

The lives they led

REMEMBERING SOME WE LOST THIS YEAR



Gary Lee Burke

"Even babies loved him."



**Renee Anderson
Fiorenza**

"She was the ultimate survivor."

Marianne Kramer

"She loved to smile, and she loved to see other people smile."



LESSONS IN HOW TO LIVE are ever present if we take note of how others navigate this earthly plane. They can provide examples in how to surmount obstacles, achieve contentment and be fulfilled, and

how to regard our fellow man and sow harmony.

What follows on pages **A8-11** are profiles of five Collier County residents who passed away during 2014, each of them, as with all of us, having an instructive story to tell.



Sascha Bonte

"He just loved life, and you can tell by how many people loved him."



Stella Thomas

"There was a genuine goodness about her."

STORIES BY DON MANLEY
FLORIDA WEEKLY CORRESPONDENT

Artificial reef project set to take the plunge

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The largest artificial reef project in the western hemisphere is ready to launch, with 18,000 tons of reef material, a unified construction contract, artificial reef modules and permitting from the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers for 36 reefs off the Collier County coast all in place.

Celebrations are planned Thursday and Friday, Jan. 8-9.

It was just two years ago that the Economic Recovery Task Force joined with local attorney Peter Flood to develop a business plan and work with Naples and Marco Island city officials and county government officials to apply for and secure \$1.3 million in private BP grant

funds. An additional \$50,000 was secured in private donations, administered through the Community Foundation of Collier County.

"We are pleased to have been able to deliver on our promise to the community," Mr. Flood says, adding the reef project is

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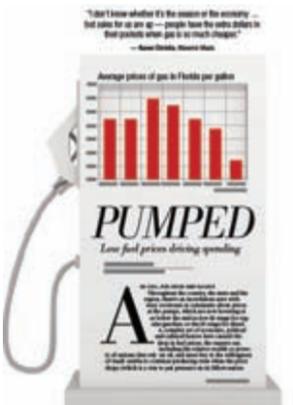
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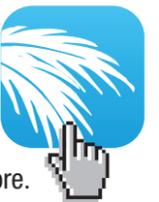


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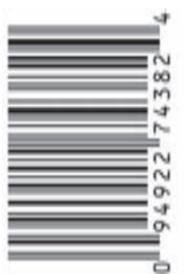
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Happy News Year



COMMENTARY

I am my mother's child



I did not expect a recent journey to turn into a quest to discover the origins of a garden “whatnot,” but it did. “Whatnots” are bric-a-brac, purchased for a modest price that tend to morph and multiply into a vast clutter of collectibles.

I know this about whatnots because my mother had this collector’s compulsion. Every tabletop in our family home hosted some mass-produced, ornamental statuary or ceramic dish. The most elegant pieces were on display on a coffee table that never knew a cup of coffee. A whatnot’s function is inconsequential to its purpose, much like the misappropriated coffee table in our living room.

My mom had whatnot preferences. Her curio cabinet served as a Palace of Versailles for several pairs of porcelain ladies and gents costumed in 18th century garb, locked in each other’s arms at a respectful distance, dancing a frozen minuet. They always caught my eye as I passed by on my way to the kitchen. There were Humboldt-like figurines, too, of a Hansel and Gretel vintage, their chubby forms in Germanic costumes appearing without explanation,

as if they had wandered into our family home direct from the Black Forest.

As a teenager, I was cynical of the merits of whatnots and regarded them as dust-collectors, hardly worthy of admiration or desire. So I was determined to resist as an adult the collectible habit, cautious that I might become my mother.

Nonetheless, I was genetically stricken. My downfall became garden statuary. This genre of whatnots impose their own limitations, given the copious amounts of concrete involved. Moves necessitated often leaving them behind, but I took satisfaction in knowing their status as garden fixtures was assured by the hefty commitment required to dispose of them.

So it was destiny, I suppose, that garden whatnots are central to the story of the quest with which this column begins.

I went to visit my husband’s 94-year-old uncle on the aforementioned trip. After a stay of several hours, and murmurs of appreciation to his wife for a butterscotch pie, I stood to take my leave. As I ventured out into a drizzling rain, Uncle Charlie called me back, beckoning me to follow him into the garage. We stepped gingerly through a narrow path between towers of boxes, and into a garage addition that served as his workshop.

He wanted me to take a gander at his latest project, the repair of two very large terra cotta figurines lying bro-

ken on his workbench. A car bumper had invaded their prior location by the garage entrance. Knowing Uncle, he spoke recriminations to the perpetrator while scooping the pieces up and then stored them away, to be forgotten until Uncle Charlie decided he had the time to repair the damage, a testament to his fortitude that only now does he have the time.

His progress in putting the shards together was yielding impressive results. Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf were nearly resurrected, proportionate in scale to one another, appearing almost life size, although admittedly, it was the grandeur of their detail that tricked the eye.

As a reluctant connoisseur, I was duly impressed. I asked how the two figures had come into his possession, noting they were of the quality to which all whatnots aspire but seldom achieve. Uncle Charlie’s preamble was circuitous (of which I also plead guilty) but the destination of his explanation took us to Rock City, the place where seven states are visible from atop its perch high on Lookout Mountain in Tennessee. If you have never seen a “See Rock City” sign, a big chunk of North America is missing from your travels.

Anyway, Rock City is on the National Register of Historic places, founded by Frieda Carter and her husband. Frieda was German and had a special interest in fairies and folktales. She largely designed Rock City as a tourist destina-

tion and dubbed the ancillary gardens and walking trails “Fairyland.” The Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf in Uncle Charlie’s possession are duplicates of the terra cotta figures in Frieda’s Fairyland. Uncle Charlie bought his pair long ago from a collector in Indiana. He subsequently stumbled across the existence of the originals at Fairyland on a vacation visit to Rock City. Uncle Charlie implored me to discover who and where the terra cottas were made, a mystery worthy of Ms. Marple — and she didn’t have the Internet.

I did the research and discovered the Fairyland figures were first created around 1860 and manufactured in Grafenroda, Germany, by Phillip Griebel. However, the bigger discovery is that Griebel is famous for creating the mother-of-all whatnots, the garden gnome. Griebel’s descendants still make them, though most come from Poland and China now.

After completing my quest, I realize how sadly lacking my life is without a garden gnome, a shortcoming that must be rectified. I am my mother’s child, after all. ■

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OPINION

Obama's Cuban olive branch



richLOWRY

Special to Florida Weekly

Candidate Barack Obama said that, as president, he would talk to anti-American dictators without precondition. He didn't mention that he would also give them historic policy concessions without precondition.

His surprise unilateral change in the U.S. posture toward the Castro dictatorship came without even the pretense of serious promises by the Cubans to reform their kleptocratic, totalitarian rule.

The trade of Alan Gross, the American aid worker jailed in Cuba for the offense of trying to help Jewish Cubans get on the Internet, for three Cuban spies is understandable (we also got back one of our spies, and Cuba released several dozen political prisoners as a sweetener).

The rest of Obama's sweeping revisions — diplomatic relations and the loosening of every economic sanction he can plausibly change on his own — are freely granted, no questions asked. It is quid with no pro quo.

There is no doubt that economic sanctions are a blunt and dubious instrument, and reasonable people can disagree about their wisdom (I've gone back and forth about the Cuban embargo through the years). But dictatorial regimes hate them for a reason. All things considered, they want more economic wherewithal rather than less.

Cuba is heavily dependent on the largesse of its ideological partner Venezuela, whose irrational, left-wing policies have helped trash its economy. Just as the Cuban dictatorship faces the dire prospect of the collapse of Venezuela's support, here comes El Yanqui to cushion the blow. The Castro regime will take a cut of the increased trade, remittances and tourism that will spring from Obama's concessions.

Consider tourism. The Cuban military has an enormous holding company called GAESA. One of its companies, Gaviota, operates an extensive network of hotels and resorts, according to the strategic consultancy Stratfor. Imagine if the Pentagon owned the Marriott and Hilton hotel chains. That is the Cuban tourism industry in a nutshell.

About a million Canadian tourists go to Cuba every year. In total, more than 2 million tourists visit annually, and yet

the Castro regime is still standing.

It is true, of course, that the embargo — which Obama can't lift on his own — hasn't ended the Castro regime. On the other hand, there is little reason to believe that lifting the embargo will end it, either. Our vast trade with China hasn't yet made Beijing any less repressive.

The Cuba embargo is condemned as a relic of the Cold War, but it is the regime itself that is a relic, an inhuman jackboot left over from the era when people actually professed to believe in workers' paradises.

There are holdout believers, still. The liberal elite has often treated Fidel Castro as a cute, plucky figure of defiance, and even now, the government has determined apologists in the U.S. Congress.

If Cuba were a racist apartheid-style system rather than a communist dictatorship, no one would be so eager to do business with it. The great and good celebrate the Obama changes as the end of an era. But they will replenish the coffers of a Cold War regime that is stubbornly still standing. ■

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Fighting for the climate in the heart of the world



amyGOODMAN

Special to Florida Weekly

Lima, the capital of Peru, has become a city of gustatory renown, attracting foodies from the world over to sample dishes from its famous ceviche to favorites from the Andean highlands. So it was an appropriate place, perhaps, for what has become a genuine movable feast, the world-roving series of summits organized by the United Nations to tackle the crisis of climate change. This year's meeting, known as "COP 20," the 20th Conference of Parties to the Kyoto Protocol, was the last high-level meeting with presidents and prime ministers before the December 2015 climate summit in Paris.

The Paris meeting is supposed to produce an extension of the Kyoto Protocol, a new, global, legally binding treaty that restricts global warming to an increase in average global temperatures to just 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit). As such, all eyes are on Paris. But if the devil is in the details, it is here in Lima that the details are being worked out. You can't spell "climate" without L-I-M-A.

First, it's necessary to understand the setting, and who is at the table and who is not. Inside, the summit proceeds in an orderly manner, with U.N. police standing watch and a rarified air of diplomatic decorum. It is hard to feel any sense of urgency. This is astounding, as the science is clear: The world is warming rapidly, and without action, catastrophic climate change will soon become irreversible.

The official COP 20 was held on the grounds of the Peruvian army headquarters — ominously named "El Pentagonito," or "the little Pentagon." In this militarized zone, the U.N. climate summit occurs in a Potemkin village, with formal ceremonies and intermittent, preapproved protests.

The imagery is not lost on many Peruvians organizing for climate justice. Wilfredo Saavedra Marreros, president of the Environmental Defense Front of Cajamarca, told "Democracy Now!": "It's a farce. ... The representatives of the states of the world are meeting in a place that is stained with blood. In the Pentagonito, that military base, they have extrajudicially executed our brothers, they have burned them, they have disappeared them."

Outside, in the bustling city streets of Lima, a city of more than 8 million people with interminable traffic jams, grass-roots activists hosted their own "cumbre de los pueblos," a people's summit on climate change, in a public park across town. On Dec. 10, Human Rights Day, thousands of people marched through the streets, demanding genuine action on climate change.

Pascoe Sabido, with the group Corporate Europe Observatory (CEO), organized both inside and outside the COP 20. Together with other groups he released a report titled "Corporate Conquistadors: The Many Ways Multinationals Both Drive and Profit From Climate Destruction." At one action inside, Sabido and others descended on a meeting sponsored by oil giants Shell, Chevron and other fossil-fuel interests. "There were lots and lots of very angry and active people there trying to protest against the presence of the fossil-fuel industry here in these talks," he later told me. "Twenty years we've been going without progress towards a fair, ambitious climate deal that we need. One of the big reasons is because of the aggressive lobbying of the fossil-fuel industry, both at the national level and here in the talks."

Another organizer at COP 20 was the Nigerian environmental leader Nnimmo Bassey. He said: "Before I left Nigeria, my temperature was gauged twice, to determine if I have high fever or if I have Ebola. Now, the temperature of the Earth has gone 0.8 degrees above pre-industrial levels. If the Earth was to go

through the same process ... it would've been quarantined because the Earth would've been judged to have high fever or Ebola. But, we can't quarantine the Earth. We need to find who are the climate criminals and quarantine them."

It's also important to note who wasn't at COP 20. Yeb Sano was the lead climate negotiator for the Philippines last year. To the shock of many, he was pulled from the delegation this year and stayed home, as his nation was devastated by Typhoon Hagupit. Sano tweeted: "They can silence my mouth. But they cannot silence my soul." Sano made waves at COP 19 in Warsaw, Poland. The Philippines was being hit then by Typhoon Haiyan. Sano wasn't sure if his family had survived. In an emotional address to the summit, he said: "If not us, then who? If not now, then when? If not here, then where?" Many climate activists from the Philippines think concerted pressure from the U.S. and European governments prompted Sano's removal, as he was becoming a forceful proponent of climate justice for the Global South.

Atossa Soltani, founder of the non-profit organization Amazon Watch, told me that, despite all the COP's deficiencies, she's glad this global gathering is here in Peru, where more than 60 percent of the country — an area the size of Texas — is rain forest. "It's the first COP ever in an Amazon country. And the Amazon is incredibly important in the climate debate. ... It's the heart of the planet, pumping moisture and vapor," Soltani said. "That's why this COP is important-to put the Amazon on the map, to put indigenous rights central to the debate, and to call for the end of the fossil-fuel era. That's why we're here." ■

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Saul I. Stern Cultural Series begins on Marco at JCM

The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island opens the 21st year of the Saul I. Stern Cultural Series with Marvin Tokayer, retired rabbi of Japan, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6. Rabbi Tokayer has spent a lifetime uncovering the roots of Jews in the Far East. Focusing on "Pepper, Silk and Ivory" (the title of his latest book, which was published in September), he will discuss the history of the Jews in Asia.

After service as an army chaplain in Japan, Rabbi Tokayer spent more than 10 years as rabbi of Japan and director of culture, religion and education for the Jewish Communities of the Far East. His books include "The Fugu Plan: The Untold Story of the Japanese and the Jews during World War II."

The Saul I. Stern Cultural Series evening begins at 7:30 p.m. A question-and-answer period, book signing and reception with the rabbi will follow the program.

The series continues Feb. 28 with the Naples Philharmonic Brass Quintet and oMarch 18 with Harry Ettlinger, one of the original Monuments Men, a small group of Allied heroes in World War II who assisted in rescuing works of art and other important cultural artifacts from Hitler's regime and returning them to their rightful owners.

Series tickets are \$75 for patrons, \$50 for JCM members and \$60 for non-members. Single tickets are \$20 for members and \$25 for others. For tickets or more information, call 642-0800. ■

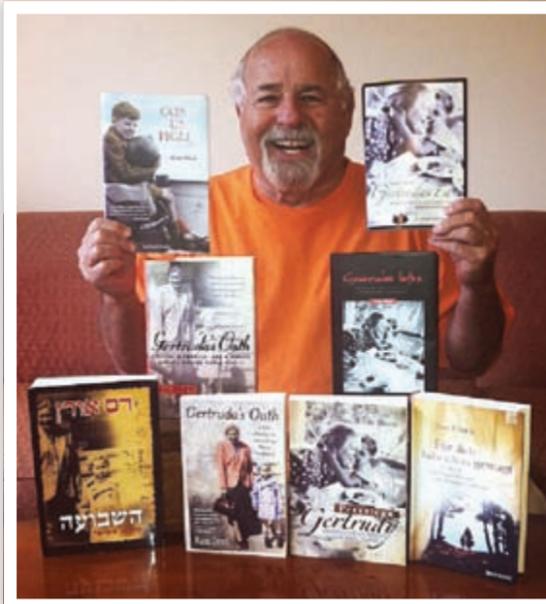
One Book Southwest Florida welcomes subject of 'Gertruda's Oath'

Michael Stolowitzky will greet audiences in Naples, Fort Myers

The story of Michael Stolowitzky and his nanny Gertruda could have been a suspense novel, but instead, author Ram Oren, the "John Grisham of Israel," wrote a non-fiction book that, if one did not know was true, would certainly be thought to be a fabulous fictional tale.

Mr. Oren's book, "The Oath," was published in 2007 in Hebrew and soon became a best-seller in Israel. The book has since been translated into eight languages. The English version, "Gertruda's Oath: A Child, a Promise, and a Heroic Escape During World War II," was selected for the inaugural One Book Southwest Florida reading program based on the successful One Book One Community programs in towns and cities across the U.S. The goal of One Book programs is to engage the community in dialogue, to promote understanding and to serve as a springboard for discussion of universal topics such as loyalty, justice, family and faith.

Mr. Stolowitzky, the only son of a wealthy Jewish family in Poland, was just 3 years old when World War II broke out. After suffering a severe stroke, his dying mother asked Gertruda Babilinska, the family's devoted Catholic nanny, to make a fateful promise: that Gertruda would get Michael to safety in Palestine and raise him there as her own son. The book presents



Michael Stolowitzky, the subject of "Gertruda's Oath," with various editions of the best-seller by Ram Oren.

a story of extraordinary courage and moral strength in the face of horrific wartime events, and pays tribute to Gertruda's commitment to Michael and his family.

A charming gentleman now in his 70s, Mr. Stolowitzky visits Southwest Florida in January to talk about his remarkable journey and the nanny who saved his life. He will make three presentations, signing copies of "Gertruda's Oath" at each. Attendance is free, but reservations are required for each

of the following:

■ 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers. RSVP to 533-4000.

■ 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7, at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Road, Naples. RSVP to the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, 263-9200.

■ 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples. RSVP to 252-7542.

"Gertruda's Oath" discussion groups are now being held throughout Southwest Florida. For dates, times and locations, visit holocaustmuseumSWFL.org.

Copies of "Gertruda's Oath" are available for checkout at public libraries in Collier and Lee counties and are on sale at the Holocaust Museum & Education Center in Naples.

The One Book Southwest Florida reading program and Mr. Stolowitzky's appearances are a collaborative effort by the following organizations: Collier County Public Library System, the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida, Temple Shalom, GenShoah of Southwest Florida (an organization for children of Holocaust survivors), Lee County Library System and the Jewish Federation of Lee and Charlotte Counties. ■

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Naples Winter Wine Festival announces Lifetime Achievement Award

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Napa Valley winemakers Bart and Daphne Araujo have been named the first recipients of the Naples Winter Wine Festival Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of their passion for producing extraordinary wine and their longstanding commitment to improving the lives of children in need.

The award will be presented at the 2015 NWWF: Imagine the Possibilities, Jan. 23-25 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort.

For almost a quarter of a century, the Araujos have been involved with Napa Valley winegrowing as owners of one of California's most historic vineyard sites, the Eisele Vineyard. A fifth-generation Cal-

ifornian, Mr. Araujo has ties to ranching and years of business experience that prepared him well for the task of developing and managing a world-class wine estate. Mrs. Araujo's formal training in landscape architecture influenced all aspects of the estate, including the vineyard, winery, olive groves and fruit and vegetable gardens.

"We couldn't think of more fitting recipients for this inaugural award," says Sandi Moran, vintner chair and co-chair of the upcoming festival.

The Araujos first attended NWWF as featured vintners in 2002 and have returned every year since. In total, their donated auction lots have generated more than \$1.1 million, and their wine has been a favorite among festival patrons.

"To be recognized by this extraordinary group for what we have accomplished in the world of wine is a singular honor," Mr. Araujo says, adding the award "also reinforces the importance of wine as a catalyst for philanthropy."

In July 2013, after receiving an unsolicited expression of interest, the couple sold their storied Araujo Estate and its Eisele Vineyard to the Pinault family, the French owners of Château Latour. They have acquired a new home in Oakville, Calif., with a cabernet sauvignon vineyard, and another property in the St. Helena appellation with more cabernet vineyards and a permit to build a winery. The first wines under their new label, Accendo Cellars, will be released in 2015.



Winemakers and philanthropists Daphne and Bart Araujo

Ticket to the 2015 NWWF start at \$8,500 per couple, with a \$20,000 package that includes reserved seating for a party of four at the same vintner dinner and at the live auction. For more information, call (888) 837-4919 or visit napleswinefestival.com. ■

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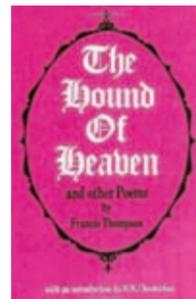


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Jan 13 Southwest Florida Symphony: Simply Classics at 7:30pm. Shell Point is pleased to partner with the Southwest Florida Symphony to present rich classics by three of Vienna's brightest stars: Haydn, Mozart, and Beethoven. Join Conductor Nir Kabaretti and pianist Andrew Armstrong for an evening of emotionally-complex melodies. Tickets are \$20. **Visit www.shellpoint.org/concerts to reserve your place or call 454-2067.**



Jan 14 The Hound of Heaven from 10:15 to 11:45am. Brian Oxley, the executive producer, shows two films focusing on the poem by Francis Thompson entitled The Hound of Heaven. One is an acclaimed documentary, filmed on location in Great Britain. The other, highlighted by the Hollywood Reporter, is a modern live-action short film accepted at the Raindance Film Festival in London. Brian will introduce them and answer questions. **Call 489-8472 to reserve your place.**



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Gary Lee Burke

"Even babies loved him."

Linda Burke counts herself among the lucky few who find the ideal mate early on in life.

In her case, lightning struck on her first day of high school. That's when she and fellow 10th grader Gary Lee Burke first set eyes on each other.

"He didn't speak to me or anything, but that was it — it was all over," Mrs. Burke recalls about that initial encounter in their hometown of Fruitport, Mich.

They were smitten from the start, but shyness kept the love-struck teens from talking, much less dating, until their junior year.

What began with exchanged glances led to a storybook marriage of almost 45 years — a union cut short by Lee Burke's unexpected death in April.

"I have to be thankful that I found him and we had a good life together," says Mrs. Burke. "Some people never find an appropriate partner."

She describes him as being witty, lighthearted, loving, kind, compassionate and protective and a loyal friend.

"He was just a really good person. Even babies liked him," she says with a chuckle. "I could hold a baby and it would scream. He would hold it and it would calm right down."

The couple's years together were highlighted by their shared loves for biking, hiking, history and travel, especially to Europe, where they toured the continent's cathedrals.

Along the way, there were also shared academic and professional achievements. Mr. Burke earned a bachelor's degree in business and math from Michigan State University, where Mrs. Burke, the owner of Linda Burke Interiors in Naples, earned a bachelor's in interior design and a master's degree in art with a focus on health-care design.

After college, he worked as an engineer for 21 years in Michigan, retiring



Gary and Linda Burke

1986 when the couple moved to Naples. After relocating, they opened Burke & Burke Design Interiors and Mr. Burke later owned and operated Lee Burke Painting and Monty's Framing.

But before college graduation and embarking on careers, the Vietnam War interrupted the couple's lives. Mr. Burke was a U.S. Army infantryman in the jungles of Vietnam and Cambodia. He earned a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars and an Air Medal for valor.

The horrors of war left their mark, but Mrs. Burke says her husband did a good job of keeping the demons at bay while working as an engineer.

"They (veterans) can suppress it and keep it in a box, but he had severe PTSD as he got older," she says. "He tried very hard to work through it. He tried to help other veterans, too. He spent hours with other veterans."

A member of the Fort Myers Chapter of the Combat Infantryman's Association for 24 years, Mr. Burke spent a lot of time at the Veterans Administration Bay Pines Outpatient Clinic in Naples, sharing experiences with other combat vets.

One of the people who had occasion to see Mr. Burke struggle with PTSD was his friend Ken Andexler. The two met eight years ago at Monty's Framing when Mr. Andexler, a visual artist and poet, stopped in to utilize Mr. Burke's services. They hit it off and formed a friendship that found Mr. Andexler stopping by at least once a month to chat.

On one visit, Mr. Andexler unexpectedly found Mr. Burke feeling troubled by thoughts of the war.

"He was one of the first to go into Cambodia. Those events that occurred, he couldn't get them out of his mind," Mr. Andexler says. "He had a great heart and really felt for the people he was with in Vietnam."

Mr. Andexler penned the following poem based on Mr. Burke's combat experience. He completed it just one week before his friend's passing on April 30.

Ode to Burke

By Ken Andexler

The fight in Vietnam, carried on and on
the year was '69, the draft was full blown —
the boys became very rapidly men, and the men
they became,
when they slept in water way up to their necks,
with their guns and ammo above their heads.
The Cong would cross their paths, two or so
would be dead.

Ten or more — ssh! Let 'em pass.
The tank ride one day, His friend wanted to trade
places,
the bomb hit, and His friend ended up dead.
And on His new ride, a neighbor, his head blown
apart —
landed on His lap and across His face.

Death still did not pass Him
for a body bag He lay in Him
the helicopter ride to the morgue shook Him —
"Hey! This one's still alive!"

For why? For why? Why? For why?
Forty-five years later those memories never faded,
those war anniversary dates shook him dearly,
again and again;
those times, He could not surrender.

A man, a friend, he'd do almost anything for anyone!

Kindness and gentleness surrounded his sound character!

But now, the blood in His heart filled His belly.
His gut could take no more.

His heart finally collapsed, drained, from that Vietnam War.

His partner rushed Him in,
forty-five years of pain,
it finally, surrendered His mind.

He bled, He bled and,
the Gentle Man — a True Purple Heart recipient
— capped the day in intensive care.

He saved so many lives in that useless war,
His M-60 sliced the enemy in half.

He fought to save His own life and the others, too,
that He spared.

For after all, it's the government's war, The Man's War to Survive.

Today, I prayed that He could survive, get His butt out of bed,
and walk the past no more.

But there are no body bags in Heaven for He,
already, was headed there.

Some people live their lives loudly, the way a silence-piercing sound demands attention from anyone within earshot.

Bombast, however, was not the way of Marianne Tirri Kramer, a private, astute, soft-spoken woman with a gentle smile who chose a more subtle, but no less powerful, path.

The owner of Sasso's International Cuisine & Seafood restaurant on Marco Island, Mrs. Kramer, 51, passed away in September after a brief illness.



Marianne Kramer

"She loved to smile, and she loved to see other people smile."

In ways large and small, hers was a life in which advancing the lot of her fellow man was a priority, recalls her husband of six years, Fred Kramer, an attorney on Marco.

"She was just a very loving and caring person," he says. "She always tried to help others. She was also very involved with charities, almost always on an anonymous basis. One of the things she took a lot of pride in was helping people improve their lives."

Children's medical research was a cherished cause. In years past, Mrs. Kramer had served on the board of directors and as president of a large charitable foundation. She also was a supporter of Zoo Miami, that city's regional wildlife park.

She moved to Marco from the Miami area 16 years ago, after falling in love with the island's beauty and the privacy of a small community, her husband says, adding the area's abundant boating and fishing were among her favorite pastimes and activities the couple enjoyed together.

While Mrs. Kramer's resume includes a career in the aviation industry, she made her professional mark on Marco in the restaurant business, an industry that she'd grown up with in the Philadelphia area.

She opened Sasso's nine years ago and the Mediterranean-styled bistro became an island favorite. Mrs. Kramer was anything but an absentee owner, having a hand in all aspects of the eatery's operations, from the kitchen, to the dining room, to the front of the house.

"She was fully committed to the restaurant," says Mr. Kramer. "Literally, she was there every day."

They also shared ownership in a business adjacent to Sasso's, the Marco Golf and Garden miniature golf course, which features lushly landscaped gardens, interspersed with ponds.

Designing the putt-putt course, which opened in 2013, was a collaborative process for the couple. Their plans included eventually extending the gardens from the course to the restaurant, which offers al fresco dining.

That feature will become a reality, vows Mr. Kramer.

"She enjoyed life," was his response when asked to recount a story that illustrates who Marianne Tirri Kramer was as a person. "She loved to smile and she loved to see other people smile."

Mr. Kramer is equally concise in describing the legacy she hoped to leave amongst those whose lives she touched: "She'd like to be remembered for just trying to do good and to make things better for others." ■





Renee Anderson Fiorenza

"She was the ultimate survivor."

Renée Anderson Fiorenza was blessed with an ability to uplift others with an all-embracing joie de vivre.

"My mom was a very upbeat, fun, a really positive person," recalls her daughter, Melody Pickel. "She always saw the glass as half full. She just was a fun, personable person. She lived every day completely to the fullest."

Mrs. Fiorenza died unexpectedly in March, after being struck by a car in her North Naples neighborhood.

The 86-year-old's sunny disposition stood in sharp contrast to the harshness she experienced as a girl who happened to be born Jewish in Berlin, during Adolph Hitler's rise to power.

Born Ellen Renate Barczinski in 1927, hers was a life of privilege, thanks to a corporate attorney father, Dr. Arthur Barczinski, and a mother, Hildegard, who was an entrepreneur. But that life of comfort and security was transformed as the 1930s drew to a close.

Mrs. Fiorenza was one of the fortunate ones — the Jews able to emigrate and find asylum before the Nazi's campaign of extermination reached its zenith. For her, that blessing occurred at age 12, with her inclusion in the Kindertransport rescue mission, in which Jewish children were sent to England to live with sponsor families.

But before finding refuge across the sea, she experienced the horrific terror of Kristallnacht.

Known as "The Night of Broken Glass," Kristallnacht saw coordinated attacks on Jews, their homes, businesses and synagogues throughout Germany and

Austria by Nazi storm troopers, members of the SS and the Hitler Youth, Nov. 9-10, 1938.

Dr. Barczynski was imprisoned by the Nazis, but then released before the war's start. He then traveled to England in 1938 to prepare a place for his wife and three children.

After arriving in London in January 1939, Mrs. Fiorenza continued her schooling. Her mother eventually escaped to London as well, as did her two brothers, who fought with the English against Germany.

The entire family survived the war.

At 18, after the war's conclusion, she returned to Germany to work as a translator for the U.S. government. While there, she met her first husband, the late Blaine Anderson, who retired as a major in the U.S. Army.

After immigrating to Canada, she joined Mr. Anderson in America where they married and had two children, Melody and Mark.

Both Mr. Anderson and her second husband, Carl Fiorenza, preceded her in death.

Mrs. Pickel believes her mother's approach to life helped her survive the experiences of her youth.

"She didn't look back, she didn't look forward," she says. "She was the ultimate survivor. That's what my husband (Gary) called her. She didn't let anything bad affect her. She just made the best of everything. She lived her life passionately every day."

Despite everything, Mrs. Fiorenza harbored no ill will toward the German people, although the trials she experienced weren't something she liked to discuss.

"She preferred to concentrate on what was happening right now and what was happening to other people," her daughter says. Intelligent and savvy, at the time of her death she was still active, making plans with friends and family.

Mrs. Pickel also describes her mother as having been loving and involved as a parent and as grandmother to her two children, Jonathan and David.

"It wasn't like she had an apron on and was hugging and kissing," she adds. "It wasn't like she was the traditional grandmother who was baking you cookies. She wanted to know what you were doing and ... could she help?"

Mrs. Fiorenza contributed her life story to the Oral/Visual History Project of the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida. The project preserves for posterity the testimonies of the region's Holocaust survivors, liberators, resisters and witnesses.

Over the years, she often attended programs at the museum and brought friends there, says Amy Snyder, the institution's executive director.

The radiance of Mrs. Fiorenza's personality made a mark that still echoes through the facility.

"She was very vivacious," Ms. Snyder says. "She always had something to say that brought a smile to your face. Every time I saw her, she had a smile on her face and was ready to go, whatever was happening." ■



Sascha Bonte

"He just loved life, and you can tell by how many people loved him."

Sascha Bonte's life was unfolding as normal during the summer of 2013.

As always, the vital, upbeat 44 year-old maintained a busy schedule at his popular Marco Island shop, Sascha's Salon & Day Spa.

Mr. Bonte also found time for fun, taking part, that July, in the world's oldest and largest bike-touring event, (The Des Moines) Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa.

But that air of regularity — the sometimes pleasurable, sometimes not ebb and flow of life — slowly and inexorably began to change upon his return to Southwest Florida.

"I think he started to feel that something wasn't right in August," his wife, Patricia, says. "When he came back (from Iowa), he was very fatigued. And then the headaches started. He didn't think anything of it, but then his vision started to get bad. It got worse and worse and worse."

The eye doctor told him it was something neurological.

Mr. Bonte thought overwork was the culprit, but it was instead something infinitely more serious: a brain tumor.

The diagnosis came after he consulted with doctors in his hometown of Stuttgart, Germany, where he'd traveled to spend the Christmas holidays with his wife and their son Daniel, then 15, who reside there.

An operation removed a tumor, but complications from the procedure resulted in Mr. Bonte's death in September. He was 45.

The couple had been separated for three of their 15 years of marriage, but remained close.

"He was my best friend," says Mrs. Bonte. "We were like brother and sister. We always loved each other. When he got his diagnosis, when he was ill, he came to us. That shows you the kind of relationship we had. He knew he could always come to us."

A hairstylist for both women and men, Mr. Bonte was known for his sense of humor, generosity, honesty and compassion, and his love of fitness and motorcycles.

"His motto was live and let live," says Mrs. Bonte. "He didn't hold grudges. He just loved life, and you can tell by how many people loved him. He was very centered, ambitious, very hard working. I've never known a person who worked as hard as he always did."

The Bontes first met in Stuttgart, when Mrs. Bonte went to his salon there seeking a fix for a hair-coloring attempt gone wrong. Correcting the misfire took several visits and led to Mr. Bonte asking her out on a date. They dated for about one year before marrying in 1998. In 2002, the couple moved to Marco, where her parents reside.

In 2003, Mr. Bonte opened Sascha's Salon & Day



Renee Anderson Fiorenza, left, and her daughter, Melody Pickel, in 2008.

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Spa, where Jo Bromley of nearby Goodland was a longtime customer.

“He was an awesome man,” Ms. Bromley says. “He was so energetic. He had no filter. What he wanted to say, he said — and nine times out of 10, it was funny.”

Ms. Bromley was his last client, getting her hair cut on Christmas Eve morning last year, mere hours before Mr. Bonte’s flight to Germany. She was not aware, until much later, of his health struggles and the difficulty they posed where his craft and his livelihood were concerned.

“He was a genius at what he did,” she says. “His vision was so bad, he had to cut by feel. And let me tell you, it was a perfect haircut.”

In lieu of an obituary, Mrs. Bonte penned this farewell in her husband’s honor, expressing what she believes he would say to those who knew him:

“A lot has been written about me the last 12 years, and as you read this I will be in heaven with my parents. Now I would like to be able to have the last word concerning me.

“As the most of you know, my family and I moved to Florida in 2002. At that time I did not have my cosmetology license, so I started renovating houses. I can tell you all, it was not easy for me; all I wanted was to do hair.

“My wish became reality after I bought a salon on Marco Island. The beginnings were very hard, as nobody on the island knew me or my talent yet. I had what I thought was a great idea to offer inexpensive children’s haircuts. I will now admit that I wanted to bait you moms into my shop to convince you that I could be the best hairstylist for you.

“Needless to say, my plan worked. So month by month and year by year my client base grew. I thank you for the trust that you continued to show me through the years ... I can truly say I consider you all



Owning a motorcycle was one of Sascha Bonte's dreams come true.

part of the family. All families can be dysfunctional at times, but at the end of the day, we worked it out one way or the other.

“All my co-workers, customers, Marco friends and Naples friends, I had the honor and the privilege to be a part of your life. You made me laugh and some of you made me cry, but you all enriched my life.

“I was able to fulfill my biggest dreams of becoming a U.S. citizen and owning my own bike. Man, was I happy riding that machine.

“I lived a life many people dream of, and collectively all of you helped make that happen ... For that I am eternally grateful. The positive as well as the negative shape you to be the person you were intended to be.

“I know some of you were confused by my behav-

ior over the last year. By December 2013, the tumor had become the size of a lighter. I named it George, and he was removed successfully. The bad thing was, they took out much of my healthy brain tissue, and after extensive radiation and chemo, my brain developed a nasty virus for which there is no cure. The virus infects every healthy brain cell and shuts it down. The cancer did not kill me, but the treatment did. I kept on fighting till the end.

“If you ask me would I do it all over again, I would answer, ‘Heck yeah, but only if I could play with the same actors and on the same stage again.’ Thank you all for being a part of my learning experience. We will meet again. Until then, live life to the fullest with no regrets. — Sascha” ■

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Stella Thomas

“There was a goodness about her, a genuine goodness ...”

Stella Thomas' struggle to conquer the tumor relentlessly growing from her brain was a long one.

As she endured the invader's debilitating effects and those of the medical treatments it entailed, the wife, mother of three and grandmother of seven also strove to ease her loved ones' concerns.

“She never complained, never complained,” Peter Thomas says of his wife of 68 years. “She just tried to reassure everybody. She didn't want anyone to worry. But we sure did. I did.”

Mrs. Thomas battle ended on June 13, when she succumbed to complications of the tumor. She was 89.

“It went on for many years and then she went into

dementia,” says Mr. Thomas, 91. “She was not the same at the end, but she was still herself. It was a terrible thing for me to go through, to see her suffer. She was at Avow (Hospice of Naples) and they were wonderful. But she finally died and I don't think I will ever get over it. It's like a part of yourself is gone.”

The Naples residents' lives together began during high school in their hometown of Pensacola.

Mr. Thomas first encountered the former Stella Barrineau when he spotted her at a dance. He was then 16 and working part time at a local radio station, the start of a career that has seen him become a renowned commercial voiceover artist and narrator for television.

He asked a buddy for her name and phone number and jotted both down on an envelope. The following night, on his radio show, he dedicated a recording of “You Are My Sunshine” to her and then recited Elizabeth Barrett Browning's “Sonnet 43,” which opens with the lines, “How do I love thee? Let me count the ways.”

That quixotic, inexplicable, crazy little thing called love had Mr. Thomas in its grasp.

“She was a beautiful dancer, so graceful,” he says. “There was a goodness about her, a genuine goodness, which I think she carried through her life. I just fell in love with her immediately. I'd just never met anybody that I felt that way about.”

When he was headed overseas to fight in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army, his last phone call was to her rather than his parents. “I couldn't tell her where I was going,” he recalls. “I could just say, ‘Hello, darling. I love you.’”

They corresponded the entire time he was overseas. “All the way through, she would have the most

encouraging letters,” he says.

After his return, they married in 1946.

Mrs. Thomas played an integral role in her husband's career during their marriage. (Over the years, his voice has been heard narrating such TV shows as “Forensic Files,” PBS' “Nova” and “Mystery Detectives” as well as on advertisements for Burger King and on ESPN's “Monday Night Football” previews.) He would read scripts to her, seeking her approval; she used her business degree from Florida State College for Women (now Florida State University) to handle his finances and run their household.

“We were like a team,” he says. “Now with her gone, I'm still going on, but it's the hardest thing I've ever gone through. She was my star. Everybody that knew her loved her.” ■



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Cliche come to life

For her Advanced Placement World History class at Magnolia (Texas) West High School in December, Reagan Hardin constructed an elaborate diorama of a Middle Ages farm — which her dog ate on the night before it was due. Veterinarian Carl Southern performed the neces-

sary scoping-out on Roscoe, extracting the plastic chicken head, horse body, sheep and pig, along with wire that held the display together. Warned Dr. Southern: "Don't put anything past your dog. We all say my dog would never eat that, and that's the main thing he'll eat."

The entrepreneurial spirit

■ Meg C Jewelry Gallery of Lexington, Ky., introduced a limited line of Kentucky-centric gold-plated necklaces and earrings in June (recently touted for Christmas!) — each dangling with genuine Kentucky Fried Chicken bones. All stems were picked clean from KFC wings, washed, dried, sealed with varnish and conductive paint, copper-electroformed, and then electroplated with 14k gold. Small-bone necklaces go for \$130 (large, \$160), and earrings for \$200 a pair — and according to Meg C, accessorize anything from jeans to a lady's best little black dress.

■ "Ethical" fur designer Pamela Paquin debuted the first of her anticipated line of roadkill furs recently — raccoon neck muffs ("I can literally take two raccoons and put them butt to butt (so they) clasp neck to neck") that will sell for around \$1,000. Raccoons yield "luscious" fur, she said, but her favorite pelt is otter. The Massachusetts woman leaves her card with various New England road crews ("Hi, my

name is Pamela. Will you call me when you have roadkill?") and does business under the name Petite Mort ("little death" in French, but also, she said, a euphemism for a woman's post-orgasm sensations).

■ Not too long ago, "generous" job perquisites were, perhaps, health insurance and little more, but Silicon Valley startups now race to outdo each other in dreaming up luxuries to pamper workers. A November *Wall Street Journal* report noted that the photo-sharing service Pinterest offers employee classes in the martial art "muay thai" and in August brought in an "artisanal jam maker" to create after-work cocktails — a far cry from most workplaces, which offer, perhaps, a vending machine downstairs. (Several companies have hired hotel-concierge professionals to come manage their creative add-ons.) Not every perk is granted, though: Pinterest turned down an employee's request to install a zip line directly to a neighborhood bar.

Chutzpah

■ Jose Manuel Marino-Najera filed a lawsuit in Tucson, Ariz., in December against the U.S. Border Patrol because a K-9 dog had bitten his arm repeatedly during an arrest. Marino-Najera, illegally in the U.S., had been found sleeping under a tree near the Mexican border, holding 49 pounds of marijuana.

■ Ms. Emerald White, owner of four

pit bulls declared "dangerous" by Texas City, Texas, after they mauled a neighbor's beagle to death, filed a lawsuit in November against the grieving neighbor. White said she had been injured trying to restrain her dogs in the skirmish, which had been facilitated by the neighbor's failure to fix their common fence.

Not as sturdy as they used to be

Some students at Harvard, Columbia and Georgetown law schools demanded in December that professors postpone final exams because those lawyers-in-training were too traumatized by the grand jury decisions in Ferguson, Miss., and New York City, which cost them

sleep and made them despair of the legal system's lack of integrity. (Critics cited by Bloomberg Business Week suggested that lawyers who cannot function at a high level in the face of injustice might fare poorly in the profession.)

Fine points of the law

■ Gregory Graf, 53, has apparently escaped eligibility for death row in Pennsylvania despite confessing to murdering his stepdaughter in an attempt to have sex with her (an "accompanying" felony, which ordinarily would qualify him for "capital murder"). However, since Graf had videotaped himself in the act (as evidence recovered in December shows), he proved that the sex occurred after she was dead and thus that he was guilty instead of an accompanying misdemeanor (desecration of a body).

■ Caitlyn Ricci, 21 and estranged from

her divorced parents, availed herself this year of a quirky New Jersey law that requires divorced parents to provide for their children's college educations (even though Caitlyn was a toddler at the time of the divorce, chose a more expensive out-of-state college, and already had a blemished community-college record). Mom Maura McGarvey (who claims to be especially hard-hit by the tuition bill) and Dad Michael Ricci are helping sponsor "corrective" legislation — because, generally, parents are not required to pay for college (but in New Jersey, divorced parents are).

The continuing crisis

Historians at the Wellcome Collection museum in London placed on display in November their rendition of the "orgone energy accumulator" developed in the 1940s by psychoanalyst Wilhelm Reich, who thought it could stimulate orgasms for those who sat inside one. (The device is thought to

have inspired the "Orgasmatron" in the Woody Allen movie "Sleeper." Among 1950s-era "testers," Albert Einstein is said to have panned it, but not author J.D. Salinger.) The museum's curator tried to lower expectations — that visitors should expect a historic sex "education" and not a sexual experience. ■



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Geocaching has become a popular way of enjoying the outdoors since the international trend ramped up in 2000. Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is now using this technology to engage its visitors and has launched a new set of caches on the ground of its environmental learning center.

The modern-day treasure hunting technique uses GPS-enabled devices such as smart phones. Participants find their desired cache online, download and navigate to its set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the container, or cache, hidden at that location. Once a cache is found, the finder makes a note in the logbook and on the



COURTESY PHOTOS

A geocaching adventure at Rookery Bay can involve a walk along a primitive nature trail.

geocaching website, replaces a trinket inside with one of his or her own and takes away a greater understanding of the natural and cultural features in the area.

"Geocaching is a great way for us to reach out to different user groups," says Jill Schmid, geographic information systems specialist for the Rookery Bay Reserve. "This is an audience that might not have found out about the reserve or our environmental learning center if our caches were not on the map," she adds.

Four caches with varying levels of difficulty have been placed in the reserve.

The first one was launched in the parking area in August and has had 14 "finds." One of the newest multi-caches includes "Pioneers in Paradise" near a cultural site on the Snail Trail. The other two caches, "CatBird Loop" and "Slash Pine," take geocachers on a nature-filled walk along primitive trails.

Comments shared with other users on the Geocaching.com website include, "Great trails to hike on a super day!" and "Never been to the center before. We'll be back for sure!" A cache-in, trash-out motto is encouraged to minimize disturbance to natural sites.

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is at 300 Tower Road, off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. The reserve encompasses 110,000 acres of coastal lands and waters between Naples and Everglades National Park. It is managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection in cooperation with NOAA. For more information about the reserve, visit rookerybay.org. ■

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Groundbreaking ceremony launches expansion at Grace Place for Children & Families

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More than 150 guests showed their support at Grace Place for Children & Families' groundbreaking ceremony marking commencement of construction of the campus expansion project's cornerstone building, the Van Domelen Education Center. The ceremony also honored William and Julia Van Domelen for their significant gift toward the building.

The two-story, 6,333-square-foot multi-use classroom building is part of a 16,000-square-foot expansion for new classroom and program space to serve more students, operate more efficiently and effectively and foster learning.

"Because of the Van Domelens' incredible generosity, Grace Place is able to begin putting the expansion plans into action," Stephanie Munz Campbell, executive director of the center, said.

Grace Place currently serves 800 children and families in Golden Gate City each week with programs designed to minimize the education gap between families in middle- and upper-income households and those families with household incomes that fall beneath these economic lines.

At the groundbreaking celebration, Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, said recent statistics show that 30 percent of the resident of Golden Gate City live in poverty, with a per capita income of just below \$15,000 as compared to more than \$26,000 for

the rest of Florida. She also said the area has the highest population density in Collier County, higher even than Immokalee.

Language and literacy for children and adults are at the core of Grace Place's educational programs, which include the nationally recognized Bright Beginnings program, which earned Grace Place the distinguished honor of becoming a Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy program provider. In addition, the center's Friday Food Pantry serves 200 families a week with a bag of basic groceries and additional bakery items, frozen meat, dairy products and fresh produce.

For more information about Grace Place, including how to get involved as a volunteers or how to make a financial contribution to the campus expansion fund, call Barbara Evans at 234-2403 or visit graceplacenaples.org. ■



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Tuesday, January 13 • 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
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Monday, January 19 • 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 6101 Pine Ridge Road, Physician Dining Room
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JOINT REPLACEMENT A TO Z

Is joint pain holding you back? Dr. Biggs will provide a guide to available treatments from conservative therapies to direct anterior hip replacement and patient-specific knee replacement.

Tuesday, January 20 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
 6101 Pine Ridge Road, Hospital Lobby
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Tuesday, January 27 • 5:00-6:00 p.m.
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Thursday, January 29 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.
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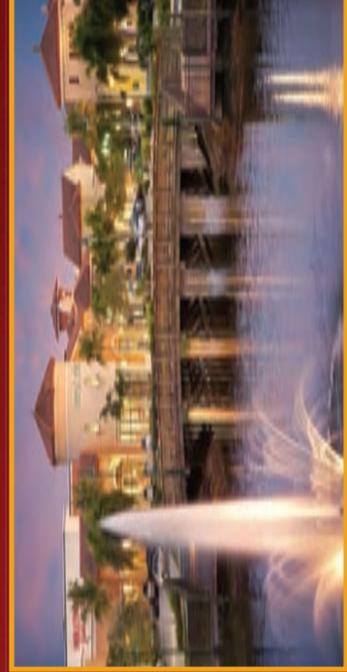
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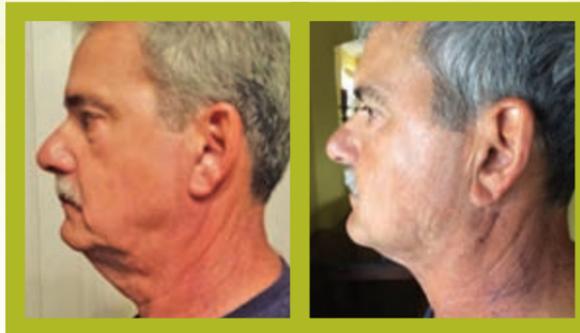
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"I'll tell you one thing," Mr. Flood says, "We are going to have a lot of fish"

A reef deployment ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 8. Parking for attendees is at Marco Island Marina, 1402 N. Collier Blvd. A shuttle bus will provide transportation to the event at the reef staging area. The buses will begin running at 9:15 a.m. The 45-minute ceremony will include guest speakers, a ribbon-cutting for a fully loaded barge of reef material and photo opportunities for donors with their "piece of the reef."

A flotilla and Blessing of the Reefs ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 10 nautical miles offshore from Gordon Pass, at the site of Naples Reef No. 1 (latitude 26.032839*, longitude 81.975276*). Area boaters are welcome to join the flotilla. For more information, email Russ Burland at russ@napleschamber.org.

For more information about the artificial reef project, including how to make a tax-deductible donation to benefit the effort, contact the Community Foundation of Collier County by calling 649-5000 or visiting cfcollier.org. ■



Tune up your driving skills at AARP refresher

AARP offers classes to help older drivers learn about new traffic laws, refresh their driving skills and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Drivers over age 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Cost is \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the number listed with the session you wish to attend. Here's what's coming up:

Monday, Jan. 5: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd.; 596-6007.

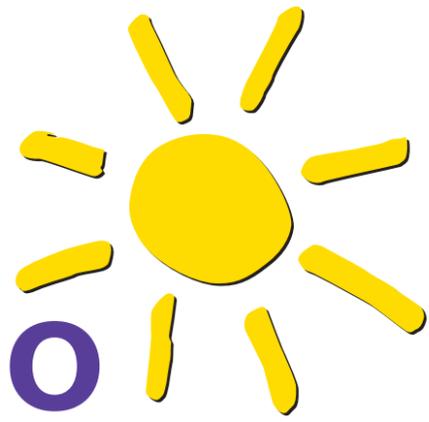
Thursday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Marco Island Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island; (734) 968-3105.

Thursday, Jan. 8: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Williams Ministry Center, 75 Seagate Drive; 273-6317.

Tuesday, Jan. 20: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail; 269-6050.

Thursday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Germain Toyota 13315 Tamiami Trail; 269-6050.

Friday, Jan. 23: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Gate Senior Center, 4898 Coronado Parkway; 732-5310. ■



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Symposium will highlight ways to prevent, spot human trafficking

The inaugural Human Trafficking Symposium sponsored by The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida and the Regional Resource Center on Human Trafficking

takes place from 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Community leaders and professionals in law enforcement, social services, health care and education as well as representatives of community organizations are encouraged to attend. Registration is \$25 and can be completed at womensfundflorida.org. A limited number of students and staff from nonprofits will be admitted free.

The symposium will include a keynote address from Bradley Myles, executive director and CEO of the Polaris Project, who has worked to combat human trafficking since 2002 and who is regarded as a leading anti-trafficking advocates. A panel discussion moderated by Kellie Burns of NBC-2 will include law enforcement, health care and legal and social services professionals.

According to statistics from the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, one in three runaways is exploited for sex trafficking or pornography. NHRTC data indicates that 84 percent of human trafficking inquiries from Southwest Florida concern women and children, and 66 percent of human trafficking inquiries to NHTRC from Southwest Florida concern

sex trafficking. If you suspect human trafficking or you are a victim in need of assistance, call (888) 373-7888 or text INFO or HELP to BeFree (233722).



About the Women's Fund

The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida is the only nonprofit in Southwest Florida focused exclusively on women and girls and was the first to publish academic research assessing

the status of women in the area. Signature programs include (1) stopping the sale of children for sex and (2) economic security for women.

By 2020, the board of directors will build a \$5 million endowed organization dedicated to the advancement of women and girls in Southwest Florida.

The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida committed \$150,000 to establish the Regional Resource Center on Human Trafficking. Hosted on the campus of FGCU, the center supports the multi-agency Human Trafficking Task Force that is led by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida. The center covers Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, Glades and DeSoto counties.

The Women's Fund of Southwest Florida continues to seek financial contributions to support the Regional Resource Center on Human Trafficking. For more information, visit womensfundflorida.org. ■

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New York cedes to Florida, falls to No. 4 in population

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By adding an average of 803 new residents each day between July 1, 2013 and July 1, 2014, Florida passed New York to become the nation's third most populous state, according to U.S. Census Bureau state population estimates released Dec. 23.

Florida's population grew by 293,000 over this period, reaching 19.9 million. The population of New York increased by 51,000 to 19.7 million, according to the bureau.

California remained the nation's most populous state in 2014, with 38.8 million residents, followed by Texas, at 27.0 million. Although the list of the 10 most populous states overall was unchanged, two other states did change positions, as North Carolina moved past Michigan to take the ninth spot.

Another milestone took place in Georgia (ranked eighth), which saw its

population surpass 10 million for the first time.

North Dakota was the nation's fastest-growing state over the last year. Its population increased 2.2 percent, followed by the 1.7 percent growth in Nevada and Texas. Each of the 10 fastest-growing states was in the South or West with the exception of North Dakota.

Six states lost population between July 1, 2013, and July 1, 2014: Illinois (9,972 or -0.08 percent), West Virginia (3,269 or -0.18 percent), Connecticut (2,664 or -0.07 percent), New Mexico (1,323 or -0.06 percent), Alaska (527 or -0.07 percent) and Vermont (293 or -0.05 percent).

The United States as a whole saw its population increase by 2.4 million to 318.9 million, or 0.75 percent.

In addition to the 50 states and the District of Columbia, the new statistics also include estimates for Puerto Rico. On July 1, 2014, Puerto Rico had an estimated population of 3.5 million, a decline of 47,000, or 1.3 percent, from one year earlier.

The Census Bureau produces population estimates each year, allowing the public to gauge the growth and demographic composition of the nation, states and communities. These statistics use administrative data to estimate population change between census years, using the decennial census count as a starting point. Local governments use estimates to locate services, and estimates are used by the private sector to locate businesses.

The Census Bureau also released estimates of the number of people 18 and older in the U.S., states and Puerto Rico. The downloadable file also includes total population and the percentage of people 18 and older. Internet address:

During 2015, the Census Bureau will release estimates of the 2014 population of counties, cities and towns, and metropolitan and micropolitan statistical areas as well as national, state and county population estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin. For more information and charts, see census.gov/popest/data/datasets.html. ■

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Top states in order of greatest population

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- >> Texas 27 million
- >> Florida 19.9 million
- >> New York 19.7 million





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New biblical scholarship class similar to seminary curriculum

A class in biblical scholarship begins Sunday, Jan. 4, immediately after the worship service at Mooring Presbyterian Church. Sponsored by the church and the Theological Center in Naples, the class will be led by Revs. Sam and Bunny Sewell from 11:15 a.m. to noon every Sunday.

The Sewells, who have been teaching biblical scholarship in Naples for more than two decades, explain that the class is very different from Bible study in that it aims to provide a curriculum similar to that which is taught at accredited seminaries. Topics include how the Bible was written, how scholars reconcile apparent inconsistencies and how individuals can strengthen their faith by learning how the Bible applies to today's world.

The primary resource for the curriculum is the Interpreter's Bible, for which the instructors own the digital software and the 12-volume set. The complete set is also available in the church library. Participants in the class should bring their own Bible along with a notepad, pen or pencil and highlighter.

The contributors to the study materials reflect a wide range of Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish backgrounds and bring a wealth of fresh perspectives to biblical interpretation.

Attendance is free, although freewill offerings will be appreciated. Register by signing up in the foyer at Moorings Presbyterian Church or by calling or emailing the Sewells at 591-4565 or bunnysew@bestselfusa.com. ■



COURTESY PHOTOS

Children of the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County enjoyed a holiday party with Santa and received presents from Golden Links, Imperial Golf Club, Naples Family Fitness and Pelican Marsh as well as bicycles donated by Philip and Lois Cohen. Parents were invited to pick up the bikes and helmets and received safety tips and instruction before delivering them to their children.

Shown with Santa are Alan Giron-Orue, Alexin Devariste and Gabriella Angarita. Jaenasha Pettihomme is shown with her new bicycle.

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ALUMNI NEWS

■ The Marco Island chapter of **Sigma Chi** alumni meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Call 821-0825 to RSVP.

The Naples chapter meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the Club Pelican Bay. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 293-5239.

■ The **Harvard Club of Naples** welcomes all residents of Collier County and southern Lee County who have a connection with Harvard University.

For information about club membership and the season's full schedule of events, call 793-7887 or go to harvardclubofnaples.org. Here some of what's coming up in the next few weeks:

Sunday, Jan. 11: 3-5 p.m. at Gallery on Fifth in Mercato - Flower Power: Meet the Artist Giovanni DeCunto; \$15.

Saturday, Jan. 24: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Club Pelican Bay, Mixer by the Decades.

Wednesday, Jan. 28: 11:30 a.m. at the Club Pelican Bay - "Transfer of Wealth" luncheon with guest speaker Eileen Connolly-Keesler, executive director of the Community Foundation of Collier County.

Tuesday, Feb. 3: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Pelican Marsh Community Center - The Harvard-Yale-Princeton Economic Forum.

■ The **Cornell Alumni Association of Southwest Florida** hosts its next luncheon meeting Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Wyncemere Country Club. Guest speaker will be Carmina Rodriguez Villa, the author of the newly released book "Mariano's World." From Jan. 1, 1959 (the ascension of Fidel Castro to power), to Oct. 22, 1962, more than 250,000 Cubans sought political refuge in the United States. "Mariano's World" tells the story of these migrations through the lives of two families.

For luncheon reservations or more information, visit cornellalumniassociationofsouthwestflorida.com, call Jon Peter Vollmer at 250-9414 or email jon.vollmer@sothebysrealty.com.

■ The **Greater Naples Delta Gamma** alumni chapter welcomes all Delta Gammas in Naples, Bonita Springs, Marco Island, Estero, Fort Myers and Sanibel-Captiva. For more information, call 992-2119 or email naplesdeltagama@gmail.com.

■ The Naples area chapter of **Gamma Phi Beta** alumnae meets regularly for lunch and a program at a variety of venues in Collier and Lee counties. All Gamma Phi Betas who are living in or visiting Southwest Florida are welcome. For more information, call 594-8420.

■ **Alpha Delta Pi** alumnae are invited to join the ADPi alumnae chapter of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island for monthly luncheons and occasional evening events held at various area locations. For more information, call 404-3294 or email swflaadpialum@gmail.com. ■

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CLUB NOTES

■ Fans and alumni and fans of Ohio State University are invited to join members of the **Naples Buckeyes** to watch the Sugar Bowl game against Alabama starting at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 1, at any of the following locations in Naples: Bokamper's, Stevie Tomato's, Harold's Place or Gatsby's.

Club members meet for happy hour from 5-6:30 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The Jan. 15 gathering is at Bellasera Hotel. RSVP by calling Sandy Ritchie at 287-4936 or emailing sritchie55@yahoo.com.

The club is also planning a Buckeye Valentine Party for Thursday, Feb. 12, and the annual Buckeyes in Paradise gala on Saturday, March 21. For details and more information about the club, visit naples-buckeyes.com.

■ The **Naples Garden Club** invites the public to "The Curious Gardener" a program featuring award-winning freelance writer and garden stylist Helen Yoest, from 1-3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, at Naples Botanical Garden. Ms. Yoest's work has appeared in numerous national publications, and she has written several books including "Plants with Benefits: An Uninhibited Guide to the Aphrodisiac Herbs, Fruits, Flowers & Vegetables in Your Garden" and "Gardening with Confidence, 50 Ways to Add Style for Personal Creativity." Her curiosity about plants, soil and design come together in her entertaining and informative presentation. Autographed copies of her books will be available for purchase.

Admission is free for Naples Garden Club members, \$20 for others. Reservations are required and can be made online at naplesgardenclub.org.

■ The **Naples Christian Women's Connection** meets for its next luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Quail Creek Country Club. All are welcome. Noreen McGarry will be the inspirational speaker; Quail Creek chef Jeffrey Bowles and his pastry and sous chefs will present a cooking demonstration. Cost is \$23. For reservations, call 592-0229. For more information about the club, visit cwcfl.net.

■ The **Gulf Coast Sailing Club** welcomes members and guests to its next meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the River Park Community Center. Guest speaker Steve Colgate, an Olympic sailor, America's Cup racer and founder of the world-renowned Offshore Sailing School, will discuss his 60 years on the water, including details of his first visit to Cuba in 1955 for a race from Cuba to Spain and his most recent trip to the island nation in 2014 as a member of the National Marine Manufacturers Association.

Attendance is free for Gulf Coast Sailing Club members and \$15 for others. Pizza and soda will be served. Pay at the door; no reservations required. For more information about the club and its programs, visit gulfcoastsailingclub.org or email commodore@gulfcoastsailingclub.org.

■ The **Collier County Men's Republican Club** (women welcome) meets for buffet breakfast and a program from 7:45-9 a.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. Cost is \$20 for members, \$25 for others. RSVP by emailing patriotart@centurylink.net. For more information, visit collierrepublicanmensclub.com.

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CLUB NOTES

■ The **Naples Doll Club** holds its annual show and sale Friday and Saturday, Jan. 16-17, at New Hope Ministries, 7675 Davis Blvd. Exhibitors will have antique, modern and miniature dolls and accessories on display and for sale. Doll appraisals will be available for \$5.

Friday hours are 1-5 p.m., and admission is \$8; Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and admission is \$5. Admission for children under age 12 is \$3 both days.

For more information, call (574) 780-0951 or 530-0010.

■ Volunteer members of the **Naples Orchid Society** are at Naples Botanical Garden from 1-4 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month to offer expert, free advice to orchid aficionados. Bring your ailing orchid, or a photograph of it, so they can better diagnose the problem and recommend what to do to ensure better and more blooms. Garden admission not required. The next dates are Jan. 3 and 17.

The society's regular monthly meetings take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on the second Thursday at Moorings Presbyterian Church. Guest speakers Jan. 8 will be Ken and Judy Russ of Deerfield Beach, who will discuss backyard gardening with orchids. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit naplesgarden.org or naplesorchidsociety.org.

■ **Naples Ship Modelers** is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North

Naples. The next meetings are Jan. 3 and 17. Members share their knowledge and building techniques and welcome new members. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 1067**, Naples, is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. The EAA Young Eagles program introduces youth ages 7-18 to aviation.

Meetings take place at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month in the pilots' lounge at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Jan. 7. The club also holds a pancake breakfast from 8-11 a.m. on the second Sunday of each month (Jan. 11). For more information, visit eaal067.com.

■ **Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation** meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins, 3585 Pine Ridge Road in Naples. The next meeting is Jan. 8. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. Guests and new members are always welcome at meetings. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Greater Naples Branch of AAUW** holds its monthly meeting Saturday, Jan. 10, at Hodges University. A reception and networking begin at

9:30 a.m. and the meeting and program are from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker Jane Billings, executive director of Friends of Foster Children of Southwest Florida, will discuss "Project Enrichment and the Education Train." Guests are welcome. Reservations are not necessary. For more information about the Naples AAUW branch, visit aauwgnb.org.

■ The Naples chapter of the **Florida Native Plant Society** meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, in the Kapnick Center at Naples Botanical Garden. Guest speaker George Wilder, herbarium curator and botanist at the Garden, will discuss "The Biology of Roots." Admission is free, and reservations are not required. For more information, visit naples.fnpschapters.org.

■ Those who write poetry or who simply enjoy listening to and reading poetry are invited to meet at **The Norris Center** from 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, and Mondays, Feb. 9 and March 9. After the formal meeting, those who are interested can continue the evening with dinner at a Fifth Avenue restaurant. For more information, call (440) 554-1144 or email formulawriting@hotmail.com.

■ The **Naples chapter of PFLAG**, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is Jan. 15. Call 963-4670 for location.

■ **Coastal Chess clubs** in Naples and Marco Island welcome players of all levels for casual games and occasional tournaments. Marco meetings are from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday at the Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wade Keller at 389-2525, email wk@kellerpublishing.com or visit chess7.net.

■ **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 Interstate-75. The next meetings are Jan. 13 and 27. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2827.

■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. The next meetings are Jan. 14 and 28.

The newly chartered Marco Island Civitan Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Mario's Restaurant at 845 Bald Eagle Drive. The next meetings are Jan. 13 and 27.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome. For more information about the local clubs, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

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CLUB NOTES

■ Members of the **Marco Island Shell Club** meet from 9-11:30 a.m. every Tuesday at the United Church of Marco to craft shell art that will be sold during the club's annual sale in March. Proceeds from the sale benefit scholarships for marine science students at FGCU. The church is at 320 N. Barfield Drive. Newcomers are always welcome at crafting sessions. For more information, call 963-4694.

■ 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 first meeting of the new year is Jan. 17. For more information, email dwcpresident@gmail.com.

■ The **Collier County Stamp Club** meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is Jan. 22. Stamp trading will follow the program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ **Pearls of Naples** invites women who are interested in socializing at restaurants, movies, art fairs, theaters and more to explore membership in the club. Members are required to attend at least five business luncheons, held monthly on the third Thursday at various clubhouses and venues in Naples. For more information, visit pearlsofnaples.org and click on "How to Join" or email 3rd_vice_president@pearlsofnaples.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida chapter of the Kiwi Club**, a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines, meets on the fourth Saturday of every month at various locations. The next meeting is Jan. 24. The local chapter supports Pace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. New members are always welcome. For more information, call (781) 962-5311.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** welcomes members and guests to its monthly meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1225 Piper Blvd. An orchid raffle will be held as part of the evening. Admission is free. For more information, call 498-9741 or email info@gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

■ 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 Jan. 27. 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.

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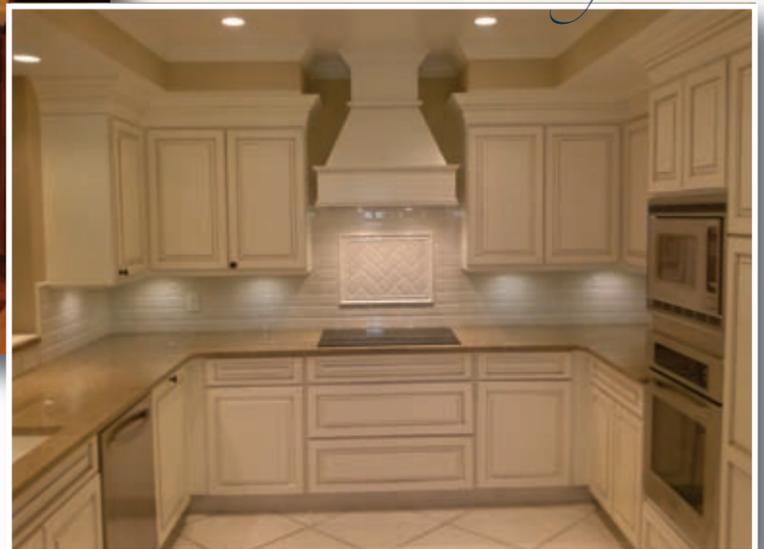
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The Community Blood Center in Naples is at 311 Ninth St. N. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. The center will be closed Jan. 1.

The center in Bonita Springs has closed, but the CBC bloodmobile parks at Sunshine Plaza from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the second Monday of the month. The next date is Jan. 12. Here are some other places the CBC bloodmobile will be in the coming weeks. A complete schedule is at givebloodcbc.org. Successful donors will receive a free movie ticket.

Friday, Jan. 2: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Coastland Center near the food court entrance.

Sunday, Jan. 4: 9 a.m. to noon at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 9801 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs.

Tuesday, Jan. 6: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Waterside Shops.

Saturday, Jan. 10: 1-6 p.m. at Regal 16 cinemas, Coconut Point.

Sunday, Jan. 11: 9 a.m. to noon at First Baptist Church of Naples, 3000 Orange Blossom Drive.

Basically, anyone who is 17 years of age or older, weighs at least 110 pounds and is in good health (no cold, flu or sore throat symptoms) can give blood (16-year-olds can donate with a parent present). Contrary to popular belief, senior citizen status does not disqualify a person. There is no upper age limit. Donors can give every eight weeks.

Between now and April 30, blood donors can get in on the "Ultimate Go For 3" frequent donor contest to qualify to win a \$50 gas card or auto detail, an iPad or a weekend getaway package inclusive of a hotel stay, spa package, dinner and two-day use of a BMW convertible courtesy of Germain BMW. Call 624-4120 or visit the website above for more information. ■



Music lessons help kids tune in to more than their instruments

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Children who play the violin or study piano could be learning more than just Mozart. A University of Vermont College of Medicine child psychiatry team has found that musical training might also help kids focus their attention, control their emotions and diminish their anxiety. Their research is published in the *Journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry*.

Dr. James Hudziak, professor of psychiatry and director of the Vermont Center for Children, Youth and Families, and colleagues including Matthew Albaugh, Ph.D., and graduate student research assistant Eileen Crehan, call their study "the largest investigation of the association between playing a musical instrument and brain development."

The research continues Dr. Hudziak's work with the National Institutes of Health Magnetic Resonance Imagine Study of Normal Brain Development. Using its database, the team analyzed the brain scans of 232 children ages 6 to 18.

As children age, the cortex — the outer layer of the brain — changes in thickness. In previous analysis of MRI data, Dr. Hudziak and his team discovered that cortical thickening or thinning in specific areas of the brain reflected the occurrence of anxiety and depression, attention problems, aggression and behavior control issues even in healthy kids — those without a diagnosis of a disorder or mental illness. With this study, Dr. Hudziak wanted to see whether a positive activity, such as music training, would influence those indicators in the cortex.

The study supports The Vermont Family Based Approach, a model Dr. Hudziak created to establish that the entirety of a young person's environment — parents, teachers, friends, pets, extracurricular activities — contributes to his or her psychological health. "Music is a critical component in my model," he says.

The authors found evidence they expected: that music playing altered the motor areas of the brain, because the activity requires control and coordination of movement.

Even more important to Dr. Hudziak, however, were changes in the behavior-regulating areas of the brain. For example, music practice influenced thickness in the part of the cortex that relates to



"executive functioning, including working memory and attentional control, as well as organization and planning for the future," the authors write.

A child's musical background also appears to correlate with cortical thickness in brain areas that play a critical role in inhibitory control, as well as aspects of emotion processing.

The findings bolster Dr. Hudziak's hypothesis that a violin might help a child battle psychological disorders even better than a bottle of pills. "We treat things that result from negative things, but we never try to use positive

things as treatment," he says. Such an approach may prove difficult to accomplish. According to the study's authors, research from the U.S. Department of Education indicates that three-quarters of U.S. high school students "rarely or never" take extracurricular lessons in music or the arts.

"Such statistics, when taken in the context of our present neuroimaging results," the authors write, "underscore the vital importance of finding new and innovative ways to make music training more widely available to youths, beginning in childhood." ■

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Cold weather increases potential for carbon monoxide poisonings

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a year-round threat. However, as temperatures drop, the potential for CO poisonings rises. There have been several recent incidents leading to hospitalizations and even deaths in Florida.

CO is a highly poisonous gas produced by burning fuels such as gasoline, natural gas, propane, kerosene, charcoal and wood. CO from these sources can build up in enclosed or partially enclosed spaces. The risk of illness or death increases with the level of CO in the air and the amount of time exposed. Dangerous CO levels can result when home appliances are not properly maintained or when used incorrectly.

"Carbon monoxide can silently cause illness and death within minutes of exposure," says Dr. Kendra Goff, a toxicologist for the Florida Department of Health. "It is invisible, tasteless, odorless and non-irritating, which is why taking precautions is vital and having sufficient working CO alarms in your home is critical. Proper use of genera-

tors, portable space heaters or gas grills can protect you and your family from the tragedy of an accidental poisoning."

Since symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to those of the flu and food poisoning, you might not think CO poisoning is the cause. The common signs and symptoms include headache, nausea, weakness, abdominal discomfort/pain, dizziness and confusion. Other signs and symptoms can include blurred vision, numbness and tingling, ataxia (loss or lack of muscular coordination), irritability, agitation, chest pain, shortness of breath, palpitations, seizures and loss of consciousness.

Anyone who suspects symptoms of CO poisoning should go outside

without delay and seek prompt medical attention. If a person has collapsed or is not breathing, call 911 for emergency medical assistance immediately from a safer location such as outside

or from a neighbor's home. Children, pregnant women and individuals with heart conditions are most vulnerable.

Here are some tips to help prevent CO poisoning:

- Never use a gas stove or oven to heat the home.

- Never burn charcoal inside a house, garage, vehicle or tent, including in a fireplace.

- Avoid using unvented gas, propane or kerosene heaters in enclosed spaces, especially sleeping areas.

- Inspect the exhaust system of each fuel-burning appliance every year, including chimneys, flues and vents. Check for blockage, holes and disconnections.

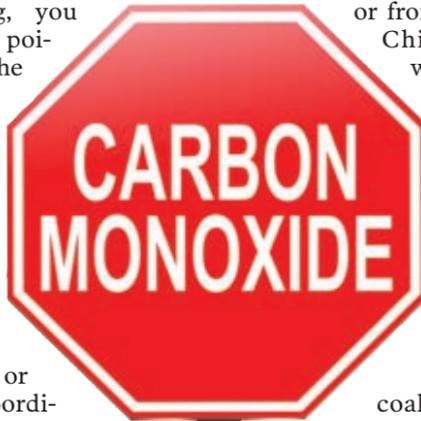
- Never leave an automobile running in a garage, even with the garage door open.

- Do not leave the rear window or tailgate of a vehicle open while driving. CO from the exhaust can be pulled inside the car, van or camper.

- Never use a portable generator or a fuel-powered tool indoors or in other enclosed or partially enclosed areas.

- Always place portable generators outdoors on a dry surface far away from doors, windows, vents and air conditioning equipment that could allow CO to enter. Orient the generator so that it is placed with the exhaust port pointing away from the home.

For more information about suspected poisoning emergencies, call the Florida Poison Information Center at (800) 222-1222. ■



Parkinson Association presents Richard London with 'Life Happens'

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida invites members and guests to "Life Happens: Key Life Lessons and How to Realize a More Fulfilling and Happy Life," from 1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Hodges University.



LONDON

Guest speaker Richard London is an

author and the host of the online talk show "Parkinson's Chat with Richard London." Using the philosophy of his "A Handbook for Life" seminars, he has developed a thriving real estate investment business and started several computer companies, while overcoming multiple financial and physical obstacles.

Mr. London has two children and is happily married to his wife of 28 years. Incorporating the concepts of his seminars has also enabled him to enjoy

several very fulfilling avocations. He's a third degree black belt and has practiced and taught martial arts for more than 27 years. He also has his commercial pilot's license and was a major in the Civil Air Patrol.

But most importantly, he says, he cherishes his relationships with everyone he comes in contact with.

At 19, he was in a motorcycle accident that put him in and out of hospitals for 10 months. He has had a total of nine

operations as a result of his accident. In 2003 he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, and two years later learned he has Parkinson's disease.

"Life is a test," he says. "It's a test of perseverance, a test of faith and a test of will. I've decided to pass the test."

Admission to Mr. London's presentation is free, but reservations are requested. Call the Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida at 417-3465 or email pasfi@aol.com. ■

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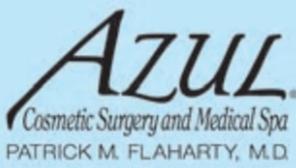
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The multibillion-dollar pet industry keeps coming up with ways to make our lives with animals better. Some are toys, some are veterinary products, some are home and pet-care items. I see them throughout the year as I travel to trade shows and veterinary conferences, and I try them out myself when possible or get my colleagues' input. Here are 11 new products that I think are winners.

■ **KittyKaddy Double Diner and Torus Ceramic Diner.** As I age — I just turned 60 and feel stiffer — it becomes harder to bend over. That's when devices like this, which let you fill and clean pet food and water bowls without bending over, catch your eye. A long, detachable handle allows you to pick up the bowls easily.

■ **Zen Clipper.** Most nail clippers either crush part of the nail when cutting or make it too easy to cut too close and hit a blood vessel or nerve. Ouch! The Zen Clipper slices the nail 360 degrees at once while preventing you from trimming too much.

■ **Tidy Cats LightWeight.** Do you feel like you get a workout every time you pick up a container of cat litter? The folks who originated cat litter 50 years ago have developed a new litter that is lighter and more absorbent. Now my 89-year-old mother-in-law, Valdie, feels like Popeye as she carries a jug in each hand.

■ **Muffin's Halo.** I have a blind 14-year-old golden retriever, Shakira, who looks a



These products help pets and their people live better.

little funny running around Almost Heaven Ranch in angel wings and a halo, but the halo protects her face and eyes the same way a face guard does on a football helmet. Now I don't have to worry that she'll hurt herself running into things.

■ **Ultra Fel-O-Vax.** Cats are small and vaccine volumes seem big, especially as they're being injected. Ultra Fel-O-Vax has only half the volume of normal vaccines, making for a more comfortable vaccine experience. That's what I call state-of-the-art technology with state-of-the-heart comfort.

■ **Galaxy Wands.** Older cats seem to become kittens again when they play with these wands that mimic the movements of prey. I like the collapsible handles, which make storage easy — assuming your cat lets you put it away.

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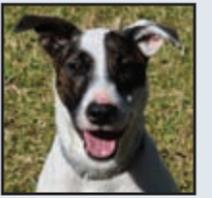
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>> **Lacey** is a lovely, well-mannered 1-year-old domestic shorthair who has a sweet personality.



>> **Lucy** is an approximately 2-year-old Labrador retriever mix who weighs about 40 pounds. She's sweet, fun, friendly and full of energy. She is good on her leash and knows the basic commands.



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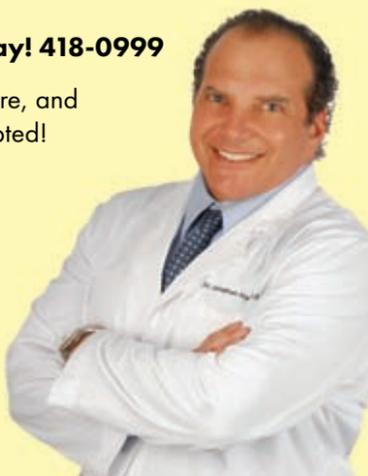
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Here's to a hangover-free New Year's Day



There was a time when your Diva just adored New Year's Eve — sparkling in a too-tiny \$14.99 dress from the juniors rack at Ross Dress for Less and teetering in towering heels that would have tormented my tootsies had it not been for several glasses of champagne creating a comfortable numbing effect.

Add to the picture of festiveness some big hair, big jewelry and even bigger expectations, and you've got the '80s and '90s New Year's Eve party version of moi.

I remember one sunny New Year's Day when I was working at a tiki-type restaurant on Fort Myers Beach. We had to be there by 7 a.m. despite our New Year's Eve shenanigans at a ladies-drink-free dance club the night before. I was 25 and feeling quite peppy, ready to greet the first day of 1989, as I happily tied on my apron, whistling a little tune. My party partner from the night before, Karen, who was in her 40s, was moving slowly and groaning as if in pain.

"What's wrong, Karen?" I chirped (probably too loudly). "Last night was a BLAST. You're not coming down with something are you?"

"I'm so hung over. Please be quiet, child," she rasped.

To which I innocently responded, "What's 'hung over'? What does that mean?"

It's a miracle that Karen didn't kill me that morning.

It wasn't until I began to age that I understood her misery. Karen only had a few glasses of cheap chardonnay at the club, but it didn't matter, because it seems the older you get, the harder you hang. I know. The couple of Cosmos that used to give you a little headache the next morning now infect you with full-on Vodka Flu for two days afterward. It is, obviously, not fair. But neither are colonoscopies — something else that most 25-year-olds have never heard of.

So, as we prepare to welcome 2015, it's time for your Diva, as a public service to her dear readers, to roll out her annual list of New Year's Eve preventive measures and New Year's Day hangover cures. Some revelers will need a little bit of each, I'm certain.

■ **Don't drink. Forgo the grape and offer instead to be the designated driver.** I've always maintained that there's a special place in heaven for designated drivers — and not just for ensuring safer roads for all, but for putting up with obnoxious drunk people. Also, it is fully within your rights to hold blackmail photos/videos of your friends' party antics and post them on Facebook should they ever dare cross you. Biggest advantage: No hangover.

■ **If you do imbibe, eat a hearty meal before the party.** I'm not talking

about sushi or salad. You can start your diet on Jan. 1. I'm talking about REAL FOOD, food that soaks up alcohol — a bacon double cheeseburger and fries, perhaps, or macaroni and cheese and a loaf of bread, or an entire tuna noodle casserole with spaghetti on the side.

Eat, people, EAT. Drinking (even a little) on an empty stomach will make you tipsy in a New York minute and might even make you feel like you were roofied the next morning (you weren't roofied, I promise — you just forgot to eat).

■ **Between each festive beverage, enjoy a refreshing glass of ice water.** Because hangovers are mainly the result of dehydration, water is your friend.

■ **Never mix, never worry.** If you've been sipping white wine all evening, don't switch to a chocolate martini at 9 p.m. To avoid regrets the next day, dance with the one that brought ya' all night.

■ **If you find yourself ringing in 2015 with a vengeance and forget to follow any of my experienced advice, then before you stumble into bed, take 500 milligrams of vitamin B complex with a BIG glass of water and two Advil.** It's my personal home remedy that heads a hangover off at the pass — or at least it did before I turned 40. It actually doesn't really work as well anymore. Sorry.

■ **And, finally, whatever you do: Don't drink and drive, not even a short distance, under any circum-**



stances. There are lots of serious reasons not to, but here's some extra motivation: There's usually plenty of checkpoints all over Southwest Florida on New Year's Eve, and if you've only had a "couple glasses of wine," you're probably not going to pass a breathalyzer test, and if you refuse to take the test, you spend the night in the pokey anyway. So, plan ahead. Seriously.

Also, local media outlets post online photo galleries of DUI mug shots — and nobody looks festive in orange jail garb under bad fluorescent lighting.

Please stay safe and have a divalicious New Year's Eve! And if you're in your 20s, please save this column for New Year's Eve 2031. Trust me, you'll need it. Cheers! ■

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




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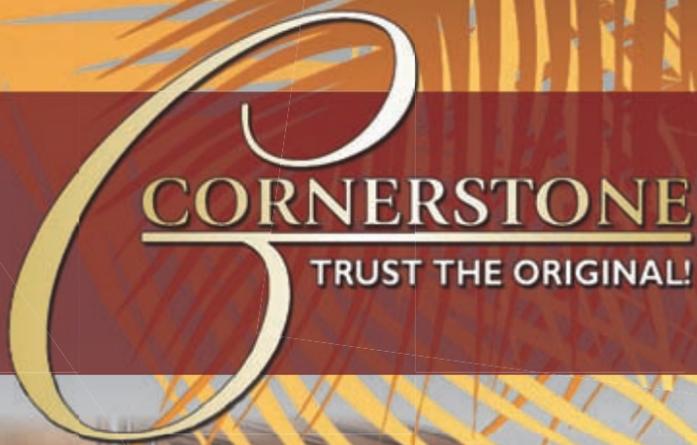
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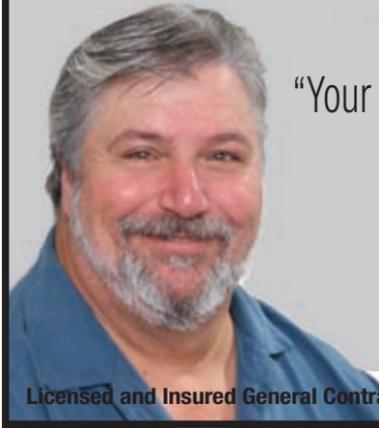
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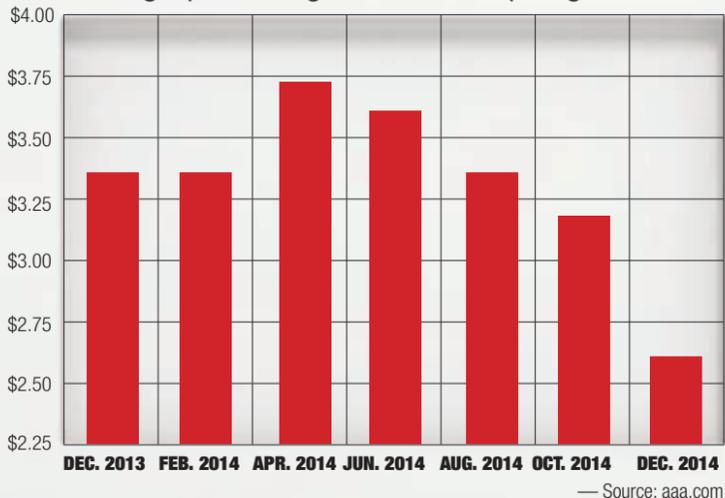
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— Karen Christie, Maverick Meats

Average price of gas in Florida per gallon



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Low fuel prices driving spending

BY ROGER WILLIAMS

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AND STILL, FUEL PRICES KEEP FALLING! Throughout the country, the state and the region, there’s an incredulous note with wary overtones in comments about prices at the pumps, which are now hovering at or below the mid-to-low \$2 range for regular gasoline, or the \$3 range for diesel. A complex set of economic, political and cultural factors have caused the drop in fuel prices, the experts say, including the relative wealth or poverty of nations that rely on oil, and must buy it; the willingness of Saudi Arabia to continue producing even when the price drops (which is a way to put pressure on its fellow-nation

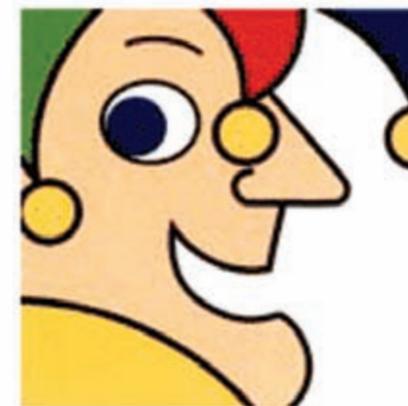
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Personal finance new year's resolutions



creating another new year's list of financial goals might be dreaded. It might seem overwhelmingly negative — just another chance for failure, just another chance to see all your prior year's shortcomings revisited.

Every person's financial situation is unique.

There are distinct positives and negatives to everyone's financial position. Everyone has different challenges to face, behaviors, attitudes, disciplines etc.

Most advisers suggest that individuals should list their resolutions for the coming year. Not all of those will be accomplished, but it will hard to accomplish any changes unless you have at least identified goals and listed them as a visual reminders.

Possibly before making the 2015 list of resolutions, it would be useful to reflect on 2014. Reflect on how successfully you accomplished last year's resolutions and, if successful in any regard, congratulate yourself. You might also reflect on any changed financial behaviors in 2014 even if they were not on last year's list of financial commitments. It might well be that during last year, you observed better financial behavior in others and adopted it, that you read about better behavior and implemented it, that you were chastised about poor financial behavior and you amended your ways.

Looking back is a good idea because success has a way of building on itself. It encourages and affirms your ability to implement positive change. Otherwise,

Many financial new year resolutions are not hugely difficult to understand: eg. save money in your retirement plan; pay off credit card debt; don't charge on your credit card more than you can pay off in full on a monthly basis; curb gift giving and spending; list all of your monthly expenses and scrutinize ways to save or reduce expenditures; don't chase investments or hot deals; etc.

These things are easily understood, the challenge is the not so simple to implement and effect consistent improved behavior.

There are many ways to rise above the often overwhelming aspects of change in financial behaviors.

First, make your new year's solutions for each of 12 months to be implemented.

For instance, you might decide that January will be dedicated to figuring a monthly budget and February might be dedicated to matching your actual expenditures to your estimated monthly budget.

March might be dedicated to funding your retirement plan and, if applicable, getting a health savings account. Insertion of expenses that will well serve your prospective financial health egg expenditures to be healthy, eat well and exercise.



April might be dedicated to selecting three to four expenses that you can curb to lower levels or you can negotiate with the provider of a service to lower dollar amounts (e.g., cell phone; insurances; cleaning; auto care; etc.)

May might be focused on paying off of credit card debt on a monthly basis. And so forth for the following months.

Certainly by October, you would want to make a reassessment of your gift purchasing in November and December.

How you compose your list is unique to you.

Be not discouraged if all 12 goals are not achieved. If you are young, accomplishing one major goal in each of your next 10 years will put you on a path that will lead to a healthier financial life.

For parents who want to impact their child's future financial life, you might jointly figure with your child (elementary, middle, high school, college or post college) what might be a good financial goal of theirs to which you can contribute or help — provided they are all-in themselves.

Remember, the challenge is to not create financial resolutions; the challenge is to implement them. You need to consider your own behavior in figuring the best way to implement change. It might be other than one change per month. It might be that you enlist a person who will hold you accountable for your change. It might be that you establish rewards for yourself with each change successfully implemented. It might be that you team with a person who has the same goal(s).

This is comparable to advice given to those who have a large amount of weight to lose. It is best that the sedentary person suddenly not commit to every day in the gym training for a marathon; it is not best accomplished by those with unrestrained eating habits to move to a very restrictive caloric intake. Start off slow and keep a steady course. ■

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competitors in OPEC to help play a role in price regulation); technological changes; and more production of shale-oil in the U.S., to name just some that have been cited by market observers recently.

Those are causes. The consequences, in turn, can be either good or bad internationally, where destabilization of governments can work to the benefit or the detriment of Americans and westerners. But in the United States — and especially in Florida, which has just surpassed New York to become the nation's third most populous state — they are almost universally considered positive, both by individuals and by companies whose business relies on transportation.

Business owners with small or large fleets in the Sunshine State say they are driving more if they need to, using savings at the pumps to refurbish or increase their stock, and spending the extra money they don't pour into the fuel industry on better equipment or holiday shopping or other economy-boosting needs.

"Moving season is May through September, and during the season the gas prices were catastrophic, so that equals our rates going up," explains Jameson Olsen, a spokeswoman for All My Sons Moving & Storage in West Palm Beach.

"But now we're out of season and the fuel prices have dropped, so we can give better rates."

And not only better rates, but faster service, since the company can put more trucks on the road and people who buy the less-expensive plan that offers pick-up on an exact date and delivery out-of-state within 45 days can expect their deliveries a lot more quickly than that.

"Rather than going to California once or twice a month, we can go three or four times, for example," Ms. Olsen adds. "And the standard industry rate calculated for gas costs on a move is 22 percent, but we can drop that to 10 percent. Isn't that crazy? That's the power of fuel prices."

Result to consumer? On a \$10,000 move, instead of paying about \$2,200 for fuel, the consumer might only pay \$1,000 for fuel. Which might mean more money in that consumer's pocket for holiday spending, for example.

And people were spending like crazy just the day before Christmas, as Ms. Olsen might say — which meant other people were working to help them spend.

In Lee County, Phil Christie, co-owner with his wife Karen Christie, and his daughter, Morgan Christie, of the specialty shop Maverick Meats, was driving back from Punta Gorda, where he'd just delivered \$300 of meat to the crew at Roy's Trailers.

Mr. Christie had purchased a trailer to



Barry Ardrey in his gas-saving hybrid.

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Adding more vehicles to the fleet.

"When gas prices drop it allows us to do more charitable work. We're the Palm Beach sponsor of Toys for Tots, and we're doing stuff all the time. So lower fuel prices work in our favor because we love doing charity. And it makes it a little easier to do that."

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go with his four vehicles, including an expensive and gas-guzzling 15-foot refrigerated truck, and the boys at Roy's were in turn buying rib-eye steaks, porterhouse steaks, sirloin steaks, brisket burgers and veal chops (all raised in the region without antibiotics or other drugs).

For Mr. Christie, fuel at these prices is saving him roughly \$7,000 a year, he figures — which is more than 20 percent of the cost of a new \$30,000 piece of equipment he now intends to buy for his shop.

"I don't know whether it's the season or the economy or that people have more money, but sales for us are up — people have the extra dollars in their pockets when gas is so much cheaper."

Meanwhile at Charlotte County Flow-

ers, Roxanne Clappe almost dropped the phone in her haste to get to the next delivery job when a reporter asked her if the drop in fuel prices was affecting business.

"This is such a good thing — we are extremely busy," she said. "I've been delivering flowers all over the area all day, and I would say the lower gas prices make a huge difference."

The same was true in Naples, where Barry Ardrey, founder and co-owner with his wife, Sharon Ardrey, of Naples Errand Runners, had just seized the opportunity presented by fuel savings to buy a newer better car capable of averaging about 35 miles per gallon in busy, in-season traffic from Naples north to Fort Myers where the company operates.

"It's a beautiful thing," he noted. "I went out and bought this 2013 Toyota hybrid, and we're doing errands and deliveries all over the place, but I do see one downside to this drop in fuel prices: competition. Now there are drivers all over the roads doing what we do."

And what he does is even a little cheaper in some regional markets than others, he adds. In Fort Myers, for example, fuel prices are slightly lower than they are in Naples.

And they continue to drop. AAA (the American Automobile Association) released a report on Dec. 21 that indicated gasoline prices had dropped below \$2 a gallon in some stations in Georgia and



The Maverick Meats truck gets 15 mpg.

Tennessee.

Happily for companies that rely on driving, "Prices in Florida are not far behind. The lowest prices in Florida are in the Jacksonville area at \$2.10 a gallon. If prices keep falling at about 2 cents a day, Florida motorists could begin finding gasoline at below \$2 a gallon by the end of the week."

AAA spokesman Mark Jenkins attributed the drop "to increased oil production and low demand, and that's keeping downward pressure on the price of gasoline."

In other words, the market is determining the cost — not OPEC, as it has tried to do in recent years, or Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company, as it did in the so-called "good old days."

By comparison, fuel prices at pumps across western Europe are more than two times prices at American pumps now, coming at out at more than \$6 a gallon, at best, according to a report last week from globalpetrolprices.com.

American business owners, meanwhile, are not myopic about the effects of diving fuel costs.

"When I look at it from the world view, I figure the biggest hit is going to be on Russia (where prices are about 20 percent less than they are at American pumps) since oil is their biggest product," observed Mr. Christie, commenting as he drove southward through a region of American opulence. "The poor over there are just going to get poorer."

And as for the poor over here?

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Report shows robust workers' compensation market in Florida

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The workers' compensation market in the Sunshine State is competitive, well capitalized and robust, with lower amounts of loss. That's the finding of the 2014 Workers' Compensation Annual Report released to the state legislature by the Office of Insurance Regulation. The report notes that six of the market's 10 largest writers are now based in Florida, up from four the year before, writing 28 percent of premiums.

The private market writes more than 95 percent of workers' compensation in the state, making Florida one of the most competitive markets of the largest states in the country and one of only two that do not rely largely on state-created residual market entities.

The analysis found that the market is still buoyed by reforms passed by the 2003 Florida Legislature and this year's 5.2 percent overall reduction of workers' compensation rates (effective in Janu-

ary 2015), the first rate reduction in four years. A long-sought revision in the state's Hospital Reimbursement Manual updated the reimbursement schedules for hospital inpatient and outpatient services, resulting in a 0.8 percent rate decrease.

Underwriting performance, an important measure of an insurance market, is strong and getting even stronger. Florida's loss ratios (the amount of direct loss relative to direct earned premium) are second only to Texas among the big states.

The report also shows positive movement since last year among different classes of workers in loss costs (the amount of the rate used to pay actual claim expenses). While costs for physicians' services and supplies here are below the national average, the costs for drugs, hospital inpatient, hospital



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outpatient and ambulatory surgical center services continue to be higher in Florida than the national average. The report states that substantial rate reductions would occur if those costs were brought in line with other states. Likewise, further reform on drug repackaging by physicians would help lower costs.

The 2003 legislative changes resulted in a 64.7 percent reduction in rates by 2010, with Florida going from having the highest rates in the country in 2000 to 40th highest in 2010. Rate increases over the past several years caused the state to slip to 29th highest and this year to 28th highest.

The report points out concerns that the state's significant gains in lowering costs from 2003-10 could be eroded further, noting several pending court cases that have the potential to negatively

affect workers' compensation rates in the future.

"The National Council on Compensation Insurance, which files rates on behalf of 254 workers' compensation insurers in Florida, made it clear at our public rate hearing in October that these court cases could potentially increase costs," Insurance Commissioner Kevin McCarty says. "Indeed, they could affect the system itself and Florida's ability to retain its economic competitive advantage in this area."

The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation has primary responsibility for regulation, compliance and enforcement of statutes related to the business of insurance and the monitoring of industry markets. The office is required by law to annually evaluate competition in the workers' compensation market and to investigate and use data in its review of such rate filings. For more information about the office, visit flor.com or follow the office on Facebook. ■

Small Business Development Center planning for inaugural CEO Law Forum

The Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University will host its inaugural CEO Law Forum from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at FGCU.

Attendees will have meet one-on-one with presenting business attorneys and will be able to attend breakout sessions on topics including trademarks, strategies to estate and business planning, commercial litigation, effects of divorce on businesses, accounts receivable, collections and intellectual property. The

program is designed for owners and managers of established businesses.

Pavese Law Firm is the Supreme Court Title Sponsor for the event. The firm's Christina Harris Schwinn, whose primary areas of practice are employment law, business transactions, community association law and real estate law, is among the presenters.

Registration is \$99 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Sign up at fsbdcswf.org.

The FSBDC at FGCU offers one-on-

one, confidential, no-cost consulting and low-cost workshops for businesses throughout Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. It is designated by the state as Florida's principal provider of business assistance. For more information, contact Amanda Stirn by calling 745-3706 or emailing astirn@fgcu.edu. ■



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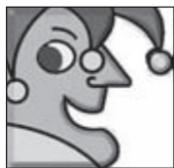
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• **Bull (and bear) market:** When the overall market gains (or loses) value over an extended period of time. There's no official definition, but many feel a gain (or drop) of at least 10 percent is needed to qualify. (A smaller drop is often called a "correction.")

• **Capital appreciation:** One of the two components of total return (along with dividend yield), capital appreciation reflects how much the underlying value of a security has increased. If you bought a stock at \$20 per share and it has risen to \$23, you've got 15 percent appreciation on your investment.

• **Capital gain/loss:** The difference between the price at which an asset is sold and its original purchase price (or "basis"). Buy a stock for \$10 and sell it for \$15, and

you've got a capital gain of \$5, less trading costs.

• **Liquidity:** A measure of how quickly an asset can be sold at a fair price and converted to cash, such as mutual funds and most major stocks. Illiquid assets include stocks with low trading volume, real estate and antiques.

• **Market timing:** An investment strategy based on predicting short-term price changes in securities, which is virtually impossible to do.

• **Standard & Poor's 500 Index:** An index of 500 of America's biggest publicly traded companies. The S&P 500 is considered a good measurement of the overall U.S. stock market, and indeed, it represents about 80 percent of the market.

• **Treasury bill (T-bill):** A short-term debt obligation issued by the U.S. government, with a maturity of one year or less. It's sold at a discount, so that you collect no coupon payments but receive the full value at maturity.

Learn more terms at investopedia.com and investorwords.com. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Costly Advice

My dumbest investment move was listening to a broker from a large brokerage. I figured he had to be very savvy to work there. I told him, back around 1994, to buy shares of America Online, Dell, Microsoft and Johnson & Johnson, among other stocks.

Instead, he pushed his presumably better ideas and soon I was invested in them. Then, just before some of them went up, he said that his brokerage was recommending real estate investment trusts (REITs) now. I was moved into some of them, and they dropped in value. For all this, I was paying him more than \$6,000 per year. I could have had millions by investing on my own.

— E.I., Dover, Oklahoma

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Last week's trivia answer

I began as a grocery store launched in Cincinnati in 1883 with \$372. In 1901, I was the first grocery store to feature a bakery. Today I'm one of the world's biggest retailers, with more than 2,600 locations in 34 states and more than 375,000 employees. My formats include grocery stores, multi-department stores, discount stores, convenience stores and jewelry stores. Brands under my roof include City Market, Dillons, Food 4 Less, Fred Meyer, Fry's, Harris Teeter, Jay C, King Soopers, QFC, Ralphs, Smith's and my own well-known name. I rake in more than \$100 billion annually. Who am I? (Answer: The Kroger Co.) ■



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A Different Dividend

Q What's a stock dividend?

— G.W., Manchester, New Hampshire

A You're probably familiar with traditional dividends, which involve companies with excess cash paying out some of it to shareholders in the form of cash dividends every quarter (and sometimes every month).

But not all dividends are paid in cash. A company might opt to reward shareholders with additional shares of stock, instead. That can seem more appealing for us investors, but by increasing its share count, the company is diluting the value of existing shares. (Imagine a pizza, where the more slices there are, the smaller each one is.)

The idea can appeal to the company's management, though, as it gets to reward shareholders without sacrificing any cash. It awards shareholders a share or a fraction of a share for each share owned, and in many ways is like a stock split.

Q How many shareholders do companies usually have?

— P.Y., Memphis, Tennessee

A It can vary widely. Privately held companies might have just a few, but publicly traded ones typically have many thousands. Hormel, for example, cites about 13,800 shareholders of record, while Kroger has 30,449.

Keep in mind that the number of shareholders changes all the time as shares are bought and sold, and that the numbers are rarely exact. Many shares are held in "street name," too, meaning that their brokerage holds their shares for them, and the company may not know how many individuals make up that block of brokerage shares or who they are.

IBM, for example, has stated that, "At year-end 2012, there were 491,541 registered owners of IBM stock. Another 1,600,000 stockholders own IBM stock through brokerage firms, banks, credit unions and other financial institutions." ■

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Name That Company

One of my roots goes back to 1833 and another to 1889, when a company was founded in the Netherlands to process concentrated fruit juices. By 1917, another key predecessor company had a presence in Manhattan and was importing essential oils. A 1958 merger gave me my current name and made me a major supplier in the flavor and fragrance industry. My flavor compounds are used in foods, drinks and sweets, while my fragrances are used in everything



from perfumes to detergents to deodorants. My 2000 acquisition of Bush Boake Allen created the world's largest flavor and fragrance company. Who am I?

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The Motley Fool Take

Energize Your Portfolio

If you're looking for a seemingly undervalued stock with a fat dividend, check out Enerplus (NYSE: ERF). It's a North American oil, gas and natural gas liquids exploration and production company, which, not surprisingly, has been whacked by falling oil prices that can lower its top- and bottom-line results.

Still, there's a lot of growth potential in Enerplus, even with oil prices at multiyear lows. Enerplus has employed hedging techniques to shield some of its production, locking in higher-than-prevailing prices.

Meanwhile, Enerplus' juiciest assets are sitting in the oil-rich Williston Basin, which spans North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Saskatchewan. Whether it's selling at the wellhead, in Cushing, Oklahoma,

or shipping by rail to Louisiana to take advantage of the Brent-West Texas Intermediate spread, Enerplus has a number of options available to get the best possible price for its assets.

Enerplus has also been a leader in "downspacing" — putting more than one well in a space where, traditionally, only one well would operate. This method could give Enerplus a way to quickly boost its yield and profits.

Enerplus offers investors a monthly dividend with an annual dividend yield recently near 10 percent. It's not without risk, especially if oil prices keep falling, but with a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 11, well below its five-year average, Enerplus is inviting. ■

High school students can apply for summer leadership program

The Leadership Collier Foundation, an affiliate of The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, is accepting applications for the Class of 2015 Youth Leadership Collier program that empowers students to become effective leaders, showcases Collier County and encourages participants to consider coming back to their community to begin their careers and families.

From June 13-19, participants will interact in daily sessions designed to give them first-hand experience in local government, health care,

business and the arts.

Tuition is \$500. The deadline for applications is Feb. 4. Applications can be found online at napleschamber.org.

For more information, contact Amanda Beights, vice president of Leadership Collier Foundation, by calling 403-2903 or emailing Amanda@napleschamber.org. ■



Leadership alumni invited to hear about 'Turtles on the Town'

The Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association hosts a panel discussion about "Turtles on the Town," a collaboration between the Community Foundation of Collier County, Conservancy of Southwest Florida and United Arts Council of Collier County, during a lunch meeting Thursday, Jan. 29.

Leadership alumni will learn about the importance of community involvement

in the areas of conservation and the arts, which are crucial to the region's continuing development. The panelists are Ann Hughes, Community Foundation director of donor services; Nikkie Dvorchak, Conservancy director of development; Katie Schweikhardt, executive director of the United Arts Council; and Robin DeMattia, consultant for "Turtles on the Town."

The lunch takes place at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Ave. S. Cost is \$15 for Leadership alumni, \$20 for others. Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m. For tickets or more information, visit napleschamber.org/events. ■

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 (not Jan. 1). To make an appointment for a free session, call Suzanne Specht at 745-3704.

■ The next **members-only Accelerated Luncheon** hosted by the Greater

Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 11:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at AZN in Mercato. \$20. Reservations are required by Jan. 5. Call Judi Menard at 298-7928 or email judi@napleschamber.org.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, at the Hilton Naples. Fidelity Investments is the morning's sponsor. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The next **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes

place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Hacienda Lakes of Naples. The evening's host is Esplanade at Hacienda Lakes. \$10 for chamber members (\$15 at the door), \$25 for others. Sign up by Jan. 12 at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce** holds its next Business After Five networking event from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at the Marco Island Fish Co. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** holds a mini-trade show at its next Business Before Busi-

ness meeting from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 22, at the Holiday Inn Fort Myers Airport next to Gulf Coast Town Center. Thirty-five chamber members will showcase their products and services to fellow members and guests. Call Chelsea Birczak at 992-2943 or email Chelsea@bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ Save the date for the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** annual meeting set for Wednesday morning, April 15, at the Hilton Naples. Visit napleschamber.org/events for more information. ■

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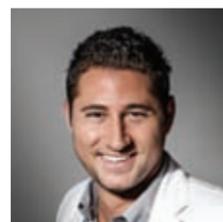
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The Naples Concierge Association holiday social at Lamoraga



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The Membership Directors Association of SWF holiday party



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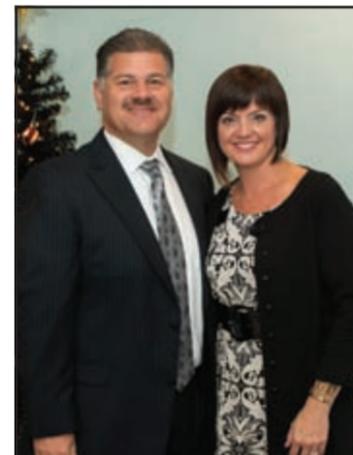
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27161 Serrano Way, Bonita Springs

A single-family home in a charming gated community along the Imperial River, this beautifully maintained, three-bedroom-plus-den, two-bath home has never been occupied since built in 2007. It's in move-in condition with an open floor plan and volume ceilings. Its location offers total privacy in a large pool area, and there is a lake view to the front. The community has a clubhouse, swimming pool and park with canoes on the river frontage.

The property is listed at \$450,000 by John R. Wood Properties, johnrwood.com.



2930 Aviamar Circle, Naples

This is a new property built by Lennar Homes — the Victoria floor plan including two bedrooms plus den and two baths in the Fiddler's Creek community of Millbrook. Standard features include tile throughout main living areas, granite countertops, stainless appliance package, crown molding, beautiful lake views, a swimming pool, spa and an outdoor kitchen. Fiddler's Creek has a long list of amenities including a resort-style pool, top fitness center, tennis courts and more.

The property is listed at \$450,000 by Real Estate Discount Club, realestatediscountclub.com.



334 Prather Drive, Fort Myers

Located just off palm tree-lined McGregor Boulevard, this four-bedroom, 2½-bath home is truly unique. Bringing the outside in with soaring ceilings, windows and French doors, it's a home bathed in sunshine with large living and dining areas perfect for entertaining. Outside you'll be captivated by a two-story pool area with a soaring balcony and spiral staircase for an elegant outside experience. The home has newer windows and air conditioning.

The property is listed at \$445,000 by Royal Shell Real Estate, royalshellrealestate.com.



45 Ocean Drive, Punta Gorda

This fantastic three-bedroom, two-bath waterfront home in Punta Gorda Isles has a large pool and deep-water sailboat access to Charlotte Harbor. Just 10 lots from the water, you'll find the home has a spacious, open floor plan with updated kitchen, formal living room/dining room and separate family room. The gourmet kitchen features rich wood cabinetry, decorative pendant lighting, a pass-through window to the lanai and stainless steel appliances. Every room in the home has a pool and/or canal view. An extended concrete dock is steps from the back door. The property is listed at \$445,000 by RE/MAX Harbor Realty, wesellpg.com.



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Above: Ryan Fulmer, John Asher, Angela Wisdom, Steve Kempton, Sal Simonetti, Jennifer Sutton and Stephen Reiter.

Right: Tony DeNardo of Fiddler's Creek and Steve Kempton of Taylor Morrison West Florida.



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Seven new homes underway by WCI in Porto Romano at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf club

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The Augusta

Buyers can select from two three-bedroom golf villa designs, the Inverness and the Augusta. Construction has begun on the final seven homesites, with three Inverness homes and four Augusta homes underway.

The two-story Inverness is the largest golf villa floorplan, with 2,782 square feet of living space. It offers a den, four full baths and a second-floor loft. The Inverness has 3,521 total square feet, including a two-car garage, covered entry and lanai.

The Augusta offers a flex room, two full baths and a powder room under 2,255 square feet of air-conditioned living space. It features coffered ceilings in select rooms, a two-car garage and 3,039 total square feet.

Golf villas at Porto Romano have kitchens with island breakfast bars and closet pantries. Master suites have large walk-in closets and bathrooms with tiled glass-enclosed showers, vanities with his-and-her sinks. The Augusta also has a separate garden tub.

Both home designs offer a choice of architectural elevations that include barrel tile roofs, arched entry towers, decorative paneled garage doors, stone banding and shutters. Pricing starts in the \$570,000s.

Porto Romano residents enjoy the award-winning amenities at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club, featuring more than 700 acres of freshwater lakes for swimming, boating and waterskiing, and three miles of lakefront beach. The Beach Club offers a grill with indoor and outdoor seating, a library, wine room, theater and boat docks. The community also offers a spa and fitness center, seven-court tennis club and The Golf Club, featuring the private Hills-designed course and 15-acre practice facility.

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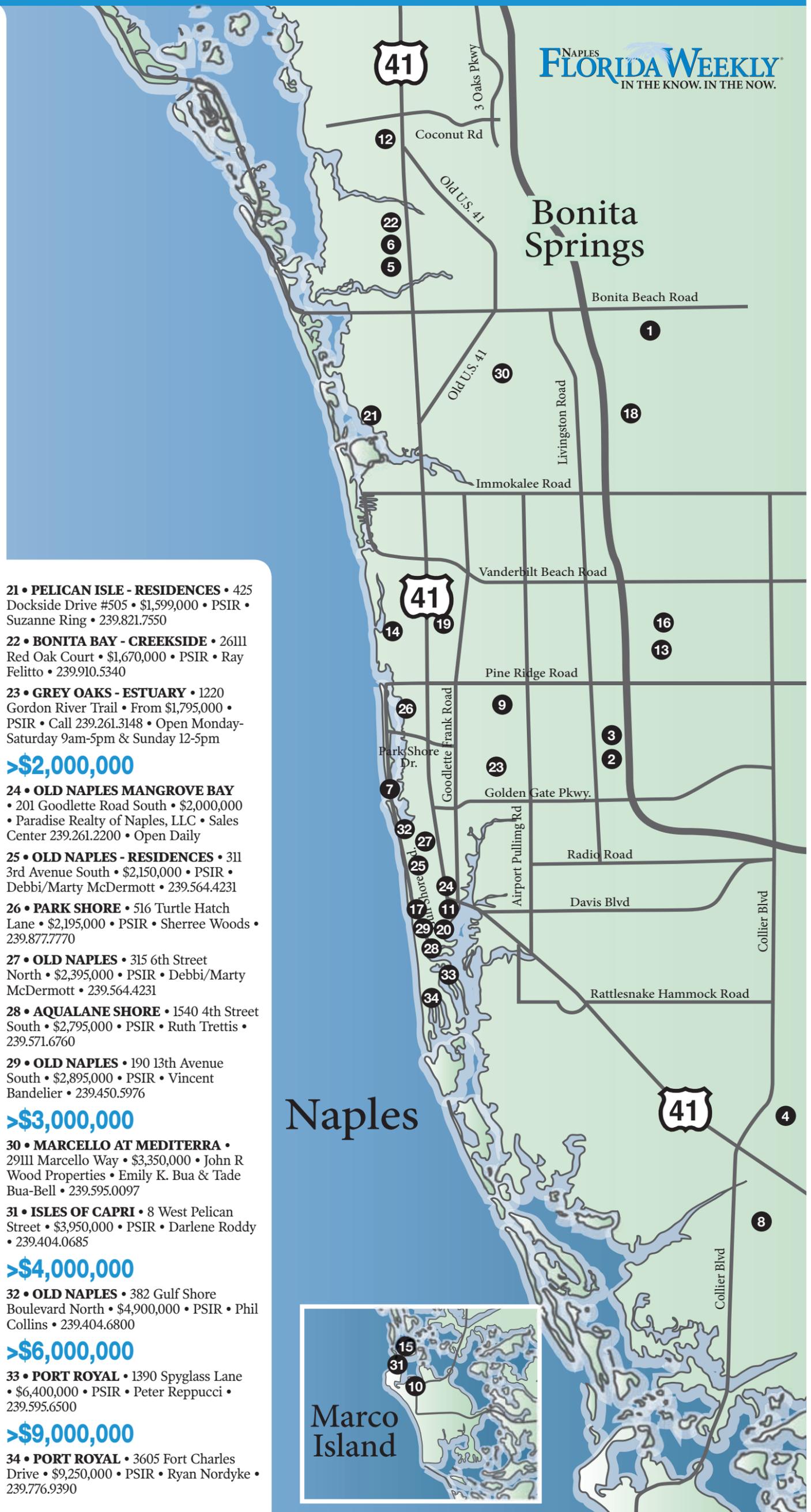
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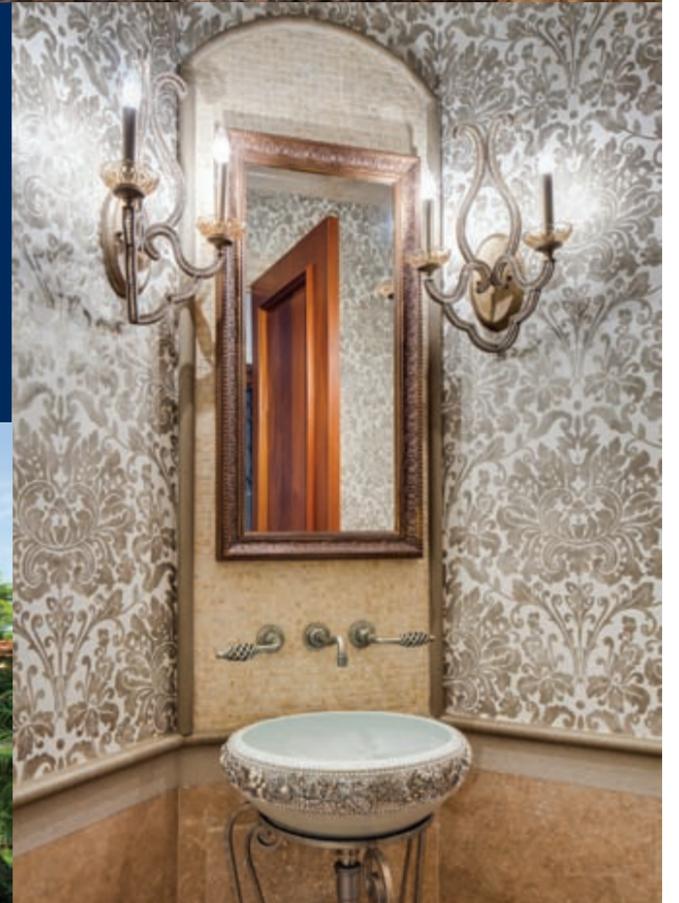
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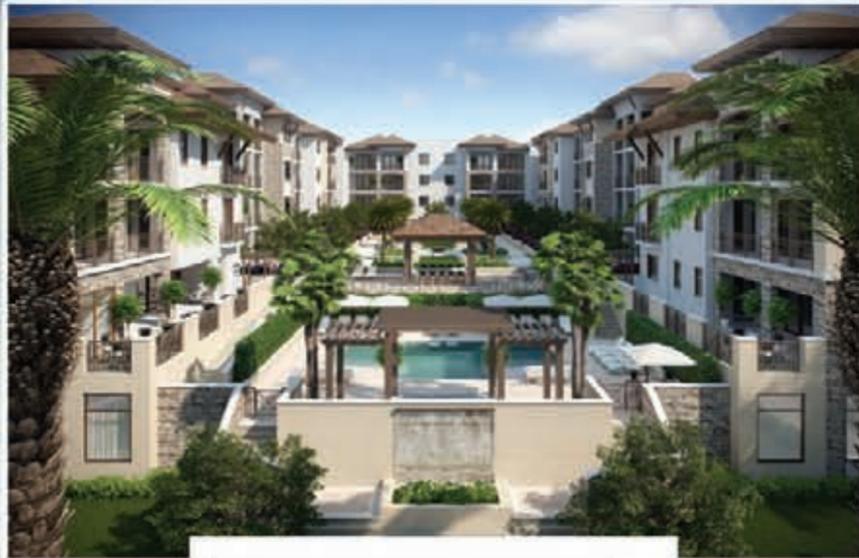
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Ding-Dong!
Hello!

I would like to share with you about the most amazing musical; it's the hottest ticket in Southwest Florida, despite its unlikely topic: Mormon missionaries in Uganda.

It's "The Book of Mormon: The Musical," the Broadway show critics everywhere are raving about.

Ben Brantley of *The New York Times* proclaimed it "the best musical of this century," a sentiment echoed by Kurt Andersen of NPR, who said it is "by far the best new musical of the 21st century." Christine Dolen of the *Miami Herald* described it as "vulgar, hilarious and sweetly touching."

The show won nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Book of a Musical and Best

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Broadway's hottest, most controversial musical is bound for Southwest Florida

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David Larsen in "The Book of Mormon." The show is coming to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall and Artis—Naples.

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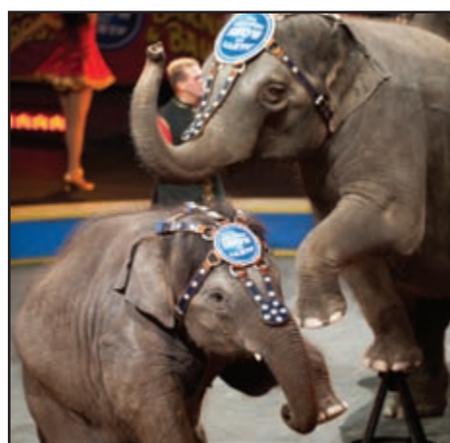
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Southwest Florida low on the list for romance and fun



On a recent night in downtown Fort Myers, a man leaning against a lamp-post said to me, "You're not from around here, are you?"

I smiled and kept walking, tossing back over my shoulder. "Actually, I am."

Which is true; my Floridian roots run deep. But still, his comment delighted me. Most of us from down here like to pretend we're not.

I'm always struck by how people born and raised in other parts of the country describe Southwest Florida. They use words like "paradise" and "gorgeous," and they ask enviously what it was like to grow up here. Those of us from this part of Florida, though, usually just shake our heads.

But why? What's so bad about it? We have beaches, pleasant weather all year round, fine dining, good shopping. What's missing?

Romance, for starters.

Anyone who has been single in Southwest Florida will tell you that finding someone to love in this area can be tough. When I tell people in other cities about our dating scene, they always roll their eyes and ask, "How hard can it be?" Now, finally, I have statistical proof that the dating life in this area is a struggle.

The online personal finance site Wal-



let Hub just released its findings for the best and worst cities to be single in the United States. Using data from the Census Bureau and other agencies, Wallet Hub crunched numbers for the 150 most populated U.S. cities. To decide each place's "Romance & Fun" ranking, researchers weighed factors such as the percentage of single people, the num-

ber of restaurants per capita, nightlife options, crime rate and online dating opportunities. So how'd we do in Southwest Florida?

Technically, we didn't make the most populated cities list — no Fort Myers, no Naples.

But there, sitting down at the bottom, ranked 145 out of 150: Cape Coral, only

slightly more fun and romantic than Brownsville, Texas, and Peoria, Ariz.

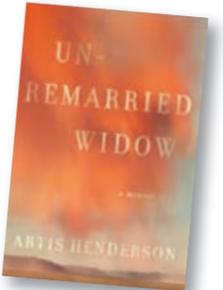
I laughed when I first saw this. It's one thing to claim that dating is hard here; it's another to see actual evidence.

Still, I like to think we're not completely doomed, the singles who call this corner of paradise home. Statistics are hard to stare down, but just because something's a challenge doesn't make it impossible.

In 2015, this bright New Year already upon us, I think we should all shoot for a touch more faith (no matter what the data says). I'd encourage the singles among us to get out more, to try new things, to circulate in a different dating pool. People write me frequently, men and women with a lot of to offer who haven't found the right person, and I always want to put them together, to say, "Look. They're out there. Keep searching."

It's true that we might not be as romantic or fun as, say, Boise, Idaho, (No. 22), or Lincoln, Neb., (No. 68), but at least we have a pretty coast and warm days even in January. I like to think we also have a relentless optimism, and that — more than anything — will see us through. ■

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



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— Cody Jamison Strand, who plays Elder Cunningham



"The Book of Mormon" National Tour Company

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MORMON

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Original Score, as well as the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding New Broadway Musical — to just mention a few.

"The Book of Mormon" plays both the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers (Jan. 6-11) and Artis—Naples in Naples (Jan. 13-18).

"I don't think it's ever been done before (having the same show play consecutively at the two venues)," says Mann Hall General Manager Scott Saxon. "It's something we've talked about and sort of felt this was a good opportunity to try it. It's a show that's really popular; let's play a week at both places. We were both confident it would be successful."

And they were right: Seats are sold out at Artis—Naples, but some remain available at the Mann Hall. Limited \$25 cash-only seats will be available by lottery at both venues on each day of performance.

Specialists in shock

Written by Trey Parker and Matt Stone, creators of the animated TV show "South Park," and Robert Lopez, co-composer and co-lyricist of Broadway's "Avenue Q," "The Book of Mormon" tells the story of two 19-year-old missionaries sent to Uganda to convert the people there to Mormonism.

"It deals with the journey that two Mormons take, after they graduate from high school and go off and do their missionary work," says actor James Vincent Meredith, who plays Mafala, a Ugandan. "It's their journey to Uganda, and the journey they take as far as learning about their religion and each other, and about friendship."

Both Mr. Stone and Mr. Parker have made a career out of pushing boundaries, including the boundaries of good taste. Never having met a line they won't cross, they're specialists in shock. This show satirizes not only Mormonism, but all organized religion, and includes subjects such as female genital mutilation and men having sex with babies in the mistaken belief that doing so will cure them of AIDS.

Perhaps the most controversial song in "The Book of Mormon" is "Hasa Diga Eebowai," a cheery, bouncy little number that TV's "60 Minutes" called "rude, crude, lewd and blasphemous." The lyrics curse God in very explicit language (language we cannot print and don't want to even allude to in *Florida Weekly*).



Denée Benton and Cody Jamison Strand in "The Book of Mormon."

"First, I thought, if I'm lucky enough to get this role, I don't know if my parents can come see this," says Mr. Meredith, who sings "Hasa Diga Eebowai" and teaches it to the Mormon boys. "They're religious. But also just saying what I say in that song; I wasn't sure if they could cotton to it."

"I read (the script) two or three times. I kept thinking, 'How is this being produced? How are they allowed to do it?' It goes after everyone. The misnomer with the show is that it only makes fun of Mormonism. But they make fun of everyone. That's what got me excited about auditioning."

But still, there was that big number he has to sing every night, cursing God from the stage.

"The thing that kind of allowed me to make my peace with it is that the struggles that these people are going through ... are real," Mr. Meredith explains. "An epidemic, so many diseases going around, that are taking brothers, sisters, mothers, daughters, fathers, uncles. There is such frustration by the people ... it's a very sensible response: 'What the bleep, God? Why is this happening to me? Why is this allowed to happen? Why do I have this family member this day and two weeks later they're gone?'"

"I think when you have no answers, are frustrated and there's nothing you can do about it, about sickness, oppression from the warlord ... I can understand why this song would spring up from such frustration."

Reaction to the number is usually positive, although once in a while, people walk out.

"I understand that," the actor says. "It's a bit of a surprise. It takes some people aback. But the lion's share of the audience is definitely with us."

As for his religious parents, they came to see the show in Chicago. (Mr. Meredith grew up in Evanston, a suburb just north

of the city, and acts in Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre Company. He also appeared on Broadway in "Superior Donuts," which originated at Steppenwolf. "The Book of Mormon" is his first musical.)

"They are definitely religious and I had concerns," he says about having his parents in the audience. "I was probably the most nervous for that show. I'm a grown man with a wife and kid of my own, but you always want your parents to be happy. I wasn't sure how they'd take it."

"Believe it or not, they enjoyed it."

An equal-opportunity offender

Cody Jamison Strand, who plays Elder Cunningham, one of the two lead missionaries, had a similar situation.

He comes from a line of ministers: Not only is his father an Assemblies of God minister in South Dakota, but his grandfather is also one.

As for Mr. Strand himself? "I didn't hear the calling," he says simply.

He did hear the call to become an actor, however. Ironically, Elder Cunningham is the first role he played on Broadway. After that, the 25-year-old actor joined the Chicago cast and is now touring with them.

His father, he says, "has seen the show about 14 times" and really likes it, though, "He always says they could use the f-word about half the amount of time (that they do.)"

In his bio, Mr. Strand dedicates his performance to his grandparents, including his pastor grandfather Bob.

"I come from a long line of pastors, and here I am, singing 'hasa diga eebowai' every night."

The song, he says, is vital to the show. "It's important dramatically the moment it happens in the show," he says. "If it didn't, there would be no story. If all of Uganda accepted our message from the beginning, our show would be very short. They needed a place to go. Every

issue that is talked about in the song is really happening."

One of his favorite things to do is go online and read the one-star negative reviews on Yelp.

"I find it hilarious," he says. "They harp on that song and say, 'It's not funny to make fun of that stuff.' We're not making fun of it. We're pointing it out."

"I think you can say more through a satire than you can being serious."

"(Mormonism) is the lens that they use to talk about all organized religion. (The writers are) the masters of satire."

The musical, he says, "touches on everything and leaves no stone unturned. That's what people like about it: It's an equal opportunity offender."

Predicting local reaction

So how will conservative Southwest Florida audiences respond to the show? It's difficult to predict.

Mr. Saxon saw "The Book of Mormon" on Broadway and found it "incredibly funny," he says. "It's hysterical. It's smart and very, very funny."

"What gets lost sometimes in the fact that it's so funny is that it's a big, old-fashioned musical, with big production numbers, and big, good songs. It's a great Broadway musical. I think that gets lost sometimes when people talk about the controversial things. It deserved the Tony it won (for Best Musical)."

Not only did the show make him laugh, but those around him were also laughing hysterically as well, he says. And though it's been a couple of years, he can still hum some of the tunes.

The show has "a very 'South Park' sensibility to it," he adds. "They skewer everybody."

But, he adds, you don't have to be a "South Park" fan to find it funny.

"I think the vast majority of the people will love it, will be talking about it, raving about it, 99.9 percent. Southwest Florida appreciates a great show, and this is what it is: a great show." ■

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"The Book of Mormon: The Musical"

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TheatreZone reprises its first show as 10th anniversary season opener

TheatreZone's 10th anniversary season opens with "Mack & Mabel," the first show ever produced by the company in 2005. Opening night 2015 is Thursday, Jan. 8, and the show runs through Jan. 18 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples.

With book by Michael Steward and music and lyrics by Jerry Herman, "Mack & Mabel" is about the tumultuous romantic relationship between Hollywood director Mack Sennett and Mabel Normand, who became one of Mr. Sennett's biggest stars. In a series of flashbacks, he relates the glory days of Keystone Studios from 1911, when he discovered Ms. Normand and cast her in dozens of his early "two-reelers," through his creation of Sennett's Bath-



ing Beauties and the Keystone Cops to Mabel's death from tuberculosis in 1930.

The original 1974 Broadway production starring Robert Preston and Bernadette Peters received eight Tony Award nominations, including Best Musical, but did not win any. Although the production closed after only eight weeks, the songs were praised and subsequent productions, especially in Berlin, have had success.

Patrick Sullivan makes his TheatreZone debut as Mr. Sennett. He has appeared on Broadway in "Beauty & the Beast" (Gaston), "Titanic" (Barrett and Farrell) and the revival of "42nd Street" (Julian Marsh).

Songstress Carolann Sanita, most recently seen in TheatreZone's production of "Godspell" and last year's "High Society," plays Mabel.

Andrea Wright and Gerrit VanderMeer play the actress Lottie and director William Desmond Taylor, who features Mabel in his dramatic roles and is a romantic foil toward Mr. Sennett. The ensemble cast includes Alex Jorth, Joseph Strickland, Jarret Ditch, Christopher Lewis, Kayley Stevens, Juliet Jewett, Dana Cohen and Whitney Winfield.

Up next at TheatreZone will be Stephen Sondheim's musical thriller "Sweeney Todd," playing Feb. 5-15. The season continues with "Brooklyn: The Musical" (March 5-15) and Neil Simon's "They're Playing Our Song" (April 30-May 10).

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Marco Players present a midlife-crisis comedy

The Marco Players present "Becky's New Car," a breezy yet heartfelt midlife-crisis comedy filled with U-turns all about taking chances, Jan. 7-25 at The Marco Players Theatre in Marco Town Center.

Commissioned by Charles Staadecker as a birthday gift to his wife, Benita, "Becky's New Car" was written by Steven Dietz. Becky Foster (Erin Laughlin) is in middle age, middle management and a middling marriage. One night, wealthy businessman Walter Flood (Kevin Kenneally) enters the car dealership where Becky works and the curves in the road begin. He offers her the chance of a lifetime — and the

audience is offered a chance to ride shotgun down roads with unexpected turns.

In addition to Ms. Laughlin and Mr. Kenneally, the local cast includes Andrew Ciliberto as Becky's husband, Joe; Sean O'Shea as the Fosters' son, Chris; Alex Costello as Becky's co-worker Steve; Valentina Cioci as Walter's daughter, Kenni; and Kathleen Barney as Ginger, a neighbor of Walter's. Greg Madera directs for The Marco Players.

Showtime is 8 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7-25. Tickets for \$23 and \$25. Call 642-7270 or go to themarcoplayers.com. ■



COURTESY PHOTO

Charles and Benita Staadecker, seated from left, with The Marco Players' cast of "Becky's New Car." Mr. Staadecker commissioned the play as a birthday gift for his wife.

Love letter gets 'Up Close and Personal'

The Marco Island Center for the Arts presents columnist Randall Kenneth Jones with "A Love Letter to Southwest Florida" from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, as part of its "Up Close and Personal" series.

Mr. Jones blends humor and insight with surprises gleaned from his "Business Class" column in the *Naples Daily News*.

Tickets to "A Love Letter to Southwest Florida" are \$20 and can be purchased by calling 394-4221 or visiting marcoislandart.org. The Marco Island Center for the Arts is located at 1010 Winterberry Drive. ■

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THEATER

The Bible: The Complete Word of God (Abridged) – By Theatre Conspiracy on select dates Jan. 3-24 at the Alliance for the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatreconspiracy.org.

One Slight Hitch – By Florida Repertory Theatre Jan. 6-28 at the historic Arcade Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org.

Becky's New Car – By The Marco Island Players Jan. 7-25 at the Marco Island Theater. 642-7270 or themarco-players.com. See story on page C5.

Mack & Mabel – By TheatreZone Jan. 8-18 in the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com. See story page C5.

God of Carnage – By The Naples Players Jan. 14-Feb. 7 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike – By Gulfshore Playhouse Jan. 17-Feb. at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Last of the Red Hot Lovers – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Players Jan. 22-24. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.



Ringmaster Andre McClain and Ringling Bros. Circus bring "Built to Amaze" to the big top at Germain Arena Friday through Sunday, Jan. 2-4. (800) 745-3000 or germainarena.com.

THURSDAY 1.1



Foot Race – Start the new year off on the right foot by stepping out for the Gulfcoast Runners' Dave Cranor 5K at 7:30 a.m. at Lowdermilk Park. Champagne at the finish line. Free. 434-9786 or gcrunners.org.

Polar Plunge – No wetsuits allowed for those who dip into the Gulf of Mexico at 9 a.m. at Lowdermilk Park. \$20 registration, with proceeds benefit Collier County Drug Court Kids. 495-0939 or gcrunners.org.

The Wonder of it All – Everglades Wonder Gardens welcomes visitors for discounted admission of \$5. The 3.4-acre botanical garden in Bonita Springs has a flamingo pond, orchid trail, garden center, art gallery and more. 27180 Old 41 Road. 992-2591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Go, Crab, Go – Pick your crab and cheer it on when the crab racing starts at noon at Rita's English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or naplesenglishpub.com.

Tonight's the Night – Celebrate the first night of 2015 by harking back to the '70s at a Rod Stewart Tribute Show at 7 p.m. at Rita's English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or naplesenglishpub.com.

FRIDAY 1.2

Here Comes the Circus – Ringling Bros. presents "Built to Amaze," a show about what it takes to build The Greatest Show on Earth, today through Sunday at Germain Arena. Tickets start at \$16. (800) 745-3000.

SATURDAY 1.3

Art in the Park – The Naples Art Association presents a juried art show from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Cambier Park. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

More Downtown Art – The Fifth Avenue South Association hosts the 19th annual Downtown Naples New Year's Art Fair from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Sunday, Jan. 4. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Pickin' and Grinnin' – The Bluegrass Parlor Band plays The Norris Center at 7 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$22 at the door. 213-3049 or naplesgov.com.

Vanessa Williams – Grammy Award-winner Vanessa Williams takes the stage at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

SUNDAY 1.4

Sip 'n' Shop – Head to Waterside Shops and enjoy bloody Marys, mimosas and live entertainment in the pavilion from noon to 3 p.m. today and every Sunday through April. Proceeds from the month of January benefit the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled. 598-1605 or watersideshops.com.

Jazz Concert – The Stu Shelton Trio plays the lawn at Mercato at 2 p.m. Free. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Band Concert – The Music Makers Show Band performs at 2 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park. Free. 348-3675 or musicmakersshowband.org.

Gala Concert – Gulfshore Opera presents tenor Michael Fabiano and soprano Joyce El-Khoury at 8 p.m. at Artis—Naples. \$25-\$160. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

MONDAY 1.5

Paddle in the Mangroves – Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park lead guided canoe trips every day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$30. 845-649-5502 or floridastateparks.org.

Psychic Mondays – Medium Candyce Strafford offers readings at Daniela's Restaurant. Reservations required. 13500 Tamiami Trail N. 514-4414 or danielas-restaurant.com.

Buongiorno, Naples – The Naples Italian American Foundation debuts its weekly Italian language courses. \$60 per six-week session for non-members. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org. See story on page A17.

Lecture – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents Elliot Katz with "American Jews and the Holocaust: Myths, Misconceptions and Reality" at 11 a.m. \$15. 4760 Tamiami Trail N. 263-9200 or holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

By the Light of the Moon – Naples Historical Society hosts a full moon tour of Palm Cottage and The Norris Gardens starting at 8 p.m. \$10. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.



Grammy Award-winner Vanessa Williams takes the stage at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 3, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Pasta and Film – The Naples Italian American Foundation screens "Viaggio Sola" (2013) at 5:30 p.m. A luxury hotel critic ponders the question: Does a dream job mean a dream life? \$15 for dinner and movie, \$5 for movie alone. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Films for Film Lovers – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening and discussion of "A Separation" (Iran, 2011) at 7 p.m. A married couple faces with a difficult decision — to improve the life of their child by moving to another country or to stay in Iran and look after a deteriorating parent who has Alzheimer's disease. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 1.6

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

Dogs in the Garden – Naples Botanical Garden admits furry friends (on leashes and with their owners) from 8-11 a.m. One dog per guest. Free for Garden members and their dogs; regular admission plus \$9.95 for non-members and their dogs. 643-7525 or naplesgarden.org.

Lunch 'n' Learn – Master storyteller Caren Neile brings history to life with dramatic interpretations of characters from Florida's past starting at noon at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. \$10. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Book Talk – Discuss "Gertruda's Oath: A Child, A Promise and a Heroic Escape During WWII" by Ram Oren at 2 p.m. at South Regional Library. 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibraries.org.

Climate Change Lecture – Michael Savarese presents "The Influence of Climate Change and Sea Level Rise on Southwest Florida's Coast" at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. 180 South Heathwood Drive. \$5. 389-6447 or themihs.org.

Welcome to the South – The Italian Cultural Society hosts a screening of "Benvenuti al Sud" (2010) at 6:45 p.m. at The Norris Center. The film is a delightful spoof on the northern Italians' view of the southern Italians, particularly Neapolitans. \$5. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

WEDNESDAY 1.7

Downtown Stroll – Enjoy a guided walking tour of Old Naples led by a docent from the Naples Historical Society. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at Historic Palm Cottage, 137 12th Ave. S. Reservations required. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Mah Jongg – Naples Elks Lodge hosts mah jongg starting at 11 a.m. All are welcome. \$2. 11250 Tamiami Trail E. (845) 649-5502

Survivor's Story – Michael Stolowitzky, the subject of the book "Gertruda's Oath" (see Book Talk, above), comes to Southwest Florida as part of the inaugural One Book Southwest Florida reading program. Mr. Stolowitzky tells his story at 7 p.m. tonight at Temple Shalom (4630 Pine Ridge Road; 263-9200 or naplestemple.org) and at 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at South Regional Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org. See story on page A6.

Italian Social – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts an Italian dinner. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Proper dress required. \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

COMING UP

Love Letters – Local columnist Randall Kenneth Jones presents a thought-provoking presentation about Southwest Florida at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 394-4221 or marcoislandart.org.

Art Reception – Trudy Labell Fine Art hosts a meet-the-artists reception at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9. Reservations required. 2425 Tamiami Trail N. 434-7778 or trudylabelfineart.com.

Musical Comedy – Jimmy Keys takes the stage at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. \$25. Tickets can be purchased at the museum gift shop. 180 South Heathwood Drive. 389-6447 or themihs.org.

CAPA Concert – Bayshore Performing Arts Center presents the Chrysalis Chamber Players at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at Florida SouthWestern State College-Collier Campus. \$25 for adults, \$20 for students. 775-2800 or bayshorecapa.org.

Tied-Up in Knotts – Karen Knotts, daughter of Don Knotts of "The Andy Griffith Show" fame, shares stories about growing up with Barney Fife as her dad at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, at The Norris Center. \$22. 755 Eighth Ave. S. 213-3049 or naplesgov.com.

Florida's Finest Tenors – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts Florida's Finest Tenors for a performance of Broadway, opera and standard favorites at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 9, 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Seminole Celebration – The Seminole Tribe of Florida celebrates the 119th anniversary of the Big Cypress Reservation with a festival at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Grounds starting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, and featuring a 6:30 p.m. concert with country stars Montgomery Gentry and Gary Allen. \$54. Exit 49 off I-75. (863) 902-3200 or bigcypresscelebration.com.

Art Show – Naples Artcrafters hosts a juried fine art and craft show from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at Cambier Park. 213-3017 or naplesartcrafters.com.

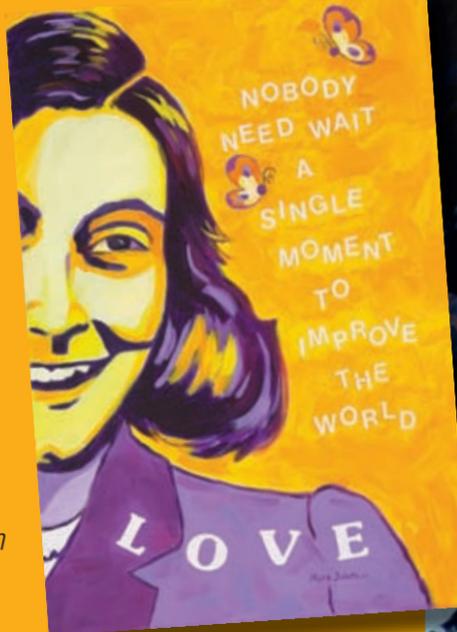
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■ The Book of Mormon plays at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall and Artis—Naples. — bbmannpah.com, artisnaples.org



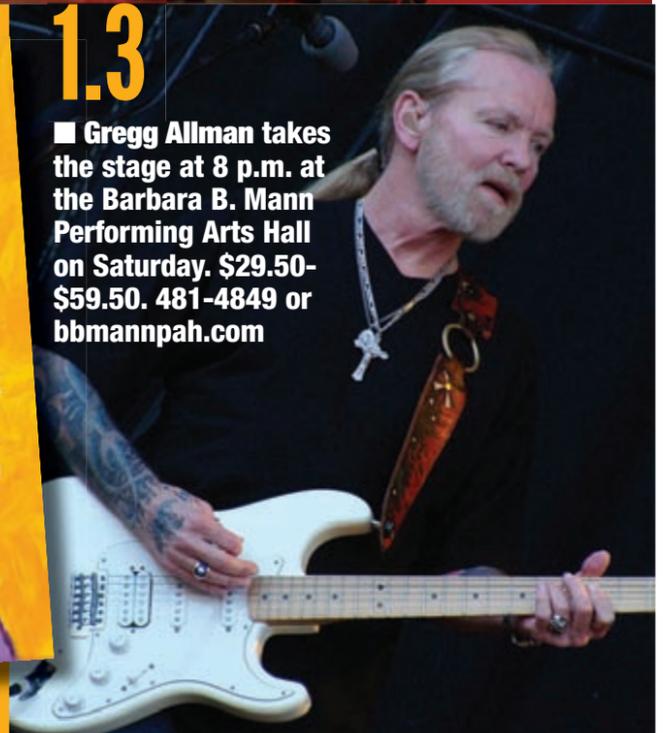
■ The Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center hosts an **Art Talk** from 7-9 p.m. with Sanibel artist **Myra Roberts**, Fort Myers author **Ella Naylor**, Holocaust survivors **Cesare Frustaci** and **Steen Metz**, and WW II liberator **Robert Hilliard**. Tickets are \$5. Ms. Roberts' exhibit "Ancient Spirits to Angels on Earth" is on exhibit at the center through Jan. 23. 2301 First St., Fort Myers. — sbdac.com



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■ **Gregg Allman** takes the stage at 8 p.m. at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall on Saturday. \$29.50-\$59.50. 481-4849 or bbmannpah.com



#DOWNLOAD IT



■ **Amanda and the Big Giant Eyeball**, a superhero story that takes place in Southwest Florida, was written by Florida Weekly's Oswald Padilla and has a cover by local tattoo artist Andy Howl. — Comixology.com

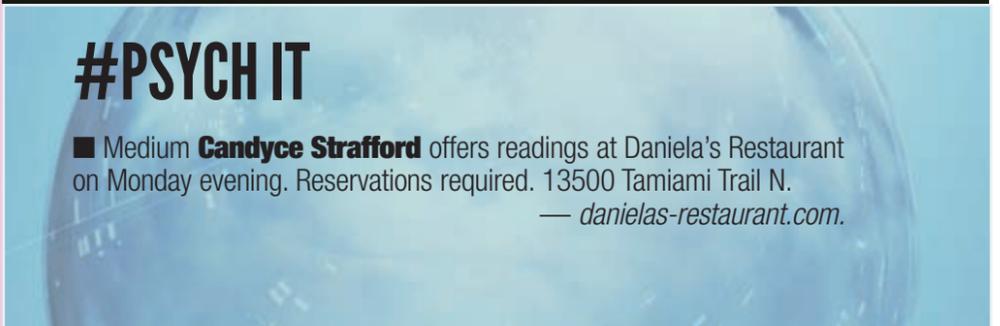
#BOOK IT

■ Guitarist/singer **Andy Wahlberg** and numerous others perform at the Neapolitan Opry's sixth annual Cluster Pluckin' Saturday, Jan. 10, at The Norris Center. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. — naplesgov.com.



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■ Medium **Candyce Strafford** offers readings at Daniela's Restaurant on Monday evening. Reservations required. 13500 Tamiami Trail N. — danielas-restaurant.com.



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Interview (R)	10:00P
Theory of Everything (PG13)	1:00P 4:00P 6:45P 9:30P
Wild (R)	11:30A 1:45P 2:00P 4:45P 7:30P 10:00P

THEATRE LISTINGS

Annie (PG)	11:00A 1:45P 4:30P 7:00P 9:45P
Foxcatcher (R)	12:30P 4:00P 7:15P 10:00P
Gambler (R)	11:30A 2:15P 5:00P 7:30P 10:00P
Hobbit The Battle 3D HFR (PG13)	10:00P
Interview (R)	11:00A 1:45P 4:30P 7:30P
Into The Woods (PG)	12:30P 3:45P 7:15P 10:00P
Night at The Museum (PG)	11:30A 1:45P 4:00P 6:45P 9:00P
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Cluster Pluckin' – The Neapolitan Opry presents the sixth annual Cluster Pluckin' concert with a variety of bluegrass bands and musicians at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 10, at The Norris Center. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 213-3049 or naplesgov.com.

Renaissance Academy Open House – Learn all about the winter program offerings at the FGCU Renaissance Academy open house from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the FGCU Naples Center. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Free. 425-3272 or fgcu.edu/racademy.

Church Concert – Virtuoso Catherine Weinfield-Zell is featured on oboe and French horn at Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11. Free. 375 Galleon Drive. 262-6581 or trinitybythecove.com.

Author Lecture – Friends of the Library of Collier County host Ron Powers, author of "Flags of our Fathers," at 8:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the Country Club of Naples. Breakfast included with ticket. \$35 for members, \$45 for non-members. 185 Burning Tree Drive. 262-8135 or collier-friends.org.

Dinner and a Film – Artichoke & Co. provides light bites during a screening of "Chico & Rita" (Spain, 2010) starting at 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. Chico is a young piano player with big dreams, and Rita is a singer with an extraordinary voice. Music and romantic desire unite them, but their journey — in the tradition of the Latin ballad, the bolero — brings heartache and torment. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Culture Lecture – The Italian Cultural Society hosts "The Great Bernini: Sculptor and Architect" at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at the Hilton Naples. \$38, with purchase in advance required. 5111 Tamiami Trail N. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

One-Woman Show – Local actress Bobbi Bassewitz presents "The Lady with All the Answers," a play based on the life of advice columnist Ann Landers, at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13, at Temple Shalom. \$25 for members, \$28 for non-members, \$50 for sponsorship. 4630 Pine Ridge Road. For reservations, send a check to Temple Shalom Sisterhood at 5895 Sonoma Court, Naples, FL 34119.

Historic Tea – Koreshan State Park hosts an afternoon tea at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13. \$30. 992-0311 or floridastateparks.org.

Marilyn Presents – Marilyn's on Fifth Avenue presents a Giorgio Grati fashion show from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13. \$75, with proceeds to benefit the Neighborhood Health Clinic. 375 Fifth Ave. S. 206-4460 or marilynhellman.com.

Gentle Yoga – Golden Gate Community Center hosts a yoga class at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays starting Jan. 13. \$45 per six-week session or \$8 per class. (413) 230-1518.

Psychic Dinner – Medium Francesca Kimpton gives readings at Chez Boet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13. Prix-fixe dinner accompanies the demonstration. Reservations required. \$110. 643-6117 or chezboetnaples.com.

Experimental Films – Enjoy locally produced indie films with audience participation at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at Paragon Pavilion. Must be 18 years of age. Ticket entitles purchaser to discounts at KC American Bistro. \$30. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. Purchase tickets at badbadprof.com.



Hear all about how climate change is affecting Southwest Florida when Michael Savarese presents a lecture at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. \$5. 180 South Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 389-6447 or themihs.org.

Celebrate Nature – Rookery Bay hosts the 11th annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival starting at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 16, and continuing through the weekend. Guests will enjoy lectures, tours, boat rides and more, including buy-one-get-one admission to the education center. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Sneak Peek – The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center hosts a preview reception for artist John Costin's new exhibition "John Costin: Florida Birds, Wild Florida and Mother Nature" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Asleep at the Wheel – Grammy Award-winning Asleep at the Wheel performs at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, at Seminole Immokalee Casino. \$25. (800) 218-0007.

Doll Show – Naples Doll Club hosts a show and sale from 1-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 16, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at New Hope Ministries Church. 7675 Davis Blvd. \$3-8. Email mydolls_2@yahoo.com for more information.

Art Lecture – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts art historian Edith Coleman for a talk on what to look for in a work of art at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. \$10. 7035 Airport Road N. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Wild Art – Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park hosts its 17th annual Wildlands and Wildlife Art Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. \$2-6 for park entry. 597-5196 or delnorwiggins.org.

A Psychic Good Time – Medium Gary Spivey, often referred to as "the modern-day Nostradamus," brings his talents to Seminole Casino Immokalee at 7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17. \$20. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Pets on Parade – Third Street South holds its sixth annual Pets on Third Parade and Petfest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18. This year's costume theme is "Working Your Tail Off: Pets Dressed for Work." Registration for the costume contest begins at 10 a.m. behind Tommy Bahama, and the parade begins at noon. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Jewish Film – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island screens "The Outrageous Sophie Tucker" (USA, 2014) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18. The documentary focuses on the tumultuous early days of the woman who ruled the 1920s flapper era and became the last of the "Red Hot Mamas" in her 60-year show biz career. 991 Winterberry Road, Marco Island. 642-0800 or marcojcmi.com.

WHERE TO GO

Norwegian Film – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of “Headhunters” (Norway, 2011, action/thriller) starting at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at the FCGU Naples Center. Pre-registration strongly recommended. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Free. 425-3272 or fgcu.edu/racademy.

Music to Touch the Heart – Voices of Naples performs at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18, at St. Leo Catholic Church. Free, but donations appreciated. 28290 Beaumont Road. 455-2582 or voicesofnaples.org.

Stomp Meets “Glee” – Vocal Trash brings its innovative blend of vocals, dance and recycled instruments to the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs at 8 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18. \$30 for non-members, \$35 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Concert – Pianist Michael Baron and clarinetist Julian Milkis perform a combination of baroque and jazz at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19, at FGCU’s Bower School of Music. \$10. 590-7292 or fgcu.edu.

French Film – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs presents a screening of “Chicken with Plums” (France, 2011) at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19. Since his beloved violin was broken, Nasser Ali Khan, one of the most renowned musicians of his day, has lost all taste for life. Finding no instrument worthy of replacing it, he decides to confine himself to bed to await death. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

MLK Parade – A parade honoring slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. steps out at 8 a.m. Monday, Jan. 19, from Broad Avenue in downtown Naples. The route proceeds north on Third Street South, turns right on Fifth Avenue and finishes at Cambier Park. 455-2886 or fifthavenuesouth.com.

History Lecture – Michael Lasser talks about songs during the Great Depression in “Building a Dream: Working and Loving in Songs of the Great Depression” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the Marco Island Historical Museum. \$5. 180 South Heathwood Drive. 389-6447 or themihs.org.

Mind Candy – Seminole Casino Immokalee hosts mentalist and illusionist Wayne Hoffman at 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 22. \$20. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.



Chez Boet restaurant welcomes renowned medium Francesca Kimpton at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13. Ms. Kimpton host the UK television show “Revelations” and travels the world lecturing, teaching and conducting psychical research. Reservations required. 643-6117 or chezboetnaples.com.

Chickee Chat – The Naples Historical Society hosts former *Naples Daily News* Editor Jeff Lytle at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 23. Reservations required. \$5 for non-members. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Smashing Singer – TheatreZone brings Megan Hilty, who has performed on NBC’s “Smash” and on Broadway in “Wicked” and “Gentlemen Prefer Blondes,” to the G&L Theatre at Community School of Naples for performances at 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, and 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. \$50. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or theatrezone-florida.com.

Fireworks – Watch Florida’s largest land-based fireworks show at Seminole Casino Immokalee at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

Art Fest – Art Fest Naples comes to Fleischmann Park Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 24-25. 634-2337 or artfestnaples.com.

Down ‘n’ Dirty – The Swamp Buggy Winter Classic starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at the Florida Sports Park and ends the next evening with a mud bath for the 2015 Swamp Buggy Queen. 8250 Collier Blvd. 774-2701 or thefloridasportspark.com.

Empty Bowls – Fight hunger and fill your belly at Cambier Park from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. In exchange for a \$15 donation that benefits Harry Chapin Food Bank, you get a hand-crafted bowl to fill with the soup of your choice from dozens of area restaurants. 334-7007 or emptybowlsnaples.org.

Book Signing – Karen Harper discusses and signs copies of the latest installment in her Cold Creek Trilogy suspense series at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Beer Tasting – Head to Fort Myers’ CenturyLink Sports Complex for the 11th annual Ballpark Festival of Beers from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24. \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. 768-4210 or miraclebaseball.com.

Meet the Artist – Peter Max presents a collection of never-before-seen works from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, and 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25 at Mercato. 9115 Strata Place #5155. (866) 900-6699 or roadshowcompany.com.

Opera Concert – The Italian Cultural Society presents a concert of opera favorites at 3 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, at First Congregational Church of Naples. \$42. 6630 Immokalee Road. 434-3323 or italianculturalsociety.com.

Art After Hours – The Baker Museum at Artis—Naples stays open from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, for docent-led tours, entertainment and more. Free. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Writer Out Loud – Essayist Amy Bennett Williams reads her works on stage at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, in the Moe Auditorium at FGCU. \$30-\$50. (888) 809-9809 or wgc.org/events.

Bring on the Boats – Marine Industries Association of Collier County hosts its annual boat show Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 29-Feb. 1, at Florida Sports Park. \$10, \$20 for VIP. 8250 Collier Blvd. 682-0900 or naplesboatshow.com. ■

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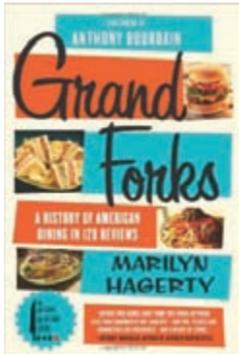
It was a good year for good reads



That motto you see plastered on T-shirts, bookmarks and posters is oh-so-true: So many books, so little time!

Here's a look at some intriguing books I enjoyed in 2014 and that you might find intriguing enough to add to your reading list for the New Year.

"Grand Forks: A History of American Dining in 128 Reviews" by Marilyn Hagerty (\$14.99, HarperCollins) was actually published in 2013, but I discovered it this year. And I'm so glad I did. The author has been writing for the *Grand Forks Herald* in North Dakota since 1957. Among other things, she writes *Eatbeat*, a column for the food page every Wednesday.



But how would she go about writing food reviews? As Ms. Hagerty herself admits: "We don't have that many restaurants in our city. So I decided it would work if I went to every restaurant in town. That would mean places such as Taco John's, McDonald's and the truck stops. To me, those places are interesting. And plenty of people eat in them."

She explains that she writes *Eatbeat* as a reporter, not as a critic. "My goal with the *Eatbeat* is to tell the readers of *Grand Forks Herald* what is available in restaurants and how much it costs. How clean it is, and how the service is. And yes, the condition of the restroom, because it sends a message."

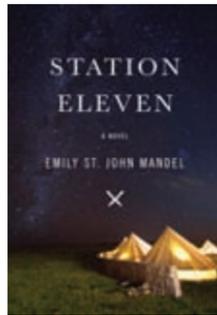
In her book, a collection of columns written in her folksy, idiosyncratic style, she writes about buffet restaurants, Olive Garden and the town's first Taco Bell, among other places. Reading them might give you the urge to go out for some comfort food at the closest mom-and-pop restaurant.

(And I love the fact her city's named Grand Forks! Could there be any more appropriate name for a food writer's stomping grounds?)

Another title I've recommended to friends (and also gave as Christmas gifts,

is **"Station Eleven"** by Emily St. John Mandel. (\$24.95, Knopf). It has appeared on some end-of-year best-of lists, and justifiably so. It was also a *New York Times* Bestseller and a 2014 National Book Award Finalist.

This lyrically written novel set in the near future examines a world when much of the population has died of a highly contagious virus. Its survivors include a traveling orchestra whose members also perform Shakespeare. "Station Eleven" is a celebration of life and the arts, a fervent assertion that even in the very worst of times, the arts can survive — and help us survive, too.



Over the holidays, I devoured Michael Faber's latest novel, **"The Book of Strange New Things"** (\$28, Hogarth). This 500-page story is about a British pastor, Peter, who travels to a planet galaxies away to minister to its native population, who call his Bible the "book of strange new things." He's transported there by a mysterious corporation that has a colony on the planet and whose intentions are unclear.

Peter has to leave his wife, Bea, behind in a world that grows increasingly apocalyptic.

Despite the setting, I wouldn't consider this book stereotypically science-fiction: There are no aliens using humans as host bodies, no military troops blowing things up, no interplanetary wars. Mr. Faber's main characters are fully realized people with rich internal lives and thoughts. They ponder their mortality, the purpose of their existence, their relationships.

There are layers upon layers in this novel. Mr. Faber pays tribute to the '60s and '70s Marvel Comics writers, pencilers and inkers by basing some of his characters' names on theirs. And while he was writing it, Mr. Faber's wife of almost 30 years, Eva, was diagnosed with cancer. (She died in July 2014.) That adds



a poignancy to the book's couple who are separated by galaxies and growing more distant, and to their musings on mortality. ("The Book of Strange New Things" also contains one of the best eulogies I've ever read or heard.)

As Mr. Faber said in an interview with *The Independent* in November: "... When your partner is dying of a disease that you don't have and you know that you are going to outlive her, they are on a different planet. They've already gone somewhere where you can't follow. The book ended up embodying that, even though it wasn't planned."

The book's cleverly designed black cloth cover with gold lettering on the spine and golden gilt-edged pages looks similar to many King James Bibles. The paper cover shows two hands set against a backdrop of outer space and twinkling stars. Have they just separated, or are they reaching out to each other? (They also call to mind, somewhat, the almost-touching hands in Michelangelo's "The Creation of Adam.")

"Smoke Gets In Your Eyes: And Other Lessons from the Crematory" by Caitlin Doughty (\$24.95, W.W. Norton) is admittedly not for everyone. The author, a licensed mortician, writes about her first time working at a crematory in California while in her 20s, and her unusual, sometimes touching, sometimes funny experiences.

One reviewer called the book "alternately heartbreaking and hilarious, fascinating and freaky, vivid and morbid."

In this culture, which seems to go to great lengths to avoid any discussion or acknowledgement of death, Mr. Doughty is brave enough to talk about the subject with openness and humor.

"Florence Gordon" by Brian Morton (\$25, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt) was a pleasant surprise. Mr. Morton's titular character, Florence Gordon, is a 75-year-old writer and icon of the Second Wave Women's Movement. She lives in New York City and is tough, smart and brutally honest. She even walks out on her own surprise birthday party because she'd rather be home, writing.

Here's how the novel opens: "Florence Gordon was trying to write a memoir, but she had two strikes against her: She was old and she was an intellectual. And who

on earth, she sometimes wondered, would want to read a book about an old intellectual?

"Maybe it was three strikes, because not only was she an intellectual, she was a feminist. Which meant that if she ever managed to finish this book, reviewers would inevitably dismiss it as 'strident' and 'shrill.'"

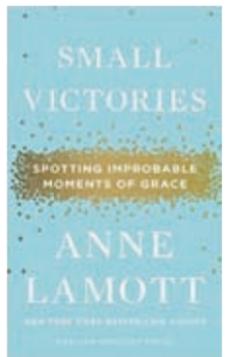
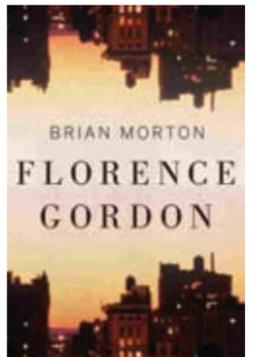
And in the second chapter: "She wasn't a woman who wanted to recapture her youth. In part this was because she found the life she was living now so interesting."

Pretty surprising prose from a male writer, who continued to surprise me, page after page. I really liked his portrait of this tough, difficult, independent woman.

I'm making my way through Anne Lamott's latest collection of essays: **"Small Victories: Spotting Improbable Moments of Grace"** (\$22.95, Riverhead Books). I've been reading Ms. Lamott ever since her debut novel, "Hard Laughter," was published in the early '80s. Revealing, poignant, funny and sometimes rueful, her essays are a fresh, unique take on spiritual matters. She writes about the difficulty of finding a romantic partner at age 60 and her disastrous foray onto Match.com. She writes about how difficult it is to forgive: "In fact, not forgiving is like drinking rat poison and then waiting for the rat to die." Elsewhere, she calls a lack of forgiveness "leprosy of the insides" and warns that, if left untreated, it "can take out tissue, equilibrium, soul, sense of self."

And her take on resentment: "Resentments make even the best of us feel superior. I've always found a kind of comfort in them, as if they were wire monkey moms, a place to hold on that is better than nothing."

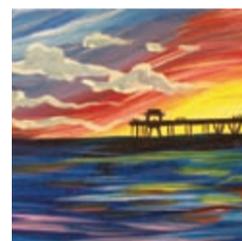
Ms. Lamott sees the spiritual in everyday life and talks about everyday life in spiritual terms. ■



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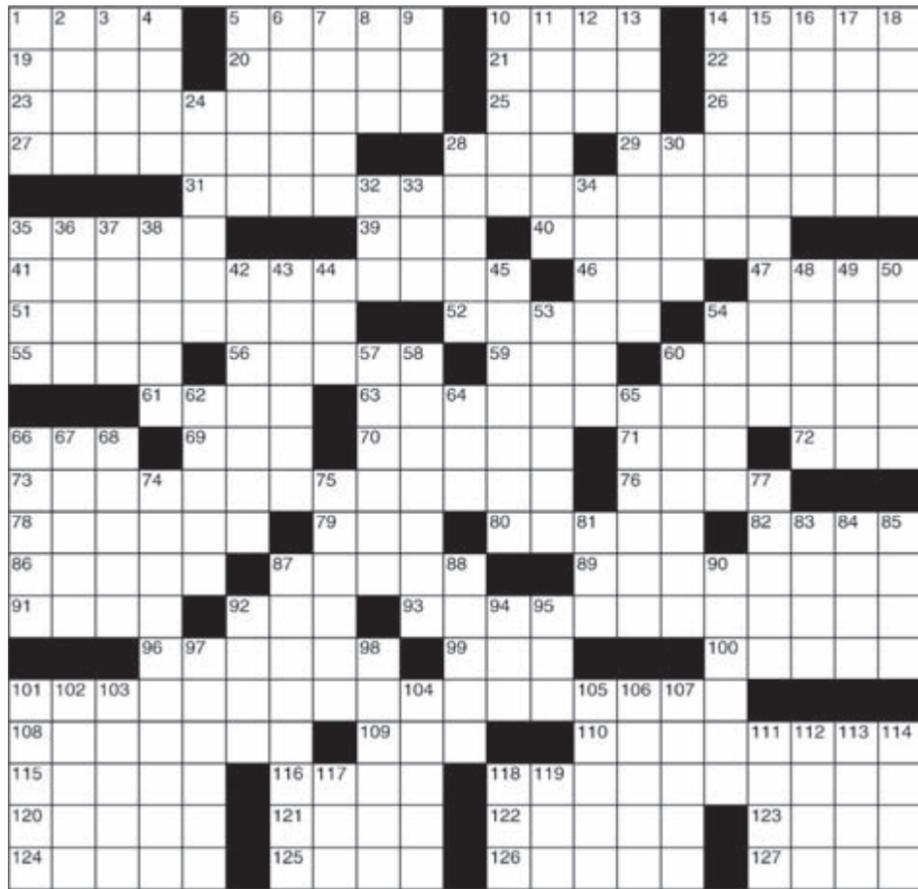
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 - 19 Actor Green
 - 20 Sends via the USPS
 - 21 Verbalized
 - 22 Dane's neighbor
 - 23 Revolution around the moon
 - 25 Yellow car
 - 26 Smell, taste or touch
 - 27 Inspecting individual
 - 28 Truck and SUV maker
 - 29 Feather-fixing bird
 - 31 Existence like Riley's
 - 35 Naval Academy frosh
 - 39 Camcorder button abbr.
 - 40 Join the Navy, e.g.
 - 41 M20 rocket launcher
 - 46 Finished in the lead
 - 47 Russian gymnast Korbust
 - 51 "Hugo" director Martin
 - 52 Not bottled, as beer
 - 54 The "P" of the S&P 500
 - 55 Zap, as a suspect
 - 56 "The Rachel" Maddow
 - 59 Pit bull's warning
 - 60 Lemon, lime or orange
 - 61 Enterprise counselor Deanna
 - 63 1970s Cincinnati team nickname
 - 66 Ocean east of Mass.
 - 69 Possesses
 - 70 Discoloration
 - 71 Bug a lot
 - 72 Rte. suggestions
 - 73 Like the Greek letter psi
 - 76 Antlered deer
 - 78 Rosie's bolts
 - 79 Tennis shot
 - 80 U-Haul rival
 - 82 Talk laryngically
 - 86 "— My Heart in San Francisco"
 - 87 Ownership
 - 89 Shimmer with rainbowl colors
 - 91 Banned fruit spray
 - 92 Flower-to-be
 - 93 Like a real treat
 - 96 First game in a series
 - 99 Flaky dessert
 - 100 "A — santé!"
 - 101 1990-2011 sport compact car
 - 108 Adolescents' support group
 - 109 Unsound
 - 110 Uppercase letters
 - 115 Poison
 - 116 Critic Siskel
 - 118 Apt activity while solving this puzzle?
 - 120 Olympics unit
 - 121 PC image
 - 122 Aired a second time
 - 123 "... — the whole thing!"
 - 124 Grasslike marsh plant
 - 125 Proboscis
 - 126 Feelers
 - 127 Make tracks
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Atoll part
 - 2 Two, in Paris
 - 3 Erupter in Sicily
 - 4 Pillowcase
 - 5 "— roll!" (casino cry)
 - 6 Risktaker
 - 7 Cuba — (rum drink)
 - 8 Certain Ivy Leaguer
 - 9 JFK jet, once
 - 10 "No ideal!"
 - 11 Seer's site
 - 12 Permissive
 - 13 Abrupt policy reversal
 - 14 Appraise
 - 15 What candy satisfies
 - 16 Rogers or Loggins
 - 17 Ford fiasco
 - 18 Plowmaker John
 - 24 Spud sieves
 - 28 Small lizard
 - 30 Restraint
 - 32 Move to and —
 - 33 Early U.S. auto
 - 34 Not external
 - 35 Discreet "Looky here!"
 - 36 — Brasi ("The Godfather" enforcer)
 - 37 Poetic saga
 - 38 Artsy cap
 - 42 Grieves over
 - 43 Chip in
 - 44 Japanese Buddhist sect
 - 45 More mad
 - 48 Loughlin and Petty
 - 49 Pig's sound
 - 50 Donkeys
 - 53 In vogue
 - 54 "— card, any card!"
 - 57 Air rifle ammo
 - 58 Quoteworthy
 - 60 Excursion in an auto
 - 62 Clark Gable's Butler
 - 64 Interval
 - 65 Cheapskates
 - 66 Chambers of the heart
 - 67 Diva's shake
 - 68 — lie (be someone you're not)
 - 74 Thawing out
 - 75 Neighbors of swing sets
 - 77 Painter El —
 - 81 Day, to Julio
 - 83 "Same — ever was"
 - 84 Injury vestige
 - 85 Soccer legend
 - 87 Finding a radio station
 - 88 Kick out
 - 90 Prepare for eating, as a shrimp
 - 92 Neuwirth of "Frasier"
 - 94 Muscle jerk
 - 95 Faith: Abbr.
 - 97 "Mambo king" Tito
 - 98 Protected pachyderms
 - 101 Aussie pals
 - 102 "How do — thee?"
 - 103 Took a toll on
 - 104 Actress Graff or Kristen
 - 105 Bakery tools
 - 106 Play with as a puppy might
 - 107 Gyrates
 - 111 Nine-to-five's cry
 - 112 "(I've Got — in)"
 - 113 Sitar, e.g.
 - 114 Captain Hook's pal
 - 117 — warrior
 - 118 PC screen
 - 119 Bray syllable

◀ SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Although family matters might demand much of the Sea Goat's attention this week, you'll want to try to make time to handle those all-important workplace situations as well.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** A recurring unresolved issue might need to be revisited before you can move forward. Consider asking someone familiar with the situation to act as an impartial counselor.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** Ignore pressure to make a decision. Keeping your options open is still the wisest course, at least until you're sure you've learned all you need to know about the matter at hand.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** That lower-than-acceptable performance you're getting from others in your group might be the result of miscommunication. If so, correct it before serious problems arise later on.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** An unexpected situation could call for a change of plans. If so, you might feel that this is unfair. But it's best to make the needed adjustments now. There'll be time later for rescheduling.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** The new year brings opportunities you might want to look into. Some might be more interesting than others. But take time to look at all of them before you make any decisions.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** It's a good idea to be careful about

expenses until you've worked out that pesky financial problem. You might find it advisable to get some solid advice on how to proceed.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** Romance looms large over the Leonine aspect. Single Lions looking for love should find Cupid very cooperative. Paired Cats can expect a renewed closeness in their relationships.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** Making contact with a former colleague might not be high on your list of priorities. But it could pay off personally as well as professionally. Avoid bringing up any negatives about the past.

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A personal relationship could face added stress because of a situation involving someone close to both of you. Be supportive and, above all, try to avoid playing the blame game.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** You might well find some lingering uncertainties about a decision. If so, take that as a warning that you might not be ready to make that move yet. More study would be in order.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Music is a dominant theme for Sagittarians right now, and it should remind you to make a greater effort to restore some much-needed harmony in that very special relationship.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You're capable of great loyalty to those around you, which is one reason you can count on devotion from friends and family. ■

By Linda Thistle

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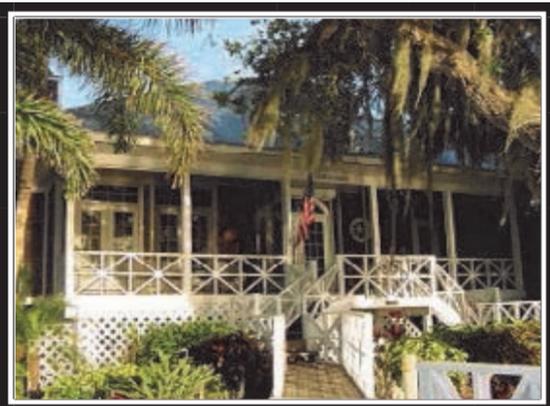
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The Gambler ★★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Jessica Lange, John Goodman) A literature professor (Mr. Wahlberg) gets into serious gambling debt and doesn't seem to care if he can find a way out. Wahlberg gives an unexpectedly layered performance in this taut drama that has a few surprises up its sleeve. Rated R.

Top Five ★★1/2

(Chris Rock, Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union) A comedian (Mr. Rock) spends time with a reporter (Ms. Dawson) to promote his latest film as his marriage to a reality TV star (Ms. Union) looms. The story lacks flow, even feeling like a stand up comedy routine at times. But it's also funny and has heart (literally — Kevin Hart has a cameo). Rated R.

Life Partners ★★★

(Leighton Meester, Gillian Jacobs, Adam Brody) Best friends Sasha (Ms. Meester) and Paige (Ms. Jacobs) fail to connect after Paige starts dating Tim (Mr. Brody). The dramedy has unexpected depth along with its humor, and as a result this is an enjoyable watch. Rated R.

The Theory of Everything ★★1/2

(Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, Emily Watson) Astrophysicist Stephen Hawking (Mr. Redmayne) meets and marries Jane (Ms. Jones) while they're students at Cambridge. The catch is he has motor neuron disease, which doesn't affect his brain but does deprive him of muscle

control, leaving him a prisoner in his own body. A genuinely heartwarming story and phenomenal performance from Mr. Redmayne make this a surefire Oscar contender. Rated PG-13.

Rosewater ★★1/2

(Gael Garcia Bernal, Shohreh Aghdashloo, Claire Foy) In Iran, journalist Maziar Bahari (Mr. Bernal) is arrested and tortured for 118 days after he's accused of being a spy. Writer/director Jon Stewart ("The Daily Show") gets a solid performance from Mr. Bernal, but the film doesn't have an engaging visual style and therefore is dull at times. Unrated: Would be an "R" for language, not graphic torture.

Interstellar ★★1/2

(Matthew McConaughey, Anne Hathaway, Michael Caine) With humans no longer able to survive on earth, a father of two (Mr. McConaughey) pilots a spacecraft into a wormhole in the hope of finding a new place for mankind to live. There are a few unnecessary elements, but overall this is a substantial, impressive work from Christopher Nolan (the "Dark Knight" trilogy, "Inception"). Rated PG-13.

Big Hero 6 ★★★

(Voices of T.J. Miller, James Cromwell, Ryan Potter) Robotic engineering prodigy Hiro (Mr. Potter) needs the help of friends with superpowers to track down the villain who stole his creation. The animation is bright and crisp in 3D, the action rollicks and there's a good amount of humor throughout. Disney Animation ("Frozen") does it again. Rated PG. ■

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

Indomitable human spirit is on full display in "Unbroken." I know it's cliché to describe a movie as inspiring, but if this one doesn't convince you of the power of sheer determination and to live life to the fullest, nothing will.

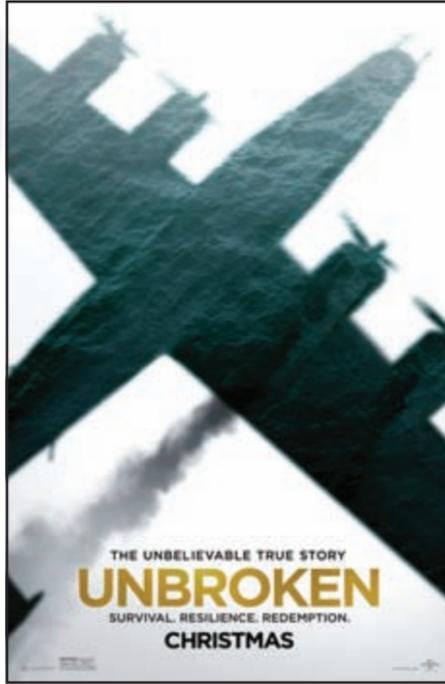
Based on the book by Laura Hillenbrand ("Seabiscuit"), "Unbroken" tells the true story of Louis Zamperini, a record-setting high school track star turned Olympian turned World War II hero. It's not the accolades themselves that are the most impressive, however, it's the way they were achieved that will turn heads and open hearts.

As a child, Louis is a scamp. But his brother Pete (Alex Russell) gets him into track and field, and soon Louis (Jack O'Connell) sets a national high school record and is competing in the '36 Berlin Olympics. When the war comes, he joins the Air Force and serves as a bombardier in the Pacific, which is where his plane crashes due to engine failure. Stranded on a lifeboat with fellow soldiers Phil (Domhnall Gleeson) and Mac (Finn Wittrock), they battle sharks, weather and enemy ships before being captured and taken to a Japanese POW camp.

Sometimes when a situation goes from bad to worse it can almost feel comical, but there's none of that here. This is a straight drama with minimal comic relief. Louis, who becomes the target of torment for a Japanese officer nicknamed the "Bird" (Miyavi), seems to get stronger with every adversity. As we see him continually get knocked down and back up again, even the hardest of hearts will have trouble not being moved by his courage.

Consider: At any point after he's stranded on the lifeboat, Louis could've freaked out, given up and wanted to die already, and it would've been hard to blame him. But it's always Louis who keeps his head, doesn't let others get too far down and is willing to absorb the brunt of the punishment. He's a born leader.

So how did the directorially inexperienced Angelina Jolie accomplish such a stellar piece of filmmaking? She had tremendous passion and vision for the project, of course, but perhaps more importantly, she surrounded herself with some of the top talent in the business.



Joel and Ethan Coen ("Fargo") and Richard LaGravenese ("The Fisher King") wrote the script, the great Roger Deakins ("Skyfall") was the cinematographer and Alexandre Desplat ("The King's Speech") created the emotional musical score. When you have proven veterans who know how to do it right, it's a tremendous asset, and no doubt Ms. Jolie trusted her collaborators to be on top of their game. And they are.

"Unbroken" isn't perfect — a better sense of elapsing time would have assisted overall comprehension and appreciation for Louis' peril — but it is extremely captivating. Just don't get too carried away with believing everything you're seeing really happened. The credits come with the standard disclaimer that some characters were composited or invented and that "a number of incidents (were) fictionalized."

Does this matter? I don't think so. Ms. Jolie's responsibility is to tell the story as well as she can; sometimes, when reality doesn't mesh well with narrative clarity, filling in blanks becomes necessary. What ultimately matters is the final result on screen and our reaction to it, and the results are startling. Expect to see "Unbroken" as a major player on Oscar night. ■


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>> Louis Zamperini died July 2, 2014; he was 97. Director Angelina Jolie says she was able to show him some scenes from the film before his death.



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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Tobacco cabinet's full intent remains a mystery

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

“Vernacular Tobacco Cabinet” was the name of this piece in a November 2014 Garth’s auction. It doesn’t seem to be made by a skilled cabinetmaker. Although it looks like two pieces, the back construction shows that it was made to be one piece — a fitted cabinet at the bottom behind the ad and an empty space behind the mirrored door. Few collectors know how it was used. The cabinet is a little over 5 feet high. The ad of Old Judge Cigarettes identifies the probable maker, Goodwin & Co., an American tobacco manufacturer from New York City working before the Civil War. Old Judge was one of its brands. The company merged with others and became part of the American Tobacco Co.

Collectors today like their tobacco cards picturing baseball players; one set called “Old Judge,” issued in 1887-1890, was 1 7/16 by 2 1/2 inches. A larger set, called “Old Judge

Cabinets,” issued from 1888 to 1889, was 4 1/4 by 6 1/2 inches. The mirrored section of the wooden cabinet seems to be missing some sort of shelf or racks, probably pipe racks. The lower part has cubby holes, drawers and partitions that may have held loose tobacco, a mixing bowl, humidor, pipe cleaners and cards. The ad, showing a convict held in the stocks, dates from about 1900. An unusual piece, it sold for \$780.



The convict is trying to smell the smoke from the dancing girls cigarette in this Old Judge cabinet ad. The wooden tobacco cabinet sold at auction for \$780 by Garth's Auctioneers in Delaware, Ohio, in Nov. 2014.

Q: I inherited my mother’s black Catalin Mah Jong set, which she got in the 1940s. Some of the paint has worn off some of the Jokers and Flowers. What is it worth, and how can I sell it?

A: Mah Jong originated in China, and early sets imported into the U.S. had ivory, bone or bamboo tiles. Catalin, a polymer developed in the 1930s, has the look of ivory at a lower price. Sets made in the 1920s and ‘30s didn’t include jokers. Sets made since 1971 include eight jokers and eight flowers. Collectors want sets that have the full set of tiles, in good condition;

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you can't buy single tiles to replace lost ones. The backs won't match. Mah Jong sets often sell online. The value of your set is reduced a little because of the missing paint. A full set in a box sells for \$200-\$250.

Q: I have a blue-and-white plate with a picture of Paul Revere on it and a border of fruit and flowers. I found it in an old steamer trunk in my grandmother's attic. I'm over 80 years old, so I think the plate was made about 1800. The back of the plate reads "Ride of Paul Revere Apr. 18, 1775. Staffordshire, England," and it's marked "RM CO." in a diamond shape. How old is it, and what is it worth?

A: This mark was used by Rowland & Marsellus, an importer in business in New York City from 1893 to about 1937. Several factories in Staffordshire, England, made historical blue souvenir plates and other chinaware decorated with American scenes. Historical scenes, important buildings, landmarks, cities and colleges were transfer-printed onto the china. Plates with rolled edges are the most wanted. Rowland & Marsellus used a diamond-shape mark from about 1893 to 1900. Your rolled-edge plate is worth about \$55.

Q: I recently acquired an old bottle marked "J. Hindle & Co." with what looks like a picture of the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in Indianapolis on it. What is the history of this, and what is it worth?

A: J. Hindle & Co. (Ltd.) was formed in 1894 as successor to James Hindle of Hull, England. This isn't the Indianapolis monument, it's the Wilberforce Monument, located in Hull. The monument was erected in 1834 to honor William Wilberforce, an English politician who worked to abolish the slave trade. J. Hindle & Co. manufactured aerated

and mineral water and other beverages, and was listed as an "agent" for other manufacturers. Your bottle is worth \$15-\$20 or less.

Q: I have an autographed 8-by-10-inch glossy black-and-white photograph of boxer Gene Tunney. It's in perfect condition and is about 75-80 years old. Does it have any value? If so, where should I try to sell it?

A: The price an autographed picture will bring depend on the fame of the celebrity, rarity and authentication; autographs of many celebrities and sports stars have been faked. American boxer Gene Tunney (1897-1978) was the world heavyweight champion from 1926 to 1928, when he retired from boxing. Autographed pictures of Tunney are fairly common. Some sell for \$20 to \$40, while some that are declared real by a recognized authentication service sell for over \$100. You can sell it to an autograph dealer or at an auction. It's difficult to sell it online because there are so many fakes.

Tip: Keep heirloom fabrics like quilts, tablecloths or christening gowns away from scented candles, cigarette smoke and cooking smells. They all cause damage. ■

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BEACH READING

'Small Move, Big Change'

By **Caroline L. Arnold**
(Penguin Books, \$16)

REVIEWED BY EALISH WADDELL

It's that time of year when we flip the calendar page and start to think about ways to improve our lives. And yet, the vast majority of us will never follow through on our new year's resolutions. Perhaps, argues Caroline Arnold in "Small Move, Big Change," it's because we're setting our sights too far away.

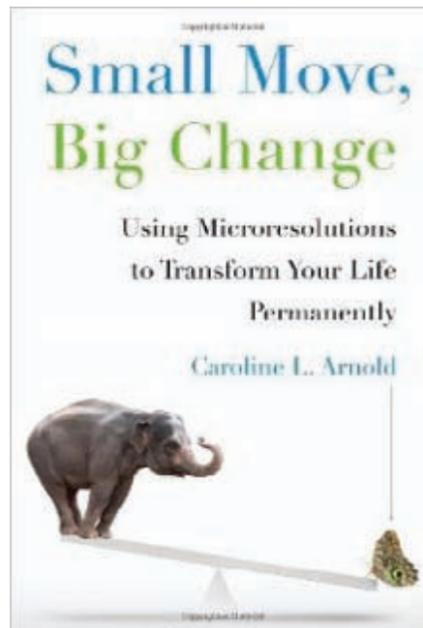
A huge, vague goal like "lose weight" or "exercise more" is abstract and overwhelming, making it difficult to know where to begin, much less stick to once the January zeal has written off. Arnold suggests instead a simpler and more effective way of accomplishing big goals: breaking them up into chunks that she calls microresolutions.

It's a classic technique, but Ms. Arnold's modern approach calls for a little soul-searching as well. One-size-fits-all goals often fail to take into

account an individual's particular needs and abilities. She advocates committing to tiny goals that are personalized, targeted, specific and realistic — essentially, goals so easy to achieve that you'd feel silly not doing them. This combines the benefit of immediate results with the high of instant gratification, a mix that can be surprisingly powerful.

Ms. Arnold presents herself not as a guru, but as a fellow pilgrim on the self-improvement journey. Writing in a clear, friendly and accessible style, she shares copious examples of real-life situations translated into workable (and nonworkable) microresolutions, alongside supportive quotes from experts both scientific and philosophical.

Learning to craft effective goals is both an everyday tool and a lifelong art. A key factor is the identification and breaking of negative or resentful mindsets that are standing in the way of positive change. And that's a skill that can carry through into every aspect of life, no matter what the date on the calendar. ■



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FLORIDA WRITERS

Exciting new book brings Marco Island to your coffee table



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■ **“Marco Island: Florida’s Gulf Playground” by Michael Coleman. Marco Island Ink. 110 pages. \$25.**

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the “new” Marco Island, Michael Coleman has assembled an attractive volume that blends history, colorful personalities, the island’s many attractions and a generous assortment of photographs illustrating the natural and manmade beauties of the place named by TripAdvisor as the number one U.S. island travel destination.

A foreword by Herbert Rosser Savage, the distinguished architect of many of Marco’s private homes and public buildings as well as the Marco Beach Hotel (refashioned as today’s Marriott), sets the book’s buoyant tone and previews some of its key stories. Mr. Coleman’s own prefatory note provides brief biographical notes on his contributors and offers thanks to many others, including the Marco Island Historical Society, for making the book possible. His overview whets the appetite for the essays to come.

Readers will enjoy learning about the native Calusa Indians, the Spanish settlers vanquished by diseases and Marco’s early development in the last half of the 18th century. William Thomas

(W.T.) Collier, known as the founder of Marco Island, settled there in 1870 with his wife and young children. This Collier (no relation to the Barron Gift Colliers) was a successful entrepreneur. He farmed, opened a hotel, helped start the first school and invented a clam-dredging machine that launched a successful industry. For a short while, the island was named Collier City in his honor.

Just as interesting are the vignettes about Tommie Barfield, who successfully lobbied for better roads and schools in the area and worked with Barron Gift Collier, the major landholder, to split off huge Collier County from Lee County. She was a dynamic, forceful woman who received the governor’s appointment to be the new county’s first superintendent of public instruction.

Remember that we are talking about a mosquito-infested frontier whose pioneers needed great resolve. The doctors Louis and Mary Olds were among those pioneers. A delicious chapter of the book is Betsy Perdichizzi’s incorporation of sections from Mary’s diary and letters into a fascinating narrative of early 20th century Marco life. Mary’s poetic wonder at the area’s natural beauty leaves us wanting more.

The big story, of course, is the Mackle Brothers’ dream of a tropical residential wonderland. This experienced team of developers was smitten with the possibilities of a spectacular island community with affordable residential sections, mostly on canals; hotels and other resort amenities; and spectacular



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Marco became a celebrity vacation spot, justifying, in 1972, the creation of Marco Island Airways with five daily round trips between Marco and Miami. Condominiums sprung up. Everything was going according to plan — until court battles on environmental issues and unanticipated rulings by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers brought the grand vision of Polynesia on the Gulf to its knees. As a chapter called “The Curse, the Kidnapping, and the Corps” points out, other entrepreneurs had also

had their dream projects die, but none fell so hard with so much at stake as the Mackle brothers.

The more recent history of Marco Island — today’s Marco — is said to have begun when the locals voted to incorporate as a city. While year-rounders continued to arrive, the resort industry invests more and more in the charming, relaxed, semi-exclusive isle.

Mr. Coleman and his associates have provided a rich taste of Marco Island yesterday and today. The generous gallery of photographs includes occasional “now and then” comparisons that underscore the theme of ongoing change.

To purchase a copy, go to marcoislandbook.com or stroll into one of these Marco Island establishments: either branch of Sunshine Booksellers, Marco Island Historical Museum, Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce, Over the Reef, Town Center, Rose Marina gift shop, Barry Howe Photography at Farmer’s Market and Shells by Emily. The book is also at Marriott, Hilton and Marco Beach Ocean Resort gift shops.

Mr. Coleman and his contributors will sign books at the Marco Island Historical Museum from 7-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31 — exactly 50 years after modern Marco Island opened its doors to the world. ■

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Stephen H. Ducatman, M.D. is a board-certified dermatologist and has been in practice for 30 years. He specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of diseases of the skin, hair and nails, as well as cutaneous surgery. Dr. Ducatman is a fellow of the American Academy of Dermatology and a member of the Collier and Lee County Medical Societies.

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Since then his repertoire has expanded from pre-show host to presenting and demonstrating the bond he has with animals from horses and miniature hoof stock to camels.

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custom costumes, attempt some juggling with help from the famous Ringling Bros. clowns and even watch the painting pachyderms create a masterpiece. ■

Casting calls for women and kids

The Naples Players will hold auditions for "Love, Loss and What I Wore" starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, at the Sugden Community Theatre. No appointments are necessary.

Five women age 19 and older are needed. Depending on availability, casting might expand or some actresses might play multiple roles. Those auditioning are asked to prepare a monologue of their choosing from the script (five monologues are available at naplesplayers.org/auditions).

An intimate collection of stories, monologues and vignettes, "Love, Loss and What I Wore" takes a light-hearted and heartfelt peek into the lives of women and the clothes that conjure memories of their most significant life moments.

As the women muse over their most revered clothing and accessories, they reveal the intricacies of the mother/daughter relationship, the truth about the men they loved and lost and their ability to remain strong in the face of adversity.

Rehearsals begin Feb. 16 and performances are April 1-25. For more information, call 434-7340, ext. 10, or visit naplesplayers.org.

And for the kids

KidzAct, the youth theater program of The Naples Players, will hold auditions for ages 12 and old to perform in "High School Musical Jr." Saturday afternoon, Jan. 10, at the Sugden Community Theatre.

Students should prepare 16 bars of a song to sing and should bring the sheet music (an accompanist will be provided) or a recording without vocals. They will also learn and perform a short choreographed movement, and they might be asked to read from the script. Students unable to make the scheduled audition day and time should call to determine if additional audition times

have been added.

"High School Musical Jr." follows the students of East High as they learn to deal with issues of first love, friends and family while balancing classes and extracurricular activities. Performances will be Friday through Sunday, May 22-24.

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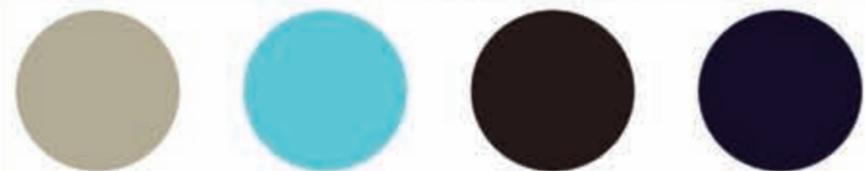
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

'Vikings' poised to conquer

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Was "The Blacklist" canceled? I haven't seen it in a while.

— *Trudy F., Cincinnati*

A: The James Spader-starring NBC drama was not canceled; it merely went on winter hiatus. The addictive series will be back with all-new episodes beginning Super Bowl Sunday, which is Feb. 1.

Q: Can you tell me when "Vikings" will be back? It seems like it's been gone forever!

— *Jeremy T., via email*

A: You don't have much longer to wait. The History Channel's hit historical-fiction drama will return at 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. The new 10-episode third season begins with Ragnar (played by Travis Fimmel) as king, and follows the great responsibility that now rests on the shoulders of the former farmer.

With the promise of new land from the English, Ragnar leads his people to an uncertain fate on the shores of Wessex. King Ecbert (Linus Roache) has made many promises, and it remains to be seen if he will keep them. But ever the restless wanderer, Ragnar is searching for something more — and he finds it in the mythical city of Paris.

Rumored to be impenetrable to outside forces, Ragnar and his band of Norsemen must come together to break down its walls and cement the Vikings' legend in history.

The gripping family saga of Ragnar, Rollo (Clive Standen), Lagertha (Katheryn Winnick) and Bjorn (Alexander Ludwig) continues as alliances and loyal



Travis Fimmel

friendships are tested, faith is questioned and relationships are strained.

"Vikings" tells the extraordinary tales of the lives and epic adventures of these warriors, and portrays life in the Dark Ages, a world ruled by raiders and explorers, through the eyes of Viking society.

Q: I remember a while back you reported that David Letterman was going to retire and Stephen Colbert was to take his place. Do you know when this will happen?

— *Patty T., via email*

A: CBS has announced that David Letterman's final show as host of "The Late Show" will be May 20. Letterman has been a prominent fixture in late-night television for decades, and upon his retirement in May, he'll hold the record as the longest-tenured host in late-night talk-show history. ■

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Downton Abbey, Season 5 premiere, Jan. 4

THURSDAY, JAN. 1, 8 P.M.
Downton Abbey Rediscovered

Relive treasured moments from the first four seasons of "Downton Abbey" and get a sneak peek at what's in store for the Crawleys and the staff in Season 5.

FRIDAY, JAN. 2, 9 P.M.
Suze Orman
Financial Solutions for You

The financial expert and screen personality shares her tips for keeping what you earned.

SATURDAY, JAN. 3, 10:30 P.M.
Tommy Emmanuel
Live from Pensacola

The legendary Australian guitarist whose professional career spans five decades plays using all 10 fingers. Rather than using a whole band for melody, rhythm, bass and drum, he plays all that and more.

SUNDAY, JAN. 4, 8 P.M.
Father Brown
Flying Stars

Father Brown becomes embroiled with a theatrical family when he discov-

ers that what had been thought of as a tragic drowning was actually murder.

9 P.M. - Masterpiece Classic
Downton Abbey
Season 5 premiere

A working-class prime minister is elected and old attitudes start to change. Robert is snubbed by the village. Baxter tells all, and Edith plays with fire.

MONDAY, JAN. 5, 9 P.M.
The Great British Baking Show

Follow passionate amateur bakers whose goal is to be named the UK's best. Each week, they tackle a different skill, the difficulty of which increases as the competition unfolds. Cookbook writer Mary Berry an artisanal baker Paul Hollywood serve as judges for the resulting cakes, breads, pastries and desserts

TUESDAY, JAN. 6, 10 P.M.
Frontline
Gunned Down: The Power of the NRA

Frontline investigates how the NRA uses its political power to stop gun regulation in America. With first-hand accounts of school killings in Newtown and Columbine and the shooting of Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, the show examines why, despite the national trauma over gun violence, Washington hasn't acted.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7, 11 P.M.
Healing ADD
With Daniel Amen, MD and Tana Amen, RN

ADD or ADHD is a national health crisis that continues to grow —yet it remains one of the most misunderstood



Frontline: Gunned Down, Jan. 5

and incorrectly treated illnesses today. Psychiatrist Daniel Amen and his wife nurse Tana Amen explain seven types of ADD based on extensive brain imaging work. ■

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■ **Naples Botanical Garden** celebrates the opening of the Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center with cocktails, dinner and dancing under the stars Thursday, Jan. 8. Tickets start at \$300. Call 643-7275 or visit naplesgarden.org.

■ Harmon-Meek Gallery hosts the second annual **Visionaries of the Visual Arts** dinner and awards ceremony Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Three individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the visual arts in Southwest Florida. Andy Lowe of Suffield Academy in Connecticut will be the keynote speaker. Honorary chair of the evening is Joan Loos; co-chairs are Kristine Meek and Juliana Meek.

Tickets are \$175, with all proceeds benefitting art programs for children and at-risk youth through the Harmon-Meek Gallery Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Mail checks made payable to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to Harmon-Meek Gallery, 599 Ninth St. N., Suite 309, Naples, FL 34102. For more information, call 261-2637.

■ 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. Call 657-7711 or visit guadalupecenter.org.



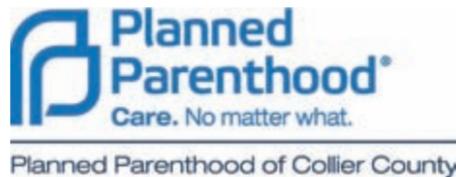
■ The **David Lawrence Center** hosts "Signatures of Greece: An Elegant Evening at the Parthenon" Saturday, Jan. 17, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Honorary co-chairs are Marissa, Burt and Jay Hartington. Co-chairs are Caryn Buechel, Renae Burgess and Jenny Haire. Tickets are \$500 per person, \$1,200 for VIP patrons, and \$10,000 for a premier sponsor table of 10. For sponsorship information or to reserve a ticket, call Paige Simpson at 304-3505.

■ A luncheon to benefit **Youth Haven** is set for Wednesday, Jan. 28, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Judge Glenda Hatchett of TV's "Judge Hatchett," the national spokesperson for Court-Appointed Special Advocates, will be the guest speaker. CASA trains volunteers to represent abused and neglected children. Honorary luncheon chairs are Jim and Liz Jessee; event chairs are Brenda O'Connor and Stacey Herring. Tickets are \$300. Major sponsors include Arthrex, Sharon and Dolph von Arx, Cruising with the Chefs/Lisa and Rodney George and Jenny and Kermit Sutton. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Shelly Long at 687-5155 or email shelly.long@youthhaven.net.

■ **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 from 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@championstionsforlearning.org.



■ Political analyst, journalist, actor, producer, writer and MSNBC news program commentator Lawrence O'Donnell will lend his voice in support of women's rights on behalf of **Planned Parenthood of Collier County** at the organization's 11th annual Choice Affair the evening of Friday, Jan. 30, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. The event begins at 6 p.m. with cocktails and a silent auction, followed by dinner and the program at 7 p.m.

Tickets range from \$350 per person to \$15,000 for a premium table for 12, including six seats at the Morning After Brunch, with two of those seats at Mr. O'Donnell's brunch table. For tickets or more information, call Shannon Starr at 262-8923, ext. 300.



■ **Fun Time Early Childhood Academy** holds its annual gala Friday, Feb. 6, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. "Set Sail for Fun Time" is the evening's theme, and honorary "captains" are Chris and Bill Barnett. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 261-8284.

■ The inaugural **For the Love of Art** gala to benefit the **Naples Art Association** is set for Saturday, Feb. 7, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The evening will include presentation of three new awards: the Gulfshore Life Emerging Art Leader Award for a new and/or young artist or arts leader in the community; the Hirshhorn Award for an individual who has shown visionary leadership and a commitment to advancing and enriching the arts in the community, and the Impact Award for a business or business professional who has demonstrated significant leadership in the arts and culture of the community through involvement in, or support of, innovative programs and creative partnerships.

For information about sponsorships, email Maureen.christensen@naplesart.org. For tickets, email Chelsea.Ziton@NaplesArt.org or visit naplesart.org.

■ The **Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest** to benefit charities serving children takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28, in private homes and at Miro-mar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Tickets are \$500 for the grand tasting and auction, \$1,500 for a vintner dinner and the grand tasting and auction. Visit swflwinefest.org.

■ The annual Sneaker Ball to benefit the **Greater Naples YMCA** takes place from 6:30-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at the Y. For tickets and sponsorship information, call 597-3148.



■ **Conservancy of Southwest Florida** holds its annual Magic Under the Mangroves signature gala Thursday evening, March 5, on the grounds of the Nature Center at the Conservancy. Presented by Northern Trust and with Lynne Shotwell as chair, the evening starts with hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction and moves into a grand tent for a gourmet dinner, entertainment and a live auction. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 403-4218 or email nikkied@conservancy.org.

■ **Drug Free Collier** holds its seventh annual fundraising luncheon Thursday, March 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$100. Sponsorships are available. For more information, call 377-0535 or email info@drugfreecollier.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.



■ The inaugural Kind Mariners Ball to benefit the **Freedom Waters Foundation** takes place the evening of Saturday, March 7, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. Tickets are \$300. For more information, call Mike Donahue at (630) 251-3200, email info@kindmarinersball.com or visit kindmarinersball.com.

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** holds its fifth annual Bubbles, Baubles and Broadway gala Monday evening, March 9, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Event chairs are Naomi Buck, David Drobis and Adria Starkey. Scott Robertson will serve as auctioneer, and entertainment will be by a Tony Award-winning actor. Tickets are \$300 for general admission and \$500 for VIPs. For more information, visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org.



■ **Bayshore Cultural and Performing Arts Center** holds its annual gala, Spring for the Arts, the evening of Tuesday, March 24, at the Naples Sailing &

Yacht Club. Honorary chairpersons are Windstar Lovers of the Arts; Charlane King and Stephen Kutler are the gala committee. Life in Naples is the main sponsor.

Guests will enjoy an elegant reception with music by The Dan Heck Trio and then dance to the swinging sounds of The Dan Heck Trio featuring Rebecca Richardson. Dinner and a live auction are also party of the event. Tickets are \$195. For reservations or more information, call 775-2800 or visit bayshorecapa.org.

■ Billed as "the wildest party in Naples," Zoobilee to benefit **The Naples Zoo** takes place Saturday, March 14, at the Zoo. In keeping with the "Feast with the Beasts" theme, guests will meet the Zoo's animal ambassadors up close and will also enjoy culinary delights from many of the area's best restaurants and caterers. Specialty drinks, live music, dancing and more than a few surprises will make it easy to unleash your inner party animal. Tickets are \$150; individual and corporate sponsorships start at \$500. For more information, call 262-5409, ext. 144.



■ The third annual "Big Impressions by Little Artists" to benefit **Collier Child Care Resources** is set for 6-9 p.m. Friday, March 27, at The von Liebig Art Center. The fundraiser will feature an auction with self-portraits and sculptures created by the children who attend the NCEF Early Childhood Development Center that is operated by CCCR at Florida SouthWestern State College-Collier Campus. CCCR also operates two teen parent programs at Immokalee and Golden Gate high schools.

The evening is hosted by the art center and the CCCR Business 100, a group of local businesses that support CCCR's mission by providing scholarships to children of low-income working families who need help with child care and also by providing supplies and equipment for the three child care centers operated by CCCR.

Tickets to "Big Impressions by Little Artists" are \$50 and include wine, hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment. For tickets or to sign up as a sponsor or event volunteer, call CCCR at 643-3908.



■ The 2015 **Magnolia Ball** to benefit NCH is set for Saturday, April 11, at the private beach estate of Sandra and Alan Gerry. At kickoff breakfast took place earlier this month (see pictures on page C27), co-chairs Simone and Scott Lutgert announced that proceeds will be used to renovate the William and Susan Dalton Oncology Unit. Patron level tickets start at \$6,000 per couple. For more information, contact Monico Biondo at the NCH Healthcare System Foundation by calling 624-2019 or emailing monica.biondo@nchmd.org.

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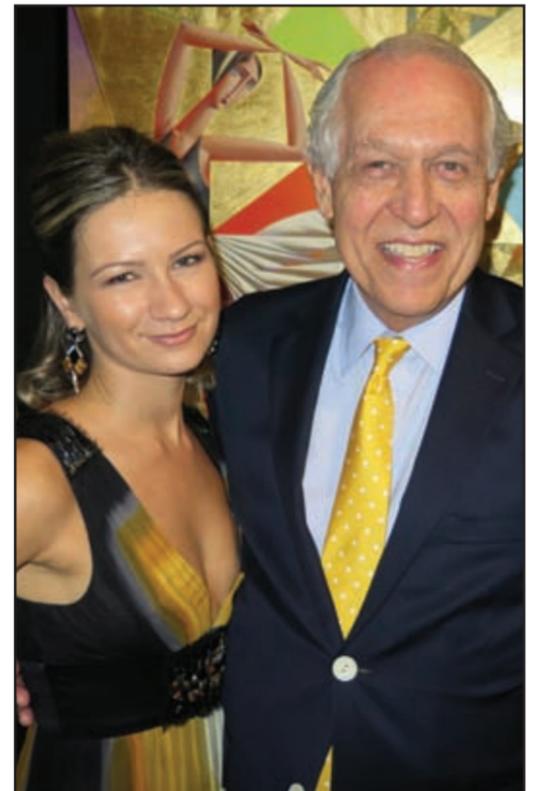
Opening reception for Bobby Goldsboro exhibit at Gallery on Fifth in Mercato



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Holiday party for the Guadalupe Center at Waterside Shops



Waterside Shops staff members Hal Kaelin, Julie Chirichella, Tom Smith and Doreen Peras



Waterside Shops staff members Melissa Workinger and Kristine Morgan



Melissa Workinger of Waterside Shops with happy party guests from the Guadalupe Center



Santa and friends



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Photos with Santa at the Happy Cat Thrift Shop



Melissa Roman with Santa and King Tut



Santa with Bella



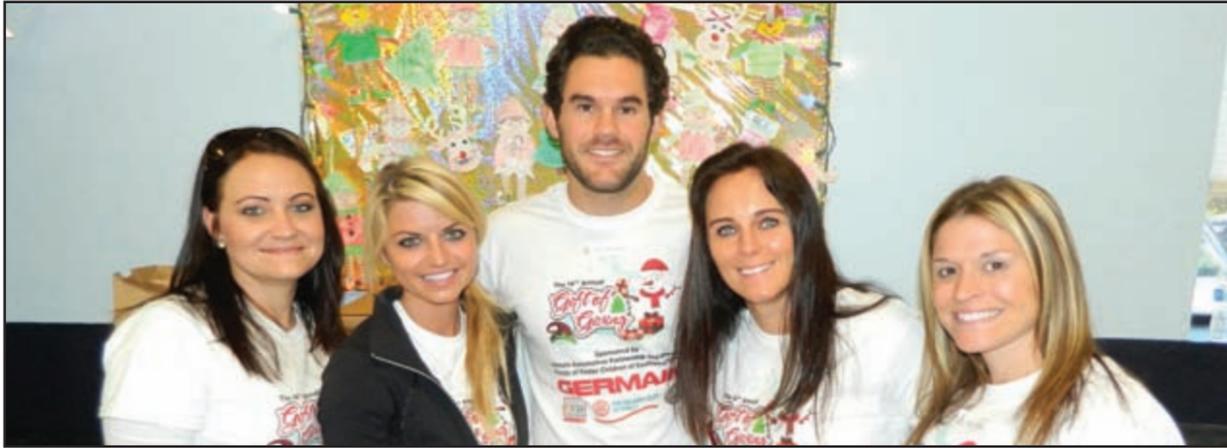
Michele Woodman and Santa with Pokemon

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The Gift of Giving at Walmart for Friends of Foster Children of SWF



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Nancy Goldszak helps Adryan check off names on his list



Tara Bieling with Nicole, Chloe, Dan and Lauren Bartley



Jose and his shopping buddy, Larry Lappin



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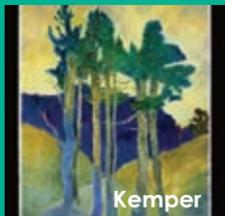
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CUISINE

Bam! Chef Emeril films segments with three local culinary celebrities

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Those of us anxious to see Naples get more widespread recognition of its foodie cred are happy to learn that some of our culinary super stars will be featured on “Emeril’s Florida” in February. The esteemed celebrity chef Emeril Lagasse has filmed segments with chefs Vincenzo Bertulia of Osteria Tulia and Charles Mereday of Mereday’s Fine Dining and with Pinchers Crab Shack owner Tony Phelan for an episode that will air on The Cooking Channel with later airings on The Food Network.

The Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau and VISIT FLORIDA sponsored the episode.



Chef Charles Mereday, left, with Chef Emeril Lagasse at Mereday’s Fine Dining in Naples.

“We view the ‘Emeril’s Florida’ sponsorship as a solid tourism marketing investment since Florida’s Paradise Coast has been steadily rising in awareness globally as a sought-after dining destination,” says Collier County’s tourism executive Jack Wert. “The fast-growing list of chef-driven restaurants continues to add to the steady increase in vacation visits to our area.”

The 30-minute show is divided into four segments, starting with Chef Lagasse’s conversation with Chef Bertulia about his Italian restaurant, his relatives who work on his culinary team and the local organic produce he uses for his signature dishes. The next stop is Mereday’s Fine Dining, where Chef Lagasse talks with Chef Mereday about Naples’ dining scene and enjoys a few of his eponymous restaurant’s freshly made specialties. The host’s final destination is Pincher’s Crab Shack, where Mr. Phelan explains how he built a fishing and restaurant empire in Florida after Texas’ oil industry went bust in the late 1980s.

Airdates on the Cooking Channel are 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15; 9:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 16; and 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 19.

Someone’s in the kitchen

The Naples Woman’s Club repeats its highly popular kitchen tour fundraiser, in which the public is invited inside exquisite kitchens in several Port Royal homes. Local chefs will prepare samples and guests will enjoy live music, unique floral designs, prize drawings and more at each home on the tour.

Open house will be from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 21, at club headquarters, 875 Park St. Participants will meet at the club for tours departing at 10 a.m. (sold out), 11 a.m. and noon (transportation provided).

Tickets are \$100 (\$150 for VIP), with proceeds benefitting a variety of local organizations, including the Latchkey



COURTESY PHOTO

Charlie Palmer is the new general manager at Pazzo! Cucina Italiana.

Children Learning Facility at The Salvation Army, YMCA of Naples, Grace Place for Children & Families and the club’s student scholarships. For tickets or more information, visit gfwc-napleswomansclub.org or email kitchentour2015@gmail.com.

Take note

■ Culinary Concepts has named Charlie Palmer the new general manager at Pazzo! Cucina Italiana on Fifth Avenue South. Mr. Palmer previously served as general manager of the restaurant group’s Chops City Grill in Bonita Springs. He is a member of the Society of Wine Educators and the founder of winescience.net and nowinesnobs.net.

“My philosophy about wine education is that it should always be participatory, which as much hands-on learning as possible,” he says. “It must always be fun and interesting — never boring, slow or snobbish.”

■ Henning’s Chicago Kitchen opened last month, offering deep-dish pizza with innovative flavors that include chicken tikka masala and Korean brisket with Asian slaw. The restaurant also provides starters, poutines, salads and sandwiches. It’s at 6060 Collier Blvd. in East Naples. Call 732-4312 or visit henningschicagokitchen.com.

■ Mereday’s Brasserie at Coconut Point is now open for lunch from noon to 4 p.m. daily. 23161 Village Shops Way, Estero. 949-9466 or meredaysbrasserie.com.

■ Want to beef up your skills in the kitchen? Here are some cooking classes on the front burner:

The Local, 5323 Airport Pulling Road; 596-3276 or thelocalnaples.com - Healthy Cooking Ideas to Stick with Resolutions: Saturday, Jan. 3 (\$50)

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifefor Naples.com - Vietnamese Cooking Featuring Pho, Friday, Jan. 2 (\$60); French Country Cooking: Wednesday, Jan. 7 (\$60); Southern Cooking: Friday, Jan. 9 (\$60)

Sur la Table, Mercato; 598-3586 or surlatable.com - Healthy, Flavorful Cooking: Friday, Jan. 2 (\$69); Chef’s Table Favorites: Friday, Jan. 2 (\$69); Artisan Bread Basics: Sunday, Jan. 4 (\$69); Afternoon Tea Party: Sunday, Jan. 4 (\$69); Classic Dishes of Spain: Monday, Jan. 5 (\$69); Secrets of Thai Cooking: Monday, Jan. 5 (\$69); Four Desserts Every Cook Should Know: Tuesday, Jan. 6 (\$69); Fast Fabulous Dinners: Tuesday, Jan. 6; Delicious Vegetarian Cooking: Wednesday, Jan. 7 (\$69); Make Ahead Recipes from Ina Garten: Wednesday, Jan. 7 (\$69). ■

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The hours: Weekdays 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (grill shuts down 30 minutes before closing).

The full menu: jimmysbutcher.com

The details: Attention, vegans and vegetarians: This is not the dish you're looking for. Nor is Jimmy P's the deli (or butcher shop) you seek.

Jimmy P's is a paean to animal proteins. Every inch of refrigerated case,

every shelf of cooler and freezer and every single deli table is covered in meat. We saw pedigreed beef, pork and chicken alongside ostrich and kangaroo. Primal cuts of meat, some too big to carry, others too dear to pay for (or invest in).

Lunch for us was the half-pound Kobe (Wagyu) burger.

In keeping with Jimmy P's all-meat decor and menu, this was one of the beefiest-tasting burgers we've ever had. Perfectly cooked, intensely flavorful and just as juicy as we'd hoped. This burger is a dish we plan to repeat, soon.

One more thing: For an additional \$2.50, you can add fries, onion rings or chips plus a soda if you want. Trust us, you want to. ■

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■ **The Counter Custom Built Burgers, 9110 Strada Place, Mercato, Naples; 566-0644**

If it's burgers, fries and sodas the kids want, here's a place where everyone will feel happy about their meal. The Counter serves Angus beef from humanely raised cows free of hormones and antibiotics. (Or select vegan, bison, turkey or chicken burgers). Then choose from a dozen cheeses, 32 toppings, 23 sauces, six buns (one is gluten free) or a salad. Milkshakes come in regular or adult versions (with a shot of your favorite alcoholic beverage). I enjoyed a turkey burger with Gruyere, cole slaw, grilled pineapple, roasted corn and black bean salsa, sautéed onions and ginger soy glaze on a wheat bun. To my surprise, the whole thing even held together. My companion liked the Old School burger: beef with Tillamook cheddar, lettuce, red onion, pickle, tomato and red relish. Sweet potato fries and crispy onion strings were just right, as were cocktails and a brownie with ice cream, caramel and chocolate sauce. The servers could not have been nicer. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★1/2
Service: ★★★★★1/2
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed July 2013

■ **FUSE Global Cuisine, 2500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 456-4585**

Fried duck mac and cheese, hog wings (braised pork fore shanks fried and tossed with chili garlic sauce, ses-

ame seeds and green onions), golden beet salad with bucheron cheese and micro greens are but a few of the ways to start off a meal at this intriguing spot opened in November by chef/owner Greg Scarlatos, formerly of Angelina's) and his fiancée/business partner Monica Czechowska. Entree options offer similarly imaginative — but not over-the-top — combinations, such as Colorado lamb chops with tart cherry glaze and Stilton potato hash garnished with crisp Brussels sprouts or cobia and wild mushroom with huckleberry gastrique. Guava bread pudding with fresh strawberries made a fine end to the meal. Service was gracious, the ambience soothing. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★1/2
Service: ★★★★★1/2
Atmosphere: ★★★★★1/2
Reviewed December 2013

■ **Komoon, 3300 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 948-4663**

Continuing the trend of restaurants offering multiple cuisines, Komoon serves the unusual combination of Japanese, Thai and ... Peruvian. The menu goes on for days. This can be a good thing for parties with a diverse range of tastes and preferences. But aside from a very nicely executed ceviche, none of the cuisines particularly outshines the others. You can reasonably expect that whichever ethnic direction you take, Komoon will not disappoint. The ceviche was a tangle of tender squid, shrimp and fish laced with lemon and lime juice and zest, red onion slivers and cilantro plated with traditional accompaniments of sweet potato slices

and fresh and toasted Peruvian corn. The Fancy Tuna Roll was packed with tuna, avocado, scallions and jalapeno. For entrees, you can't go wrong with a sumptuous Panang curry as spicy as you want it, or a comforting bowl of smoky soba noodles laden with chicken and crisp vegetables. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★1/2
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2013

■ **The Local, 5323 Airport-Pulling Road, Naples; 596-3276**

This is a restaurant whose name aptly describes its mission: serving as much farm- and sea-to-table food as can be procured from area farms and local waters. It's run by Jeff Mitchell, an alum of the Culinary Institute of America. The menu is creative, the setting unfussy and the staff friendly and accommodating. Local items are boldfaced on the menu, which changes as availability does. Clam flatbread, featuring Pine Island clams, local tomatoes and herbs on a thin, yeasty crust, was a great starter. So was the snapper ceviche, with locally grown serrano peppers, avocado, red onion, cilantro, golden grape tomatoes and citrus. Grilled gulf-caught cobia with tomato confit and grass-fed short ribs were both simply but expertly prepared. Sides of calabaza squash, crunchy chard and smashed potatoes were all cooked perfectly. For dessert: two mini-sized treats, Key lime panna cotta and bread pudding, both just right. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★

Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed June 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 whets the appetite. House-made ricotta with walnuts and fresh herbs and meatballs napped in tomato sauce and garnished with pine nuts, currants and melted Parmesan were great starters. The roasted chicken was a thing of wonder, tender and succulent, served with farro, acorn squash and locally grown black leaf kale. House-made garganelli with braised lamb sugo and sheep cheese will make pasta lovers swoon. For dessert, do not miss the ricotta fritters with slow-cooked berries and whipped cream. As befits such a homey establishments, service was warm and nurturing. Full bar.

Food ★★★★★1/2
Service: ★★★★★
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CUISINE

Have a look at local cookbooks to spice up your new year

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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This new year, many of us are making resolutions to increase our culinary knowledge. Whether you'd like to amp up the flavor, wow family and friends or improve your diet, we suggest you start close to home with books from Naples' favored chefs and food writers. Some of these books are local classics, some are best-sellers and some are highly anticipated entries from newcomers on the local food scene; all of them will stand you in good stead when you start branching out in your own kitchen.

■ **"Sea Salt"**
By Fabrizio Aielli

Home cooks who hope to scale the heights of haute cuisine will be well served by "Sea Salt," Chef Aielli's book that includes recipes from his downtown restaurant of the same name. Need to win friends and influence people? Unfazed by molecular gastronomy and dry ice? Tackle the "Kumamoto Oysters on a Foggy Day in Venice" and savor the astonished expressions on your guests' faces.

The book was co-authored by Sanibel writer Chelle Koster Walton and includes a foreword by Coleman Andrews, former editor of *Saveur* magazine and current editor-in-chief of *The Daily Meal*. Chef Aielli accompanies each recipe with an explanation of the dish's origin. It's \$35 at Sea Salt, Barbatella, amazon.com and select retailers.

■ **"Artistry in Chocolate: A Story of Love"**
By Norman Love

Do you dream of chocolate? Marvel at the artistry required to create beautiful premium truffles? Pick up Mr. Love's new coffee table book, "Artistry in Chocolate: A Story of Love," if you want visions of chery cordial truffles dancing in your head.

It starts with chapters explaining Mr. Love's background, his move to Florida, his team and his philosophies on confections and business. Then there are photos — dozens of them — of the master confectioner's creations. Even if you aren't necessarily crazy about sweets, this book is a feast for the eyes and features some phenomenal work in food photography. It's \$40 at Norman Love Confections salons in Naples and Fort Myers, and \$50 at normanloveconfections.com.

■ **"When Peacocks Were Roasted and Mullet Was Fried"**

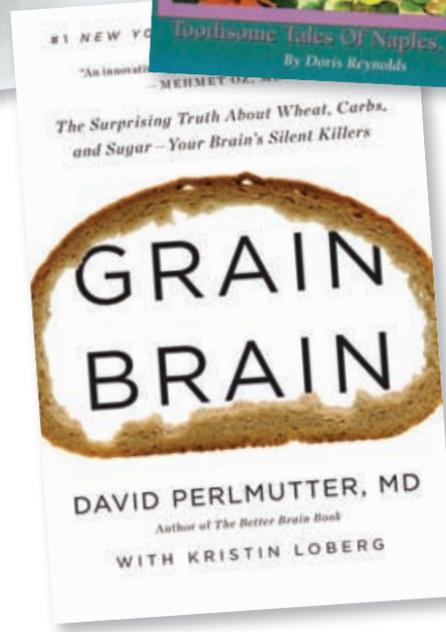
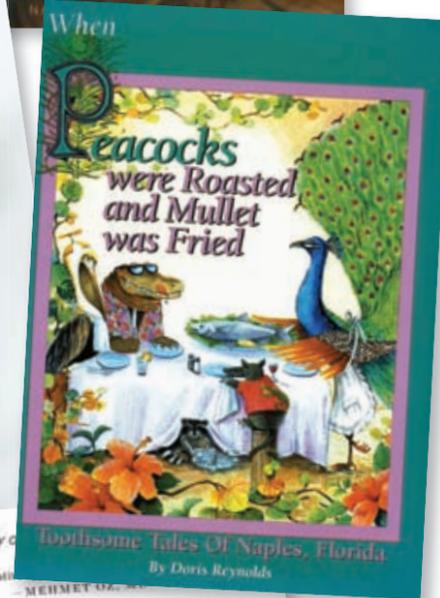
By Doris Reynolds

Mrs. Reynolds, a longtime *Naples Daily News* food columnist and far longer Naples resident, published what has become a local classic among cookbooks in 1992. More of a culinary history of Naples than a cookbook, "When Peacocks Were Roasted and Mullet Was Fried" gives readers a better understanding of Naples' more humble origins and characters. The recipes reflect the

standard fare of the South and accompany entries about the people who settled here and in the surrounding areas.

Occasionally, Mrs. Reynolds throws in a wild concoction that intrepid cooks should probably avoid. For example, resident Robert Bemby used to tell visitors that roasted pelican was a delicacy. Readers new to the area would be not advised to execute the provided recipe (or a pelican, for that matter). Most of the recipes are innocuous versions of dinner-table favorites; others, such as swamp cabbage and wild boar, are distinctive dishes of South Florida pioneers.

This has become one of the standard reference books on local history and has graced the desks of authors, writers, edi-



tors, librarians and museum administrators throughout the area over the years. Take it for the knowledge it imparts and enjoy the recipes if the mood strikes. Find it for \$24.95 in local gift shops and at amazon.com.

■ **"Ambrosia Vegan Kitchen"**
By Tricia Otte

Local health food junkies are probably already familiar with Ms. Otte's line of prepared vegan dishes, but for those readers who are looking for tasty ways to lighten up their diet and eliminate animal products at the same time, her cookbook "The Ambrosia Kitchen Cookbook" is a great way to dip a toe into vegan cuisine.

Ms. Otte's fans have long craved items like her "Crabby" Cakes, Fennel-scented Hummus and Surprise Cookies and had to trek down to Food & Thought or Oakes Market for a taste, but now they can make their favorites at home. Current or aspiring vegans can purchase her book for \$19.95 at Food & Thought or amazon.com.

■ **"Alexander's Restaurant"**
By Alexander Bernard

Chef Bernard's eponymous establishment has stood formidably along U.S. 41 for what seems like forever, but has really only been since 1994. Shining in New American and Continental cuisine, Chef Bernard did fans a favor in 2008 by publishing some of his standards and fan favorites in this volume. It provides readers with some excellent dishes that would be highly appropriate for entertaining or the holidays — dishes such as herb-crusted rack of lamb and duck liver mousse, for example. Buy a copy for \$32 at the restaurant, 4077 Tamiami Trail N.

■ **"Grain Brain"**
By Dr. David Perlmutter

The Naples neurologist has made quite a name for himself and climbed to the top of several best-seller lists, including those of the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal* and *USA Today*, with his book "Grain Brain," which exposes the harm carbohydrates can inflict on brain health. Dr. Perlmutter walks reader through the damage carbs do to brain function and how to improve their diet to stave off a whole host of neurological ailments, including dementia, ADHD, chronic headaches and more. \$27 at major booksellers. ■



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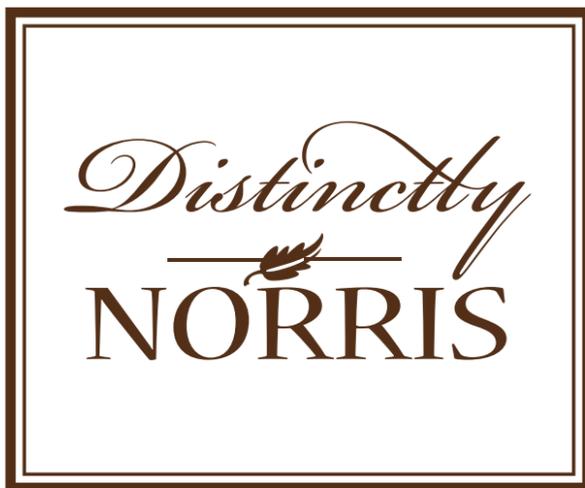


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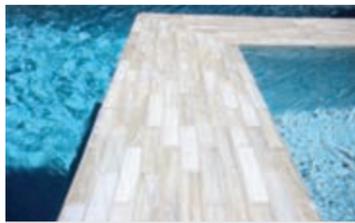
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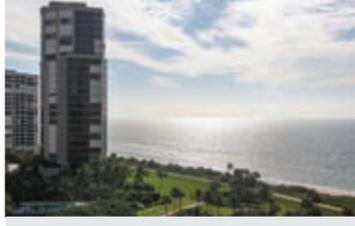
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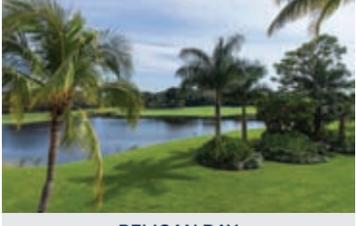
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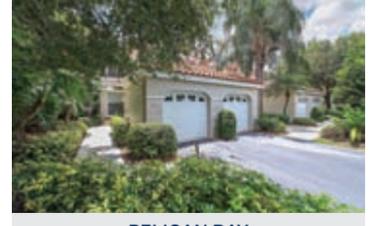
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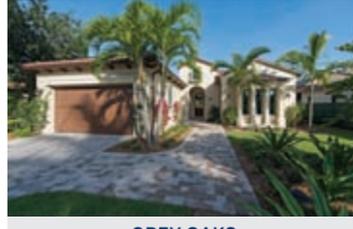
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