead heat between Gov. Scott and the Golden Greek, former Gov. Charlie Crist. Mr. Crist has at times been a Republican, an independent and a Democrat, which is his current incarnation. His political loyalty may swing with the breeze, but his magnificent tan never fades.

The potential spoiler is Libertarian candidate Adrian Wyllie, who, according to a recent poll, is favored by about 9 percent of the electorate. The impossibly quirky Mr. Wyllie is known principally for his peculiar outrage over the manner in which Florida issues its driver's licenses.

Oh dear.

At moments like this, when I am disillusioned and cynical, I look back to a time 27 long years ago — to Florida's Age of Aquarius, politically speaking. It was a time when a governor completed his term without a single scandal or misstep. A time when no under-the-table deals were sought or made. A time of unprecedented harmony between the chief

executive and the legislature. A time when the governor never acted the fool or embarrassed the state. Further, not a single penny — not one — was wasted during this governor's term.

I am referencing the reign of one John Wayne Mixson, Florida's 39th governor.

If you are new to the state — or even if you are a Florida native who happened to take an especially long nap early in 1987 — the name Wayne Mixson will not register. This is understandable, for Mr. Mixson was governor for just three days in 1987, from Jan. 3 - 6.

This improbable circumstance resulted from Bob Graham's decision to step down as governor with three days left in his second term so he could be sworn in as a U.S. senator. Mr. Mixson was lieutenant governor, and he was elevated to serve what was left of the tenure. Governor-elect Bob Martinez waited in the wings.

Mr. Mixson suffered through two terms as lieutenant governor under Mr. Graham. During this time he carved an unwanted reputation as a cutter of ceremonial ribbons. Mr. Mixson chafed at the diminished role Mr. Graham assigned him. He was neither consulted nor considered when major (or even minor) decisions were made. He was a typical lieutenant governor.

The do-nothingness of his job was brought into stark relief in 1985, when Hurricane Elena bore down on the Gulf Coast on Labor Day Weekend. An evacuation was ordered. Mr. Graham was in Brazil, and the decision to evacuate was made not by Mr. Mixson but by Mr. Graham's chief of staff.

There was no pomp associated with Mr. Mixson's ascension to the governorship. About 300 friends and family members witnessed the oath-

taking, and Mr. Mixson took only his pen with him to the governor's office.

Mr. Mixson, then a 64-year-old cattle rancher, had few illusions about his role as governor. He allowed that he didn't view himself as a "crown prince," which was fortunate, because no one else did, either. Rather, Mr. Mixson sounded more like a wide-eyed school kid who was granted a moment behind the governor's desk while touring the Capitol.

"I think (Florida) will probably survive this great shock," he said. "I'm honored to get a few hours to survey the state from these heights."

Mr. Mixson retired from politics following his three-day term, and he may have made more headlines in retirement than he did in office. A longtime Democrat, Mr. Mixson as a private citizen endorsed several Republicans. This angered his party, which was a bit odd, since a Mixson endorsement carried a feather's weight.

Mr. Mixson is 92 years old. He is a forgotten footnote, the Invisible Man of the state's political past. The website of the National Governors Association does not even list him on its roster of Florida's governors.

He once remarked, "I wanted to be known as the governor who did the least damage to Florida."

Not the loftiest of goals, perhaps, but a realistic one given Mr. Mixson's abilities and the state of affairs at the time.

Yet those who pooh-pooh Mr. Mixson's eye-blink administration should ask themselves: When has Gov. Scott gone three consecutive days without screwing up something?

Chew on that as we slouch toward Election Day. ■

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The missing pieces of the plea for peace

**To the Editor:**

Amy Goodman was back again on page four of the Aug. 14-20 edition of *Florida Weekly* doing what she seems to do best: demonizing Israel. However, this time she entices the reader with a very reasonable sounding and upbeat title — "A venerable Jewish voice for peace" — which must have attracted quite a few readers.

It doesn't take her very long to get right to her point — that Israel is solely responsible for the current bloodshed in Gaza, talking about "the Israeli assault on the Palestinian people in the Gaza Strip" in the very first sentence of her article.

To say that this article is one-sided is a gross understatement. Nowhere will the reader find mention of the thousands of rockets fired into Israel by Hamas, which precipitated the conflict. Not a mention of the tunnels built by Hamas, with building materials that Israel allowed into Gaza, that Hamas prepared to use for attacks on Israeli civilians.

No mention of the use of human shields by Hamas, which resulted in such a tragic loss of life among the Palestinian residents of Gaza. No

mention of the use of UN structures, schools, hospitals and mosques from which to fire and store rockets and mortars.

As a matter of fact, no mention of the Hamas rulers of Gaza, whose charter and daily pronouncements pledge the destruction of Israel and the murder of Jews.

She does mention, in conclusion, that "the U.S. and the rest of the world should pressure Israel to stop the slaughter." One has to wonder if she would feel the same way if she were living in Israel under a constant bombardment of rockets and mortars.

Ms. Goodma's coup de grace in this article is the interview with 84-year-old Henry Siegman, who she describes as the former executive director of the American Jewish Congress and the Synagogue Council of America. Apparently, Mr. Siegman has credentials that Ms. Goodman, who has repeatedly shown herself to be blindly committed to the Hamas narrative that Israel is the aggressor, does not have. He is further described as a refugee from Nazi Germany and an ardent Zionist as a child.

A little online research of Henry Siegman reveals that he is far from

an unbiased "voice for peace." In the past, he has referred to Israel as a "de facto apartheid state," has met with the Hamas leader Khaled Mashal in Syria, has criticized the peace efforts of Ehud Olmert and George W. Bush and has been described as "the far left corner of the Middle East worldview."

At the end of the article, there is mention that Denis Moynihan of her staff "contributed research to this column." It doesn't appear that Mr. Moynihan has done a very thorough job of research, as he seems to have missed completely what precipitated this "slaughter," the fact that the Synagogue Council of America was dissolved in 1994 and that the opinions stated by Mr. Siegman are not the policies of the American Jewish Congress.

Of course, any innocent civilian casualty is a tragedy. But, with more than a quarter of a million people killed in the countries around Israel in the last three years, one has to wonder whether Israel deserves finger pointing and double standards from Ms. Goodman and the international community? ■

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## C-SCAPES

## An ounce of (termite) prevention



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When we were kids growing up in Connecticut, we used to giggle at TV cartoons that depicted swarms of termites buzzing through a home and leaving only dust in their wake. Sometimes they'd buzz through a whole town, and Acme Termite Control would be overwhelmed.

Termites always came in the form of armies, destroyed whatever they found in seconds and were unstoppable. At least these were the impressions we took away from those Saturday morning cartoons.

Turns out, that image is quite accurate. It's only the fast-forward part that's not.

Unlike other bugs and fungi, termites move slowly, thoroughly, through a home. They often do a tremendous amount of damage before you even know they're there. And because they've been around for 50 million years, they've learned to adapt to virtually anything this world can throw at them.

Nowadays, they love to eat anything made of cellulose. Since most homes are made of wood products that contain cellulose, termites want to eat your house. And it need not be a wood-frame house, just a house containing wood elements.

Most homes have wood trim, and it's



safe to say that every home has a wood-frame roof — which means most homeowners here in Southwest Florida are at serious risk of sharing their abodes with the most unwanted of dinner guests.

Again, in the early stages before the damage becomes serious, you might not even know they've arrived. Once termites are established, however, they are relatively easy to identify.

For one thing, you can actually hear the little buggers. Put your ear to the wall. If you hear a faint movement or a slight tapping, it's time to call the exterminator.

For another, they are very careful about disposing their disposables outside of their living spaces, clear evidence of their presence.

Dark or soft spots in the wood of your home is another indicator. If the wood can be easily scratched or feels a little soft or spongy, termites are the likely culprit.

If you find mud tunnels or piles near the foundation of your home, if you see small holes in the walls (inside or out) as though a tiny woodpecker has been pecking away at your drywall, wallpaper or molding, prepare yourself for the worst.

The most serious signs of infestation are too obvious to miss: ripples or blisters in your walls, floors that buckle or droop, the presence of sawdust, a hollow sound when you tap on a wall or molding and the appearance of ant-like insects with white wings.

So what to do about it?

Get an inspection. By an expert.

This will not be free. Peace of mind rarely is. But it's worth it to know whether you have termites. And the sooner the better.

Most experts recommend safeguarding the perimeter of your home with termite "plugs," or bait traps, that are dug into the ground and filled with cellulose-rich wood chunks. Termites can't resist them, so rather than enter your home, they stop at the border for a little snack and never arrive at their destination.

I also recommend getting an annual contract that covers both inside and outside your home, so your exterminator comes several times a year to check the plugs and inside and outside your home, including the attic.

One last thing: Even if your home does not have termites right now, your neighbor's house might, and if it does, it's just a matter of time before yours will, too. Termites migrate with the best of varmints.

So do yourself a favor and have your home checked out and protected. Yes, termite and pest prevention can be expensive, but nowhere near as expensive as it is to replace walls, foundations or roofs. ■

— *When she's not dispensing valuable household advice, Cheryl Turner can most often be found showing one of her real estate clients a house that's on the market.*

## MATTRESS SHOPPING: The Great Leap of Faith

Barbara W. of Marco Island recently asked "I am confused, my husband and I are shopping for a master bedroom mattress and with all the choices, how can we be sure we have selected the best mattress? Also, since we can't see the inside of the mattress, how can we be sure we are getting what we paid for?"

Barbara, thank you for taking the time to share your concerns with me. Shopping for a mattress can be quite daunting. I often "shop" local mattress retailers pretending to be a customer because I want to experience what my customers experience as they shop for a good night's sleep.

Very few items in our home are as important as the master bedroom mattress. A great mattress will provide the perfect combination of comfort and support to allow a marvelous, re-energizing night's sleep. Waking up feeling great or grumpy is often the difference between a new or worn mattress. We spend a third of our life sleeping — that's over 16 years by the time we reach 50. Needless to say, selecting the right mattress is hugely important.



Selecting the right retailer is the best place to start. Ask friends, neighbors and co-workers whom they recommend. Social media can be very helpful in this regard. Select a retailer based on how knowledgeable the staff is. Basing your selection on the size of the retailer can be a mistake. Too large of a selection can quickly lead to confusion resulting in frustration and stress. Things you don't need!

You'll find that some retailers have pre-selected some choice mattresses and are offering their customers the services of a seasoned, trained professional. Caring retailers have cut through the chaff, carefully selecting mattresses based on durability, comfort and support. We want to know that the mattress we select will provide exceptional service 5, 10 and with some premium mattresses ever 20 years of uncompromising service. As with most products, some are designed to last much longer than others.

Coils, foam, air what should I pick? We have lots of choices today. I recommend that if you have spent

your sleep time to date on a coil mattress, stick with it. Coil mattresses are by far the most popular mattress sold in the US. An individual pocket coil is your best bet because the mattress is designed to conform to you and minimizes motion transfer. That means that if one of you gets out of bed at night, the other remains undisturbed in his/her slumber.

Many good mattresses today are designed to keep you cool by wicking moisture (perspiration) away while you sleep. Premium mattresses utilize natural fibers like silk and cashmere woven into the outer cover and layered directly underneath it where they do the most good. Tencel, Outlast and Gore Tex are examples of man-made materials designed to do the same.

In conclusion — when shopping for a mattress, select the retailer carefully, dress comfortably and bring your own pillow. Allow 45-60 minutes for the buying experience. Try each mattress by lying on it in the position(s) you normally sleep for 10-15 minutes. Be aware of any pressure points you feel on the mattress. Any objectionable pressure points disqualify the mattress. Use process-of-elimination in your mattress selection. Try one and then another and decide which of the two supports you better and offers the right level of comfort. Eliminate the other. Rely on the trained professional to help identify 3 mattresses you should try. Recommendations are a direct result of the answers you provided to key questions this sleep expert asked. Dress the selected mattress in the recommended mattress protector. Many protectors are lined with nylon or epoxy to prevent staining. Those products block stains but unfortunately block air circulation as well. Select a mattress protector that is lined in a semi-permeable membrane allowing air to circulate and preventing staining.



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# SKUNK APE

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on each foot, and gives off a notoriously noxious odor. In many ways, its description bears a striking resemblance to that other tall, hominid creature, Bigfoot, also known as Sasquatch, native to the Pacific Northwest. Both the Skunk Ape and Bigfoot are rumored to be omnivorous and nocturnal and both are known for their strong unpleasant smell. Both creatures have a long history in the folklore traditions of the indigenous peoples of their native territories and both became popular obsessions in the 1960s and '70s. In many ways each one also mirrors another mythical creature, the Yeti, or Abominable Snowman, rumored to live in the Himalayan mountains of Tibet and Nepal. In fact, nearly every continent has its own version of the Skunk Ape, which makes it hard to assess whether the phenomenon should be approached with one's tongue planted firmly in one's cheek or if the story might actually carry some weight.

The Skunk Ape community is filled with stories of sightings, and most follow the same narrative: a large creature covered in hair and walking on two legs appears briefly before vanishing into the brush. Most of these stories conclude with a similar disclaimer, "I swear I wasn't drinking." A lot of the Skunk Ape evidence is like this — spotty, anonymous, and difficult to pin down. So, I thought, why not track a Skunk Ape myself?

With this in mind, I headed to the most logical place, the Skunk Ape Research Headquarters in Ochopee, Fla., off the Tamiami Trail in the Big Cypress National Preserve. On the drive there, I started to worry about the lima beans. Lima beans, according to the field guide, is the preferred type of food to use when baiting the Skunk Ape. Other kinds of legumes work well — black eyed peas, pinto beans, and kidney beans — as well as corn or rice. One can also use deer liver. But baiting is strictly prohibited in national parks and state-owned preserves, and I was anxious about the possibility of being stopped by a Florida Fish and Wildlife agent. How else to explain the lima beans, except that I was trying to bait a Skunk Ape? And which was worse: getting caught with the intent to bait, or having to acknowledge that I was tromping through the swamp looking for a big, hairy, smelly, maybe-mythical creature? In the end, I decided to leave the lima beans behind.

By the time I arrived at the research headquarters, the day's heat had already set in. The air had that thick yellow quality it develops in deep summer and the sun blazed out of a cloudless sky. I wished I had brought more sunscreen. Insects sent up a steady hiss



David Shealy runs the Skunk Ape Research Center in Ochopee.

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from the tall grass, and I imagined a Skunk Ape lurking behind every cabbage palm. The Research Headquarters, as it turns out, is not much more than a gift shop and a small zoo. You can buy Skunk Ape bumper stickers and ice cream (but no sunscreen) and take a look at some of the reptiles found in the area. There's a campground, too, and a place to rent canoes and kayaks. The cynical among us might say all this activity around the Skunk Ape is just a way to draw in business. But I, for one, wouldn't dare.

The young man behind the counter — Tommy, from his name tag — took my credit card for the pole boat I'd rented, and we chatted about recent Skunk Ape sightings. I had decided beforehand to approach the process with nary a wink or a nudge. If someone wanted to eye-roll over the Skunk Ape, I'd let it be the experts. Tommy, for his part, was mostly earnest as he played me a video of a recent sighting, although he acknowledged his own skepticism. Still, the video had an eerie realism to it that left me wondering. I'm no Dian Fossey but the gorilla-like creature certainly looked believable to me. In the video, which was shot from behind, the seated animal paws at a cypress tree set in the middle of a watery slough. We can hear the man behind the camera as he eloquently sums up his feelings: "What the f --" After several minutes the creature

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— David Shealy  
Skunk Ape Research Headquarters

stands, and for the second or two before our videographer runs away, we see it at its full height. In truth, it has none of the obvious man-in-a-gorilla-suit fakery I've come to identify with specimens of the Bigfoot variety.

"You should really talk to Dave Shealy," Tommy said before I set out. "He can give you some tips."

David Shealy? The man who runs the Skunk Ape Research Headquarters? Who put together the Skunk Ape Research Field Guide? Who literally wrote the book on all things Skunk Ape (available in the gift shop for \$5)? Tommy gave Mr. Shealy a call over the radio and he arrived a few minutes later, a man just over 50 with a shaved head and alert eyes and the kind of bearing that suggests his family has been in the Everglades for generations. (They have).

"You'll have the best luck if you head

for the hardwood hammocks," Mr. Shealy told me. "Those are the high points of land where the Skunk Ape feeds."

In addition to fish, bird nestlings, and wild deer, Skunk Apes also dine on a variety of edible plants — pond apples, hog plums, acorns, and saw palmetto berries. All of this you find on dry land.

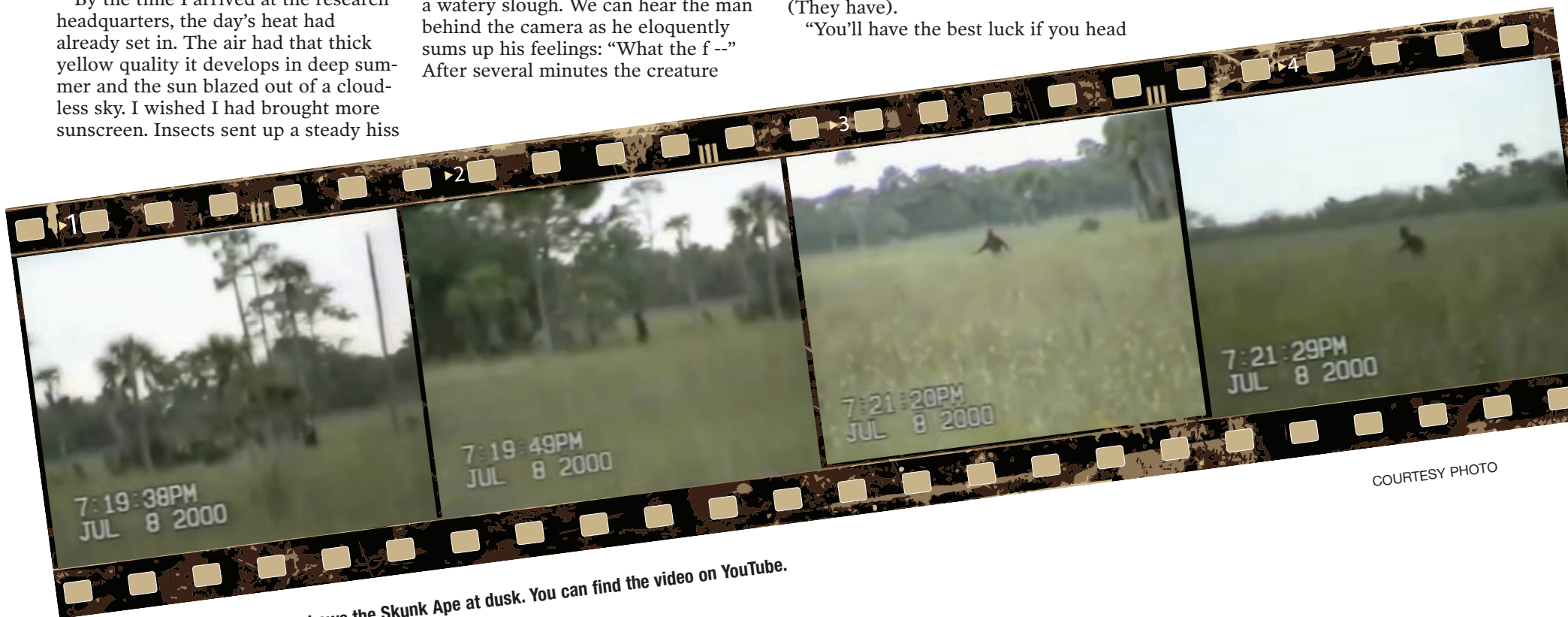
"Of course, other animals like dry land, too," Mr. Shealy said. "You'll want to watch out for snakes."

Snakes? Just next to the cash register, someone had taped a photo of a man wrestling a giant python. I pointed to the picture and raised an eyebrow. Behind the counter, Tommy beamed. "That's me," he said. I shuddered.

Mr. Shealy gave advice on which direction to take the boat and warned me to make sure I paid attention to which channels I followed. The area is vast: more than 700,000 acres in the Big Cypress National Preserve alone. I realized for the first time that my search was going to be harder than I thought.

"You'll know there's been one around," Mr. Shealy said, "if the water's churned up. They like to get into alligator caves."

"And you'll recognize the smell," Tommy said.



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Images of video that purportedly shows the Skunk Ape at dusk. You can find the video on YouTube.

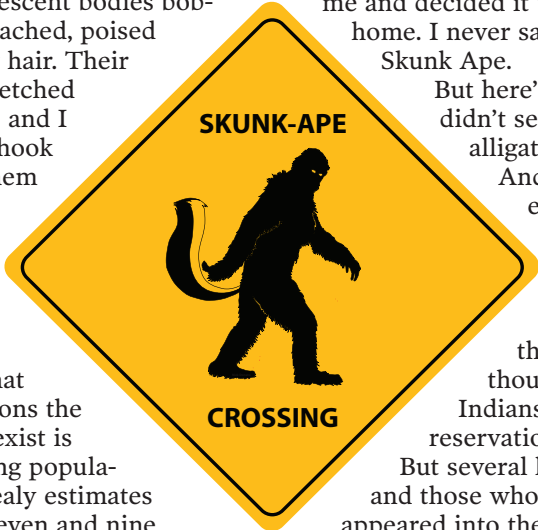


“What’s it smell like?” I asked. Mr. Shealy gave me the kind of look that said I’d never find a Skunk Ape. “It smells like a skunk,” he said.

With a cypress pole and a flat-bottomed boat, I set out into the wilderness. By then the heat had reached a febrile intensity, and I melted inside my outdoor gear. To explore the places of standing water and sawgrass, I first had to navigate a series of mangrove channels strung with elaborate spiderwebs. The spiders themselves hung at face level, their iridescent bodies bobbing as I approached, poised to tangle in my hair. Their sticky webs stretched across my face, and I squealed and shook and scooped them overboard before they could disappear up a pant leg.

Skunk Ape doubters say that one of the reasons the creature can’t exist is the low breeding population. David Shealy estimates that between seven and nine Skunk Apes live in the Everglades. That’s less than a dozen creatures on 1.5 million acres of land. How would they ever find each other in all that territory?

Eventually I reached the point I had been aiming for, a flat, wide-open space that sat nearly empty to the horizon. In the very far distance, a few cypress trees stood like sentinels on their high-ground hammocks. There was no sound but the wind. For a brief moment, a black crow circled overhead and called out. Then it, too, disap-



peared and once again I was alone. In the manicured lawns and carefully crafted green spaces of our everyday lives, we sometimes forget the primal, often dangerous quality of untouched nature. Here was a vast tract of land in which anything might hide.

As the day wore on, a storm built in the east and gray-bottomed clouds filled the sky. I ate the sandwich I had packed for lunch while a breeze whistled through the crabgrass then took a final look at the vast acreage set before me and decided it was time to head home. I never saw any sign of the Skunk Ape.

But here’s the thing: I also didn’t see any turtles, or alligators, or even snakes. And those I know exist. Which made me think of a long-ago history lesson. After the Seminole Wars of the mid-19th century, thousands of Seminole Indians were relocated to reservations in Oklahoma. But several hundred escaped, and those who stayed behind disappeared into the vast swampland that would eventually become the Everglades. For more than two decades that wild place concealed them, and as I poled through the seemingly empty land I wondered what creatures might lay hidden there. ■

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster. She also writes the Sandy Days, Salty Nights column that appears on page C2 of Florida Weekly. This week’s column is about Skunk Ape erotica.



Visitors can buy T-shirts and shot glasses at the Skunk Ape Research Center.

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In addition to its after-school programs at the Healthy Living Campus, the Greater Naples YMCA also provides programs on-site at the following schools: Golden Gate, Royal Palm Academy and Shadowlawn.

The after-school programs run from 2:50-6 p.m. Registration is \$40 per family for a calendar year. Weekly fees vary based on several factors, including number of days a week participating, whether enrolled in both before-school and afterschool care and whether siblings also attend.

Typically, before and after care costs for four to five days per week are \$60 per child for Y members and \$65 per child for nonmembers. Financial assistance and sibling discounts are available.

For registration or more information about before-school and after-school care, call 597-3148.

To learn more about the Greater Naples YMCA and its other programs, visit [greaternaplesymca.org](http://greaternaplesymca.org). ■

## Kids saddle up for NEC summer camp

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Naples Equestrian Challenge provided a weeklong summer camp experience for boys and girls in the Health Under Guided Systems (H.U.G.S.) program run by the local chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The collaboration kicked off NEC's 15th year of providing summer inclusion horsemanship camps to both special needs and typically developing children in Collier County.

H.U.G.S. campers learned how to care for, groom, tack and ride one of NEC's 10 therapy horses, but they left with even more.

"Learning how to use mental focus, creative visualization and clarity of intent to direct and create boundaries with a 1,000-pound creature gives these kids a tremendous boost to their self-esteem," says Missy Saracino, NEC program director. This newly found confidence along with the closeness they share with the horses over the span of a week also helps them deepen their awareness of personal issues, core feelings and areas of bodily tension that may be inhibiting them from reaching their potential, she adds.

"Our kids absolutely loved being part of such a unique summer camp," says Nydia Adams-Petty, family support liaison with H.U.G.S. "It warmed my heart to witness their joy and to see how

enthusiastic they were about something other than video games."

NEC provided scholarships for all participants in the H.U.G.S. camp, thanks to support from the Naples Children and Education Foundation, The League Club, Special Needs Children's Fund and private donors.

NEC holds its summer inclusion horsemanship camp for kids ages 4-16 every summer. Campers are supervised by PATH-certified (Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship) therapeutic riding instructors as well as state-certified public school

teachers and trained camp counselors. Each week culminates with a horse show where campers display what they've learned and are presented with trophies and ribbons.

### About the programs

Since it was established in 1995, NEC has worked to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs. A PATH premier accredited center, it serves more than 500 participants each year.



On the sensory trail at Naples Equestrian challenge.

Through donations and sponsorships, NEC is able to provide equine therapy to those who need it most, regardless of income level. For more information, visit [naplesequestrianchallenge.org](http://naplesequestrianchallenge.org).

H.U.G.S. is a community-based mental health initiative that provides early identification of mental health problems, support for families to help them make informed decisions and navigation for them to secure the long-term services they need. For more information, visit [namicollier.org](http://namicollier.org). ■

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## Mensa forum will address Constitutional amendments

What do people really mean when they say that the United States Constitution should be amended for some reason? Find out what Mensa members and others think about some specific proposals when the next Mensa Forte Forum takes place at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at the home of Mensa member Dr. Sam Sewell in North Naples. All are welcome; membership in Mensa is not required.

Among some of the topics attendees can expect to hear about:

- The idea that members of the U.S. House of Representatives should be limited to a maximum of three terms and members of the Senate to a maximum of two terms. No person should serve more than 14 years total as a member of Congress.

- The idea that the federal government can set minimum nationwide standards for education, worker safety, health care and pollution control but that it is not required to assist individual states in meeting such standards.

- The idea that districts represented by members of Congress, or by members of any state legislative body, should be compact and composed of contiguous territory, and that the state should have the burden of justifying any departures from this requirement by reference to some neutral criteria.

Kishor Kulkarni, Ph.D., a 30-year member of Mensa, will moderate the afternoon discussion. He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Indian Institute of Technology in Mumbai (formerly Bombay) and a doctorate from Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Attendance at the Mensa Forte Forum is free, although donations are welcome for the local Mensa scholarship fund. Reservations are appreciated and can be made by calling 591-4565 or emailing [bunnysam@bestselfusa.com](mailto:bunnysam@bestselfusa.com). ■

## Civic participation just got easier in city of Naples

Naples residents who are interested in participating on city boards and committees can go online to learn about vacant seats, apply for them and receive correspondence on the status of an application.



By shifting board appointment management into the digital age, the city of Naples is aiming to significantly improve outreach efforts to recruit new board and committee members.

"It makes civic participation easier," City Clerk Patricia Rambosk says.

"Staff members no longer have to use paper to manually track board and committee position vacancies or inbound citizen applications," says Tom Spengler, CEO of Granicus, developers of the application. "We've automated this process online from start to finish."

To access the new system, visit [naplesgov.com](http://naplesgov.com) and click on "Boards and Committees" on the left side of the city's homepage. ■

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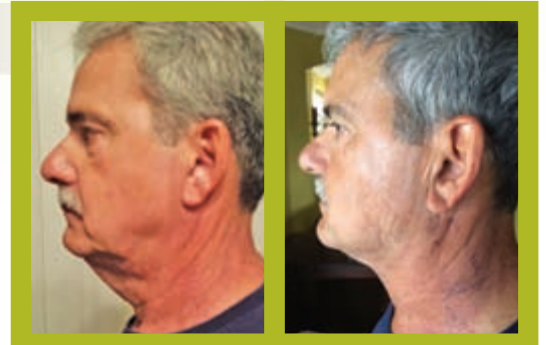


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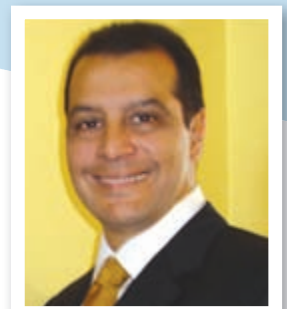


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### Think your last flight was unpleasant?

■ The May 28 US Airways flight from Los Angeles to Philadelphia had to be diverted to Kansas City after a passenger's service dog did what dogs do, in the aisle, twice (an hour apart). One passenger used the terms “lingering smell,” “dry heaving” and “throwing up” in describing the situation.

■ On a recent (perhaps July) Delta flight from Beijing to Detroit, a Chinese couple

apparently nonchalantly laid down paper on their toddler's seat and encouraged him to address his bowels' needs despite numerous pleas from nearby passengers to take him to the restroom. According to Chinese news reports, social media sites erupted in criticism of the family for its embarrassing behavior.

### Democracy in action

■ Steve Grossman, Massachusetts' state treasurer, who is running for governor, performed heroically at a candidate forum in March. *The Boston Globe* reported that Grossman “fervently answered questions on everything from transgender rights (to sex education (and) issues facing (the) aging members of the (gay/transgender) community” while simultaneously passing a kidney stone (which most victims rate as “level 10” pain — the highest on the medical scale, described by some as comparable to childbirth).

■ Steve Wiles gathered only 28 percent of the vote in his North Carolina state senate race in May after revelations that he — lately an opponent of gay rights — was until about four years ago a gay male who worked as the female impersonator “Mona Sinclair” at a gay nightclub in Winston-Salem. As recently

as April, however (three weeks before a newspaper's revelation), Wiles was categorically denying that he used to be Mona Sinclair. “That's not me,” he said. “That's him,” said a man who worked with him at the club. Said the club's then-co-owner: “I have no ax to grind against him. I just think he's a liar.”

■ The Alaskan government is scrambling to fulfill its obligation to welcome native communities' votes on a state tax resolution in August. That means paying translators (at up to \$50 a hour) to set out the measure for communities using the languages Yup'ik, Inupiak, Siberian Yupik, Koyukon Athabascan and Gwich'in Athabascan. (The tax measure must also be available on audio — for those communities that rely on the “oral tradition.”) For example, the yes-or-no tax question in Yup'ik is “Una-qaa alerquun ciuniuramanrilli?”

### Not my fault

Tom Lakin is challenging State Farm in a St. Clair County, Ill., courtroom, claiming that the sexual abuse he was convicted of was “unintentional” and that therefore his homeowners' insurance ought to have covered any claims by the victim. (State

Farm, and other insurers, generally pay out for “negligent” events.) He said he had no idea that serving minors alcohol and drugs and encouraging them to have sex with each other would lead to their later sexual exploitation by other adults.

### The redneck chronicles

■ A man was hospitalized in Shreveport, La., in June after being carried away by a wind gust as he held onto a mattress in the back of a pickup truck on Interstate 49. He suffered road burn and fractures.

■ Jenna Ketcham, 25, was arrested in

Sebastian, Fla., in July after exacting a bit of revenge against an ex-boyfriend, whom she encountered squiring another woman in his pickup truck. According to police, Ketcham hit the man in the face and the genitals, and emptied his “dip spit” cup on him.

### The new world order

■ Among the foods “you wouldn't even eat if trapped on a desert island” in a May *London Daily Mirror* feature: canned cheeseburger (Germany), canned whole chicken (Sweet Sue brand of USA), canned peanut butter and jelly sandwich (Mark One Foods of USA), canned bacon (Hungary), Squeeze Bacon (in a plastic jar like ketchup, from Vilhelm Lilleflask of Sweden), whole peeled lamb tongues (New Zealand) and Elephant Dung Beer (from excreted coffee beans by Japan's Sankt Gallen). Also mentioned: Casu Marzu (cheese containing live maggots that the food's few fans swear make its taste irresistible — and which News of the Weird reported in 2000).

■ The first “pheromone party” is said to have been staged in New York City in 2010, but the concept was revived recently in London, with men and women bringing three-each used, unwashed, un-fragranced T-shirts

in plastic bags as the price of admission (along with the equivalent of \$25). Guests sniff the coded bags one after another until genes kick in and signal the sniffer that a certain shirt belongs to Mr. or Ms. Right. At that point, the sniffer projects a cellphone selfie on the wall, and whoever brought that shirt sees the sniffer, at which time things return to normal, i.e., deciding if the sniffer is sufficiently good-looking.

■ The Italian news agency ANSA reported in July that Italy's San Vittore prison in Milan is scheduling regular “happy hour” socials for its female inmates — catered, with alcohol, and with “external” guests welcomed, to the displeasure of the prison guards' union. The deputy director of the prison service was quoted by ANSA as approving the events, leading union representatives to complain to the ministry of Justice.

### Least-competent law enforcement

■ The Clay County (Florida) Sheriff's Office twice this year arrested the wrong Ashley Chiasson — in January (for grand theft) and in May (writing bad checks) — despite three years, five inches, 20 pounds

and distinctive middle names separating them (Ashley Odessa, the suspect, vs. Ashley Nicole, the innocent victim). (“Odessa” spent five weeks in jail before deputies admitted their mistake.) ■

# Naples family earns national honors from Experimental Aircraft Association

**SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY**

What started for the Beauvais family eight years ago as a pancake breakfast eight at Naples Chapter 1067 of the Experimental Aircraft Association has blossomed into national aviation honors. The Beauvais recently received the 2014 EAA Young Eagles Award for Outstanding Ground Volunteers during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, known as "The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration."

Mom and dad Brian and Sabrina Beauvais and sons John, 17, Jacob, 14, and Joshua, 12, helped revitalize Chapter 1067, which is based at Naples Municipal Airport. The family's aviation passion inspired Ted Brousseau, chapter president, to nominate them

for the national award. "They pumped new energy and enthusiasm into our chapter," Mr. Brousseau says. "A little over two years ago the chapter was at the lowest of lows."

Dubbed the "Gang of Five," the family is always available to help at the airport. Mr. Brousseau cites a time this year when the EAA brought a 1929 Ford Tri-motor to the Naples airport. The Beauvais cooked and served food and drinks and also worked on the flight line during the three-day event.

Brian Beauvais is now Chapter 1067 vice president. Son John, who is working on his private pilot certificate, will be eligible to be the Young Eagle coordinator when he turns 18. He made his first solo flight on June 6, the 70th anniversary of D-Day.

The nonprofit EAA was founded in 1953



COURTESY PHOTO

**John, Joshua and Jacob Beauvais, with their parents Sabrina and Brian, earned national honors for their volunteer work with Naples Chapter 1067 of the Experimental Aircraft Association.**

to grow participation in aviation and now has more than 180,000 members in 100-plus countries. The Young Eagles program was launched in 1992 to build the next generation of inspiring aviators. Since then, more than 1.8 million youngsters, from 8 to 17, have enjoyed flights from EAA volunteer pilots as an introduction to aviation and the careers it offers.

The weeklong AirVenture event brings more than 10,000 aircraft and 500,000 people from more than 60 countries to Oshkosh, Wis., for aerobatics displays, informative programs, hands-on workshops, entertainment and exhibits of aircraft spanning all eras of flight. ■

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# It's hatching time at Gatorama

BY CYNTHIA MOTT

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Patty Register's backyard is not like yours. Hers is a pond filled with alligators and crocodiles. I walked with her along the side of her house, where she casually pointed to a door.

"That's my utility room," she said. "I make sure to glance out before opening that door, in case one of the cros decides to lay there."

I saw marks that looked like mud swipes thigh-high on the wood.

"The cros come into your yard? Are those croc marks on the door?"

"Yep," she said cheerfully. "Mama cros looking for a place to bury their eggs. They have all those wide-open banks out there, but they LOVE my yard."

Patty is a person who breaks into a smile at the least excuse, often accompanied by a laugh that makes you laugh too.

I looked at the door with newfound appreciation. "But Patty, how do you look out? There's no glass."

"The peephole," she said. "Then I push it open slowly in case one of them is laying up against it. Wouldn't want to just tromp out and trip over one. Best not to startle them when they're in egg-laying mode."

"You raised children here?" I asked, feeling a profound sense that Patty was either the bravest or craziest woman I had met in a long time.

"Sure did!" she said. "Two kids, Erica and Ben, grew up in the fishbowl we call 'the farm.' They survived just fine."

Patty and her husband, Allen, not only own Gatorama, they live there, on-site, in a home attached to the gift shop. Beyond their home lies the park, and within it lives a menagerie of critters, many that would be happy to eat you. A long wooden bridge over the croc and gator ponds leads to two male Florida panthers, Nile cros, Cuban cros, bobcats, skunks, parrots, land tortoises and more.

Allen pointed cautiously to the Cuban cros. "They're jumpers," he said. "They can jump from underwater, straight up, faster than you can believe. They'll catch you quicker than anything else in here." The glittering, intense golden eye of the croc followed Allen's every move.

Gatorama is an iconic Florida roadside attraction. Before Disney established a new kind of theme park, Florida tourist entertainment was largely provided by a string of such roadside attractions, each touting its own one-of-a-kind experience. During the 1950s and '60s there were 72 in existence. Now in its 58th year, Gatorama is one of only 12 remaining. The Registers have welcomed visitors to their park since 1989.

Gatorama offers today's visitors feeding shows, hands-on animal experiences and the back-to-nature ambiance of life in a real live swamp. It's open every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas, which means the Registers have the public strolling through their yard 363 days per year.

Unusual?

For sure. This time of year, however, the place gets even more unusual, as the annual Gatorama Hatching Festival draws up to 1,000 visitors a day to the uniquely Florida destination at a crossroads known locally as Palmdale in the city of Moore Haven, a drive that's about 50 minutes northeast of Fort Myers on U.S. 27.



GATORAMA / COURTESY PHOTO

A toothless newborn alligator hatchling emerging from an egg.

Over a two-week period, usually the last two weeks in August, gator eggs, thousands of them, ripen and hatch. Cute little yellow-striped, green-eyed reptiles, properly called "hatchlings," wriggle free of their shells, chirping, squirming and snapping at anything that happens by. Born toothless, they aren't able to cause damage to human skin, but the action is entertaining.

To demonstrate their readiness for life, Allen placed a newly hatched gator in a shallow pool of water and touched his pinky to its mouth. The baby clamped its grape-sized pink jaws onto his finger and struggled mightily to twist its tiny body over. "They're born knowing how to do the death-roll adult gators are famous for," Allen explained.

The vain efforts of the pencil-length critter are comical, but it's easy to see that a tadpole would have a tough time not being a first meal.

The Hatching Festival provides Gatorama guests, including children, a "hold-and-hatch experience," a chance to have a real live gator born in your hand.

I was born in Fort Myers, grew up water skiing on the gator-filled Caloosahatchee River and hunting in the Everglades. I am neither particularly afraid of the wild reptiles, nor excited to see one. Unless it is of abnormal size or doing something unusual, I find an alligator about as fascinating as a pelican. For me, the most exciting thing about the creature is fall football — "GO GATORS!!!"



GATORAMA / COURTESY PHOTO

Lily and Bella Barker, granddaughters of Allen and patty Register, play with baby gators.

That said, I visited Gatorama during hatching time last year and experienced the thrill of having a big warm egg placed in my hands. I followed my hatching guide's instructions, and together we birthed the squirming, chirping little newborn into the world.

The baby was warm, soft and surprisingly vigorous. I held it face-level to me and we stared directly into each other's eyes. The children's book by P.D. Eastman, "Are You My Mother?" came to mind and I grinned a Grinchy grin at the hatchling, imagining its confusion.

A gator birthing in my hand was a unique experience, thrilling and memorable far beyond what I expected. It's just not the sort of thing that happens every day, or any day.



GATORAMA / COURTESY PHOTO

Laura from Naples is happy with her hatchling.



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The majority of eggs hatched at Gatorama are obtained through Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's public waters alligator egg collection program. Every June an elaborate program of monitoring freshly laid gator eggs is undertaken. Spotters in helicopters find nests in remote locations, on designated lakes and rivers throughout the state. Ground crews on airboats are then directed to nests, and experienced handlers are sent in to keep female gators at bay while eggs are gathered. Eggs are carefully marked, counted, candled and packed in natural nesting material.

For the past 21 years, Allen Register has served as the state's alligator egg collection coordinator, a position elected yearly by Florida alligator farmers and appointed by the FWC executive director. The egg harvest serves as a part of population management on public wetlands.

Newly gathered eggs are divided between licensed alligator farmers, who currently pay the state \$5 per gathered egg, regardless of whether it hatches or not. The cost of collection is also borne by the farmers, roughly \$7 per egg. The expensive crop is then carefully pampered and monitored in special incubator rooms designed to keep eggs moist, warm and undisturbed. Unlike bird eggs, gator eggs are never turned. They are marked, and the mark must always remain upright or the embryo dies.

in the know

Gatorama Hatching Festival

>> **Where:** 10665 N. U.S. 27, Moore Haven

>> **When:** Aug. 23-Sept. 1

>> **Hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

>> **Admission:** \$14.95 for adults (\$1 discount for seniors, military and teachers); \$6.95 for youngsters less than 60 inches tall, free for "kids knee-high to a grasshopper"

>> **Hold-and-hatch experience:** Additional \$15

>> **Reservations:** Recommended

>> **Info:** (863) 675-0623 or gatorama.com



Gator eggs have another unique feature: A white band forms around the egg as the animal grows. It starts in the middle when the embryo attaches, then grows toward both ends. When the white band engulfs all but the ends, the hatchling is ready to be born.

The life of Florida-aquaculture-gator-hatching-farmers-road-side-attraction-tourist-entertainers is fraught with a never-ending series of challenges, as I learned when I stood with Patty and watched Allen give a croc-feeding demonstration to a group of Gatorama guests.

Allen calmly doled out interesting facts and reptile trivia as he bravely (or insanely) dangled pieces of chicken over the pond. Monstrous-sized, mean-eyed crocs made wakes and jostled each other for position to lunge skyward for the treat, their giant toothy jaws slamming shut inches from his hand. It's scary to watch, especially if you notice that Allen is already missing a middle finger — lost years ago to, what else but a croc bite.

A caution sign tacked to the rail



Patty Register



Allen Register

against which we were leaning reads: "DANGER: DO NOT SET CHILDREN OR ANYTHING OF VALUE ON THIS LEDGE!" I asked Patty, "Really? Is this necessary?"

"You'd be surprised," she said, shaking her head. She points out a net installed

under the walkway. "We've had people prop small children on the rail to watch the feeding show. Of course we've been at this so long, not much surprises us anymore." Her hearty laugh echoes across the pond.

Before the Registers owned Gatorama, it belonged to Patty's father. Today, son Ben and his new bride also have a home on-site.

Ben is following in his family's footsteps, tending animals and running the business.

Daughter Erica lives with her husband and two daughters in Ohio. Her children love to visit Pop-Pop and Grand-Nana on the farm. "Bella and Lily are 8 and 6 and are absolutely in awe of us," Patty says. "They believe Allen can build and do anything, and that I am the craziest Grand-Nana-storyteller-explorer in the whole wide world. They believe it, and we do everything possible to encourage their belief."

I believe Bella and Lily have it about right. ■



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A nest box of incubating alligator eggs, marked and nestled in sphagnum moss.

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■ Learn how you can get involved in the **Relay For Life** of Marco Island to benefit the American Cancer Society at a meeting from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at the Marco Island Fire Station, 50 Bald Eagle Drive. RSVP by calling Sue Olszak at 642-8800 or emailing sue.olszak@cancer.org. The 2015 Relay For Life of Marco Island takes place April 18-19.

■ The **Community Association Managers of Marco Island** hold their annual golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 6, at Eagle Creek Golf Club. Registration is \$90 (\$75 for hold sponsors and \$450 for corporate sponsors, which includes four players). All proceeds will benefit Marco Island families in need during the holiday season. For more information, call George Moore at 564-6414.

■ **Fitness on Fire** marks the one-year anniversary of the fire that destroyed the main building at the Greater Naples YMCA. Participants can choose from a 2-mile walk or 5- and 10-K runs. Registration begins at 6 a.m. and the walk/run starts at 7 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Healthy Living Campus, 5450 YMCA Road. Strollers and leashed pets are welcome. All donations will benefit the Y's rebuild efforts. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call 597-3148 or visit [greaternaplesymca.org](http://greaternaplesymca.org).

■ The seventh annual **Christmas Island Style golf tournament** takes place Saturday, Sept. 20, at Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club on Marco Island. Registration for \$120 per golfer includes breakfast before the 8:30 a.m.

shotgun start and lunch and an awards ceremony after the tournament. All proceeds will benefit programs of Christmas Island Style Marco Island. To sign up or for more information, call Dick Shanahan, 860-4354; Debra Shanahan, 248-7419; or Steve Stefanides, 250-8348.

■ The ninth annual **Walk for the Way** to benefit United Way of Collier County steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at North Collier Regional Park. Check-in begins at 8 a.m. Suggested donation is \$10 per family or team.

The 2.5-mile, family-friendly walk benefits the United Way and its 31 partner agencies. For more information, visit [unitedwayofcolliercounty.org](http://unitedwayofcolliercounty.org).

The United Way Run for the Way 5K will precede the Walk for the Way with a start time of 7:30 a.m. For more information, visit Gulf Coast Runners at [gcrunner.org](http://gcrunner.org).

■ **YP Naples** hosts its eighth annual dodge ball tournament Saturday morning, Sept. 27, at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. Pelican Larry's will host the post-tourney party. Sponsorship opportunities are available from \$150 to \$5,000. All proceeds benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. For details about sponsorships, email tournament coordinator Ryan Williams at [dodgeball@ypnaples.com](mailto:dodgeball@ypnaples.com). For information about participating in the competition, connect with YP Naples on Facebook or email [info@ypnaples.com](mailto:info@ypnaples.com).

■ The 23rd annual **FGCU Founder's Cup**, a fundraiser for the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation, tees off

with a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Pelican's Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs. Awards and a buffet dinner follow the competition. For more information, call Lindsey Touchette at 590-1016.

■ The Freedom Waters Foundation hosts its annual **Heels & Reels** fishing event from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Naples Boat Club. More than two dozen teen girls will be paired with experienced female anglers who will offer mentoring and instruction while on the water.

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

For more information about the Freedom Waters Foundation, call Hallie Hau at 248-6082.

■ Sponsors and volunteers are being recruited for the 18th annual **Naples Kids Fishing Clinic**, a photo catch-and-release event that takes place Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Naples City Pier. Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Participants must be accompanied by an adult. Anglers ages 5-15 who complete the clinic will receive a Shakespeare fishing combo (while supplies last).

The clinic is presented by the Marine Industries Association of Collier County and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. For information about sponsorship or volunteer opportunities, call Tiffany Sawyer at 682-0900 or Rebecca Lucas at (850) 617-9639.

■ The second annual **Kiwanis Stride**

**Away Through Hideaway** family 5K takes place Saturday morning, Oct. 4, at the Hideaway on Marco Island. All proceeds will benefit Eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Dianna Dohm at 259-1405.

■ Registration is open for BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company's second annual **Surf & Turf Experience** taking place Friday though Sunday, Oct. 17-19 at South Seas Island Resort on Captiva Island. Proceeds will help support the mission of Disabled Veterans Insurance Careers Inc. to educate, train and create meaningful employment opportunities within the insurance industry for disabled veterans.

Teams of three sportsmen will compete in fishing and golf. Participation is limited to 60 individuals. The \$1,500 entry fee provides each participant with two-night accommodations at South Seas Island Resort; a Friday evening cocktail party, dinner and casino night; Saturday breakfast, fishing, lunch, golf, cocktail reception, dinner, auction and awards; and Sunday breakfast. Saturday awards dinner tickets are \$150.

For more information, call Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or visit [dvic.us](http://dvic.us).

■ The Red Sox Foundation holds its third annual **Swings For The Sox** golf tournament Friday, Oct. 17, at Tiburon Golf Club at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Proceeds will support the Children's Advocacy Center of Southwest Florida and The Immokalee Foundation.

Registration is \$250 per person, with foursome packages beginning at \$800.

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The tournament Tee-Off Party takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, at JetBlue Park at Fenway South in south Fort Myers. Non-player admission to the Tee-Off Party is \$50 (\$25 for ages 12 and younger). Sponsorships remain available for \$150 to \$10,000. Raffle items are also being accepted.

For more information, call 226-4783 or email redsoxgolf@redsox.com.

Registration is open for the 10th annual **Gulfshore Playhouse charity golf tournament** Monday, Oct. 20, at TwinEagles. The event begins with lunch on the green and ends with a buffet dinner and awards ceremony.

Cost is \$300 per golfer. Each registrant also receives two tickets to a performance of Katori Hall's "The Mountaintop" the evening of Sunday, Oct. 19, at The Norris Center. To sign up or for information about sponsorship opportunities, call Gulfshore Playhouse

at 261-7529.

The **2014 RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Tournament** takes place Friday-Sunday, Oct. 24-26, to benefit water quality protection efforts and gamefish research conducted by Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

A kayak fishing division is new to this year's tournament. For a complete schedule and registration details, visit [conservancy.org/redsnook.n](http://conservancy.org/redsnook.n)

The Naples North Rotary Club sponsors the **Sunset & Suds 5K** fun run starting at 6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24. The course begins at the corner of Vanderbilt Beach Road and Gulf Shores Drive and ends near the Turtle Club with paella, island music and cold beer on the beach. Proceeds benefit The Shelter for Abused Women & Children. For more information visit [facebook.com/sunsetandsuds5k](http://facebook.com/sunsetandsuds5k).

**Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion** benefits from the Frank Rostrom Golf Invitational set for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25-26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, visit [miraclelimbs.org](http://miraclelimbs.org).

The 11th annual **FORE the Kids** golf tournament to benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County tees off Saturday morning, Nov. 1, at Fiddler's Creek Golf & Country Club. Pulte Homes is the title sponsor. Registration is \$1,000. For more information about registration and sponsorship opportunities, call Kim Komorny at 325-1765 or email [rsvp@bgccc.com](mailto:rsvp@bgccc.com).

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# CLUB NOTES

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** invites members and all orchid lovers to its monthly meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. in Naples. Guest speaker Jim Longwell will discuss the butterfly orchid, a beautiful and easy-to-grow Florida native. Attendance is free, and guests are welcome. For more information, call 498-9741.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSVI)** meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of every month at the American Legion Post 303, 27678 Imperial Shores Blvd. in Bonita Springs. The next meeting is Aug. 26. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is John Dykhuis of Naples. For more information, visit [ussvi.org/base/naples.asp](http://ussvi.org/base/naples.asp).

■ The **Naples Press Club** invites members and the working press to happy hour from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at M Waterfront Grille in the Village on Venetian Bay and at the same time Thursday, Sept. 25, at FISH, also in the Village. Appetizers are provided and there is a cash bar.

■ The **Naples Orchid Society** holds its next meeting Thursday evening, Sept. 4, at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Member Bill Overton will lead a workshop in orchid mounting at 6 p.m., followed by guest speaker Alan Koch of Gold Country Orchids in Southern Cali-

fornia. An expert in the Brazilian cattleya and miniature cattleya breeding, Mr. Koch will discuss "Cattleyas 365/24/7." Plants from his nursery will be available for purchase.

A plant raffle will be held, and members are encouraged to bring in plants for judging. Refreshments are provided. Attendance is free. For more information, visit [naplesorchidsociety.org](http://naplesorchidsociety.org).

■ The **Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is Sept. 20. For more information, email [dwcpresident@gmail.com](mailto:dwcpresident@gmail.com).

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have moved to the area within the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jongg to gourmet cooking and conversations over coffee. A coffee for prospective new members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information, call 298-4083 or visit [naplesnewcomers.com](http://naplesnewcomers.com).

■ **Naples Nites Lions Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at I-75. The next meetings are Aug. 26 and Sept. 8. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more

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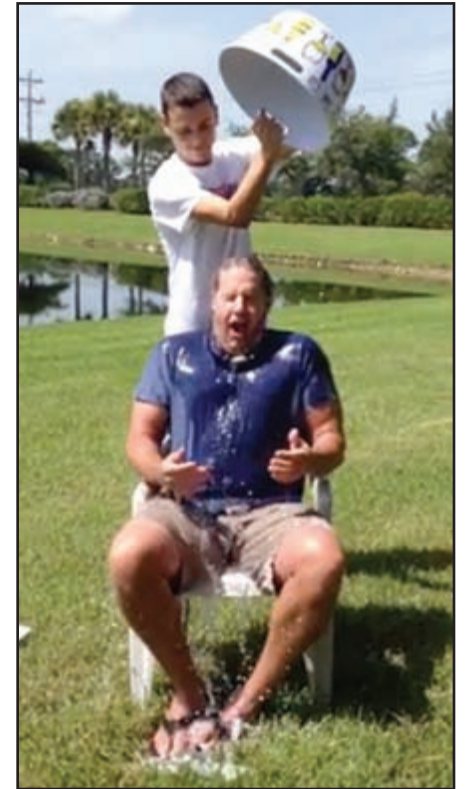
■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the first Wednesday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meeting is Sept. 3. The service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities. The club sponsors the Challenger Little League baseball team and welcomes new participants in that youth program.

The Civitan International Research Center in Birmingham, Ala., works toward finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome. For more information about the local club, call 774-2623 or email [naplescivitan@aol.com](mailto:naplescivitan@aol.com).

■ **Gamma Phi Beta** alumnae are invited to join the Summer Lunch Bunch on the second Monday of the month. The next meeting is Sept. 8. For location and reservations, call Lynne Nordhoff at 594-8420 or email [lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com](mailto:lynnecnordhoff@gmail.com).

■ 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 Sept. 11. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit [dpi-sig.org](http://dpi-sig.org).

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# Don't let check washing make a mess of your account

The Collier County Sheriff's Office is investigating several reports of check washing.

Check washing is when a criminal erases the ink on a check with chemicals and then rewrites the name of the payee and the amount of the check, usually increasing the amount payable by hundreds and even thousands of dollars.

The cases under investigation involve checks that were stolen at night from mailboxes in industrial parks in North Naples and East Naples. However, detectives say it's a crime that can happen anywhere.

"The No. 1 tip is to never leave checks in an unsecured mailbox overnight," Lt. Chad Parker of the CCSO financial crimes bureau advises. Here are more tips to avoid becoming a check-washing victim.

■ If possible, take mail to the post office.

■ Do not drop off mail at a public mailbox after the last pick up of the day.

■ Minimize the number of checks you write by paying bills online on a secure

computer. This minimizes the possibility of your checks being stolen through the mailing process.

■ When writing out checks, use a gel ink pen (preferably black) so the ink will permeate the fibers of the check.

■ Do not leave blank spaces on the payee or amount lines.

■ If you still have cancelled checks, shred them.

■ Review your bank statements immediately. You have a limited time frame in which to report fraudulent transactions. When fraud is detected, it is necessary to report it within 30 days.

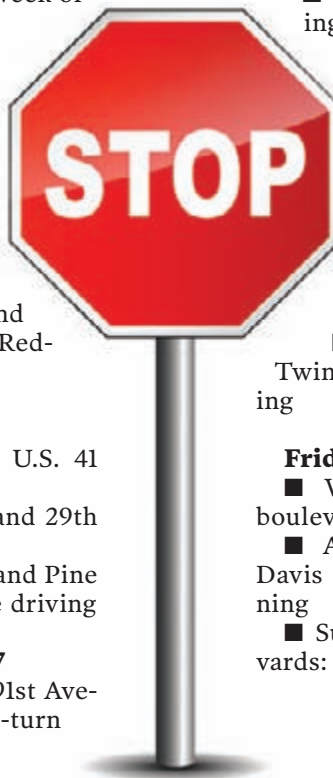
■ When possible, have new checks delivered to your bank instead of your home or business.

■ When ordering new checks, find out what security measures are being used by the manufacturer. These measures might include chemical voids, in which check paper is treated so that the word "VOID" appears when washing solutions are used, and security inks, which fade or stain when exposed to check washing chemicals. ■

# Traffic cops on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic enforcement deputies will be posted the week of Aug. 25-29:

■ Santa Barbara Boulevard and Radio Road: Red-light running  
 ■ Vanderbilt Beach and Livingston roads: Red-light running



## Monday, Aug. 25

■ Golden Gate Parkway and Collier Boulevard: Red-light running

■ Lely Cultural Parkway at Lely Elementary: Speeding

■ Pine Ridge road and I-75 southbound exit: Red-light running

## Tuesday, Aug. 26

■ Old 41 Road and U.S. 41 North: Speeding

■ White Boulevard and 29th Street S.W.: Speeding

■ Naples Boulevard and Pine Ridge Road: Aggressive driving

## Wednesday, Aug. 27

■ U.S. 41 North and 91st Avenue North: Improper U-turn

## Thursday, Aug. 28

■ Whippoorwill Lane and Pine Ridge Road: Aggressive driving

■ Collier Boulevard at Oakridge Middle School: Speeding

■ Immokalee Road and Twineagles Boulevard: Speeding

## Friday, Aug. 29

■ Weber and Golden Gate boulevards: Speeding

■ Airport-Pulling Road and Davis Boulevard: Red-light running

■ Sunshine and Green boulevards: Aggressive driving ■



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# HEALTHY LIVING

## Annual mental health symposium set

“Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis,” the fourth annual mental health symposium hosted by HOPE Clubhouse of Southwest Florida takes place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the Broadway Palm Theatre in Fort Myers.

Keynote speaker U.S. Congressman Tim Murphy (R-Pa.) will discuss the landmark mental health reform legislation he introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this year.

In a panel discussion format, three area professionals will address the impact mental illness has on families:

■ Dayna Harpster is a local newspaper and magazine journalist who will talk about mental illness in her family.

■ Marlene Hauck is the Sarasota-based development coordinator for the southeastern U.S. for Sunshine from Darkness, an international organization that has raised more than \$175 million for mental health research. Ms. Hauck has an adult daughter living with bipolar disorder.

■ Janeice Martin is a judge who presides over Collier County Mental Health Court and Collier County Adult Drug Court.

Tickets for “Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis” are \$40 (\$50 for two CEUs for mental health professionals) and include lunch. For reservations or more information, visit [hopeclubhouse.org](http://hopeclubhouse.org).

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## Better understanding of Robin Williams' suicide could lead to a reason to smile

BY DR. DANA CASTRO

Special to Florida Weekly

For so many, the suicide of Robin Williams is baffling. His wit, his sensitivity, his drive and the success that came with it would seem a reason for happiness, not misery. Immediately people look for explanations.

Did he relapse? Was it “depression” or Parkinson’s disease? But even so, there are literally millions, most far less capable and accomplished than Robin Williams, who recover from relapse, who survive depression and who manage in the face of grave illnesses without ending their lives.

However, the combination of the persistent debilitating mental effects of the experience of addiction along with a painful psychological condition can create a suffering capable of robbing the will to live even from the best. Such a suffering can be, and often is internal, hidden from the outside world by the shame inherent in both addictive and mental illnesses.

A review of Mr. Williams’ life history is telling. During some of his developmental years he was bullied and ridiculed by peers. For most of his childhood he was deprived of the attention of his mother and father. In fact, when his father was present, Mr. Williams reportedly found him “frightening.” Despite his struggles for acceptance in high school, at graduation he was voted “Most Likely Not to Succeed.”

For those fortunate enough to have had different life experiences, it can be hard to appreciate the degree to which these sort of developmental experiences leave an ingrained internal dread that one is “not enough,” and that the mass of humanity will cast one aside. Mr. Williams himself identified this and said that it left him afflicted with what he called a “Love Me Syndrome.” Well, we *did* love him as he wished, but even this did not provide him with the absolution that he hoped for.

Later in his life, Mr. Williams was afflicted with addiction, an illness that has its own shame, which could have amplified the expectation of rejection that was so unjustified by the reality of his life but that was so firmly planted in his childhood.

His own statement of the addictive experience was: “You know, I was shameful, and you do stuff that causes



disgust, and that’s hard to recover from. You can say, ‘I forgive you’ and all that stuff, but it’s not the same as recovering from it. It’s not coming back.” In the last few words, Mr. Williams unconsciously forecasts his suicide.

The experience of addiction ingrains a sense of being broken, different and lost, with a sense of permanency to which, at times, suicide may seem a logical answer. For many, sobriety, material success and the adulation of others may soften this suffering. But for those already suffering a long since ingrained doubt of themselves, the shaming experience of addiction may, in some cases, make continuing to live feel a bridge too far, for which accomplishment, wealth and fame may be inadequate as an answer.

Fortunately, addictive illness with time is less seen as a shameful weakness and more as an impairing condition, one that is susceptible to active treatment. Despite the enormous economic pressures opposing it, there is a small groundswell to return to an effort to understand what drives mental distress, and to respond to it in a way that heals as opposed to simply attempts to just

suppress symptoms.

In both these conditions it is necessary that there be a foundation of acceptance of the impaired individual, an understanding that co-existing addictive illness and mental disorders need to be addressed simultaneously, while supporting and expecting change.

If the loss of Robin Williams brings some attention to the need for public recognition and acceptance of these conditions, and adequate support for the training and treatment of them, then there may be some reason to smile again. Mr. Williams would have wanted that. ■

— Dr. Dana Castro is a fulltime, board certified adult psychiatrist and addictionologist in the Crossroads program at the David Lawrence Center. If you or someone you know needs help with a mental or addictive disorder, call the center at 455-8850 or visit [davidlawrencecenter.org](http://davidlawrencecenter.org).



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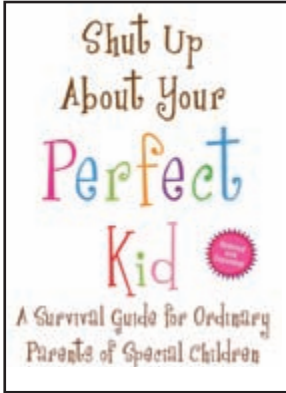
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## 'Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid' authors to speak at FGCU conference

Florida Gulf Coast University hosts the fourth annual Children's Mental Health Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, in the Cohen Center at FGCU. The meeting is designed to create an alliance between mental health professionals, caregivers and the community.

Keynote speakers Gina Gallagher and Patricia Konjoian, co-authors of "Shut Up About Your Perfect Kid," will address some of the problems associated with mental health disorders in children and youth, and will provide insight about what the community can do to make a difference



in their lives by building stronger linkages, networks and resources within the community.

Local vendors will be on hand to share information about their resources. Sponsors in addition to FGCU include the Florida Institute of Government, Hunter Institute, the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation and Park Royal Hospital.

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The presentation will be held Tuesday, Sept. 16, at Park Royal Hospital and Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Moorings Park Center for Health Living in Naples. Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. and the program will be from noon to 2 p.m. Lunch is included, and two free continuing education credits are available.

Facilitated by Brenda Iliff, executive director of Hazelden at Naples, and

Denise Kitson, director of clinical services at Park Royal Hospital, the presentation will explore the unique addiction issues that baby boomers and older adults face and how professionals can address these issues in treatment.

"More than ever, baby boomers and older adults are at risk," Ms. Iliff says. "Easy access to powerful prescription medications along with a natural decline in the ability to metabolize alcohol and other drugs make adults over age 50 particularly vulnerable to addiction."

Although attendance is free, registration in advance is required. Call 659-2351 or send an email to marycampbell@hazelden.org. ■

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The first floor of Landmark Hospital of Southwest Florida will be shell space available for lease. The second floor will accommodate operating rooms, conference rooms, CT scan and administrative offices, and the third floor will have a 10-bed intensive care unit, a 10-bed progressive care unit and 30 medical and surgical beds. ■

## Support for Chron's and colitis sufferers

The next support Group meeting for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America holds a support group meeting from 5-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave.

Gastroenterologist Raymond Phillips will be the guest speaker. A Q&A will be part of the meeting. For more information, call 649-1336. ■

## Children's hospital receives \$100,000

Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida has received a capital campaign gift of \$100,000 from FineMark National Bank & Trust in memory of longtime children's hospital leader Dr. Bob Arnall. The campaign supports construction of a 292,000-square-foot, 128-bed pediatric medical facility on the campus of HealthPark Medical Center in Fort Myers. The new hospital is on schedule to open in 2017. ■

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# PET TALES

## Dog days of summer

Do you know the story behind this interesting expression? Here's how it came into being

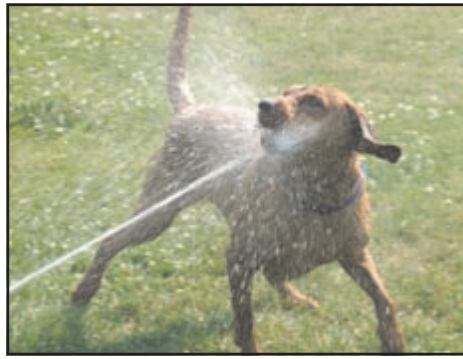
BY AUDREY PAVIA  
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The dog days of summer. We've all heard this expression used to describe the hottest time of the year. But what most people don't know when they use this term to complain about the heat is that the phrase is as old as Western culture itself.

"The dog days of summer" was first uttered way back in ancient Rome. In Latin, the expression reads "caniculares dies," or "days of the dogs." The Romans dubbed this the time period that spanned from the first week of July to the second week of August.

In order to understand why the Romans associated summer heat with canines, you have to know a bit about astronomy. Romans, like their Greek cousins, were masters of the night sky and knew a lot about the heavens.

The brightest star visible in the Western hemisphere is Sirius, also known as the Dog Star. Sirius is a star in the constellation Canis Major, one of the hunting dogs of the constellation Orion, the Hunter. In the winter sky, Orion and Canis Major shine brightly, poised for the hunt. But in the summertime, Sirius is not visible. Ancient astronomers knew that stars that weren't visible at night didn't disappear completely. They were instead present in the daytime sky, even though they couldn't be seen. So even though the glow of Sirius was overwhelmed by the sun, the Romans knew it was there. They believed the Dog Star was contrib-



Playing in the sprinklers is a fun way for dogs to keep cool in summer heat.

uting heat to the summer days by shining brightly alongside the sun.

In reality, Sirius is 8.6 light-years from us and way too far away to contribute heat to the Earth. But the Romans were so convinced of Sirius' ability to throw heat that they persisted in using the expression long enough for it to become part of the vernacular of Western civilization.

Even though Sirius doesn't actually contribute to the heat of summer, this part of the season is the hottest and, consequently, the most dangerous for your dog. To keep your dog safe on days when the temperature is high, keep him indoors in the air conditioning, and always make sure he has shade available when he's outside. Hydration is important too, so ensuring your dog always has access to clean, fresh water is essential.

Of course, never leave your dog in the car during the summertime, even with the windows rolled down. The temperature

inside a car can rise rapidly to dangerous heights, and result in heatstroke and death.

When your dog is playing or hiking in the summertime, keep an eye on him to make sure he's not suffering from the heat. Signs of heatstroke in dogs include restlessness, heavy panting, a brightly colored tongue and mucous membranes, thick saliva, vomiting and diarrhea.

Should your dog show signs of heatstroke, get him indoors into an air-conditioned building. Take his temperature using a rectal thermometer, and if it's higher than 104 F, submerge him in a bathtub of cool water. Take his temperature every 10 minutes until it gets down to 100 F to 102 F, which is the normal temperature range for a dog. Take him to a veterinarian as soon as you can for an examination to make sure the heat did not cause damage to his internal organs.

Even though you need to take precautions to keep your dog happy and healthy in the summertime, don't forget to have fun. Good outdoor activities for canines during the dog days of summer include swimming in a pool, in a lake or at the beach; playing in the spray of a garden hose or hiking in high elevations where the air is cool and clean. ■

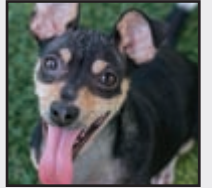
— Guest columnist Audrey Pavia is a freelance writer specializing in animal subjects. A member of the Dog Writers Association of America, she is the author of seven dog books, including "The Labrador Retriever Handbook" (Barron's). She shares her home in Norco, Calif., with two dogs, Annabelle and Olivia.

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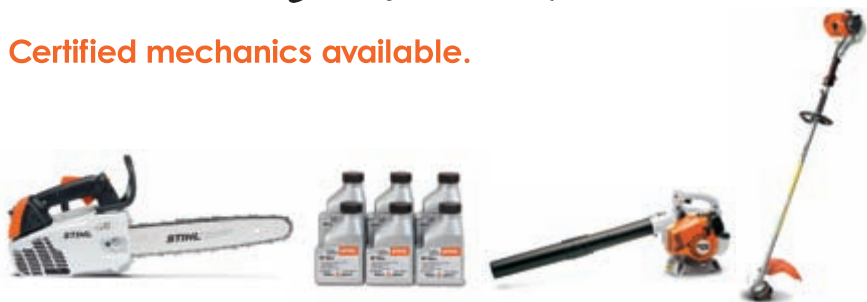
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“Everything a life coach works with a client on is about boosting self esteem and self confidence.”

— David Essel, life coach



David Essel coaches seminar attendees on ways to improve their lives.

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# Life coaching

Pep talks on finances and career needed in the game of life

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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Bob Riley, Ph.D. and MBWA, really is a life coach, guiding his clients toward the best versions of themselves. But the alphabet soup is just a joke. Ph.D. stands for “paper-hanging degree” — long ago, he worked hanging wallpaper — and the



RILEY

chosen profession doesn’t necessarily require any specific training. That means that anyone could call him- or

other is his “master’s by walking around.”

Mr. Riley was not discounting degrees or formal training, just pointing out that unlike a mental health counselor or therapist — sometimes confused with life coaches — his

herself a life coach, he admits. But after two decades of coaching in the Naples area, he’s found a lasting career in part by drawing on a lifetime of experiences: as an aircraft electrician in the Navy, a suicide and crisis hotline operator, and running a child care center, for instance.

Many life coaches do hold certifications, scholarly degrees, and training of various kinds, often related to the myriad coaching subspecialties like domestic abuse, finance and addiction

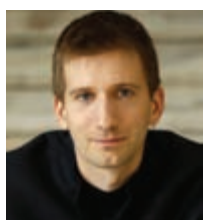
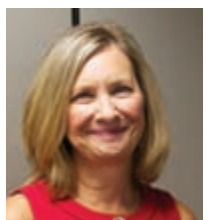
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# What can go wrong with a tech startup?

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The cofounder of Blip.tv started having panic attacks walking down the street.

Tony Hsieh snoozed six times one morning because he hated working at the company he had created.

Groupon was called "offensive" and "racist" for one of its commercials.

Cheek'd lost \$30,000 in sales because it forgot to store credit card information.

These are some of the "harsh reality" stories readers will find in "Startup Mixology: Tech Cocktail's Guide to Building, Growing & Celebrating Startup Success."

"There are thousands of hopeful entrepreneurs with good ideas, but most of them don't know where to start," says author Frank Gruber. Because they're familiar with only the "overnight" success stories that get all the attention, he adds, these newbies jump into the startup game with unrealistic expectations and insufficient knowledge. Often, they pay devastating consequences."

The book, says David Cohen, cofounder of TechStars, sends hopeful entrepreneurs a message loud and clear: It isn't easy!

"Tech startups are hyped up and glorified lately," Mr. Cohen says, adding, "'Startup Mixology' gives us a reality check. The sections on what can go wrong can help entrepreneurs avoid getting blindsided when reality doesn't

live up to fantasy."

Mr. Gruber details the early struggles, stumbles, bootstrapping and breakthroughs of rock-star entrepreneurs including Mr. Hsieh of Zap-  
pos, Bre Pettis of Maker-Bot, Matt Mullenweg of WordPress, Laura Fitton of HubSpot and many more. He also relates how they stayed sane and motivated, celebrating accomplish-  
ments along the way amid all the obstacles and uncertainty. Think cake bak-  
ing, workations, and (the author's favorite) llama parades.

Many of the stories in "Startup Mixology" come from entrepreneurs Mr. Gruber and his team at Tech Cocktail met over the past eight years as they put on hundreds of events in more than 40 cities.

A serial entrepreneur who left his job at AOL to pursue the startup dream, Mr. Gruber learned a lot of lessons the hard way. A native of the Midwest heartland, he went to Purdue and Northwestern universities.

He built and launched products for the masses while at AOL, Tribune and Classified Ventures before cofounding Tech

Cocktail in 2006 as a hub for the creative class, offering tech startup-focused news, events and resources. The company has received \$2.5 million in funding from Mr. Hsieh's Downtown Project and has grown to a team of 13.

As a journalist, Mr. Gruber's works have been featured in a number of top media publications. Forbes named him one of the most connected people in tech. ■



GRUBER



# 'Shark Tank' star Barbara Corcoran returns to Naples

Barbara Corcoran, one of America's most successful and well-known entrepreneurs, will bring her distinct style and savvy advice to Southwest Florida the evening of Thursday, Sept. 26, at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen at Bayfront in Naples.

"An Intimate Evening with Barbara Corcoran," presented by her protégé Tiffany McQuaid, president of Naples-based McQuaid & Company Real Estate Services, is limited to 150 people and priced at \$250 per person. Dinner and wine are included.

Ms. Corcoran, the star of ABC's "Shark Tank" hit show and a regular guest on the "Today Show" and "Good Morning America," is the founder of the Corcoran Group. Guests of the Naples event will learn the secrets of Ms. Corcoran's success, her advice on team building and thoughts on the current real estate market and economy. A Q&A session will be part of the evening.

Ms. McQuaid attributes her company's success to Ms. Corcoran's advice and leadership. "I am excited to share with other Southwest Florida entrepreneurs what I have learned from Barbara's incredibly rich reservoir of advice and knowledge," she says.

The evening will be emceed by anchor Krista Fogelsong from ABC-7. For tickers or more information, call 331-7371 or visit mcquaid-marketing.com. ■

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# Nomination deadline nears for 2014 Blue Chip Award

Share your story about overcoming adversity

The deadline for owners of small businesses to submit applications for the 20th annual Southwest Florida Blue Chip Community Business Award is approaching. The award recognizes small business owners who have overcome adversity to achieve success and shares their stories as models for other entrepreneurs.



Business Award program honoring small businesses from Lee and Collier counties. In 2008, the program expanded to include Charlotte County.

The 2014 award program is endorsed by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce, Business Observer, Cape Coral Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Chamber of Commerce, Charlotte County Economic Development Office, Christian Chamber of Southwest Florida, City of Cape Coral Economic Development Office, Englewood-Cape Haze Area Chamber of Commerce, Estero Chamber of Commerce, Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida South-Western State College, *Florida Weekly*, Greater Fort Myers Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Greater Fort Myers Chamber of Commerce, Greater Lehigh Acres Chamber of Commerce, Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Gulfshore Business, Hodges University, Lee County Economic Development Office/Horizon Council, Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, Southwest Florida Business Today and the Southwest Florida Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. ■

Nominations are open to for-profit companies that have been operating under the same ownership for at least three continuous years and that employ from five to 400 people. The principal office must be in Lee, Collier or Charlotte counties.

Previous award winners have relied on ingenuity, stamina, dedication and hard work to overcome adversities including financial hurdles and medical issues.

Business owners can nominate themselves or be nominated by someone else. There is no entry fee.

Applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 8, and can be requested by calling Stacey Mercado at 433-7189 or emailing [SMercado@BBandT.com](mailto:SMercado@BBandT.com).

Independent judges will select one business from the field of applicants to receive the 2014 award. Winners will be recognized during a lunch ceremony Thursday, Nov. 6, at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers.

Celebrating two decades, Blue Chip Award program is coordinated and sponsored by BB&T-Oswald Trippe and Company along with BB&T Bank.

The Blue Chip Award was established nationally in 1990 to honor successful small businesses. OTC began coordinating the award program in Southwest Florida in 1994. When the national program was restructured in 2001, OTC adopted the new Blue Chip Community

Business Award program honoring small businesses from Lee and Collier counties. In 2008, the program expanded to include Charlotte County.

**in the know**

**Previous Blue Chip Award winners from Collier County:**

- Ark Naturals Products for Pets
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### The 15-Year Bargain

Before you opt for a 30-year mortgage over a 15-year one in order to secure lower monthly payments, learn how much there is to like about 15-year mortgages.

For starters, average 15-year mortgage rates in the U.S. are often about a full percentage point lower than the average 30-year rate. Recently, the average fixed interest rate for a 15-year mortgage was 3.25 percent, well below the 4.21 percent average for a 30-year loan (and below rates for many adjustable-rate mortgages, too).

The real benefit of a 15-year mortgage is the shorter time frame during which your interest is compounded, drastically reducing the amount of interest you pay over the life of the loan.

When calculating mortgage payments, banks use a somewhat complex formula that has a loan that's twice as long as another costing more than twice as much in interest. With a shorter loan term, more of the monthly payment immediately goes toward paying down principal, which has a big effect on the total cost of the loan.

Here's an example: Let's say you want to borrow \$250,000, and you want to compare your 15- and 30-year loan options. At current rates, your monthly payment would be just \$1,224 with a 30-year loan as opposed to \$1,757 per month on a 15-year loan. The 30-year option sounds pretty good, right? Well, over the course of the 30-year mortgage, you'll end up paying \$190,641 in interest, while the total interest on the 15-year mortgage will add up to only \$66,201. So, the cost of borrowing the \$250,000 over 15 years is 65 percent cheaper than borrowing over 30 years. By taking on the larger payment, you can build equity in your home much faster, too.

Consider searching for homes that you can afford with a 15-year mortgage. You'll pay more per month, but you can pay off the home twice as fast. Another option is to get a 30-year loan but make several extra payments per year, thereby reducing your principal faster, reducing your total interest paid and cutting the length of the loan, too. ■

## My Dumbest Investment

### Ups and Downs

I've made many investment mistakes. I rode Nokia all the way up and down (except for some shares I donated to my church pretty close to the top). I've sold others way too early. I beat myself up more about missing a stock's top than I do about missing the bottom, while most investors may agree that the tops are way harder to predict.

— Adam H., Macon, Georgia

**The Fool Responds:** It's not worth beating yourself up at all, since no one can consistently and correctly predict when a stock will hit a high or low. You should expect to have imperfect timing, but you can still build wealth that way. You needn't buy at a stock's bottom. Just find strong, growing companies that seem to be undervalued, and aim to hang on for the long haul as they meet and eventually surpass their current intrinsic value.

Think twice about selling a stock when it's reaching new highs, too, unless it seems significantly overvalued. The company may simply be performing very well and growing briskly.

Kudos for donating appreciated stock to charity — that's a very tax-smart move. ■



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

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## Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1913, when five businessmen pooled \$500 and founded the Electro-Alkaline Co., America's first commercial liquid bleach factory. My first customers included breweries and walnut bleachers. In World War II, bleach was used to disinfect wounds and neutralize enemy gases. Today I sell gobs of items in more than 100 countries, branded with names such as Glad, Fresh Step, Scoop Away, KC Masterpiece, Handi-Wipes, Wash'n Dri, Brita, Kingsford, Green Works, Pine-Sol, Hidden Valley, Liquid-Plumr, Formula 409, S.O.S, Tilex and Burt's Bees. I rake in more than \$5.5 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: Clorox) ■



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## Ask the Fool

### It's All Relative

How low is our current inflation rate these days, and how high is it elsewhere in the world?

— G.K., Cincinnati

The overall U.S. annual inflation rate was recently about 2.1 percent, well below the long-term average of 3.3 percent.

As of June, the inflation rate was 0.5 percent in France, 1 percent in Germany, 1.9 percent in Great Britain, 2.4 percent in China, 3.6 percent in Japan, 6.5 percent in Brazil, 7 percent in India, 7.8 percent in Russia and 9.2 percent in Turkey. Greece was experiencing deflation, with a June inflation rate of negative 1.5 percent.

Some nations have been experiencing inflation rates closer to hyperinflation levels. Venezuela, for example, topped 50 percent recently; Iran's rate is close to 20 percent; and while Argentina's official rate is near 11 percent, some think it might be as high as 25 percent. Steep inflation, with prices surging, is destructive to economies.

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To learn about investing in stocks, what subjects should I study?

— W.M., Daytona Beach, Florida

To be a good investor, it's helpful to have a solid understanding of financial accounting so that you can get much more from reading companies' financial statements. You might, for example, learn to spot red flags in balance sheets before most investors do.

You can learn a lot from books such as "How to Read a Financial Report" by John Tracy and Tage Tracy (Wiley, \$23) or "Financial Statements: A Step-by-Step Guide to Understanding and Creating Financial Reports" by Thomas Ittelson (Career Press, \$18). Read these valuable investing classics, too: Peter Lynch's "One Up on Wall Street" (Simon & Schuster, \$17) and Philip Fisher's "Common Stocks and Uncommon Profits" (Wiley, \$23). ■

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## Name That Company

I was founded in 1946 as a maker of telecommunications and measuring equipment. Today, based in Tokyo, I'm an electronics and entertainment giant, offering a wide range of products such as LCD televisions, cameras, Blu-ray Disc players, portable audio devices, image-sensing semiconductors, batteries, data-recording systems, game systems, broadcast equipment and medical equipment. In 1979 I launched a portable stereo cassette player that was a huge hit (unlike my Betamax VCR). I bought



CBS Records in 1988 and Columbia Pictures Entertainment in 1989. I employ about 155,000 people and rake in more than \$75 billion annually. Who am I? Know the answer? Send it to us with Foolish Trivia on the top and you'll be entered into a drawing for a nifty prize! ■

## The Motley Fool Take

### Discover Discover

Discover Financial Services (NYSE: DFS) is one of the largest credit card issuers in the country and has used its strong market position in credit cards to expand into other product groups such as student loans and personal loans. It has been pleasing shareholders lately, with its last quarter featuring a double-digit increase in earnings per share and net interest income, along with solid loan growth.

The financial firm offers traditional banking services and also operates PULSE, a leading ATM/debit network, and Discover Network, a secure payments network facilitating payments for credit, debit and prepaid cards. Its high reliance on the credit card business positions it to capitalize on higher consumer spending in

an economic upswing in the U.S. Discover also has a growing presence in China, in part via a partnership with China's Union-Pay, whose debit card is now the most widely used card product in the world.

Discover Financial's fans like its brand strength, disciplined lending culture, customer loyalty and diverse operations, along with its management team's long-term track record of success. With a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 12, the company also compares favorably to other credit card-focused financial firms from a valuation point of view. Its dividend recently yielded 1.5 percent, and its payout has quadrupled over the past three years. (The Motley Fool owns shares of Discover Financial Services.) ■

# 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 *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 **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual trade show, "A Business Safari: Quest for Success," from 3-7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For more information, visit *napleschamber.org/events*.

■ Members and guests of the **Public Relations Society of America-Gulf Coast Chapter** will discuss the changing digital media landscape during a webinar starting at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Northern Trust Bank, 4001 Tamiami Trail N. Guest speaker Lee Odden of TopRank Online Marketing will discuss "How to Win Hearts, Minds and Wallets With an Integrated Marketing Approach." Cost is \$24 for PRSA members, \$29 for non-members (\$27 for representatives of nonprofits and \$15 for students). Reservations required by Friday, Aug. 22. Call Donna Heiser at 687-5402 or visit *gulfcoastprsa.org*.

■ The **Council of Hispanic Business Professionals** meets for networking from 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26, at McCormick & Schmick's in Mercato.

Cost is \$15 for members. For more information, visit *chbnaples.wildapricot.org*.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation** welcomes Chief Jim Bloom of the Collier County Sheriff's Office as guest speaker for its Leadership Lunch Series starting at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Cost is \$15 for Leadership Collier alumni, \$20 for others. Tickets are available at *napleschamber.org/events*.

■ The **Leadership Collier Foundation** hosts a kick-off party for the Leadership Collier Class of 2015 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18, at the La Playa Beach & Golf Resort. Chair of the class is Chief Stephanie Spell of the Collier County Sheriff's Office; co-vice chairs are Steven Kissinger of the Children's Advocacy of Collier County and Lynda Waterhouse

of Collier Anesthesia P.A. Tickets are \$25 and include hors d'oeuvres. Register by Sept. 5 at *napleschamber.org/events*.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce is set for 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 17, at Marco Island Florist & Gifts, 175 S. Barfield Drive. \$4 for members, \$10 for others. Call 394-7549 or visit *marcoislandchamber.org*.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** hosts the 2014 Sand Dollar Awards dinner and celebration Saturday, Sept. 27, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, call 436-6100 or visit *cbia.net*. ■

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



# ON THE MOVE

## Awards & Recognition

**Ted Soliday**, executive director of the Naples Airport Authority, has been named 2014 Florida Aviation Professional of the Year by the Florida Department of Transportation in recognition of his dedication to the Naples community, his commitment to aviation and his work in making Naples Municipal Airport "The Best Little Airport in the Country." Mr. Soliday earned the same recognition in 2002. He began his career in aviation as a United States Marine Corps helicopter pilot, flying more than 700 combat missions. He later served as Captain and air traffic controller and now volunteers as a career advisor to college students, with a special interest in those considering military service.



SOLIDAY

**Elizabeth Whitmer**, professor of health information technology at Florida SouthWestern State College (formerly Edison State College), has been named Educator of the Year by the Florida Health Information Management Association. Ms. Whitmer is a registered health information technician and a recognized fellow of the Association for Healthcare Documentation Integrity.



WHITMER

**George Beasley**, the founder, chairman and CEO of Beasley Broadcast Group Inc., has been named among the 40 Most Powerful People in Radio for 2014 by Radio Ink magazine. Selections are made based on contributions made to radio, as well as influence and ability to affect the industry. This is the 16th time Mr. Beasley has been on the list since it started in 1996. He founded his company in 1961, purchased his first Southwest Florida radio station in 1986 and moved the corporate offices to Naples in 1988. A recent accomplishment that brings Mr. Beasley personal fulfillment is the opening of the George G. Beasley Media Complex on the campus of his alma mater, Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.



BEASLEY

**Mary Ann Ramsey**, owner and president of Betty Maclean Travel Inc., has been named one of Travel & Leisure Magazine's 10 A-List Super-Agents in the world of travel. Ms. Ramsey has more than 35 years of experience in the travel industry.



RAMSEY

**Naples Realtor**, the quarterly trade publication of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, received three awards — for general excellence, writing excellence and design excellence — at the Florida Magazine Association's Charlie Awards gala earlier this month in Orlando. Mary Waller chairs the magazine committee for NABOR.

**Wilson Creative Group earned three Excel Awards** — Best Logo, Best Newspaper Ad and Best Overall Advertising & Marketing Campaign — from the Southeastern Building Council for the updated corporate brand and advertising materials the agency created for John R. Wood Properties.

## New in Business

Owner **Lynn McGregor** has opened Painting with a Twist at 13500 Tamiami Trail N. Part of a national franchise, the studio is a place for friends to gather and "paint and sip" during classes led by local art instructors. Paints, brushes and canvases are provided; beer and wine can be purchased, or guests can BYOB.

## Education

**Vivienne Carr**, Ph.D., has joined the Community School of Naples' senior leadership team in the newly creation position of director of learning and technology. Ms. Carr previously was associate professor and director of the instructional design and technology program at Seton Hall University in New Jersey. She holds a bachelor's degree in psychology and English, a master's in education and a doctorate in education administration and supervision, all from Seton Hall.



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## Board Appointments

**Linda Serro**, Ph.D., director of the Lucas Center for Faculty Development at Florida Gulf Coast University, has been appointed to the board of directors for the Literacy Council Gulf Coast. Ms. Serro's areas of expertise include special education, literacy education and faculty development, primarily in methods of teaching reading, working with students who struggle with literacy and developing the teaching skills of university faculty members. She has presented at numerous regional, national and international conferences on literacy education and faculty development at the university level. She will serve as chair of the LCGC program committee.



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## Health Care

**Jessica Plate** has joined Community Pregnancy Clinics as development and volunteer coordinator. Ms. Plate is a 2014 graduate of Ave Maria University with a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration with a minor in family and society.



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## Law

**Kim Dillon**, a partner in the Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP, has earned board certification in wills, trusts and estates from The Florida Bar. Ms. Dillon is a member of her firm's trusts and estates practice group, where she focuses on the areas of estate planning, estate and trust administration, general business law, corporate services, tax controversy and tax planning.



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## Arts & Entertainment

**Yaniv Segal** has been named assistant conductor of the Naples Philharmonic. He will assist Music Director **Andrey Boreyko** and all guest conductors, lead educational and community concerts and oversee the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra. Mr. Segal will also conduct a number of Naples Philharmonic performances. He is a founder and conductor of the Chelsea Symphony, a New York City-based ensemble focusing on innovative interpretations of cutting-edge repertoire, and was music director of the Michigan Pops Orchestra in Ann Arbor from 2009-11. He worked as apprentice conductor with the New York Youth Symphony, Princeton Symphony and at the Manhattan School of Music. He earned his undergraduate degree at Vassar College and completed his graduate degrees in orchestral conducting and composition at the University of Michigan in 2013.



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## Senior Living

**Roni Ico** has been named director of sales and marketing for The Terraces at Bonita Springs, a continuing care retirement community. Ms. Ico brings more than 10 years of experience in senior living to The



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Terraces. She previously held marketing positions at GreenFields of Geneva in Geneva, Ill., and Clare Oaks in Bartlett, Ill. She has also managed a home-based health care service with Lutheran Life Communities and was an exercise physiologist for Alliance Rehab. She earned a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology from Hope College in Holland, Mich.

## Professional Advancement

**Victoria Loyola and Tammy Cindrich**, CPAs with Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Company, have earned the certified healthcare business consultant designation from the National Society of Certified Healthcare Business Consultants. Both specialize in medical and dental practices, working with physicians and administrators on all aspects of practice management, from startup to mergers and acquisitions.

## Telecommunications

**Gerard Sola** has been named assistant vice president of statewide sales and operations at Litestream, a provider of Internet, cable television and voice services to private communities in Florida. Prior to joining Litestream, Mr. Sola was the director of sales at Summit Broadband, responsible for all residential, commercial and carrier sales. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Concordia College in New York and a master's degree from the Polytechnic Institute of New York University with a major in telecommunications and information management.

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# COACHES

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troubles. Fort Myers life coach, author and radio host David Essel offers an eight-week program for about \$2,000, while his most extensive 12-month master mentor program is \$17,000.

Coaches' methods are rooted in the self-help movement instead of the traditional mental and medical health care system.

"Everything a life coach works with a client on is about boosting self esteem and self confidence," said Mr. Essel.

A life coach is akin to the personal trainer that Rebekah J. Fero sees regularly at her gym. A financial life coach and certified financial planner in Port Charlotte, Ms. Fero similarly holds her own clients accountable for the goals they set during regular meetings, often held by phone. That's something common to coaches generally. It's convenient, and clients remain in a comfortable setting while coaches guide them through a process of inner change. That might include breaking bad habits, such as persistent self-doubt, that could hinder other areas of life. Mr. Essel's clients are most often trying to improve their relationships, but it may also be about any number of things: money, careers, marriage and overall happiness.

"In order to really coach somebody, you've got to dig in deep and learn about their life," Ms. Fero said. "You have to go back and fix those thought patterns in your mind, because if you don't change those and address those then you're going to do it again, and again and again."



Personal coach Rebecca J. Fero

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Also akin to a fitness trainer, coaches' salaries and what they charge clients for services vary. Mr. Essel, for instance, offers eight 30-minute sessions for \$995.

The average annual salary of life coaches worldwide is \$50,400, says the International Coach Federation, but the median salary is less than \$30,000, a disparity ICF attributes to the diversity of coaches, their specialties and educations. The \$2 billion-per-year industry includes about 47,500 personal life coaches, ICF estimates. They are often an alternative to medication or other betterment strategies. Other times they work in concert with mental health care

professionals.

"I don't feel we're in competition at all," said Mr. Essel, some of whose clients also see a psychiatrist. "I feel everyone can help support a client's growth."

For those who believe that mental health care practitioners focus less on talk and more on medication, "We (coaches) absolutely fill the void," Mr. Essel said. "We are someone clients come to and talk about their deepest fears and greatest goals."

One of Mr. Riley's clients, Liz Iverson of Sarasota, worked with therapists and took prescribed antidepressants for years. Mr. Riley's method worked better and helped her get off the medication in

the mid 2000s, she said.

"What Bob did for me has been lasting and therapists just didn't — it didn't help," she said.

Coaches are also consultants of a type, but they generally don't give their clients advice or instruction unless there is a major obstacle or emergency such as seeking shelter from a domestic abuse situation. Instead, they encourage change from within by listening and posing larger questions about who you are, what makes you happy and who you want to be.

At 58, Mr. Essel has coached for close to 25 years. He holds a master's degree in fitness management, and besides his Saturday radio program, and his certification school, he's a public speaker who regularly holds motivational seminars on different topics (\$27 per person).

On a recent Wednesday evening, for two hours, roughly 30 people filled a room at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Mr. Essel gave a presentation on "financial freedom." Attendees wrote down their financial troubles on pieces of paper that were collected. Mounting debt and spousal disagreements about money emerged as two themes. Mr. Essel addressed the problems with high-energy enthusiasm.

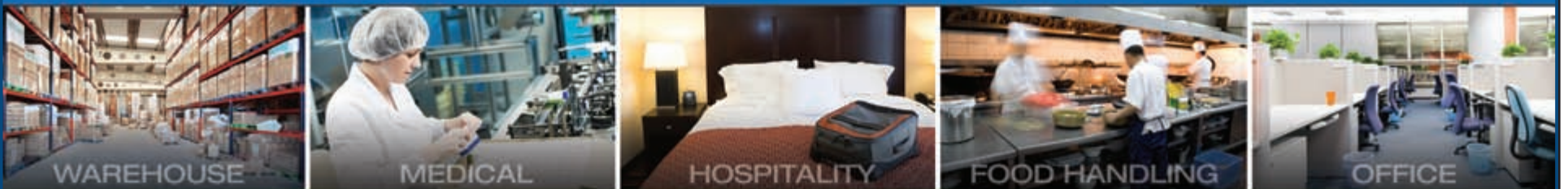
Christi (last name withheld), an artist from Bonita Springs, said she decided to attend after reading one of Mr. Essel's books.

"I think I'm doing a lot right but he's got some good points," she said.

Dave Bush, a 37-year-old Fort Myers man with a freelance marketing and web design career, was hoping to increase his income.

Mr. Essel, for his part, sees his own life coach every Wednesday. ■

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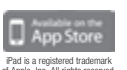
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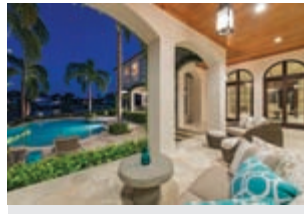
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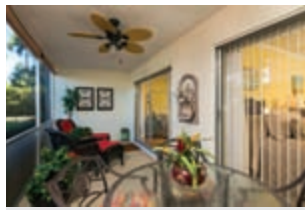
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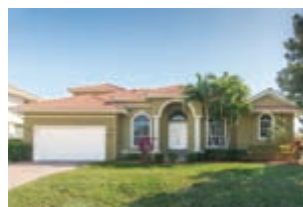
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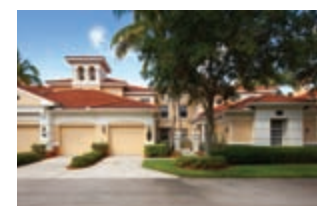
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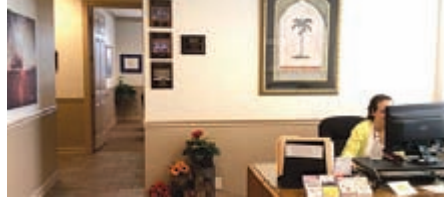
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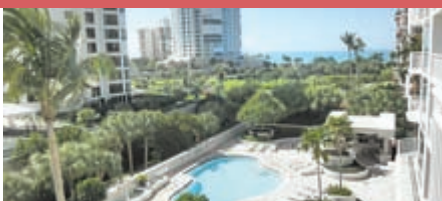
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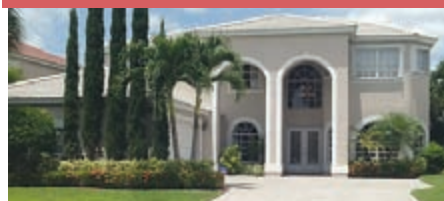
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- Single Family
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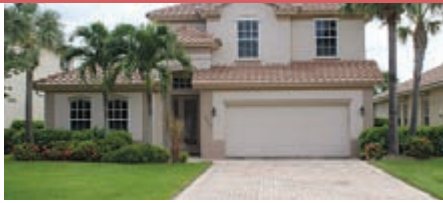


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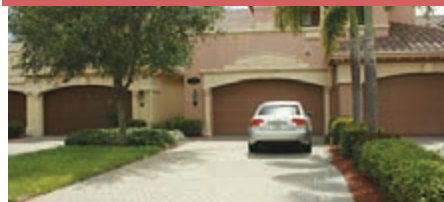
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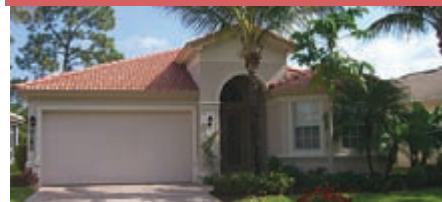
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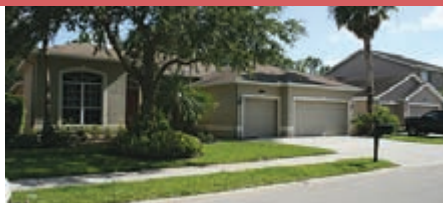
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- Single Family
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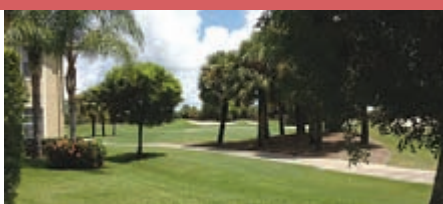
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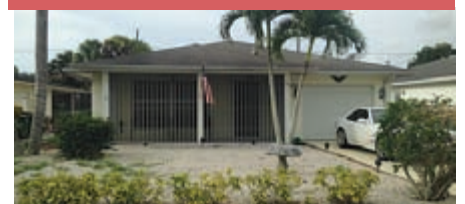
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- Low Rise
- Great Rental History

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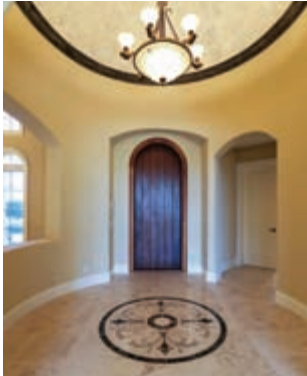


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## WCI releases final residences for purchase in Terzetto

### SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Strong sales of luxury penthouse condominium residences in Terzetto at The Colony Golf & Bay Club have prompted developer WCI Communities to release the nine residences in the final three buildings for sale. Two models in Terzetto are open for viewing, with interiors by Beasley Henley Interior Design of Naples and Winter Park.

Terzetto is planned for 23 three-story buildings and 69 total homes. The neighborhood is more than 75 percent sold. The first eight buildings are occupied, WCI is nearing completion of the ninth building, and 11 others are in various stages of construction.

Each three-bedroom home in Terzetto occupies a single floor. Residences feature an open great room design, multiple al fresco spaces, two full baths, a powder room, private elevator and stairway entries and a two-car garage. Home designs offer 2,100 square feet to 2,624 square feet of living space.

Luxury features and finishes include granite kitchen countertops and tray ceilings, as well as wet bars in the second- and third-floor residences. The second-floor design also has an open sun deck.

The neighborhood overlooks nature preserves, lakes and three holes of The Colony Golf Club's Jerry Pate-designed championship golf course. An amenity area exclusively for Terzetto residents has a free-form heated saltwater pool, a whirlpool spa, gas grills, expansive sun

decks and shaded seating areas with nature preserve views. The 866-square-foot cabana building has restrooms, a kitchenette and a covered sitting area with ceiling fans.

Homes at Terzetto start from the upper \$400,000s.

WCI also is offering luxury penthouse-style condominium residences in Cielo, featuring three-bedroom home designs with 2,900 square feet, three full baths, a powder room and den. The first model is now open for viewing.

Homebuyers can personalize their home through WCI's Design Studio at the company's Bonita Springs headquarters. The studio provides a comprehensive selection of cabinetry, countertops, bath and kitchen fixtures and tile and flooring.

Cielo and Terzetto residents enjoy the amenities at The Colony, including the award-winning Bay Club, a three-story private dining club overlooking Estero Bay. Residents of The Colony Golf & Bay Club also have access to Pelican Landing amenities: a 34-acre island beach park, canoe park, tennis courts, fitness center and community center.

The Colony's concierge program can arrange everything from key-holding and housekeeping services to dry cleaning, domestic and international travel, and at-home massages or yoga instruction.

For more information about Terzetto and Cielo, call the sales center at 495-1300 or visit thecolonygolfandbayclub.com. ■

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## REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

**Amy Nease**, a sales executive with Mediterra Realty, has earned designation as a certified luxury home marketing specialist. Ms. Nease has more than 20 years of experience in the real estate industry.



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**Gina Turkel** has joined Elite Realty of SWFL. She has been in the real estate industry since 1983, working in Southwest Florida for the past 10 years. Ms. Turkel is a member of the Women's Council of Realtors, the Bonita Springs-Estero Association of Realtors and the Florida and National associations of Realtors.

Neal Communities' sales associate **Troy DiNicola** was named top sales leader for June at Neal Communities' new single-family community of Canopy in Naples, where he was directly responsible for \$1.2 million in sales. Mr. DiNicola has been in the real estate industry for more than five years. A member of NABOR, he holds the designation of a resort and second home specialist from the National Association of Realtors.

**Zachary Rizzuto** has joined WCI Communities as e-marketing manager to oversee the company's online marketing strategy, manage corporate websites and facilitate the production of online marketing communications. Mr. Rizzuto has 10 years of project management, website, email marketing and database administration experience, most recently as a marketing manager with Source Interlink Media.



RIZZUTOAS

**Jeff Feldman** was the top sales associate at South Bay Realty for July. **Ellen Jolley** was the top rental booking agent, and **John Egan** was the top rental listing agent. All three are members of NABOR.

Royal Shell Real Estate announces the following top producers for July in its Park Shore office: Top listing producer team, **The Roboci Team**; top listing producer, **Kurt Petersen**; top sales producer team, **The Coastal Collection Team**; and top sales producer, **Michael May**. ■

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Lot #20	Victoria Grande	4/4.5	3,897 sq. ft.	<b>\$1,594,190</b>

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Lot #31	Escala–Palmhurst	3/3.5	2,822 sq. ft.	<b>\$963,265</b>
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## Coquina at Maples Ridge underway in AveMaria

CC Devco Homes is at work on its newest neighborhood in Ave Maria. Coquina at Maples Ridge offers five single-family floor plans priced from the high \$100,000s. Taking its cue from the successful sister neighborhood, Maples Ridge at Ave Maria, Coquina's two-story designs range from 1,971 square feet to 2,635 square feet.

Interior details include 10-foot ceilings on first floors; designer kitchens with European-style cabinets, stainless steel appliances and granite countertops; master baths with marble counter tops; designer selected lighting and flooring; and oversized wood baseboards and decorative wood door casings.

Exterior details include Mediterranean-style barrel tile roofs, brick paver driveways, handsome architectural arches, clapboard shutters and professional landscaping.

The Anaheim floor plan has three bedrooms and 2½ baths in 1,971 square feet. Pricing is from \$189,990.

The Balboa has three bedrooms and 2½ baths in 2,256 total square feet. Pricing is from \$199,990.

The Corona has three bedrooms and 2½ baths in a total of 2,279 total square feet with great room, family room and a separate dining room. Pricing is from \$204,990.

The Doheny has three bedrooms and 2½ baths in 2,529 total square feet with living and dining room, family room and a loft. Pricing is from \$214,990.

The four-bedroom, 3½-bath Encinitas has 2,635 total square feet with great room, loft, master suite on ground floor and an optional fifth bedroom and wet bar. Pricing is from \$233,990.



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The Doheny, top, and The Encinitas

Coquina at Maples Ridge will encompass 277 residences on its 42 acres.

For more information, visit the sales center at 5000 Avila Ave. in Ave Maria, call 300-5153 or visit [mapleridgeFL.com](http://mapleridgeFL.com). Sales center hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. ■

## Move-in ready homes by Stock available in Fiddlers Creek

Stock Signature Homes has a selection of fully furnished, move-in-ready homes available in the communities of Isla del Sol, Mahogany Bend and Majorca in Fiddler's Creek.

The Grand Calais II in Isla del Sol has four bedrooms and 4½ baths in 3,597 air-conditioned square feet. The split floor plan has a great room and library/study steps off the main entry. There is a formal dining room and also a breakfast nook in the kitchen. The Grand Calais II model has an expansive lanai with fireplace and a summer kitchen, a three-car garage and numerous upgrades including custom built-ins throughout. Available for leaseback, the model is offered at \$1,578,490.

Also in Isla del Sol, the Victoria Grande model has four bedrooms, four full baths and two half-baths in 3,897 air-conditioned square feet. There are formal living and dining rooms as well as a family room/kitchen with a breakfast area and wet bar, an outdoor kitchen and

a cabana pool bath. The Victoria Grande is priced at \$1,594,190.

In the village of Mahogany Bend, Stock's Ponte Vedra Grande design has 3,525 air-conditioned square feet. The split floor plan has four bedrooms and 4½ baths, formal living and dining rooms, kitchen and adjoining family room as well as a study and a three-car garage. The Ponte Vedra Grande is priced from \$1,076,485.

In Majorca at Fiddler's Creek, Stock is building single-family homes from 2,719 air-conditioned square feet to 2,949 air-conditioned square feet. The three- and four-bedroom floor plans all have formal living rooms as well as family rooms and three-car garages. Prices are from \$669,990 to \$724,990, plus homesite.

The entrance to Fiddler's Creek is off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. For more information, stop by the sales center at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway, call 732-9300 or visit [fiddlerscreek.com](http://fiddlerscreek.com). ■

## Bright Oaks brings assisted-living communities to Naples, Fort Myers

Illinois-based Bright Oaks Group is collaborating with Autumn Senior Living to develop assisted-living communities in Naples and Fort Myers. Both will be owned by Bright Oaks Group and professionally managed by Autumn Senior Living. Completion is targeted for 2015.

At 4519 Tamiami Trail E., Bright Oaks of Naples will be a state-of-the-art, 83-apartment, secure memory community designed to accommodate residents

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Bright Oaks of Fort Myers, at 4995 Winkler Ave., will be a 140-apartment community featuring multiple neighborhoods for both assisted living and memory care residents.

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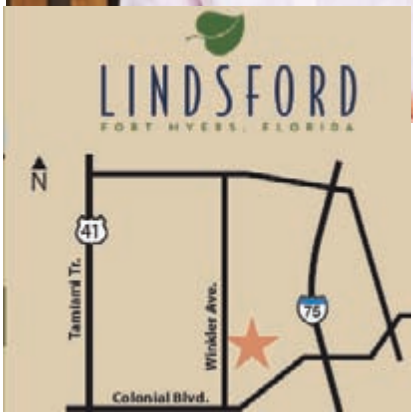
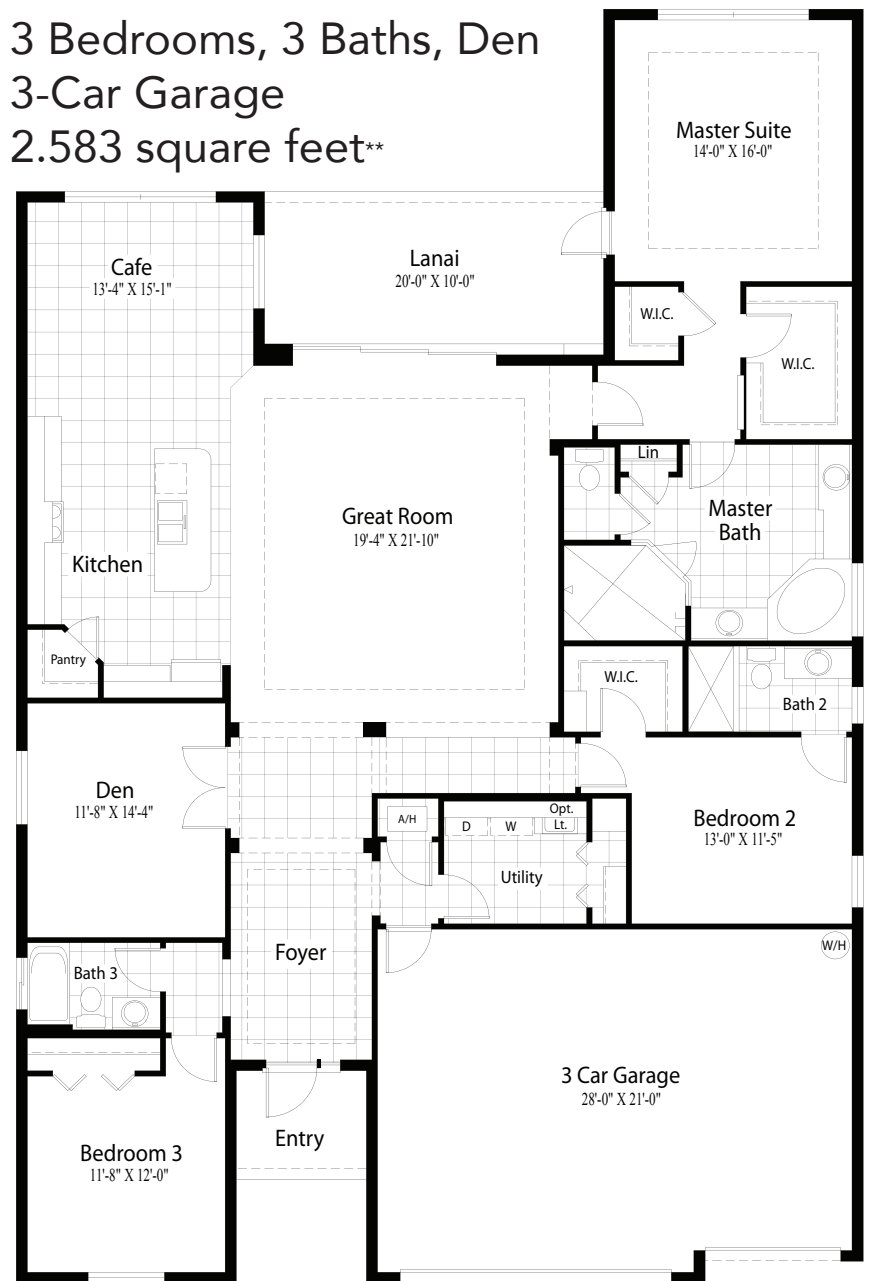
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# Sold! Billy Joel's beach home in the Hamptons

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The summer of 2014 has proven to be a great one for The Piano Man. Not only has Billy Joel had great success with his U.S. tour of shows in major ballparks around the country and residency at Madison Square Garden where he plays once a month for the entire year, he has sold his Hamptons beach home — though it took “The Longest Time.”

The Sagaponack waterfront home was on and off the market for approximately five years. Mr. Joel purchased it in 2007 from actor Roy Scheider, who built it in 1993. Thoughtful design placed sleeping quarters on the ground floor with cooking, dining and spacious living areas above in order to capture the amazing ocean views during waking hours. The 5,500-square-foot house sits on more than an acre and has four bedrooms, seven baths and four fireplaces. There's a one-bedroom guest suite above the garage. The property sold for just under the listing price of \$19.95 million. ■



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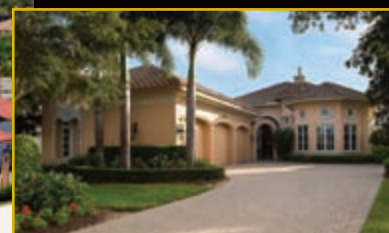
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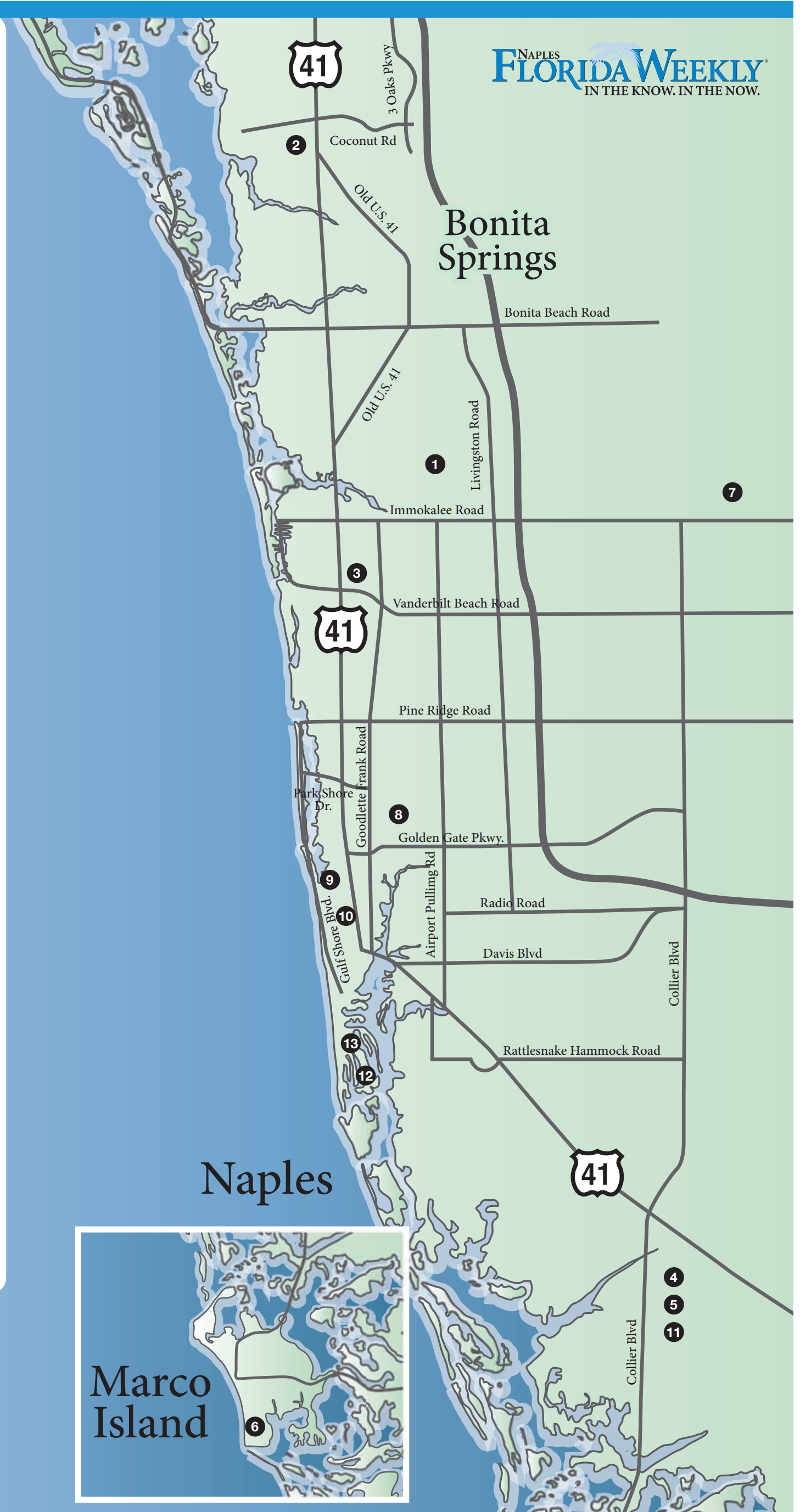
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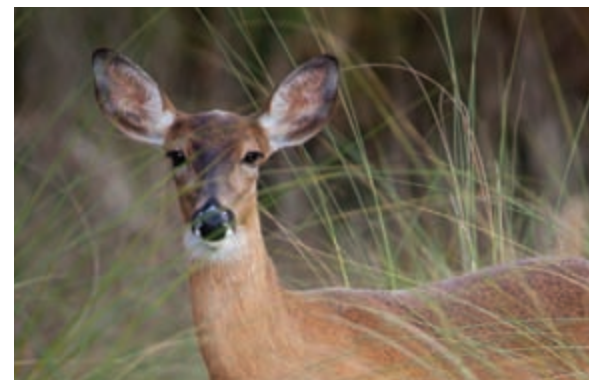
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Check out the 'Moon Museum' at Rauschenberg Gallery.  
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**An imperfect hero**

Book reviewer Phil Jason finds a protagonist's flaws make for a new novel in the great Florida mystery tradition. **C5** ▶



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Film critic Dan Hudak says "If I Stay" is a labored melodrama that doesn't hold together. **C11** ▶



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## Naples Winter Wine Festival vintners announced

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Marchese Piero Antinori, president of Marchesi Antinori, one of the most historic and prestigious names in Italian winemaking, has been selected as the honored vintner for the 2015 Naples Winter Wine Festival: "Imagine the Possibilities." Forty other world-renowned vintners will also participate in the festival, which takes place Jan. 23-25 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

This is the first time an Italian producer has been named honored vintner in the festival's 15-year history.

"I am thrilled for having been selected

as the 2015 Honored Vintner," says Mr. Antinori. "I consider it a great tribute to all wines and vintners of my country."

Each year, one vintner who has significantly contributed to NWWF over the years is selected as the honored vintner to represent his/her fellow vintners. Marchesi Antinori dates back to the 14th century and now boasts 27 generations of wine producers. The vintner is famous for three of the world's most iconic wines: Tignanello, Solaia and Guado al Tasso.

Regarded as a pioneer and innovator, Mr. Antinori has almost single-hand-



edly changed the way wine is produced in Italy, having been credited with propelling the Super Tuscan wines to the forefront of Italian winemaking. 2015 will mark his fifth NWWF appearance.

Additional vintners for the 2015 NWWF represent 15 wine-producing regions in seven countries on four continents in the northern and southern hemispheres.

"Each participating vintner is a giant in the industry, and we are thrilled that they are volunteering their time and talent to this amazing event," says Sandi Moran,

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# SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

## Skunk Ape erotica



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I've recently been tromping around the Everglades looking for the Skunk Ape, a Bigfoot-like creature rumored to live in Florida's swamps. According to most reports, the Skunk Ape stands 7 feet tall, is covered in reddish-brown fur and has a distinctively bad smell. He spends his time wallowing in alligator caves and likes to dine on fruits and nuts plus the occasional deer or wild hog. The Skunk Ape is usually seen walking on two legs and carries himself like a man. From a distance, you might mistake him for any other big guy.

One evening last week at dinner, I explained the Skunk Ape phenomenon to a group of international friends, people for whom Florida still seems exotic. As I was comparing the Skunk Ape's attributes to Bigfoot, one of the men there, a writer, asked if I'd ever heard of Bigfoot erotica. I nearly choked on my steak.

"Do what?" I said.

It turns out he wasn't lying. Earlier in the year there was a brief media frenzy — which I somehow missed — around author Virginia Wade, whose erotic e-book series about Bigfoot nets her \$30,000 a month. That's a lot of book sales. Who knew so many people could be turned on by a tall, hirsute hominid?

I'd give you the name of the series so you could check it out for yourself, but the title is so raunchy I wouldn't dare print it here. Suffice to say, the book's leading man, a Sasquatch named Leonard, has some truly stellar attributes. Like that early scene from 1987's classic "Harry and the Hendersons," where the Henderson family is sitting around the kitchen table debating what to do with their new Bigfoot friend.

"We're talking about a living, breathing being here," the mother says.

"We don't even know what it is," says the father's character, played by John Lithgow. "Male or female."

Their teenage daughter rolls her eyes. "Definitely male."

"How can you tell?" the mother says.

The daughter gives her an emphatic look.

"Oh, don't answer that, honey."

In addition to Bigfoot erotica, there's a host of other peculiar genres, including dinosaur smut with titles such as "Taken by the T-Rex" and "Running from the Raptor."

Much like the naughty tales that feature Sasquatch, these stories favor outdoor settings and heavy use of animal pelts (for bedding, for clothing). It's not my thing, exactly, but I suppose I could see the appeal.

The point is this: Tastes are

variable, unexpected at times, and often inexplicable.

I recently revealed to friends that I found the original Robocop sexy and was stunned to learn that's not a universal sentiment. Who am I to judge if a segment of the population gets worked up over Bigfoot?

In fact, I'm starting to wonder if there isn't room for another salacious literary genre: Skunk Ape erotica. I've been casting

about for a new writing project, and for a while now I've told anyone who asks that I'd love to write smutty books. And what better way to do smut than in the swamps of South Florida?

Thankfully, desire comes in many forms — even the big, hairy, smelly variety. ■



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

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# WRITING CHALLENGE

## New prompt starts round two

The 2014 *Florida Weekly* Writing Challenge continues, where we ask readers to send us their fiction inspired by our photo prompts. Some of our favorite entries from the first round, along with the photograph that prompted them, are on page C8 this week.

In round two of the challenge, we present the photograph here as a starting point for your creative process. We invite you to come up with a narrative work of fiction (no minimum word count, but no more than 1,500 words, please). And no poems.

Previous entrants are welcome to submit again.

In two weeks, we'll offer up another photo prompt.

The challenge will continue until mid-October, after which *Florida Weekly* editors will choose their two favorites, each of who will win a ticket to the Sanibel Island Writers Conference taking place Nov. 6-9.

You have until midnight Sunday, Sept. 7, to send us your original stories based on the photograph printed here. Send your story in Word format or simply



pasted into the body of an email and send to [writing@floridaweekly.com](mailto:writing@floridaweekly.com) (no snail mail). Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission. The earlier we receive your submission, the better your shot at being printed.

For more information about the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, visit [fgcu.edu/siwc](http://fgcu.edu/siwc).

Thanks for writing, and good luck in round two. ■

## ARTScool kids break record with world's longest clay chain

BY SHEA LINDNER

Special to Florida Weekly

Back in 2012, More than 200 young artists from Naples built the world's longest clay-link chain at the Naples Art Association education program ARTScool at The von Liebig Art Center. This summer, more links were added and ARTScool artists broke their own record. The world record-setting fired ceramic clay chain is now 188 feet and 6 inches long.

The next longest clay chain — 75 feet 4 inches long — was created by an artist in Berkeley Springs, W. Va., according to the website recordsetter.com.

When he first thought about doing the project for his ARTScool students, instructor David Hammel had no idea there was even a record for it. "The Guinness Book doesn't list one for clay link chains," he says. He wanted to come up with a fun project that would encourage participation during the ARTScool summer arts education program.

ARTScool instructors strive to integrate school subjects such as geography, math and history into their art lessons.

"I love that this project has students cooperating and working toward a common goal as a community," says Callie Spilane, education director for the NAA. "These are great life lessons. Plus," she adds, "setting a clay chain record is just really special."

Mr. Hammel set up a pattern for children of all ages to work from. They use a dowel rod to roll ropes of clay to a certain length and thickness, and then they connect the ends to make each chain link. They used recycled clay pieces, small slivers of clay left over from larger projects. Mr. Hammel and the ARTScool interns help to connect them all together. ■



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# MOON

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than a postage stamp and as thin as paper.

Although you can't travel to the moon to see the installation that was placed surreptitiously, you can see a copy of the Moon Museum multiple (a sheet with a dozen or so of the ceramic wafers was originally produced) Aug. 22-Sept. 27 at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery on the Fort Myers campus of Florida South-Western State College (formerly Edison State College).

The idea for the project came about when the six artists met at Max's Kansas City, a New York City bar, to celebrate the first manned moon landing. At the invitation of NASA, Mr. Rauschenberg had been onsite for the launch of Apollo XI and was inspired to create his "Stoned Moon" series. He'd also been a major figure in creating E.A.T. (Experiments in Art and Technology), an organization that encouraged collaboration between artists and engineers.

While the men were hobnobbing at the bar, Mr. Myers proposed sending art to the moon. They all thought it was a great idea.

So each contributed an image.

Mr. Rauschenberg drew a simple line, Mr. Oldenburg, a kite in the shape of a mouse. Mr. Warhol drew a penis that looks like a rocket (and that some say is his initials). Mr. Myers offered a drawing of a geometric figure of interlocking forms. Mr. Chamberlain created a template pattern, and Mr. Novros drew a black square divided by small, thin white lines.

With the help of Fred Waldhauer using cutting-edge technology at Bell Telephone Laboratories, the six images were reduced and etched onto a handful of identical ceramic wafers, one of which the artists hoped would be sent to the moon.

Despite the stature of the artists, however, officials at NASA would not agree to send their miniature museum into space.

So a Grumman engineer who worked at Cape Canaveral secretly placed one of the tiny art objects on the leg of the landing gear of the Apollo XII lunar module.

"It's the size of a fingernail," says Jade Dellinger, director of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery. He curated "The Moon Museum (1969): Apollo XII's Secret Art Mission" as a means of celebrating the 10th anniversary of the renaming of the college gallery after Mr. Rauschenberg. (This fall's gallery programming will focus heavily on the late artist's legacy and impact, including the next exhibition, "Rauschenberg: China/America Mix," Oct. 22-Dec. 17.)

## An immersive experience

It's not known exactly how many Moon Museum multiples were made or how many still exist. "We think there could have been as many as 16," Mr. Dellinger says.

Each of the contributing artists was given one of the wafers "as a souvenir of sorts," he says. "We know Chamberlain lost his and Novros gave his to his father, but after his father died, it was never found — which his easy to understand because they're so tiny."

One of the wafers resides at The Andy Warhol Museum in Pittsburgh. Another is at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, donated by Mr. Waldhauer's widow after her husband's death. "It is the smallest art object in MoMA's permanent collection," Mr. Dellinger says.

The Moon Museum on exhibit at the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery originates from one of the engineers who had worked with Mr. Waldhauer at Bell



THE PROJECT APOLLO ARCHIVE / COURTESY PHOTO  
Apollo 12 astronaut Alan Bean beginning the lunar module ladder descent. It was on this mission that Rauschenberg's Moon Museum traveled.

Laboratories. It was featured at The National Gallery of Art in Tbilisi, the Democratic Republic of Georgia, last November in an exhibition that was co-organized by the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, the U.S. Department of State and National Geographic Magazine. It's also been on display at the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston and was part of a project Mr. Dellinger did five years ago for the Tampa Museum of Art.

To exhibit it in such a way that allows viewers to have an immersive experience, he has created a smaller gallery within the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery. There's one light purple wall and another that's deep purple. A third wall is for the projection of uncut footage shot by the Apollo XII astronauts. In another corner, a flat screen TV plays a French documentary on a loop, showing highlights from the Apollo XII mission.

Ambient music from Brian Eno's 1983 "Apollo: Atmospheres and Soundtracks" plays in the background.

Mr. Dellinger describes it as "an immersive, surreal environment."

The tiny Moon Museum itself is on a glowing opaque stand with a light hanging over it. Mr. Dellinger asked that *Florida Weekly* not publish the image, so as to not ruin the experience for visitors.

Although this Moon Museum has not been part of an actual lunar landing, it sits in the vitrine on a bit of gold-colored Kapton foil that *has* been to the moon, on one of the Apollo missions, Mr. Dellinger says.

"It will be the focal point of the room, holding the singular object," he says about the display, "a glowing beacon monolith." Vintage NASA press photographs and mission-related artifacts are also part of the exhibit.



VANDY MAJOR / FLORIDA WEEKLY

Jade Dellinger, director of the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery

## Meaningful presentation

Mr. Dellinger wants to transform the gallery space for every exhibit it hosts. "I want people to have a very different experience every time they're here. It's about doing this in the most meaningful way we can present the art properly." For the Moon Museum, he adds, "We've created a gallery within the gallery to show a miniature museum."

It's an artist-conceived museum space, he says, noting that Marcel Duchamp, who influenced Mr. Rauschenberg, created a piece called "Box in a Valise" that was a retrospective of all his art — in miniature, contained in a single suitcase. "So there was a miniature 'Nude Descending a Staircase,' a miniature of the urinal," Mr. Dellinger says. "It's about telling a story ... the idea that an

in the know

## 'The Moon Museum (1969): Apollo XII's Secret Art Mission'

>> **When:** Aug. 22-Sept. 27

>> **Opening reception:** 6-8 p.m. Aug. 22; regular gallery hours 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

>> **Where:** The Bob Rauschenberg Gallery, Florida SouthWestern State College, Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** Free

>> **Info:** 489-9313 or RauschenbergGallery.com

artist could create his own museum."

When Mr. Rauschenberg and his fellow artists decided to create the Moon Museum, it was important to all of them that their effort would be considered a museum, a group exhibition, a permanent collection.

Wanting nothing more than to put something soulful where typically NASA had left detritus and hardware behind, nearly half a century later, the Moon Museum is still a compelling art object and continues to resonate profoundly in the imagination, Mr. Dellinger says.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for Southwest Florida to see it," he says, adding neither MoMA nor the Warhol Museum has even loaned out their Moon Museums.

"It's such an inspiring idea. It has such appeal. Anyone who's gazed up at the moon, to know that there's been art there, secretly, for 45 years, art by Rauschenberg and Andy Warhol — but for us, most meaningfully, Rauschenberg ..."

The Moon Museum might be small, he adds, "But the idea here is huge." ■



# FLORIDA WRITERS

## Flawed hero becomes a shark's best friend



■ **“Shark Fin Soup” by Susan Klaus. Oceanview Publishing. 344 pages. Hardcover. \$26.95.**

Myakka City (in Manatee County near Bradenton) is where Susan Klaus lives on her 40-acre farm and writes novels. That’s when she’s not busy as the manager and part owner of the Matrix, a thoroughbred horse farm and cattle ranch that is currently raising rodeo bulls. Or when she’s not busy with her Internet radio program, “The Authors Connection,” that reaches listeners in 148 countries.



KLAUS

In the fall of 2013, Ms. Klaus published her second novel, “Secretariat Reborn,” a thriller that focused on the thoroughbred-racing scene and introduced Christian Roberts. Christian is a startlingly handsome, recently married young outdoorsman who has become enormously wealthy. His idyllic life is plunged into misery, however, when

his wife is killed on their 47-foot sloop while they are sailing around the Bahamas. The investigation of her death launches this new Christian Roberts novel in which Christian is immediately a person of interest. Something just doesn’t ring true in his explanation of Allie’s death aboard “Hank’s Dream.”

From Nassau, local policeman Sergeant Drake enlists the assistance of the Miami FBI, and soon Agent Dave Wheeler and his young partner Ralph are on the case. It becomes clear that men do not like blonde Adonis-types with tons of money. Could they be jealous, maybe?

Did Christian return from a bit of diving fun to find his boat plundered and his wife murdered, as he tells the investigators? Well, not really. There is a good reason those shark-fin harvesters have not been found. While Christian may very well be a murderer, he is not the murderer of his wife. However, he does feel terribly guilty about putting her in harm’s way. The loss of his wife has plunged him into suicidal despair.

And where is that missing fishing trawler, anyway?

Soon teamed up with Vince Florio, his semi-retired underworld friend and confidant, Christian fully commits to saving the sharks that are headed for death once their fins are harvested for the favored Asian soup.

Through Christian’s concern, which was initially Allie’s, readers learn about the accelerating diminishment of the shark population due to a lack of regulation and the greed of shark fishermen of all kinds, notably the shark fin strippers.

Hiding behind the invented persona of ecoterrorist Captain Nemo, Christian takes great risks to keep a deathbed promise to Allie: a promise to do all he can to stop the ecological carnage by first saving the sharks.

He knows that the loss of the sharks is undermining the ecosystem that depends on shark appetites to control the natural balance that is now severely threatened.

Trawlers and shark fin processing facilities suddenly explode, with spray paint warnings alerting the greedy entrepreneurs and the media to Captain Nemo’s campaign. As this mayhem unfolds, the FBI agents and the Royal Bahamian Police

continue to gather evidence against Christian for the murder of his wife.

Before long, people in major Asian cities fall ill and die from poisoning after enjoying their shark fin soup — just as Captain Nemo had warned.

Death by soup has a positive effect on outlawing fin harvesting, and the captain becomes a folk hero — though his own life, not just his freedom, is in great jeopardy.

The author takes some risks in mak-

ing Christian as appealing as she does. After all, he’s a criminal, his thinking is not always clear, he’s subject to alcoholic bouts and he disrespects his parents with great abandon. In addition, Ms. Klaus’ point of balance in exploring the endlessly problematic issue of ends justifying means sits near the extreme of suggesting that heroic ends justify anything.

Another risk she takes is bringing the plot to the brink of improbability on several occasions.

This high-powered suspense tale employs many well-drawn settings: Costa Rica, Panama, New York, Florida and the Bahamas among them. Nonstop and often violent action, a great cast of subordinate characters and an appealing advocacy theme combine to make “Shark Fin Soup” especially savory.

In his second appearance, Christian Roberts remains an enigma, a dark superhero whose stability is uncertain but whose glamorous appearance, quick wit and rugged determination make us want to root for him even as we readily discern his flaws.

Then again, imperfect heroes are a major feature of the great Florida mystery tradition, which Ms. Klaus serves quite ably. ■

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





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**The Morning After the Night Before the Wedding** – Select dates through Aug. 24 by Theatre Conspiracy at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

**Mr. Marmalade** – By Laboratory Theater of Florida on Fridays and Saturdays through Aug. 30 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or laboratory-theaterflorida.com.

**New Works Festival** – Gulfshore Playhouse holds its second annual New Works Festival Sept. 4-7. Four new plays will be presented, one each evening at 8 p.m. at The Norris Center. \$45 for all four, \$35 for three, \$25 for two and \$15 for one. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

## THURSDAY 8.21

**Garden Tour** – Naples Historical Society offers tours of The Norris Gardens at Historic Palm Cottage from 10-11 a.m. \$10, free for NHS members. Reservations required. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164.

**Telling Tales** – The FGCU Library holds an opening event for “Dead Men Do Tell Tales: The William R. Maples Collection” from 5-7 p.m. in the FGCU Library Archives, Room 322. RSVP: 590-7638 or dofarrell@fgcu.edu.

**More Art at FGCU** – The Main Gallery at FGCU hosts a gallery talk by curators John Loscuito and Andy Owen and the opening reception for “Harvey Littleton: No Secrets” from 5-8 p.m. Free. 590-1086 or fgcu.edu.

**Block Party** – Whole Foods at Mercato hosts a block party from 5-6:30 p.m. Enjoy free samples and vote for your favorite recipe for a chance to win a \$25 Whole Foods gift card. 552-5100.

**Horizontal Tasting** – Decanted Wines hosts a tasting of various 2012 vintage wines from different regions from 5-7 p.m. \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Light appetizers to compliment the wines included. RSVP: 434-1814 or info@decantedwines.com.

**Mexican Fiesta** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life of Naples leads a class in Mexican home cooking from 6-8 p.m. \$60. RSVP: 514-4663 or goodlif-enaples.com.

**Thursday on Third** – Live music fills the courtyards of the Third Street South shopping district from 6-9 p.m.

**More Music** – Mike Blasucci, Jeremy & Diego entertain from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Claw Bar at The Bay House Restaurant. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837.

**Live Jazz at Alto** – The Dan Heck Trio entertains starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

**Sweat the Small Stuff** – It’s trivia night starting at 7 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

**Salsa Steps** – Dolce Vita Dance Co. offers a beginner salsa group class starting at 8 p.m. 3285 Pine Ridge Road. \$20. (484) 680-0693 or dolcevitadance.com.

**Just for Laughs** – Eddie Griffin takes the stage at House of Brewz in Gulf Coast Town Center tonight and Aug. 23. 389-6901 or offthehookcomedyclub.com.



CAMERA USA PHOTO

“Iconic Manhattan” by Morris Herstein of Naples is among 46 photographs taken around the country by photographers from around the country that comprise the Naples Art Association’s fourth annual “Camera USA: National Photography Exhibition.” The show hangs in the main gallery at The von Liebig Art Center through Sept. 26. Also on exhibit at the center is “Pictures in Process: Photographs by NAA Members.” 585 Park St. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. Free admission, donations welcome. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

**Open Mic** – Frankie Colt hosts open mic night starting at 9 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or southstretnaples.com.

## FRIDAY 8.22

**Here’s to Beers** – Naples Beach Brewery hosts a tasting and tour from 4-8 p.m. \$15 includes 2 ounces of each beer brewed followed by two 12-ounce pours. naplesbeachbrewery.com.

**Welcome To The Weekend** – Say TGIF with \$5 flutes of Veuve Clicquot Yellow Label (\$25 for Le Grand Dame) from 5-7 p.m. at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. Live entertainment. 475 Seagate Drive. 597-3232.

**Guitar Man** – Guitarist Tom DesRochers entertains from 6-9 p.m. at Capers Kitchen & Bar. 2460 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 431-7138 or caperskitchen.com.

**Live Tunes** – Bob Zottola performs from 6-9 p.m. at Chrissy’s Tavern & Bistro. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or chrissystavern.com.

**Acoustic Trio** – Railhead entertains from 6:30-9:30 p.m. in the Claw Bar at The Bay House Restaurant. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 591-3837.

**Pickin’ and Grinnin’** – The Bean Pickers take the stage from 7-10 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or fredsdiner.com.

**Live Jazz at Alto** – The Rebecca Richardson Trio entertains starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

**Laugh It Off** – Vinny K takes the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight and Aug. 23. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. \$15. 455-2844 or oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

## SATURDAY 8.23

**Farmers Market** – Stock up on fresh produce, flowers, baked goods, cheese, pasta, coffee, doggy treats and more at the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama’s on Third Street South.



Vintage cars from the fabulous '50s, free root beer floats, rockin’ music, workshops for kids and more fun for the whole family will fill the parking lot at The Home Depot at Airport Road and Davis Boulevard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 23.

**More Fresh Produce** – The Golden Gate Farmers Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd. 206-4339.

**Back-to-School Fun in the Sun** – North Collier Regional Park and Sun-Fun Lagoon host a back-to-school bash from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. \$8 for kids 48 inches and taller; \$4.50 for youngsters 47 inches and shorter; free for ages 3 and younger. 252-4000 or napleswaterpark.com.

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**Dixieland Jazz** – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Sponsored by the Naples Jazz Society. Free. 254-9674.

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**Live Jazz at Alto** – Dan Miller and the Lew Del Gatto Quintet perform in the jazz club setting at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen starting at 7 p.m. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

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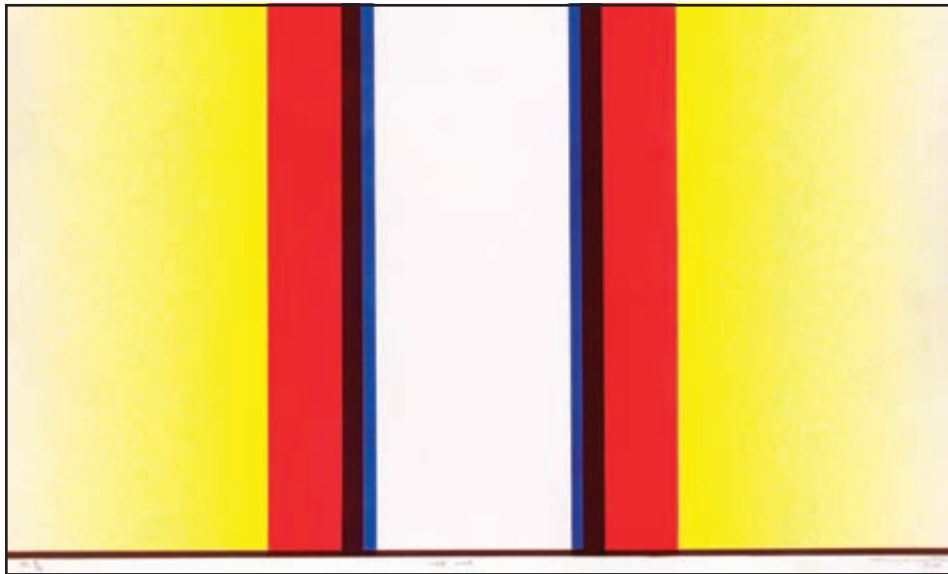
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## SUNDAY 8.24

**Fresh Goods** – The Collier Boulevard Farmers Market takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 11725 Collier Blvd. 206-4339.

**Be a Poet** – Author and Poet Jesse Millner leads a class in writing poetry using the age-old technique of listing from 2-4 p.m. at Dagny’s Spirits. \$10. 15205 Collier Blvd. RSVP: 384-9241 or dagnyspirits.com.

# WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO



“White, White” by Harvey Littleton is among the more than 40 prints on exhibit in “Harvey Littleton: No Secrets” opening Aug. 21 in the Main Gallery at Florida Gulf Coast University. A gallery talk by curators John Loscuito and Andy Owen begins at 5 p.m. and the opening reception is from 6-8 p.m. The exhibit showcases more than 40 prints highlighting the life and work of the pioneering American glass artist and printmaker Harvey Littleton as well as numerous artists who worked at his studio. Mr. Littleton’s daughter has pledged “White, White” and 70 other pieces of her father’s work to the university’s permanent collection. Free. 590-1086 or fgcu.edu.

**Live Tunes** – Nevada Smith performs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Chrissy’s Tavern & Bistro. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or chrissystavern.com.

**Live Jazz at Alto** – Bob Zottola and Stu Shelton play jazz favorites starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

**Reggae Sunday** – The Floribbean Allstars take the stage at 10 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 435-9333 or southstreetnaples.com.

## MONDAY 8.25

**Film Night** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a screening and discussion of “Wild Target” at 7 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Play Your Cards Right** – It’s bingo night starting at 7 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

**Country Monday** – Blue Martini in Mercato presents live country music from 8-11:30 p.m. followed by a DJ until 2 a.m. Hospitality workers enjoy “industry pricing” all night starting at 8 p.m.



Love That Dress!, the feel-good shopping spree of the year benefiting PACE Center for Girls, takes place Aug. 23 at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Course. Shoppers will stake their claim to thousands of new and gently worn dresses and accessories with labels from Gap to Gucci. Doors open at 5 p.m. for VIP ticket holders (\$150) and at 6 p.m. for general admission (\$30). Tickets are available at lovethatdress.org.

## TUESDAY 8.26

**Local History** – Docents with the Naples Historical Society lead tours of Historic Palm Cottage from 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. \$10, free for NHS members. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

**Piano Man** – Enjoy the Joe Marino Piano Show from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Chrissy’s Tavern & Bistro. 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or chrissystavern.com.

**Live Jazz at Alto** – Stu Shelton plays jazz starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

**Tango Tuesdays** – Step up for intermediate and advanced tango class from 8-9 p.m. at Pablo Repun Tango. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablrepunpuntango.com.

**Read the Words** – It’s karaoke night from 9 p.m. to midnight at South Street City Oven & Grill. 435-9333 or southstreetnaples.com.

## WEDNESDAY 8.27

**Old Naples History** – Docents with the Naples Historical Society lead walking tours of the Third Street South historic district setting out at 9:30 a.m. \$10 for NHS members, \$16 for others. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

**Dog Days Dining** – If it’s Wednesday, it’s Dog Days Dining at Agave Bar & Grill. Come in for lunch or dinner and a portion of your tab will be donated to Humane Society Naples. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 598-3473.

**Sicilian Wine Dinner** – Angelina’s Ristorante serves a five-course Sicilian dinner accompanied by Italian wines starting at 6 p.m. \$89. 24041 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs. RSVP: 390-3187.

**Cooking with Love** – Learn to make Norman Love Confections’ molded candies in a class from 6:39-9:30 p.m. at the NLC chocolate salon. 11300 Lindbergh Blvd., Fort Myers. \$95. RSVP: 561-7215.

**Live Jazz at Alto** – The Hi-Five Quintet tunes up for an evening of jazz starting at 7 p.m. at Alto Live Jazz Kitchen. 492 Bayfront Place. 261-2586.

**Ad Libbing** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents an evening of improvisation beginning at 7 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

## COMING UP

**Jewelry Making** – Join jewelry designer Tara Rose and create your own fashion-forward necklace in a class from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Aug. 28 at Kristoff Jewelers. \$85 Beginners welcome. 640 Fifth Ave. S. RSVP: 263-8999 or info@kristoffjewelers.com.

**Music by Mudbone** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents Mudbone in concert starting at 7 p.m. Aug. 28. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

**Just for Laughs** – John Rathbone takes the stage at 8 p.m. Aug. 28-30 at the Off the Hook Comedy Club in Gulf Coast Town Center. 389-6901 or jenn@offthehookcomedy.com.

**Sidewalk Sale** – The Village on Venetian Bay holds its Labor Day weekend sidewalk sale Friday-Monday, Aug. 29-Sept. 1. venetianvillage.com.

**Sunset Trolley Tour** – Hop aboard the trolley at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at Tavern on the Bay and enjoy a Naples Sunset Rotary’s sunset tour around town. \$55 includes a Hurricane cocktail upon arrival and drinks at each of these stops along the way: Sea Salt, Pelican Larry’s and South Street. Proceeds benefit area charities. 839-3532 or naplessunsetrotary.org.

**Labor Day in Big Cypress** – Clyde Butcher’s Big Cypress Gallery celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Big Cypress National Preserve with open house fun and programs including gallery talks by Mr. Butcher and his wife, Niki Butcher,

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 30-31. 52388 Tamiami Trail, Ochopee. 695-2428 or clydebutcher.com.

**Daring to Dream** – Local actress Janina Birtolo performs a one-woman show as Amelia Earhart at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 at the Marco Island Historical Museum. Free for members of the Marco Island Historical Society, \$5 for others. 180 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 389-6447 or themihs.com.

**See Amelie** – Join the Naples International Film Festival and the NIFF Film Society for a screening and discussion of the blockbuster French film, “Amelie,” starting at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 9 at Silverspot Cinema in Mercato. \$25 includes refreshments. 592-0300.

**Champagne & Chocolate** – Shula’s holds the fourth annual Champagne & Chocolate Tasting featuring sweets from Norman Love Confections as a benefit for The United Way of Collier County from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 17 in the lobby bar at the Hilton Naples. \$55 in advance, \$65 at the door. 430-4999 or

**Naples Boat Show** – The annual boat show sponsored by the Marine Industry Association of Collier County takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 4-5 at the Naples City Dock in Crayton Cove. Free. 682-0900 or miacc.org. ■

— Submit calendar listings and high-resolution photos to [events@floridaweekly.com](mailto:events@floridaweekly.com). Email text, jpegs or Word documents are accepted. No pdfs or photos of fliers. The deadline for calendar submissions is noon Sunday.

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# WRITING CHALLENGE

## The Lake

Beverly Becton, Fort Myers

Looking down, the woman sees what used to be there: water, green and cool, swirling around the posts of the pier and inviting her to take the plunge — when she was young.

Growing up, so much of her life had centered around the lake. “My swim! My swim!” was her excited shout whenever the lake would come into view when she was five.

At 10, all kinds of celebrations were held there: birthday parties, end-of-school parties and church picnics.

When she was 15, the lake was the place to go with friends to swim and to water ski. Flirtations, puppy love and break-ups fueled the life of the lake.

She moved away from the lake when she was 20. In reality, she never could swim very well. Her swimming efforts were once described as chicken-like, but she could dog paddle extremely well.

How would she get along in the wide lake of adulthood? Would it be like her swimming attempts — all effort but going nowhere? Or would it be like her dog paddle — too immature for words?

She is 40 now and back at the lake. She has done all that society required of her by graduating from college, getting married, raising a family and having a career.

But as she looks down, she can see only what isn't there: The water has receded. It no longer comes up under the pier, enticing her with its promise of pleasure and fun. ■

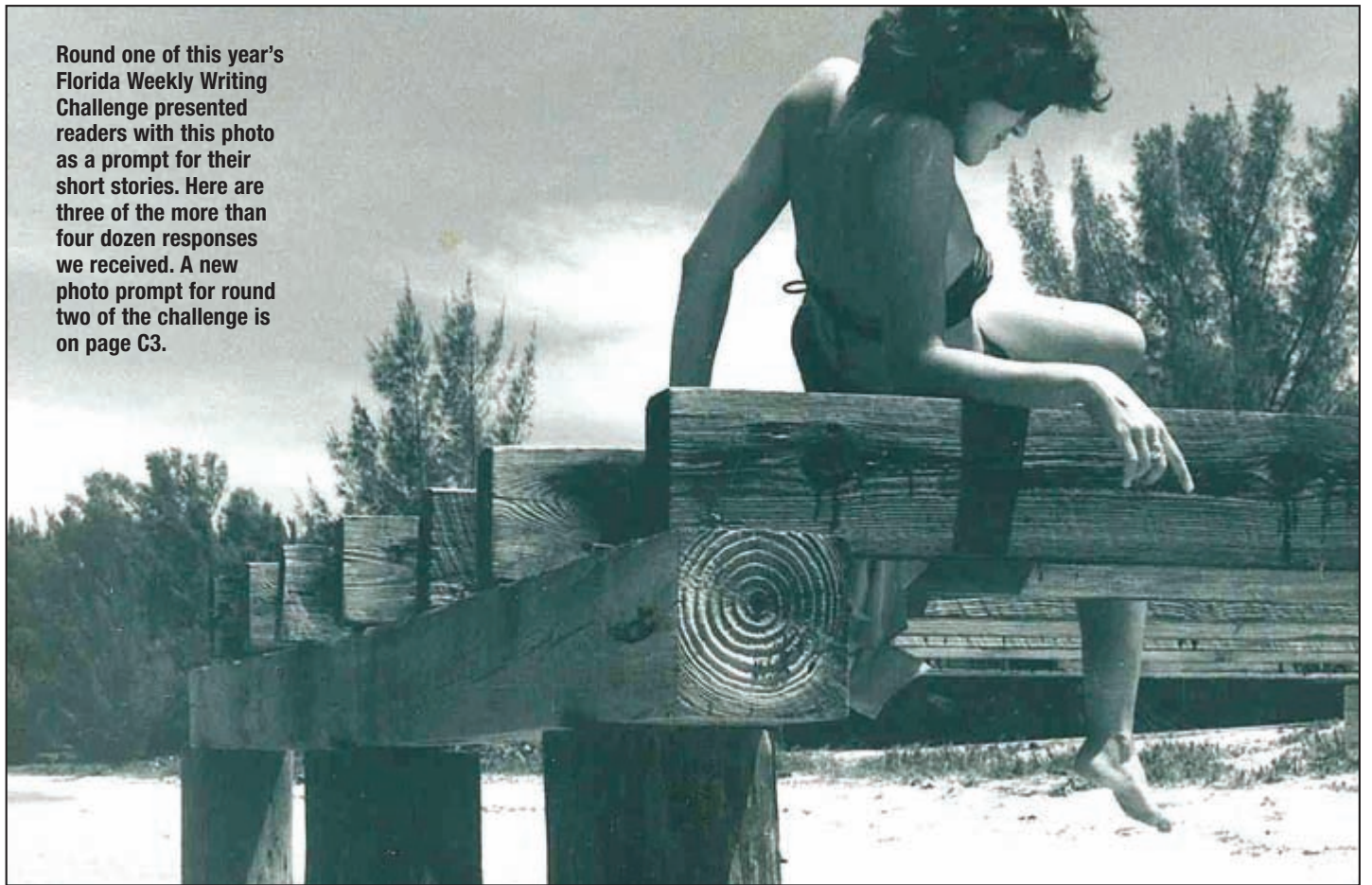
## 1952

Suzan Wharton, Naples

I was 47 years old when my father went from a rehabilitation hospital into a nursing home. Within two months, he was dead. The task of cleaning out his house fell upon me and my younger brother. Dad had not lived in this house for two years. A fall had sent him into the first hospital. In fact, Dad had not “lived” at all for 11 years, since Mom died.

I was cleaning out Dad's workshop when I came upon an old, dog-eared photograph. It was hidden in the back corner of one of the drawers, under an old notebook. I was quite surprised to see a much younger version of my mother, in a rather revealing swimsuit! As I looked closer, my surprise turned to shock. I realized it was not my mother ... not my mother at all. The back of the photograph revealed no clues to the woman's identity other than a penciled initial “H” and the year 1952.

Round one of this year's Florida Weekly Writing Challenge presented readers with this photo as a prompt for their short stories. Here are three of the more than four dozen responses we received. A new photo prompt for round two of the challenge is on page C3.



My heart thudded with the realization that I was looking at something forbidden, long hidden. Who was she? What was she doing here in my father's space? What beach is this? And why has she remained hidden for so many years?

In frustration, I have to admit that I will never be able to answer any of these questions. “H” will always remain an unsolved mystery. Perhaps she was the cause of the unspoken unhappiness that pervaded my childhood? Was she behind the father who took little interest in his family?

Those evenings when he sat in his old leather chair, staring off into space with vacant eyes so far away from the rest of us, was it she who filled these distant thoughts? Was he dreaming of another life? The life that might have been?

I folded her up along the familiar worn old creases and she fit like a glove where my credit cards go. In how many wallets had she traveled with him? How did she end up here, hidden in a drawer in his workshop? The Forbidden Zone, his workshop, where he went to unwind, to escape.

No one is alive now to provide me with answers. Like so many questions that puzzle most people, the “what ifs” and “I wonders,” the crossroads of life, the paths not chosen or doors unopened.

I walked the long hallway of my childhood home, soon to be filled with new people's lives. There is my brother, an old man now like our father. My hand reaches into my pocket and brings out my wallet. I start to unfold the worn photograph. I stop, and take a slow deep breath. “It's OK, Dad,” I think, “I found her, precisely, hidden away. Your secret is safe, right here in my wallet. Right here in my heart.”

A sense of peace comes over me like a warm woolen shawl. It is the first time we have ever agreed on anything, my father and I. ■

## Must Kill Black Snakes

John Meade, Naples

Rarely does one get a second chance to make a first impression in the search for love.

I did. I hope it never happens again. Three years after a brief encounter and an exhaustive journey to arrange a second meeting, I was looking into her obdurate Colombian brown eyes. Listening to her Ivy League voice, punctuated by her legal training and interrupted by the protectiveness of a single mother.

“I can't take guys home ... could be a ...”  
“Oh, please! Do you know how much it cost to rescue Betancourt? She knew

the risk.”

Her questions and comments continued.

“Why haven't you ever been married? I hope you're not looking at me. I don't see myself ever getting married again.”

“When was the last time you went home to Massachusetts? I won't take my family for granted.”

“Let me tell you how it is.”

I had figured this woman completed me, but more importantly, she stopped me. Stopped me from my daily unexamined existence and allowed me to think there was a chance at love.

But after each statement, I wondered: How could I win this woman's heart?

Certainly she could find someone more powerful and wealthy. Better looking and a better dancer. But I doubted she would ever find a better steward of her beauty.

I tried to be funny and articulate, but that night the ability to speak betrayed me. And I have never really been considered funny.

Then she said it. I had my answer. And now my heart ached like a schoolboy's.

“The only reason I need a man in my life is to kill those black snakes that are occasionally in front of my building.”

My eyes and heart did not change, but my head already battered with insecurities convinced me I had no chance with her. ■

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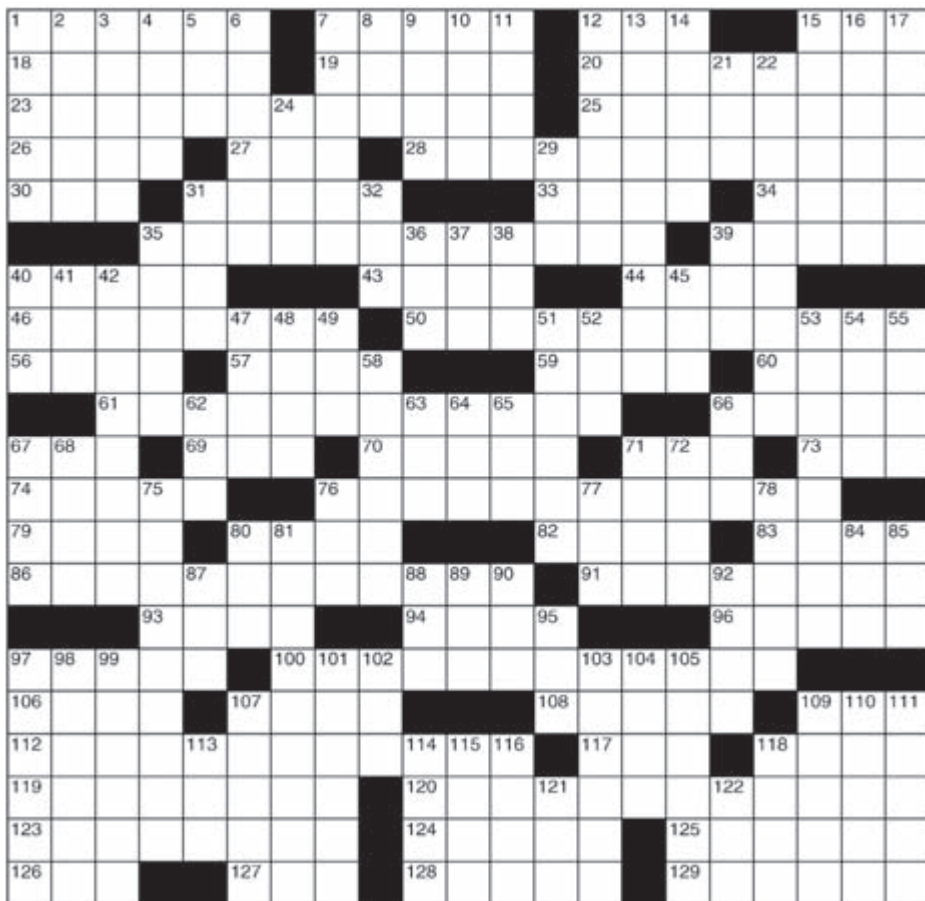
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  - 7 A, in Athens
  - 12 Vegetable in a pod
  - 15 Waitress on "Alice"
  - 18 A little faster than largo
  - 19 Cuba's Castro
  - 20 Filled with exalting emotion
  - 23 Table tennis bouncer
  - 25 Overflow mess
  - 26 Like printing-press smudges
  - 27 —-noor (big diamond)
  - 28 Backbone
  - 30 Calendar box
  - 31 Some glowing rings
  - 33 Santa — (hot California winds)
  - 34 Actor Roger
  - 35 Violated
  - 39 Tubular pasta
  - 40 — cum laude
  - 43 General — chicken (Chinese dish)
  - 44 Post-waking comment
  - 46 Police logs
  - 50 Piano pieces nicknamed "Winter"
  - 57 Wind" and "Butterfly," e.g.
  - 56 Dip — in the water
  - 57 Octa- + two
  - 59 Korbut of gymnastics
  - 60 Furniture hardwood
  - 61 Sominex or Nytol tablet
  - 66 Toon Boop
  - 67 Inferior mark
  - 69 "Cincinnati" has three
  - 70 Acey- — (great, in slang)
  - 71 Home of the Dream Team
  - 73 Road curve
  - 74 Smart — (wiseacre)
  - 76 Miserly sort
  - 79 Elevated
  - 80 Worker welfare agcy.
  - 82 Sprite or Tab
  - 83 The Stooges, e.g.
  - 86 Judge's explanation
  - 91 From Canada, say
  - 93 "Pay — mind"
  - 94 Hard-boiled crime genre
  - 96 Systems
  - 97 Jail rooms
  - 100 Conifers widely grown as
  - 106 Et — (plus more)
  - 107 Taj Mahal's town
  - 108 Welles of film
  - 109 Hearing thing
  - 112 1986 Molly Ringwald film
  - 117 Medium's gift
  - 118 Rod on a car
  - 119 Interstate pull-off point
  - 120 Joyrode, e.g.
  - 123 Loan accrual
  - 124 Came to light
  - 125 Narcotic painkiller
  - 126 The Great Lakes' — Canals
  - 127 Enhaloed Fr. woman
  - 128 Uninebriated
  - 129 Confer (on)
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Speedy
  - 2 Minneapolis suburb
  - 3 Tall and lean
  - 4 Rocker Pop
  - 5 Little drink
  - 6 Connect, as peripherals
  - 7 Kabul native
  - 8 Ad- — (improvise)
  - 9 Palm Pilots and Droids
  - 10 "SOS"
  - 11 "That is — ask"
  - 12 Italian sculptor Andrea
  - 13 Boarding a jet
  - 14 Nike rival
  - 15 Wives, in Germany
  - 16 Errand runners
  - 17 Danish seaport
  - 21 Mideast gp.
  - 22 Infamy
  - 24 Relative of "me neither"
  - 29 Brief slumber
  - 31 "I — your disposal"
  - 32 Cpl.'s boss
  - 35 Giant in chips
  - 36 PC "oops" key
  - 37 "I'm an idiot!"
  - 38 GI's hangout
  - 39 With 85-Down, elaborate
  - 40 Yuppie deg.
  - 41 Elev.
  - 42 Big zero
  - 45 "Call — taxi"
  - 47 Perfect site
  - 48 Iron-pumping count
  - 49 Zool. or geol.
  - 51 Coral creatures
  - 52 Chicago loc.
  - 53 Dissuaded
  - 54 Downs food
  - 55 "The — the limit"
  - 58 Of Peru's peaks
  - 62 "Oh no, a mouse!"
  - 63 USAF bigwig
  - 64 Wordplay bit
  - 65 Acutely cold
  - 66 "Humbug!"
  - 67 "Matilda" author
  - 72 Surgery reminder
  - 75 Spiced tea with hot milk
  - 76 Chi lead-in that"
  - 77 Nonneutral particle
  - 78 Group values
  - 80 Ending for buff or bass
  - 81 Most moist and soft
  - 84 Furious state
  - 85 See 39-Down
  - 87 Mil. officers
  - 88 With one flat, musically
  - 89 Winning tic-tac-toe row
  - 90 None at all
  - 92 Govt. agents
  - 95 Old rival of MGM
  - 97 Women's casual pants
  - 98 Seat of Canadian County, Oklahoma
  - 99 Hits with fibs
  - 101 Really fancy
  - 102 Copy Jay-Z
  - 103 Be partial to
  - 104 "This — sudden!"
  - 105 "Can do"
  - 107 Actor Lew
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  - 110 Justice Samuel
  - 111 Make fresh
  - 113 Paving goop
  - 114 "— afraid of that"
  - 115 Sleuth Wolfe
  - 116 Old TV part
  - 118 Undisturbed
  - 121 Mao — tung
  - 122 Simian

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C9

## HOROSCOPES

**LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Keeping your claws sheathed and using good humor instead to counter someone who's bad-mouthing the Big Cat isn't easy. But it's the best way to avoid more problems down the line.

**VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** A workplace situation could improve if you're less critical and more supportive of those who are, after all, trying to do their best. Let them know you're there to help when necessary.

**LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A new job offer might not carry all the benefits you're seeking. Make sure you know what you're entitled to, what is off the table and what is negotiable before you make a decision.

**SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** A social obligation you would rather get out of could hold some surprisingly positive aspects. Why not go and see for yourself? A family member makes a curious request.

**SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Before tackling that new project awaiting you at home or on the job, take time out for some much-deserved pampering to help lift your spirits and restore your energy levels.

**CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your social calendar begins to fill up more quickly than you expected. And that's great. You deserve to enjoy some good fun after so much time spent on serious matters.

**AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A domestic situation continues to improve, thanks to all the tender, lov-

ing concern you've shown. A colleague makes a questionable move that you might want to check out sooner rather than later.

**PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** A sudden turn in a romantic relationship calls for both a rational and passionate response. Keep the love level high, but also find out why the problem arose in the first place.

**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Be careful not to allow the backers of a new financial "deal" to pull the wool over the Lamb's eyes. It could hold fewer plusses and more negatives than you were first led to believe.

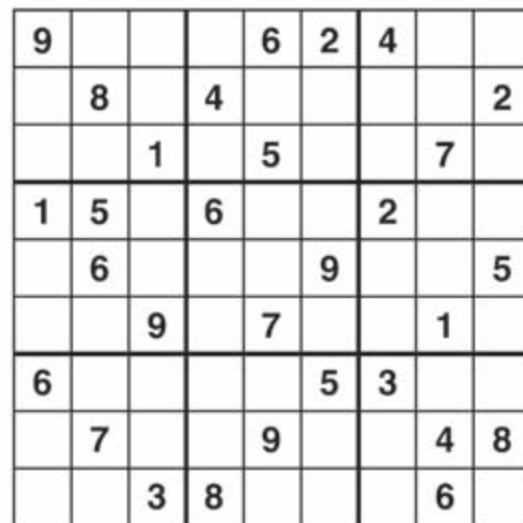
**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** It's a good idea to finish all incomplete tasks so that you can devote your attention to next week's projects. The weekend could hold surprises for romantic Ferdinandas and Ferdinands.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A workplace suggestion you made a while ago that you might have forgotten could come back with a request to turn it from idea to reality. Your social life picks up considerably this weekend.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Someone from the past could return with an intriguing opportunity for a future project. Check into it, by all means. But don't neglect your current responsibilities in the meantime.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You often set high standards for others. But to your credit, you set the same expectations for yourself. ■

By Linda Thistle



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# LATEST FILMS

## 'If I Stay'

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### Is it worth \$10? No

"If I Stay" is a movie for easily manipulated tween girls who are too young to know what love is and too stubborn to realize they don't know. Not for a second does this film feel anything but pandering and contrived, which means not for a second can it be taken seriously.

Based on the Young Adult novel of the same name by Gayle Forman, the story is a somber conceit: A happy family is in a horrific car accident, and the daughter, 17-year-old cello prodigy Mia (Chloe Grace Moretz), has an out-of-body experience while she is in a coma. Which is to say, Mia in ghost form walks around the hospital and other locales as she reflects back on important moments



and people in her life, all the while making a decision to live or die.

Most of director R.J. Cutler's ("The September Issue") film is comprised of these flashbacks, and most of the flashbacks involve Mia's boyfriend, Adam (Jamie Blackley). Adam is too perfect for mere words, a dreamy, handsome aspiring musician who takes an instant liking to Mia and makes all the moves to bring them together. This is how many young (and older) women fantasize about relationships beginning: They go about their normal business while the guy of their dreams does all the work to sweep them off their feet. Newsflash, ladies: Save for very rare exceptions, this only happens in movies.

Story-wise, however, this is OK, because the flashbacks are from Mia's point of view, so we're seeing the events the way she idyllically remembers them.

We watch as Mia reluctantly applies

to Juilliard, knowing acceptance will take her far from home in Portland, Ore., to New York City, and far away from Adam. We also meet her kind, hippie liberal parents, Kat (Mireille Enos) and Denny (Joshua Leonard), little brother Teddy (Jakob Davies), Gramps (Stacy Keach) and Gran (Gabrielle Rose), best friend Kim (Liana Liberato) and more of the friends and family who love and support her. As tragedy befalls her family, Mia's ghost wonders if she has anything to wake up and live for.

Mr. Cutler's simple, matter-of-fact approach does little to enhance the story.

This is a movie that begs for visual pop during the upbeat moments, but these scenes are shot in the same bland style used for the hospital. The happy moments need to be happier in order for viewers to truly enjoy Mia's life and want her to live. When everything is this dull, it's hard to give a damn either way.

I have no idea how accurate the story is to Ms. Forman's book, but I kept thinking how much more interesting it would've been to flash forward, i.e., to see Mia's future

with Adam and her future at Juilliard and then have her decide which would make her happier. That way, the story could have gone from being about boyfriend drama to two different versions of happiness — personal and professional — and seeing which Mia truly desires more.

Unfortunately, that's not the movie Mr. Cutler made. Instead, "If I Stay" is a labored melodrama that, although it does have some decent emotional sequences and a better ending than it deserves, ultimately doesn't hold together as a whole. ■

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>> **Chloe Grace Moretz**, who plays Mia, spent seven months learning to play the cello for this role.

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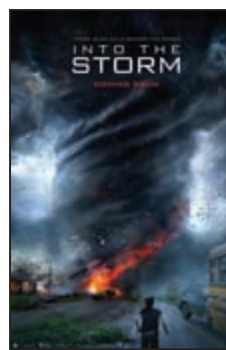
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# FILM CAPSULES

## Into the Storm ★★

(Richard Armitage, Sarah Wayne Callies, Matt Walsh) Locals try to survive as a series of tornadoes strike a small midwestern town. Some action scenes are great and others miss the mark. With forgettable characters and rote dialog, this isn't one to run off to. Rated PG-13.



lainous Ronan (Lee Pace) from possessing a powerful orb. It's action-packed, hilarious and an out-of-this-world good time. It also fits nicely within the Avengers-driven Marvel Cinematic Universe. Rated PG-13.

## Boyhood ★★1/2

(Ellar Coltrane, Patricia Arquette, Ethan Hawke) This landmark film from director Richard Linklater ("Before Midnight") follows a boy, Mason (Mr. Coltrane), as he ages from 6 to 18 years old. Ms. Arquette and Mr. Hawke play Mason's divorced parents. Shot in 39 days over the course of 12 years, it's the most natural and realistic depiction of the pains of adolescence in recent memory. Rated R.

## Magic In The Moonlight ★★1/2

(Colin Firth, Emma Stone, Marcia Gay Harden) A world-renowned magician (Mr. Firth) travels to the south of France to reveal an American psychic (Ms. Stone) as a fraud, but his perspective changes as they spend time together. Ms. Stone's character is underplayed and the story is predictable, but Mr. Firth's snarky charm keeps you laughing. Rated PG-13.

## Sex Tape ★★

(Cameron Diaz, Jason Segel, Rob Corddry) To spruce things up, married with children Annie (Ms. Diaz) and Jay (Mr. Segel) make a sex tape on a tablet. Crisis comes, however, when the session synchs with other devices. We don't buy these two as a couple, it's not funny, the story's weak and worst of all, it's just not sexy. Rated R.

## Guardians Of The Galaxy ★★

(Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Dave Bautista) Unlikely heroes Star-Lord (Mr. Pratt), Gamora (Ms. Saldana), Drax (Mr. Bautista), Groot (voice of Vin Diesel) and Rocket Raccoon (voice of Bradley Cooper) try to stop the vil-



## And So It Goes ★★1/2

(Michael Douglas, Diane Keaton, Sterling Jerins) Grumpy old Oren (Mr. Douglas) needs the help of his kind neighbor (Ms. Keaton) to care for his granddaughter (Ms. Jerins). Although it's full of clichés and heavy messages, Mr. Douglas' acerbic one-liners and the chemistry between him and Ms. Keaton make it moderately enjoyable. Rated PG-13.

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**'The Purge: Anarchy'** ★★

(Frank Grillo, Carmen Ejogo, Zach Gilford) A well-equipped enforcer (Mr. Grillo) helps innocents caught outside during the purge, the one night a year in which all crime is legal. This is a notable improvement on "The Purge" (2013), largely because it smartly shows the far-reaching effects of purging. Rated R.

**'Dawn of the Planet of the Apes'** ★★

(Gary Oldman, Keri Russell, Andy Serkis) In this sequel to "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" (2011), apes and humans try to peacefully co-exist in futuristic San Francisco. The ape visual effects are fine, but the picture is dull and the story is lazy. Rated PG-13.

**'Tammy'** ★1/2

(Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon, Kathy Bates) Loser Tammy (Ms. McCarthy) and her grandma (Ms. Sarandon) get in trouble while on a road trip. Painfully unfunny, it's so bad it makes you worry for McCarthy's career. Rated R.



**'Earth To Echo'** ★★

(Teo Halm, Brian "Astro" Bradley, Reese Hartwig) Three young friends (Mr. Halm,

Mr. Bradley, Mr. Hartwig) discover a lost alien the night before they're forced to move away from one another in their neighborhood. It's a lackluster "E.T." rip-off that uses the found footage gimmick to dizzying effect. Rated PG.

**Transformers: Age of Extinction** ★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Nicola Peltz, Stanley Tucci) Inventor Cade (Mr. Wahlberg) and his daughter Tessa (Ms. Peltz) are caught in a government war against Transformers in the fourth installment of director Michael Bay's hit franchise. At 165 minutes and with a weak story, it's so long and overwhelming it's exhausting. Rated PG-13.

**'Obvious Child'** ★★

(Jenny Slate, Jake Lacy, Gaby Hoffmann) Stand-up comedienne Donna (Ms. Slate) is dumped by her boyfriend, loses her job and is knocked up by a nice guy (Mr. Lacy) in the span of a few days. Funny and empowering for women, with a performance from Ms. Slate that could make her a star. Rated R.

**'Living Is Easy With Eyes Closed'** ★★1/2

(Javier Camara, Natalia de Molina, Francesc Colomer) In 1966 Spain, a schoolteacher (Mr. Camara), a pregnant woman (Ms. De Molina) and a teenage runaway (Mr. Colomer) travel to the coast in the hope of meeting John Lennon. It's a sweet, touching story of three people finding answers in unexpected places. Winner of six Goya Awards (the Spanish Oscars). Not Rated (adult themes and situations). ■

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# KOVEL: ANTIQUES

## Victorian-era rings held secrets deadly and dear

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Poison rings play a part in a lot of murder mysteries. Adversaries were removed with a flick of a ring cover over a glass of wine. The idea of a ring that held poison is thousands of years old, but it is the Victorian era that's called "the era of the poison ring." A ring was made to conceal a small compartment with a tight cover that could hold a poisonous powder. It was designed to be used to kill foes or to commit suicide if captured by enemies. But historians now think the rings were not often used to hold poison. Instead, the small compartment held religious relics, locks of hair of lovers, notes or other tiny memorabilia of a romantic or religious nature. The poison ring is not out of fashion. Internet ads offer hundreds of modern versions today. Prices range from under \$40 for pewter or plated metal rings to thousands of dollars for gold rings set with precious stones.

**Q:** We purchased a stool in the 1970s while we were living in England. It's wood, 18 inches high, and has vertical fluted sections that join to make a circular outer case. When the top is raised, a hinged toilet seat appears. Under it is a compartment with a lidded ceramic potty jar. It also has a hinged slide-out footrest with a leather top. There are no marks on the wood frame. The lettering on the bottom of the jar reads, "Burleigh, Made in England." We have no idea of its origin or history. Can you help?

**A:** You have a type of commode the English call a "close stool." During the days before indoor plumbing, chamber pots with lids were usually kept under beds and used in the evenings when it was too dark or too difficult to go outside to an outhouse. The more well-to-do 18th-century family could afford a close stool, a small decorative cabinet that held a chamber pot inside. It was chair-seat height and had an opening on top so the user could sit somewhat comfortably. Later close stools were made with hinged outer lids that could be lifted to access the chamber pot. By the 1870s, many had a toilet seat and a lid. A pull-out footrest made it easier for a child to use. Fancy close stools were designed to look like elegant pieces of furniture with stained woodwork and upholstered tops. With the advent of indoor plumbing, they were used as parlor stools or stands. The mark on your chamber pot was used in the 1930s by Burgess & Leigh, a British pottery company founded in 1862 in Burslem, England. The pottery started using the name "Burleigh Ware" in the 1930s, and it uses the same name today. Your close stool is worth about \$200 to \$300.

**Q:** I have been collecting Space Race-related mechanical banks for a few years. They're all pot metal, and some of them are labeled with the name of an American astronaut or a commercial bank. The shapes include a rocket, flying saucer, ray gun and spacecraft. What do you think they're worth?

**A:** Banks like yours were made from the 1950s into the early '70s by Dura Mold & Manufacturing Co. and Astro Manufacturing Co., both in East Detroit (not Eastpointe), Mich. Most were sold at wholesale prices to banks and insurance companies, which probably gave many of them away to new customers. While the banks are not very old, they appear to be relatively rare and are sought by an eager group of collectors. They sell online for



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**A:** The booklet was a promotional item for Kellogg's Corn Flakes. It sells for about \$10 today, but the hole in yours decreases its value.

**Q:** I recently inherited volumes of brand-new collectible plates and plate sets and am researching venues to either bulk wholesale them or to offer them at below cost to a major retailer. Every plate I have looked at comes with a certificate of authenticity, a box, etc. All are new and in perfect condition. Do you know a retailer who might be interested in them?

**A:** Collector plates are hard to sell and almost all sell for less than their original value. Even the more expensive plates made by Danish manufacturers in the last 30 years have gone down in value. Most collector plates made by American makers sell for about \$10 to \$15 or less. If you want to sell the entire collection to a retailer, make a list of the plates you have and include the manufacturer's name and the name of the plate. Be sure to indicate that you have the certificate of authenticity and the box for each. You can contact an online source like Replacements.com or try local antiques or consignment shops. Remember, the retailer has to make money on the deal and you will be lucky to get half the price the retailer sells them for.

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Adrien Brody as Harry Houdini

## Brody plays master of escape in History Channel miniseries

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

**Q:** What has Adrien Brody been doing lately?

— Gina T., via email

**A:** Next up for Adrien Brody is starring as the great magician-showman Harry Houdini in “Houdini,” the History Channel original miniseries, which airs Sept. 1 and 2 at 9 p.m. The miniseries follows the epic tales of Harry Houdini as he emerges as America’s first bona-fide world-renowned superstar. “Houdini” delves deep behind the curtain into his life through his stunts, visions and mastery of illusion.

**Q:** Can you tell me about the actress who plays Lucia on “Graceland”? She looks familiar to me. What else has she been on?

— Patrick J., via email

**A:** Jamie Gray Hyder is perhaps best known for playing Danielle, a werewolf in Alcide’s pack, last season on “True Blood.” After her “TB” stint ended, she went on to co-star on “Graceland” as Lucia Solano, who is just trying to live life on the straight and narrow — unlike her brother, Carlito, and the rest of her family. I spoke with Jamie recently about her new role, as well as what we can expect as “Graceland” wraps up its second season on the USA network.

“Lucia wants to get a real job and be independent and prosperous, in a legal way. She wants to be able to live a normal life and have normal relationships. She doesn’t get to have friends or lovers, because those relationships are constantly ruined by the antics of her brother and the rest of her family. She’s just striving for normalcy and is constantly being dragged through the mud.”

She did give me a little tease as to what to expect in the finale: “It’s a two-part finale, and it’s definitely designed to leave everyone wanting more. I just got done shooting it, and it’s all very fresh in my mind. I’ll tell you this, when I read the finale, I was shocked.”

**Q:** Is it true that there is going to be another “Terminator” movie?

— Kalli R., Modesto, Calif.



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**A:** Arnold Schwarzenegger will be back on July 1, 2015 as the aforementioned Terminator in “Terminator: Genisys.” The fifth installment of the futuristic action series also stars Emilia Clarke (Daenerys Targaryen of “Game of Thrones”) as Sarah Connor, Jason Clarke (no relation to Emilia) as John Connor, and Jai Courtney (Eric in the “Divergent” trilogy) as Kyle Reese. I am curious as to the timeline of this film, because Emilia and Jai are in their 20s, and Jason, who plays their son, John, is in his 40s. So, I’ll guess that some criss-crossing time-travel component definitely will play a part in this movie (as in all the “Terminator” films).

**Q:** Will my favorite summer series, “Suits,” be back for another season?

— Fallon F., via email

**A:** USA’s hit legal dramedy, which had its midseason finale Aug. 20, has indeed been renewed for a 16-episode fifth season. Also, look for the second half of season four in spring 2015. ■

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**FRIDAY, AUG. 22, 9 P.M.**

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**SATURDAY, AUG. 23, 8 P.M.**

**Antiques Roadshow: Junk in the Trunk**

Enjoy never-before-seen appraisals from the show's 2011 season. Highlights include one of a set of six chairs, made 50 years ago by a furniture designer who also did commissions for Aristotle Onassis.

**SUNDAY, AUG. 24, 9 P.M.**

**Masterpiece Classic: Breathless, Part 1**

Set in 1961 in a London hospital, this drama features Otto, a surgeon who's married to Elizabeth but has eyes for new nurse Angela. Jean and Richard's marriage gets off to a rocky start. Mulligan gives Elizabeth a menacing message.

**MONDAY, AUG. 25, 9 P.M.**

**Antiques Roadshow: Forever Young**

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The Vienna Philharmonic, Aug. 22

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**TUESDAY, AUG. 26, 8 P.M.**

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Tickets are \$50 and include tastings from all restaurants. There will be an open bar. Purchase tickets at [craving-fashion2014.eventbrite.com](http://craving-fashion2014.eventbrite.com). For more information, call Nannette Staropoli at 676-9756.

■ The third annual **Evening in Monte Carlo** to benefit the Physician Led Access Network of Collier County is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Yacht Club. Guests will enjoy professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. The evening's celebrity host will be actor/writer/comedian Scott Adsit of Chicago's *Second City* and NBC's "30 Rock."

Tickets are \$150. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available beginning at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit [plncc.org](http://plncc.org).

■ The **56th annual NCH Hospital Ball** takes place Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's



event will benefit the hospital's 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](mailto:foundation@nchmd.org).

■ **Golisano Children's Museum of Naples** holds its first Backyard Bash: Kick Off! tailgate party Saturday evening, Oct. 25. Put on your team colors, gather your friends and get in the spirit to support hands-on educational opportunities for children and families visiting C'mon.

The evening promises to bring out the inner child of grown-up fans of every sport, from football and baseball to soccer, lacrosse, tennis, swimming and cricket. Games and a silent auction will encourage friendly rivalry. Naples Beach Brewery will provide beverages, Crave Culinaire will cook up the main meal, and Rita's Italian Ice will serve sweets.

Co-chairs are Jennifer Jarvis Urness, Roxanne Werner and Rachel Linse. Tickets are \$125 per person or \$1,500 for an MVP table of eight. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call 260-1714.

■ The **Light the Way** gala to benefit the Salvation Army in Collier County takes place Saturday, Nov. 1, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf



Resort. Co-chairs are Sharon Treiser and Sheila Zellers. Tickets are \$300.

Donations for the evening's silent and live auctions are being sought, as are individual and corporate sponsorships. Contact Chris Nind, director of development, by calling 210-3081 or emailing [chris\\_nind@uss.salvationarmy.org](mailto:chris_nind@uss.salvationarmy.org).

■ The **American Girl Fashion Show** to benefit Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida returns to the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club with seatings at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8. The event showcases historical and contemporary fashions for girls and their American Girl dolls. Local young models (and their dolls) present the fashions. An American Girl doll salon and pop-up bookstore will be set up.

Tickets for \$100 will be available in September. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call Nicki McTeague at 343-6106, email [Nicole.McTeague@LeeMemorial.org](mailto:Nicole.McTeague@LeeMemorial.org) or find American Girl Fashion Show, Southwest Florida on Facebook.

■ The **sixth annual Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 6-9. The opening-night red carpet gala takes place at Artis-Naples, with screening of independent documentaries, shorts and full-length features taking place at





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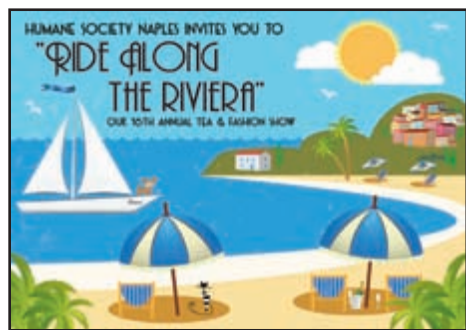
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■ **Boogie on the Beach: Music for the Soul**, an afternoon of food, fun and a silent auction to benefit Lighthouse of Collier Center for Blindness and Vision Loss, takes place from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, on the main lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Live music will be by Sanctum Soul. Tickets are \$75 for adults, \$25 for ages 6-18 and free for ages 5 and younger. The event's main sponsor is Arthrex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available.

Proceeds will help Lighthouse of Collier serve the estimated 14,000 blind and vision-impaired children and adults in Collier County. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit [lighthouseofcollier.org](http://lighthouseofcollier.org).

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 16th annual Tea & Fashion Show from 2-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's



theme is "Ride Along the Riviera." Co-chairs Philip Douglas and Doug Olsen, along with their pampered pooch Eva, promise an unforgettable afternoon of furry fun, fashion, fine food and refreshments, all to benefit the orphaned and abandoned pets awaiting their forever homes at the HSN shelter. Fashions will be presented exclusively by Escales and Pucci & Cattana Luxury Pet Boutique.

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■ **Naples Botanical Garden's 11th annual Hats in the Garden** luncheon and fashion show, "Couture et Fleurs: Runway Fantasies Inspired & Created from Nature," is set for Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Garden. Co-chairs are Donna Hall and Rusty Hubbell. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor, and Saks Fifth Avenue is the retail sponsor. Other major sponsors include Premier Sotheby's International Realty, Naples Illustrated and Arthrex.

The event is always a sell-out. For information about tickets, call 643-7275 or visit [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org).

■ **The Immokalee Foundation's 2014 Charity Classic Celebration: "Hope Grows"** takes place Friday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening of fine dining, entertainment and the Fund A Dream auction highlights the successes of TIF students in the foundation's various education programs. Joe Zednik, president of the TIF board of directors, is chair of the celebration.

Tickets are \$550. Sponsors include Arthrex, Fifth Third Bank, Jaguar Naples, Porsche of Naples, Bigham Jewelers, Naples Illustrated, Kevin Johnson with Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management, GE Foundation and Caterpillar Foundation. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit [immokaleefoundation.org](http://immokaleefoundation.org).

■ **The United Arts Council of Collier County** hosts its annual Celebrate the Arts gala Thursday, Nov. 20, at the LaPlaya Resort. Robin Hamilton and Robin Bache Gray as co-chairs of the evening themed "A Hot Night for Cool Arts." For more information, call 254-8242 or visit [collierarts.com](http://collierarts.com).

■ **The Community Foundation of Collier County** hosts the 2014 Power of the Purse luncheon to benefit its Women of Initiative program Thursday, Dec. 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Erin Brockovich, the

legal clerk and environmental activist whose story became a hit movie starring Julia Roberts, will be the keynote speaker. Co-chairs are Myra Friedman and Jacquelyn Pierce.

The luncheon brings together civic-minded leaders whose charitable activities help improve the well being of women and girls in our community. The 2015 Women of Initiative honorees will be announced at the Power of the Purse event. The 2015 Women of Initiative awards ceremony will be held in March 2015. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit [cfcollier.org](http://cfcollier.org).

■ **Naples Botanical Garden** celebrates the opening of the Eleanor and Nichole Chabraja Visitor Center with cocktails, dinner and dancing under the stars Thursday, Jan. 8. Tickets start at \$300. Formal invitations will be mailed in the fall. For more information, call 643-7275 or visit [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org).

■ **The Fire & Ice gala** to benefit the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee takes place Wednesday, Jan. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets for the evening of dinner, dancing and a live auction are \$500. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call 657-7711 or visit [guadalupecenter.org](http://guadalupecenter.org).

■ **The ninth annual Wishmaker's Ball: "Magical Moments"** to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida takes place Saturday, Jan. 17, at Quail West Golf and Country Club. Honorary chair of the evening is Brenda Booth-Brown; co-chairs are Jenny Foegen, Dylan Sanders and Amy Sedlacek. The goal is to raise funds to enable Make-A-Wish to grant 30 wishes to children in Southwest Florida.

Tickets are \$250; sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$2,500. For more information, call Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or email [lcolantonio@sflawish.org](mailto:lcolantonio@sflawish.org).

For more information about Make-A-Wish, including how to grant a wish

or get involved as a volunteer, visit [sflawish.org](http://sflawish.org).

■ **Champions For Learning** hosts its inaugural Night of Champions in celebration of its 25th year and to honor community leaders who are connecting Collier County students to their future. The evening is set for 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. For information about tickets and sponsorship tables, call Marylee Tirrell at 643-4755 or email [mtirrell@championsforlearning.org](mailto:mtirrell@championsforlearning.org).

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■ **The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** to benefit charities serving children takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28, in private homes and at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Co-chairs for the 2015 event are Elaine Hawkins and Dorothy Fitzgerald.

Tickets are \$500 for the grand tasting and auction, \$1,500 for a vintner dinner and the grand tasting and auction. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit [swflwinefest.org](http://swflwinefest.org).

■ **Hope for Haiti** holds its 25th anniversary gala, "Passport to the Heart," Saturday, March 7. Call the development office at 434-7183, ext. 4, for more information. ■

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For well-prepared German food served in sane portions and at reasonable prices, it would be hard to beat Black Forest Mill. Wedged between Em-On Thai and the Naples Olive Oil Company, this homey little spot offers warm hospitality and authentic food prepared by Chef Arthur Stoerchle and his wife, Dale. Potatoes are not typically served as appetizers, but the potato pancakes here are — and they're well worth abandoning your diet for the evening. Crisp on the outside, tender inside and needing no enhancements, they are a real treat. We also liked the chicken pate and complimentary bowls of potato salad and cole slaw. Rahmschnitzel, a special on this evening, consisted of a fried pork cutlet topped with a light cream mushroom gravy. Served with spaetzle and red cabbage, it was a delicious dish. The sauerbraten was spot-on, slightly sweet and sour, perfect with a brown gravy and potato dumpling. Apfelkuchen with whipped cream was a great finish. Beer and wine served.

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

■ **Cider Press Cafe, 1201 Piper Blvd., Naples; 631-2500**

Chef/owner Johan Everstijn calls what he creates "Florida inspired, modernist plant-based cuisine." What you'll find at Cider Press is an imaginative selec-

tion of meat-, fish- and soy-free dishes that are delicious, beautiful and brimming with nutrition. Nothing is cooked at a temperature higher than 117 degrees, thereby preserving nutrients. But there's no sacrificing flavor. A Florida roll is made from shredded jicama (in lieu of rice), watermelon "tuna," mango, cilantro and avocado. The Seminole corn chowder, served cold, is alive with sweet corn flavor. Chipotle enchiladas and churrasco (dumplings made of smoked nuts and portobello served with chimichurri sauce and yellow aji-pineapple salsa) are satisfying entrees. For dessert, try the tiramisu, with two creamy lemon layers and two imbued with coffee flavor. And don't skip the freshly pressed apple cider. Beer and wine served.

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

■ **Cirella's Italian Bistro & Sushi Bar, 25265 Chamber of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs; 948-3885**

A restaurant that serves both sushi and Italian food? It sounds odd, but Cirella's somehow pulls it off. We found much to like and little to criticize on either side of the menu, despite the sense of cognitive dissonance involved when you start your meal with raw fish smeared with wasabi paste and move on to pasta Bolognese. The sushi chef here does not skimp on the fillings, producing large rolls that don't leave you hungering for more. Classic dishes such as eggplant Parm and linguine with clams are present, but Cirella's doesn't lean heavily on American-pleasing piccata and Marsala

variations. The house-made gnocchi with Bolognese were tender, perfectly rolled and oh-so-fresh tasting. The delicious vitello di Parma was marked by delicately caramelized meat with bits of the salty ham, zesty slivers of garlic and mellow, milky cheese. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed July 2013

■ **Mereday's Fine Dining, Naples Bay Resort, 1500 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 732-0784**

The eponymous restaurant of Chef/owner Charles Mereday is a wonder of gracious service, sumptuous surroundings and the inspired cuisine that its creator simply terms American but that is so much more. This is a truly superb restaurant and one that should not be missed. Food is served as multi-course small plates (choose three, four or five courses or sit at the bar and order a large plate) and changes along with the seasonal availability of ingredients. I can vouch for the perfectly crafted heirloom red and gold beet salad with grilled ricotta salada, mint and orange segments; superb seared scallops with arugula and parsnip puree; butternut squash ravioli with tempura-fried squash blossom; Creole shrimp and cheddar grits; grilled salmon on sweet potato puree; crispy duck leg with wild mushroom risotto; and warm sticky toffee pudding with sweet toffee sauce and brown sugar ice cream. There's an excellent wine list to choose from as well. Full bar.

Food: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2

Atmosphere ★ ★ ★ ★  
Reviewed September 2013

■ **Osteria Tulia, 466 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 213-2073**

This restaurant sits along tony Fifth Avenue, but inside, Osteria Tulia is downright homey, simple and rustic, with food to match. Chef/owner Vincenzo Betulia spent more than a decade at Campiello and now heads up his own place that's filled with family members creating superb authentic fare. Caponata and fresh bread whet the appetite. House-made ricotta with walnuts and fresh herbs and meatballs napped in tomato sauce and garnished with pine nuts, currants and melted Parmesan were great starters. The roasted chicken was a thing of wonder, tender and succulent, served with farro, acorn squash and locally grown black leaf kale. House-made garganelli with braised lamb sugo and sheep cheese will make pasta lovers swoon. For dessert, do not miss the ricotta fritters with slow-cooked berries and whipped cream. As befits such a homey establishment, service is warm and nurturing. Full bar.

Food ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2  
Service: ★ ★ ★ ★  
Atmosphere: ★ ★ ★ ★ 1/2  
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★★★★ Noteworthy	★ Poor
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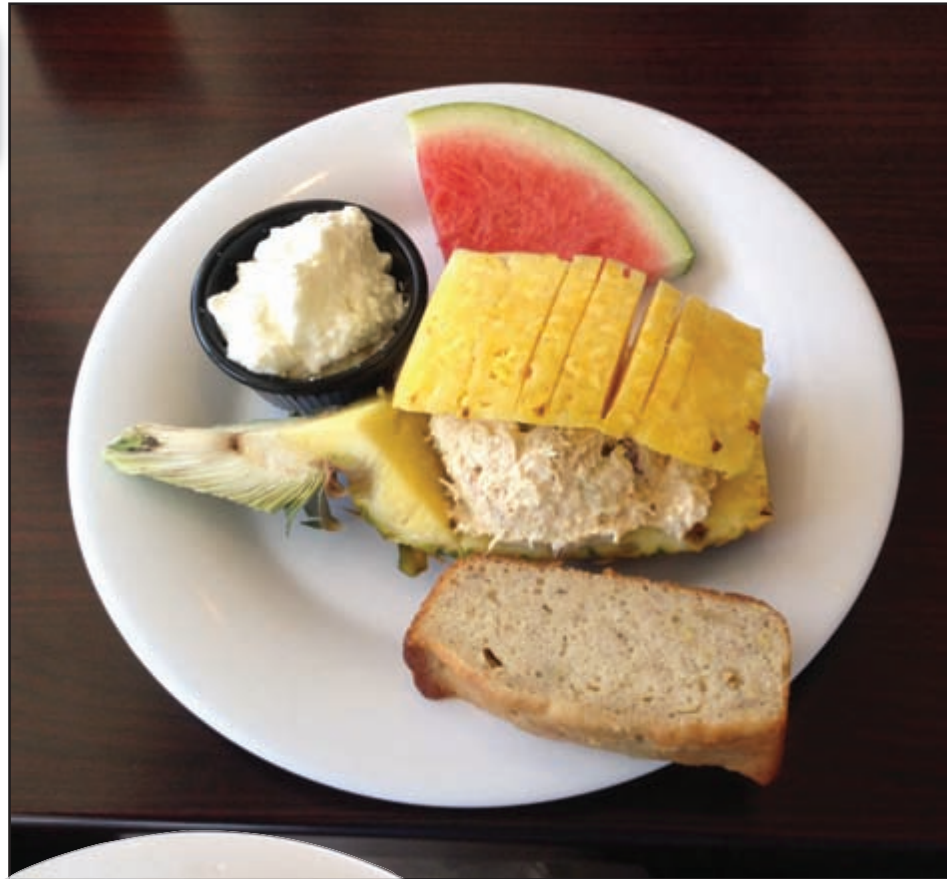
With its sweet homemade banana bread, creative French bread stuffings and flights of food fancy (see the “I Don’t Want Salad” Salad topped with a burger and fries), Toast torches some of the predictability of going out for breakfast or lunch.

Bored with the usual eggs Benedict? Try Toast’s Cali Benedict, with avocado, tomato and pesto hollandaise with your poached eggs. If you’re bananas about fruit for the morning meal, tuck into the banana-bread French toast topped with bananas (yes, they have bananas today). Can’t decide between a BLT and an egg salad sandwich? Toast puts both together in one buttery croissant.

With so many offbeat choices — and breakfast served all day —making a decision at Toast can be a bit daunting. Choosing the house-made raspberry iced tea (\$2.25 with free refills) to start was the easy part (after ruling out a mimosa for a weekday lunch).

I haven’t been to Toast’s Naples location, but if it’s anything like the Bonita restaurant, it’s a cheerier, less corporate-feeling version of the First Watch chain. The light wood paneling and walls of pale yellow and cream make a neutral backdrop for a sparse collection of oversized, brightly hued paintings of landscapes and striped hot-air balloons and such. (They are original works created by the owner, Brandi Lostracco, and are for sale). The ceiling, too, is a playful checkerboard of soothing pastel shades. It all seems designed to brighten the morning or noontime gently rather than bombarding guests with too many tchotchkes or cold metallic and tile surfaces.

We needed a few minutes to digest the smorgasbord of a menu, and our amiable server obliged after delivering our drinks. Once we ordered, the food arrived remarkably quickly and our waitress kept our glasses full throughout our meal and delivered the check promptly.



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Above: Chicken salad studded with dried cranberries is served on a pineapple wedge along with cottage cheese and banana bread at Toast.



Left: Country Benedict swaps sausage patties for Canadian bacon and a flaky biscuit for a toasted English muffin.

I love breakfast food — sunny-side-up eggs and crunchy bacon, or loaded omelets or burritos. But rarely do I have time or appetite at the beginning of the day for a substantive meal. So, it was a nice treat to have the option of eating such food for lunch.

From the four eggs Benedict variations offered, which include a vegetarian one for those healthier than I am, I selected the Country Benedict (\$9.50).

With a flaky biscuit swapped for the usual toasted English muffins and peppery pork sausage patties substituted for Canadian bacon, it definitely had a rustic country appeal, and the addition of sautéed mushrooms and onions added texture and caramelized sweetness. The eggs were perfectly poached, with silken whites and sunny, creamy yolks. The smooth hollandaise sauce draped over it all seemed lighter than most, yet was still buttery rich with a hint of lemon. It’s hard to imagine a better or heartier Benedict than Toast’s.

On the side you get a choice of fruit, home fries or hash-brown casserole. I chose the last option, a combination of shredded potatoes baked with sour cream, cheese, chicken stock and onions. I didn’t really taste all of those ingredients, but the potatoes were moist and

nicely browned.

The lunch menu is equally appealing and wide ranging. With a salad you can get chicken but not just one kind of chicken. Blackened, fried or grilled? Coconut-encrusted or buffalo style? The toasted cheese sandwich contains not one but three cheeses. There are clubs and panini, wraps and pitas. You get the idea.

My companion opted for the stuffed pineapple (\$9.25) from the “Twist on the Usual” section of the menu. It was a wedge of pineapple with part of the crown intact and topped with a mound of chicken salad. Slices of pineapple were tiled on top, and on the side were a wedge of watermelon, a cup of cottage cheese and a thick slice of the house banana bread. The salad was studded with dried cranberries, which was a tasty touch. But the dressing contained honey, according to the menu, and that made it just a tad too sweet for us. The banana bread was super-moist and had a fine crumb. I later regretted not taking a slice back to the office for a mid-afternoon snack.

Next time I’ll order the banana bread French toast. Or maybe the egg salad BLT. At Toast, it seems there are myriad reasons to plan your next breakfast or lunch. ■

### in the know

#### Toast of Bonita

24600 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 221-8256

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

- >> Hours: 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- >> Reservations: No
- >> Credit cards: Accepted
- >> Price range: Breakfast, \$5.99-\$11; lunch, \$8.25-\$9.75
- >> Beverages: Beer and wine
- >> Specialties of the house: French toast, omelets, eggs Benedict, sandwiches
- >> Volume: Low
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★★★★ Noteworthy  
★★★ Good  
★★ Fair  
★ Poor

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