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— Jorge Pesquera, CEO of Discover The Palm Beaches

ECONOMY

WINS

... as same-sex marriage boosts Florida's bottom line

FOR GAY COUPLES IN FLORIDA, THE PAST SEVEN months have been a time of awe.

A federal judge's ruling in late December cleared the way for marriage equality in the state, and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling June 26 made it the law of the land.

They were two events most gay couples thought never would happen.

And they translate into big bucks.

Nationally, the economic boost from marriage of same-sex couples could be up to \$2.6 billion in just the first three years, according to the Williams Institute at University of California, Los Angeles. Florida's share of

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24,248

Estimated same-sex couples that will soon spend money on weddings and honeymoons

2.6

Billions of dollars that same-sex couples may spend nationally in three years on weddings

26,000

Average dollars spent for a wedding, according to The Wedding Report

Have a piece of the landmark pier for \$100

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Neapolitans who love local history have the opportunity to purchase planks from the landmark Naples Pier, which was closed last week for renovations. The city of Naples and the Naples Historical Society will have 1,000 planks to sell for \$100 each.

The pier was last rebuilt in 1996, so

the pieces up for grabs are not from the original structure that was built in 1888. The structure has undergone six partial or total rebuilds since it was originally installed, four of which were necessitated by damage from hurricanes.

"Mother Nature rebuilt (the pier) a few times," Mayor John Sorey says. "But this time it's to make it a better and safer place for our residents and businesses."

Naples Historical Society, in having

partnered with the city to sell the planks, will number each board and provide the purchaser with a certificate validating the authenticity of the artifact.

"We know we're not selling historic planks. That's not the point," says Elaine Reed, NHS president and CEO. "The planks represent the symbolic importance of the pier then and now."

The city will manage the sale of the

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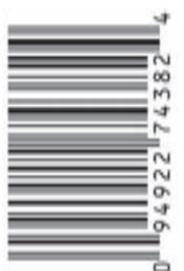


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COMMENTARY

The panther pragmatists



One of the great virtues of the American character is pragmatism, defined as “dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.”

Unfortunately, “theoretical considerations” are sometimes synonymous with theological, philosophical, ethical, cultural, environmental or democratic considerations, which tend to get in the way of getting the job done with no fuss or muss.

There are other touted American virtues as well, all of them offshoots either of the 18th and 19th-century American frontier or the immigrant musculature of urban America: rugged individualism (as it used to be called). Inventiveness, ambition, a hard-work ethic, self-reliance.

But pragmatism fascinates me, especially after I learned from Craig Pittman, a writer for the *Tampa Bay Times*, that Collier County cattle rancher Liesa Priddy just helped rewrite Florida’s panther policies for Nick Wiley, executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Them danged panthers are getting in the way of us Americans and our right to make a profit, they concluded. In effect, that sums up the new state panther policy they created, or it will if the commission signs off on it in September.

Like the pragmatists they are, the two

did the job without consulting wildlife biologists or anybody else in a serious way.

When Mr. Pittman used public records to look at the new proposal, he even learned that Ms. Priddy helped Mr. Wiley edit the thing line by line. Together, they decided that too many panthers live south of the Caloosahatchee River because the animals are eating Ms. Priddy’s calves — 10 of them in two years across her 9,300-acre spread, at least, each worth \$1,000 by her estimate. They’re eating a few of her neighbors’ animals as well, apparently.

And that meant war, a carefully waged war on the panther status quo, such as it is.

Her ability to influence the future of the Florida panther was the culmination of a carefully crafted and very pragmatic strategy that relied not on the traditional method of panther control — a Winchester 30-30 rifle or its equivalent — but on a more modern solution: political influence.

In January of 2012, Ms. Priddy, who had by then captured the admiration of Gov. Rick Scott, got herself appointed to the state’s wildlife commission as the “point-person for panthers... because I’m the one who’s living it on a daily basis,” she told Mr. Pittman.

She sees no conflict of interest because she’s a pragmatist.

She and Mr. Wiley also decided, pragmatically, that since there are no places set aside as habitat to protect panthers north of the Caloosahatchee River and all the way to the Georgia state line, which is about 320 miles, why should anybody bother?

It’s just not realistic or pragmatic in this

day and age to support panthers, suggests Ms. Priddy — especially not by establishing three populations of them, each of about 240 animals: one south of the Caloosahatchee and two more north of it.

Federal Fish and Wildlife officials have stipulated that if two populations of at least 240 animals can be established, they’ll downgrade the Florida panther status from endangered to threatened. And if we can establish three — that would mean about 720 panthers needing to eat the equivalent of a deer or a couple of hogs per week in a state of about 20 million humans — who knows what could happen?

Federal officials haven’t said, but the panther would likely come off the endangered and the threatened lists altogether.

And that might mean we’d be able to get licenses and shoot a few of them again. Just like we get to start shooting black bears again, beginning this fall.

I’m even thinking if we bring back the American bison in sufficient quantities in the Midwest, we could start shooting them again, too — maybe from trains, just like the old days. But we’ll save that discussion for another time.

The panther recovery to 720 animals is probably not doable, figures Ms. Priddy. She represented a group of like-minded pragmatists at a meeting of state and federal wildlife officials in Naples last fall.

“I wonder if we’re trying to put a square peg in a round hole,” she said in comments quoted in the *Naples Daily News*.

“Not every species can be recovered. I think that’s something we need to hold

out there and be considered.”

South of the Caloosahatchee, however, the species has recovered significantly by everyone’s accounting. From a low of about 20 in the 1970s the population has climbed to about 180 now, or more, depending on who’s figuring: either the wildlife biologists and observers who actually track and count panthers, or the ranchers and some hunters who figure anecdotally that the creatures are about to overrun Immokalee and Naples and Everglades City and start eating small children and members of the Rotary Club and old women or men crossing the street.

Pragmatically speaking, there are a lot of solutions to this, most of them already proposed at one time or another: Let panthers live in the wild places that include ranch lands, and pay ranchers for their lost stock. Or use Amendment One money, more than \$700 million in this year alone, to buy suitable panther habitat from private owners north of the Caloosahatchee, as it was intended, rather than using the money to pay for salaries and program maintenance in state bureaucracies and programs, as legislators have allowed.

Or the final solution: we could just get real, in a pragmatic sense. Few of us ever see a panther in the wild. They don’t go to the mall or restaurants or spas or the supermarket. They don’t vote. Thus, panthers don’t influence our lives at all, really. Why not just let them go and die out, like we did passenger pigeons or ivory-billed woodpeckers?

We are, after all, pragmatists, aren’t we? ■



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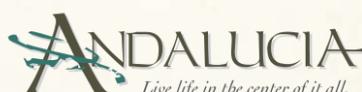
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OPINION

Sorry, Donald Trump has a point



richLOWRY

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You are hardly a name-brand company if you haven't dumped Donald Trump in recent weeks.

NBC, Univision and Macy's all have thrown The Donald under the bus, in the heaviest blow to schlock culture in this country since the cancellation of "Jersey Shore." The carnage ranges across media, encompassing reality TV ("Celebrity Apprentice"), entertainment properties (the Miss USA Pageant), fashion (the Donald J. Trump Signature Collection) and even fragrance (Success by Trump).

The shunning of Trump is in response to his, uh, memorable presidential announcement that included comments about the alleged rampant criminality of Mexican immigrants — they're drug runners, rapists, etc. — that were typically crude.

As it happens, Trump's new enemies are doing him an enormous political favor, at least in the short term. There are few things that benefit a Republican candidate in the current environment of left-wing bullying more than getting

fired and boycotted for something he's said.

Trump's instantly notorious Mexico comments did more to insult than to illuminate, yet a kernel in them hit on an important truth that typical politicians either don't know or simply fear to speak. "When Mexico sends its people," Trump said, "they're not sending their best."

This is obviously correct. We aren't raiding the top 1 percent of Mexicans and importing them to this country. Instead, we are getting representative Mexicans, who — through no fault of their own — come from a poorly educated country at a time when education is essential to success in an advanced economy.

Trump's comments made it sound as though Mexico is sending us moral defectives. But immigrants are willing to work. Immigrant men ages 18-65 are in the labor force at a higher rate than native men.

It's just that a lack of education hampers even hard-working people. This is illustrated in an exhaustive report by Steven Camarota of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors a lower level of immigration.

Immigrants here from Mexico — which has sent more immigrants than any other country for decades — have

the lowest levels of education. Nearly 60 percent of them haven't graduated from high school.

This puts Mexican immigrants at a disadvantage, and it shows. Nearly 35 percent of immigrants from Mexico and their U.S.-born children are in poverty; nearly 68 percent are in or near poverty. This is the highest level for immigrants from any country. Immigrants make progress on almost every indicator over time, but are still far behind natives after two decades.

For all its crassness, Trump's rant on immigration is closer to reality than the gauzy clichés of immigration romantics, who are unwilling to acknowledge that there might be an issue welcoming large numbers of high-school dropouts into a 21st-century economy. If we don't want to add to the ranks of the poor, the uninsured and the welfare-dependent, we should have fewer low-skilled immigrants — assuming saying that is not yet officially considered a hate crime.

The point could be made much more deftly and accurately by anyone not named Donald J. Trump. In the meantime, he fills the vacuum, and enjoys the whirlwind. ■

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

Hate pop culture? Blame F. Scott Fitzgerald



billCORNWELL

Special to Florida Weekly

For those who despair over the hijacking of our popular culture by "reality" television and by the endless procession of faux "celebrities" who insist on sharing every intimate detail of their lives, l'affaire Caitlyn Jenner comes as no surprise. What should have been a private, somber process of self-reflection and renewal by Caitlyn nee Bruce was transformed by the Kardashian spin machine into an odious spectacle that was tailor-made for television and mass public consumption.

How we came to this sorry state of affairs is story unto itself. Most would trace the evolution of our obsessively confessional and voyeuristic society along a line that begins with Barbara Walters and People magazine and continues on through Oprah, Diane Sawyer, "Entertainment Tonight," Paris Hilton, the Kardashians and a host of contemporary offenders too numerous to list here. But the true progenitor of all this nonsense was F. Scott Fitzgerald. Oddly, the man who gave us "The Great Gatsby" also paved the way for reality television and the horrifically maudlin and weepy autobiographical tomes that are cranked out every year by an inexhaustible assembly line of third-rate entertainers, artists and has-beens.

By 1936, Fitzgerald — though barely 40 years old — was irrelevant. "Gatsby" had been published about a decade earlier, but the memory of this classic had receded and it would be years before it was widely regarded once again. Des-

perate for attention and money, Fitzgerald fixed on a plan. He would write for Esquire magazine a series of tell-all essays — which came to be known as "The Crack-Up" — in which he outlined in excruciating detail his torment and diminished circumstances. Such a work was unthinkable at that time. Generally, writers held to the notion that personal pain was something that fueled their fiction. Fitzgerald turned this idea upside down because he felt he had no other choice.

"At 'The Crack-Up' stage, nothing could harm his career — it could only help," observed Arnold Gingrich, Esquire's editor in 1936. Gingrich went on to note that Fitzgerald's profile had sunk so low that "a lot of people thought he was dead."

Fitzgerald's bleak essays ("in a real dark night of the soul it is always three o'clock in the morning, day after day") chronicled his fears, insecurities, failures and general inability to fashion a meaningful life. The author himself admitted that the essays were the literary equivalent of extending a "tin cup of self-pity." Fitzgerald's contemporaries (Ernest Hemingway and John Dos Passos in particular) were horrified by what they perceived to be a massive display of personal weakness and self-flagellation. They predicted that Fitzgerald had ruined any chance of future success. But, in the end, Fitzgerald proved to have the superior instincts. Readers were fascinated, and interest in Fitzgerald sprang anew. Although he had failed miserably years earlier as a writer in Hollywood, "The Crack-Up" intrigued executives at movie studios, and Fitzgerald was given another shot as a screenwriter not long after the essays were published.

"The personal revelations in 'The

Crack-Up' blasted open the reticence that had characterized American literature before World War II," Jeffrey Meyers, a Fitzgerald biographer, has written.

A lot of years separate "The Crack-Up" from our current situation, but Fitzgerald doubtlessly started us on the road to the Kardashians, Caitlyn Jenner, Honey Boo Boo, "Duck Dynasty," the disgraced Duggar family and all the rest.

One can only yearn for the time when public figures accepted responsibility and refused to pander to morbid curiosity. Such was the case in 1948, when Robert Mitchum — a legitimate movie star — was arrested for smoking marijuana in a bungalow with a woman who was not his wife. Mitchum was caught dead to rights, and he did not moan or seek refuge in a treatment facility. He accepted his punishment, which was confinement for a couple of months at a prison farm. (When similar situations occur today, the template is to enter rehab, then appear on shows like "Dr. Phil" and finally write a soul-searing book about redemption.)

When Mitchum was released, reporters were waiting for him.

"Yes, boys, I was smoking a marijuana cigarette when they came in," he said. "I knew I'd get caught sooner or later." The actor said prison wasn't so bad, adding that it was "just like a weekend in Palm Springs, only you meet a better class of people."

"Now," he added, "if you'll excuse me, I'm heading for home."

And that was that.

Robert Mitchum died in 1997, well before the ascendancy of reality television, and that's just as well. He was a fine actor, an authentic tough guy and honest to a fault. He would have made a lousy reality TV star. ■



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My fellow Neapolitans: Humane Society Naples has a problem that only we can solve.

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The little bug-eyed boogers constitute one of every three dogs that enter the no-kill shelter. In anticipation of an influx of the breed from other area shelters that face the same problem, HSN needs help offloading 50 Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes (to loving forever homes, of course).

To that end, the shelter is running a Chihuahua fire sale of sorts.

Through July, those who adopt a Chihuahua or part-Chihuahua participate in the "pay what they weigh" promotion, where the pooch's poundage is converted to dollars for the adoption fee. For example, a 4-pound dog can be yours for \$4. (The shelter's normal adoption fee for a dog weighing less than 20 pounds is \$150.)

Chihuahua overpopulation is not a problem in just Collier County, but across the country. Why? We don't have to reach that far back in our memories to remember when "celebutantes" paraded their pint-sized pooches in handbags and breeders responded to the fashion by overbreeding.

"Unfortunately, after the popular Chi-

huahua movies and reality TV shows that feature them, people tend to see Chihuahuas as accessories," Rachael Johnston, coordinator of marketing for the shelter, says.

No one can deny that Chihuahuas are handy little pups that make good company, travel well and emote a vulnerability that pulls at the heartstrings of protective types. But no dog or pet should be treated like an accessory.

Ms. Johnston says the Chihuahua overpopulation problem is exacerbated in Southwest Florida because the area isn't very pet-friendly when owners are house hunting. Condo associations, property managers and landlords veer on the side of not allowing pets, so people are often placed in the position of having to choose between a home and their pet.

"People are left to make the decision of looking for a pet-friendly place to live or surrendering their animal to the shelter," she says. "Too many people don't put their pets at the top of the list when it comes to major life decisions. It's sad."

Compounding the problem is the sneaking suspicion that pet owners aren't fixing their small dogs and are choosing to sell puppies instead. Which is dumb. Some critical thinking and basic concern for their pet — and its potential offspring — should preclude willy-nilly breeding practices that place puppies back in shelters.

"It's almost like they feel as if it's easier to care for itty bitty Chihuahua puppies and sell them on craigslist or to friends and family," Ms. Johnston says. "In reality,



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lots of those puppies become a little older and are brought to HSN in search of a home once again."

One solution that has been used in other areas of the country is to transport the oversupply of Chihuahuas to regions where they aren't as abundant. They never last long in the Northeast, says Emily Weiss, vice president of research and development at the American Society

for Cruelty to Animals. "They get adopted pretty quickly," Ms. Weiss says about Chihuahuas that make it to the Northeast in search of permanent homes.

If you're in the market for a small dog, consider a Chihuahua from Humane Society Naples, where this month the cheerful little lap warmers are cheap, too. For more information, call 643-1555 or visit hsnaples.org. ■

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that could be in the neighborhood of \$182.2 million over three years, as an estimated 24,248 couples spend money on weddings, honeymoons and other travel, and generate about 875 jobs.

Visit Florida, the public/private partnership that promotes tourism in the state, has actively boosted the state as a locale for same-sex weddings from the beginning.

On Jan. 6, as thousands of gay couples exchanged vows throughout Florida, the agency dispatched photographers and videographers to nine cities to capture the visual proof of why the state is a great place to get married.

Visit Florida cites strong relationships with LGBT media partners, including Edge Media Network and Proud FM Toronto, and has run co-op advertising in a range of publications, including Bridal Guide, Brides, New York Weddings, inserts with David's Bridal stores and Coastal Living Weddings, among others.

"So far in fiscal year 2014-15, we have run seven promotions targeting the LGBT audience, for a media value of \$6.94 million and 190 million impressions," according to Kenneth Morgan-Schleuning, public relations manager for Visit Florida.

In Southwest Florida, officials in Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in January, soon after the judge's ruling cleared the way for weddings to begin.

In Palm Beach County, officials immediately embraced the opportunity.



BOCK

Sharon Bock, Palm Beach County clerk and comptroller, performed a mass wedding for 80 couples at midnight Jan. 6, the moment it was legal for her to do so, at the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach.

"Over 300 people showed up. My opportunity to see and walk through and talk to them was magic," she said. "There were so many tears of joy."

Palm Beach County tourism officials are capitalizing on that joy.

"We've had a trajectory of being supportive of this effort and I think now with this national law, which we think is the right path, we will put additional content on our website and marketing



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A crowd gathers at the U.S. Supreme Court in Washington, D.C., after the court ruled in favor of same-sex marriage on June 26.



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Cheeca Lodge, which has hosted "commitment ceremonies" for years, was poised to provide weddings as soon as they became legal for same-sex couples.

content in magazines and such," said Jorge Pesquera, CEO of Discover The Palm Beaches, citing such popular local events as Pride Fest, in March, and the Stonewall Ball, in June.

As it is, the county draws about 6.3 million people each year. About 3.5 million of those were domestic travelers. Two million came from within the state and about 800,000 came from international markets.

"We're truly part of a South Florida mentality that is very international, very global in thinking and very open to whatever is happening in the world

and we're very proud of that," he said.

In Southwest Florida, tourism officials are taking things more slowly.

"We haven't taken an LGBT approach, and there are no specific marketing efforts," said Tamara Pigott, executive director of the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau in Fort Myers.

But marriage tourism in general never was something Lee County promoted anyway, and Ms. Pigott said she didn't expect Florida to be a place where gay couples would be rushing to get hitched.

"The first states that really jumped in had a really big boost, but when you're state No. 34, who was coming here to get married?" she said. "Now, if you want to have a beautiful beach wedding, they're coming here because they want to get married here. With our folks, we have the same plans and packages. There's no differentiation."

That doesn't mean the county does not want gay travelers to visit, though. "In a few places, we have done some LGBT efforts. Internationally, we work with TomOnTour, but we never approached our destination with (marriage) specifically in mind," Ms. Pigott said. "Our doors are open to all." TomOnTour is an international gay travel site.

She said about 3 million visitors come to stay in hotels and other accommodations, while an additional 2 million come to visit friends and relatives.

"Some of that definitely is the LGBT market," Ms. Pigott said. "I think every community has a really different approach."

It's a new concept in Charlotte County. "We are just beginning to explore weddings and LGBT as niche markets,"

according to Lorah Steiner, the county's director of tourism.

That might have happened sooner, had the economy not crashed. When it, along with the county's budget began to improve, "our first priority was to strengthen our position in our known feeder markets, e.g.: Allegiant markets; Canada, Germany, the UK, Chicago, Philadelphia, Michigan, New York and New Jersey," Ms. Steiner wrote in an email. Allegiant Air is the airline that flies into Punta Gorda Airport. "We also needed to greatly increase our in-state marketing for summer and shoulder seasons."

Collier County banks on its wedding tourism.

"We are estimating that 3 percent of Collier's 2014 visitors, or 53,200 people, traveled to the destination for weddings or honeymoons. This visitor segment has a projected economic impact of \$57.7 million to Collier County," according to Erin Smith, PR and communications assistant for the Naples, Marco Island and the Everglades Convention & Visitors Bureau.

But it has not reached out directly to gay tourists.

"No, we don't have a specific reach-out at the present time. We think we're capturing a good deal of that just with our weddings market," said Jack Wert, CVB director. "We listen pretty closely to our hotel partners. They haven't expressed an interest for us to do more than we're doing."

Resorts in the Palm Beaches and the Florida Keys are targeting the LGBT market.

"I find the community here in South Florida to be very inclusive and welcoming to all people," said Nick Gold, public relations director at Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan.

Eau Palm Beach, a AAA Five-Diamond resort, is no exception.

"At Eau Palm Beach, we have been inclusive to reaching out to the LGBT com-

munity since we became a brand two years ago, and we have been developing a campaign to reach couples who would



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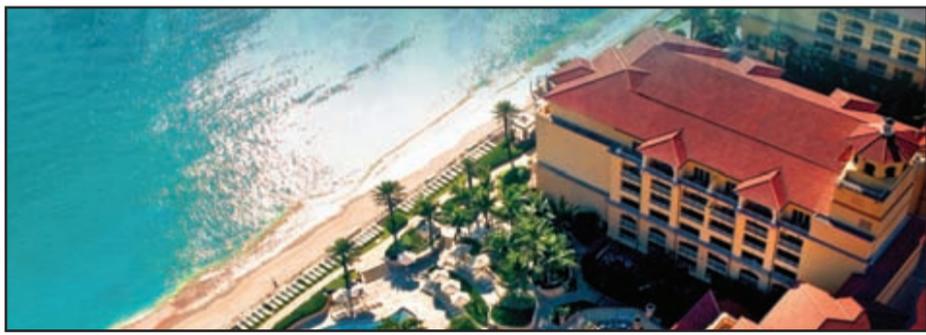
GOLD



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Mike Edmondson and Keith Musbach become the first same-sex couple to be married in Palm Beach County. Clerk and Comptroller Sharon Bock married the two shortly after midnight Jan. 6 at the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach; she later performed a mass ceremony for 80 couples.

• READ THE DIVA, STEPHANIE DAVIS' ACCOUNT OF HER FIRST GAY WEDDING ON PAGE A23



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Eau Palm Beach Resort & Spa in Manalapan has reached out to LGBT travelers for two years.

like to get married in a beautiful ocean-front resort," he said.

"We continue to get inquiries from people around Florida."

Part of that is because of advertising in such gay-oriented media as Passport Magazine.

"We're a Preferred hotel, and we have a specific network, called the Preferred Pride network, that reaches that community," Mr. Gold said. "It lets them know we are inclusive and can host same-sex celebrations."

The same could be said in the Florida Keys, where Cheeca Lodge has been welcoming guests to Islamorada for nearly seven decades.

"Because of the good fortune of Florida passing the acceptance of gay marriage before the Supreme Court, we were able to get a jump on it," said Deanne Gabel, the luxury hotel's general manager, who joined the company last year.

"We'll do on the average one wedding



GABEL

a weekend every weekend of the year," she said.

Cheeca Lodge had hosted commitment ceremonies before same-sex marriages were legal.

"Right away, we got engaged with Human Rights Campaign and got around their efforts on gay marriage," Ms. Gabel said.

Cheeca Lodge has not yet hosted a same-sex marriage, but Ms. Gabel acknowledged that it's expensive.

"There's a starting price of around \$20,000, so we're probably looking at the upper end of the market," she said.

Ms. Gabel said it's important for the resort to reach out to all facets of society.

"I think it's critical for us because we'll celebrate our 70th anniversary next year. We are a well-known hospitality establishment in the Keys. It is important with me being gay to serve every cross-section of our market," she said.

There also is logic in reaching out.

"From a business perspective, it just makes sense," Ms. Gabel said. "It's good that we're extending an arm or a hand and saying you are welcome here." ■

'Love is just love,' marriage planner says

Sue Totterdale was delighted when Florida legalized same-sex marriage in January.

"I was tickled. I was glad that they got their civil rights. I think love is just love. I'm tickled to death about it. I think it's just great," she said.

All things being equal, it wasn't just about the equality.

Mrs. Totterdale owns Florida Weddings Online, a wedding planning service based in Fort Myers.

She said she organizes and officiates about 90 weddings a year; she has planned four same-sex weddings since January, and has two more on the books.

"I do mostly destination weddings, so they're coming from outside the state of Florida to get married here," she said.

Regular weddings now carry an average price of \$26,000, according to Shane McMurray, CEO of The Wedding Report.

Destination weddings can carry an average price tag of \$10,000-\$15,000, simply because they are smaller, with groups of 50 or less, Mrs. Totterdale said.

In Southwest Florida, those destinations have included Sanibel, Captiva, Fort Myers Beach and Naples Beach.

"There's a range of age groups. I married a couple of guys who were in their 50s and a couple of girls that were in their 30s," said Mrs. Totter-



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Sue Totterdale, a wedding planner for 30 years, eagerly embraced marriage equality.

dale, who has been a wedding planner for 30 years; she and her husband have been married 43 years.

Those destination weddings tend to be smaller than weddings by locals, generally with 50 people or less.

"Some of them are two people, some are 10 people and some of them are midweek weddings. They don't all get married on Saturday to Sunday," said Mrs. Totterdale.

And nuptials? They are a time at which differences dissolve.

"It's very friendly here. It's fun here. Gay weddings are just like any other wedding. They're friend- and family-oriented. It's very much the same as any other wedding." ■

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Collier corporal honored as nation's top D.A.R.E. officer

Cpl. Ken Vila of the Collier County Sheriff's Office has been named 2015 D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year by D.A.R.E. America. The national award is in recognition of Cpl. Vila's dedication to drug-abuse prevention among youth in the community.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

Cpl. Vila was named the nation's top D.A.R.E. officer from among dozens of candidates from around the country, including three from Florida. He is also the 2015 Florida D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk presented the award to Cpl. Vila during the Florida Association of School Resource Officers conference in Orlando. Also at the conference, the CCSO Youth Relations Bureau was honored as Agency of the Year for its contributions to the school resource officer profession.

As part of the fifth-grade curriculum, the D.A.R.E. program gives students the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, alcohol, tobacco use, over-the-counter and prescription drugs, bullying, gangs, cyber-bullying, violence and other negative activities.

Cpl. Vila began his law enforcement career with CCSO in 1989 and has spent his entire career as a youth relations deputy, including 22 years as a D.A.R.E. instructor.

He is currently one of 47 D.A.R.E. officers in a cadre of 56 CCSO youth relations deputies. He is the most



COURTESY PHOTO
Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, left, presented Cpl. Ken Vila with the 2015 Florida D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year award earlier this month in Orlando. In August, Cpl. Vila will travel to New Orleans to receive D.A.R.E. America's 2015 National D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year award.

experienced and most versed in the D.A.R.E. curriculum.

"No question, Cpl. Vila is certainly the go-to guy when it comes to D.A.R.E.," says Sheriff Rambosk, who is a member of the D.A.R.E. America International Law Enforcement Advisory Board.

Cpl. Vila became a certified D.A.R.E. instructor in 1994. He took his training and experience to the next level in 2012 when he became a D.A.R.E. mentor.

"Without exception, Cpl. Vila has molded and influenced at least two generations of Collier County citizens," Sheriff Rambosk says.

In the early morning of April 29, 2012, Cpl. Vila was confronted with a decision that all law enforcement officers realize they may face. While home alone he was awakened by the sound of breaking glass. At that moment, he knew his life and home were threatened. The intruder failed to heed Cpl. Vila's warnings and orders and continued to pursue him while yielding a weapon. Cpl. Vila was left with no option but to shoot the intruder.

In the aftermath, he says, he found comfort in words posted online by a former D.A.R.E. student under a newspaper story about the shooting: "Cpl. Vila was my D.A.R.E. officer. He is not only a good deputy, but is a good, moral man who cares about people." ■

Traffic deputies are on the road

Here's where Collier County Sheriff's Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of July 20-24:

Monday, July 20

Golden Gate Parkway and 70th Street S.W.: Speeding

Thomasson Drive and Lombardy Lane: Speeding

Santa Barbara Boulevard and Whitaker Road: Speeding

Tuesday, July 21

Radio Road and Commercial Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Golden Gate Boulevard and 31st Street S.W.: Speeding

Airport-Pulling Road and Cougar Drive: Red-light running

Wednesday, July 22

Collier and Fiddlers Creek boulevards: Speeding

Immokalee and Sanctuary roads: Aggressive driving

Sunset Road: Aggressive driving

Thursday, July 23

U.S. 41 East and Rattlesnake Hammock Road: Red-light running

Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding

Pine Ridge Road and Logan Boulevard: Red-light running

Friday, July 24

Orange Blossom Drive and Yarberry Lane: Speeding

Industrial Boulevard: Aggressive driving

Santa Barbara and Green boulevards: Red-light running ■

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In addition to helping college students with their expenses, Learn2Earn scholarships also assist those who are pursuing skills training that upon



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Several Learn2Earn scholarship recipients attended a recent Rotary Club of Naples meeting and shared stories of what the award has meant to them.

completion quickly leads to employment. Each recipient is also paired

with a Rotarian mentor/coach. The current recipients are pursuing a wide range of skills training and academic education, from cosmetology, technology and auto-repair to nursing, teaching, criminal justice, chemistry and pre-med. Most of them are enrolled in Southwest Florida schools, including Lorenzo Walker Technical College, Florida SouthWestern State College, Florida Gulf Coast University and the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology. Awards have ranged from \$875 to \$6,000.

For more information about Learn2Earn, email info@rotarynaples.org. ■

What's in your teen's bedroom?

Looks can be deceiving, especially in a typical teenager's bedroom. That's why Hazelden in Naples, Drug Free Collier and the Collier County Sheriff's Office have partnered to present "Hidden in Plain Sight" from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at Hazelden in Naples, 950 Sixth Ave. N.

The traveling interactive exhibit consists of a simulated teenagers' bedroom with more than 100 items that should be of concern to parents as signs of substance abuse and drinking.

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Each 12-to-18-inch plank from the pier will be branded with this image and numbered up to 1,000. The planks will sell for \$100, with proceeds going to the city of Naples and the Naples Historical Society.

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planks from its website, where customers will be able to choose how to distribute their donation between the two organizations. Until the website is up and running later this summer, officials suggest that interested parties call the city's Community Services Department to place an order, and someone on staff will notify the customer when the website is functioning. The number is 261-4290.

Among the improvements to the pier, which are scheduled for completion in October so the landmark can reopen in November, are doubled

restroom capacity (to six stalls for men and six for women), an additional stairway on the south side of the structure and installation of a durable Brazilian hardwood called ipe for the walkway. The ipe planks are flame resistant, having the same fire rating as steel, and will sink to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico should another hurricane damage the pier. They are expected to last 30 years.

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Leading economic indicator

Sweden has unemployment issues, like most countries, but, still, the Oliver & Eva sex shop was not prepared for the deluge when the nation's Employment Service website posted its opening to hire a "sex toy tester." Until the service was forced to pull the announcement, applications

were coming in at the rate of one every 20 seconds, with 14,000 emails greeting the employer the first morning. The sex shop emphasized that the tester must be "driven," "methodical" and "with patience" and a knowledge of Microsoft Excel.

It pays to fail

The enormous compensation CEOs of large corporations receive is justified in part by their bringing prosperity to their shareholders, but last year (an excellent one for most investors), two of the nation's best-paid chief executives "earned" handsome raises despite presiding over losses: Philippe Dauman of Viacom (paid \$44.3 million, stock lost 6.6 percent) and Jeffrey

Immelt of General Electric (an 88 percent raise to \$37.3 million, stock lost 6.7 percent). CEO Steven Newman of Transocean earned only \$14.2 million, according to a June *Wall Street Journal* report, but that was a 2.2 percent boost — for stewardship that resulted in one of 2014's biggest flops — Transocean's 59.9 percent loss for its shareholders.

The entrepreneurial spirit

The Japanese, especially, report a decline of intimacy (for instance, a recent estimate found that about a quarter of 30-year-olds had never had sex with another person) — convenient for a Kyoto research institute's announcement in June that it had developed a huggable, human-sized, featureless pillow (resembling Casper the Friendly Ghost), with skin-like texture, to serve as an embraceable intimacy substitute. For people with actual lovers, the "Hugvie" (retailing for the equivalent of \$80) has a mouth slot for a cellphone to enable running sweet talk with a remote "companion."

Redneck Marketing Challenges: (1) Scotty and Beverly Franklin of Springfield, Mo., are trying to tempt cowboys to wear leather boots retrofitted to be open-toed sandals. KHOU-TV (Houston) reported that the Franklins can sandal-up your favorite pair for \$75. (2) One of the more reviled products of 2015 is a gun-shaped iPhone case, which so alarms police that it suddenly in early July became hard to find, even at the online Japan Trend Shop, which previously offered models from \$5 to \$49. Asked one officer, "Why would you want to make yourself look like a threat (to cops)?"

Family values

In a recent BBC documentary, the son of renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (Tim, now 36) revealed that his dad is "hugely competitive" and showed him "no compassion at all" when he was growing up. Tim said two of his few avenues of coping with such a famous, oblivious father

were when he used to race around in his dad's specialized (and expensive) wheelchair (pretending it was a go-kart) and, for those deliciously awkward moments, adding cuss words to his father's synthesized speech software.

Latest religious messages

Jihadists governing ISIS' Euphrates province recently outlawed the popular hobby of breeding pigeons and threatened violators with flogging and imprisonment. The ban was initially thought to be aimed at frustrating pigeon-messaging to the outside world, but the published prohibition mentions other justifications — the hobby's frivolity (wasting time that could better be spent praying) and the special offense to God (because pigeons are "uncovered," with exposed genitals).

God Is Love: (1) In a June YouTube video reported by various news sites, Tempe,

Ariz., pastor Steven Anderson (Faithful Word Baptist Church) prayed for God to "rip out the heart" of Caitlyn Jenner, for whom Rev. Anderson expresses "a perfect hatred" for announcing she was no longer Bruce. (2) On his "700 Club" TV program in June, Pat Robertson patiently explained to a grieving mother why God could have allowed her 3-year-old son to die of illness — that God saw the big picture and knew, for instance, that the kid could have become a serial killer or contracted a hideous disease, and that she should be relieved that God took him early.

Can't stop myself

Esteban Rocha, 51, was arrested in June in Placerville, Calif., and charged with exposing himself to a woman — about 25 minutes after Mr. Rocha had left the Pla-

cerville Police Department, where he had dutifully gone to register his location so that police could keep track of him.

Recurring themes

News of the Weird tracks the "armed and clumsy," who can't avoid shooting themselves accidentally, but then there are these guys: (1) Adam Hirtle, 30, of Colorado Springs, Colo., checked into a hospital on June 10 after intentionally shooting himself in the foot with a .22-caliber handgun — twice, "curious" to see how it felt (with and without his boot to compare pain levels). (2) Jeremiah Raber, 38, recently commenced a

crowdfunding campaign for a kids' sports version of his "Nutshellz" jockstrap — according to Mr. Raber the strongest such apparel in the world, made from breakthrough "Dyneema" (supposedly half the weight of Kevlar but twice as strong). Recently, using a ".22 long rifle," Mr. Raber had business partner Matt Heck shoot him directly in the delicate area, but according to Mr. Raber, he felt just a "tap." ■

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The best roadster you don't have the guts to buy



There is a major difference between a car that you love, and one that you will pay to have in your driveway. The Mazda MX-5 Miata is a prime example of this paradox. Some people actively avoid this perfect roadster because getting into a Miata is easier than getting into a nightclub with no doorman. It's affordable. It is an unfortunate arrogance that makes one of the best cars around one of the more underappreciated as well. Now that there is a new MX-5 coming to dealers this summer, will it finally set an unavoidable benchmark?

This upcoming car is a home run of design. It keeps the sporty 91-inch wheelbase of its predecessor, but the 2016 car loses a few inches off the back. The result is a long-nose body with a short rear. It makes this sports car a loaded slingshot with the driver as the projectile.

The previous generations have been accused of being too cute, and so the new MX-5 looks like it spent the last few years at the gym. Gone are gentle rounded angles that have been replaced with defined muscular ridges and a chiseled jaw line. The old car smiled; this one snarls.

There's a Jekyll and Hyde complex that happens when stepping into most roadsters. The body-hugging interior

feels amazing when the top is down, but the moment rain hits, the compact roof turns the two-seater into a claustrophobic cocoon. Mazda has avoided this problem by placing as many center console controls below the driver's dials as possible. This may seem trivial at first, but it allows for a lower dashboard and a more airy atmosphere due to increased visibility.

Even with a narrow space for components, Mazda has found room to finally add an optional touchscreen infotainment system. It's similar to what's already in the Mazda3, which means the functions are clear and simple. In fact, in an interior this size, everything is well within reach, including the very important "Start" button.

The 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine fires up with a low-level gurgle that's like a Ferrari cut in half. This is the same fuel-efficient 155 hp SkyActiv motor that is available elsewhere in Mazda's lineup, but it has been re-tuned for sports car duty so it will never be mistaken for a crossover.

Whether taking off from a stoplight or a start line, everything feels so perfectly in tune. The light steering is good for around town and makes for easy work carving up a backroad. The standard six-speed manual is just inches from the wheel, so it just feels like an extra limb.

The suspension has been engineered to inspire hijinks, but it relays so much information to the driver that real trouble will require serious intent. The grip of the rear tires is transmitted precisely enough that it's easy to feel the moment



The 2016 MX-5 Miata.



right before they squeal (by then the sprightly and balanced MX-5 is already around the corner and gripping the pavement again.) In a vehicle this narrow, all this fun can be done without leaving the lane. So now you don't even need to stop for coffee to perk up your morning commute.

With all of these positives, why does it take guts to buy one?

A colleague commented that he thought the roadster was underpowered. This was his telltale mistake, but it is a popular opinion. The Miata was not

designed to compete with the Porsche Boxster — a car that doubles the MX-5's \$25,735 base price and adds 110 more horsepower. Instead, it was built in the grand tradition of the affordable European roadsters. The classic MGs, Triumphs and Alfa Romeos rewarded drivers who shifted often by providing good performance with an outstanding exhaust note. These vintage cars understand that when the pistons are racing, so is the driver's pulse.

But Mazda went one step further. Driving an old European roadster used to be a badge of honor. They were so horribly unreliable that owners had to be mechanically handy just to leave their garage. Mazda has instead brought the roadster to the masses by offering the precision of a Swiss watch at a Seiko price.

In an age where Corvettes can hit illegal speeds in second gear and Mercedes has a 577 hp station wagon, the 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata is driving purity without overkill. It was designed to be a toy for enthusiasts. So throw out the schoolyard rules, and don't let the fact that anyone can play ruin the experience of the best car for the money. ■

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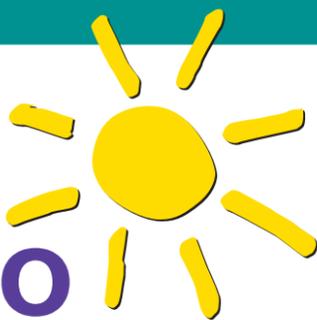
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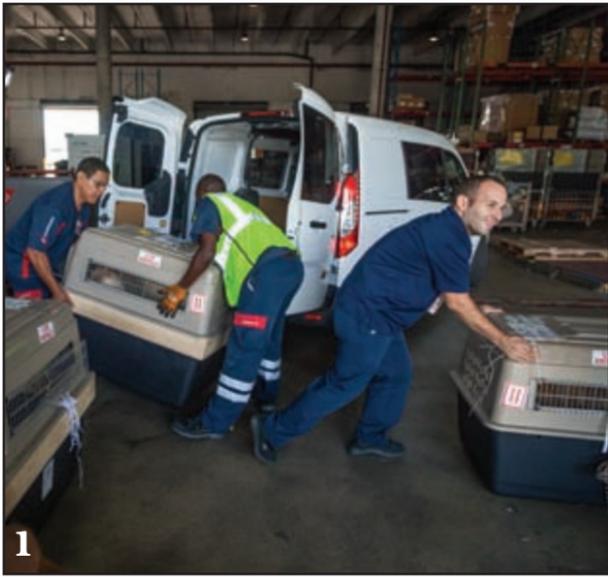
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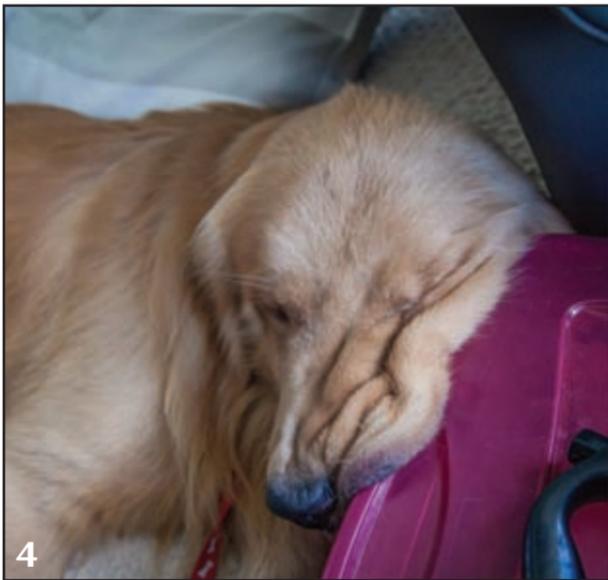
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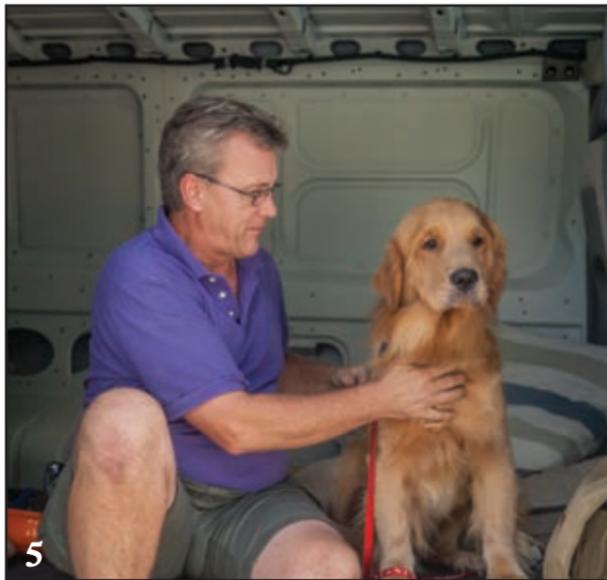
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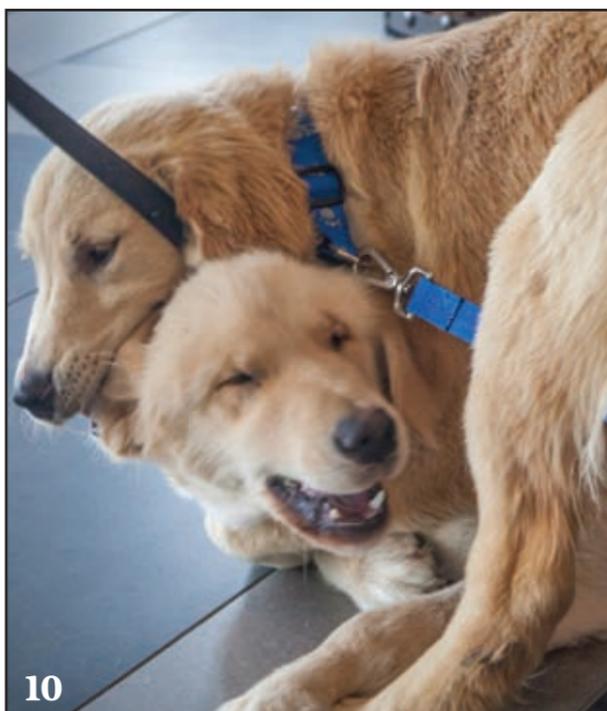
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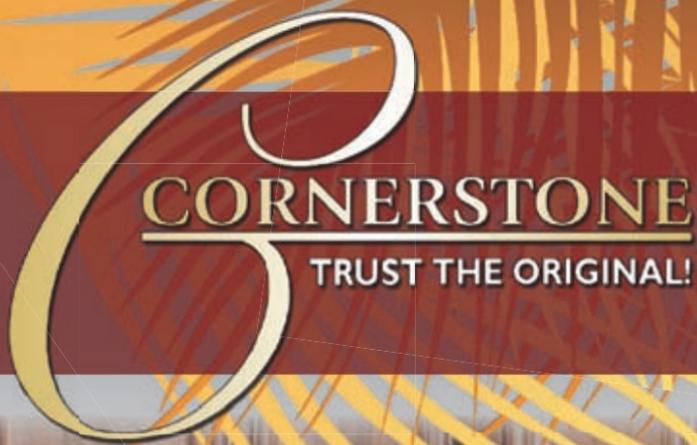
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Goldern Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida continued its mission to raise awareness about the existence of dog-meat farms in Korea by importing three more purebred golden retrievers from Korea. Volunteers Dennis Guyitt, Mark Dahlberg and Judie Rybicki traveled to Miami a week ago to pick the dogs up and bring them to Angel Animal Hospital in North Naples. All three dogs — Sully, Avery and Spirit — are heading to approved forever families who have been on GRRSWF's waiting list. Gregg Eddie of Indian Harbor Beach donated \$3,000 to sponsor the dogs, have them vetted and fostered in Korea and then flown to the United States. For more information about GRRSWF, visit grrswf.org.

1. Arriving in Miami.
2. Eager for freedom.
3. Relaxing for the ride home.
4. Really relaxing!
5. Mark Dahlberg, GRRSWF international rescue coordinator, and Sully.
6. Spirit gets a drink.
7. Avery, Sully and Spirit.
8. A pit stop along Alligator Alley.
9. GRRSWF volunteer Judie Rybicki arriving at Angel Animal Hospital.
10. Spirit plays with a new friend.



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Nonprofits welcome summertime donations, volunteer manpower

As the heat and humidity of summer bear down, the need for volunteers and donations goes up at nonprofit organizations throughout the community. If you have time and/or treasure to share, you might find just the right outlet here.

■ **Hope for Haiti** seeks the following: full-sized bar soap, razors, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant; 15-ounce shampoo; 8-ounce hand sanitizer; hair combs. The website also has an extensive list of medical supplies that are always needed at its clinics in Haiti. For more information, call 434-7183 or visit hopeforhaiti.org.

■ **Harry Chapin Food Bank** needs non-perishable food items of any kind, though canned meats, fruits and vegetables along with peanut butter, jelly, cereal, protein bars, fruit juice and kid-friendly foods are especially needed. The nonprofit also seeks summer volunteers in both Naples and Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-7007 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ **Youth Haven**, a residential shelter and safe harbor for traumatized abused, neglected and homeless children, welcomes donations year-round. Activities for children and teens — arts and craft supplies, games, educational computer software, books and toys, bicycles, skateboards, helmets and knee/elbow pads — are always appreciated, as are non-perishable pantry provisions, food storage containers, dishcloths and towels, baby gates, car seats and booster seats, strollers, pull-ups and wipes, high chairs and cribs, twin bedding, large duffel bags, bath products and personal toiletries. Gift cards to grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, department stores, Target, craft stores and gas cards are also welcome.

Youth Haven's annual back-to-school drive, "Oh, The Places They'll Go," runs through Aug. 14. All basic school supplies are welcome, as are large, heavy-duty backpacks and gift cards to stores where school supplies and clothes are sold (Ross, Target, TJMaxx, Walmart). Drop-off locations are at the Youth Haven campus at 5867 Whitaker Road and at Mutual of Omaha Bank locations in Marco Island, Naples and Fort Myers. If your place of business would like to be a drop-off site, contact Shelly Long by calling 687-5155 or emailing shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

■ **PACE Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee**, is collecting new and gently loved dresses for its annual Love That Dress! sale coming up in September.

If you would like to host a dress collection party at your home or business this summer, contact Buffy Hagood at 771-1261 or buffyhagood@goodwillswfl.org or Melissa Speach at 289-4078 or mspeach@playersclubandspa.com.

Donations of goods and gift cards for products and services are also needed for the silent auction that takes part during Love That Dress! For more information, contact Shannon Starr at 207-1878 or shan-non.starr@pacecenter.org.

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Cash and in-kind sponsorships are available ranging from \$500 to \$10,000. For more information, contact Pat Patterson at 595-8414 or patpatterson@aim.com.

Finally, numerous volunteer opportunities are available in the days leading up to Love That Dress! and during the event that takes place from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. For more information, contact Marie Pazych at 293-0061 or mariepazych@outlook.com.

PACE Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee, also has a year-round need for passes to movie theaters, bowling alleys and skating rinks; undergarments, socks and shoes (all sizes, for teen girls); gift certificates to Walmart, Target, CVS, McDonalds, Burger King, Subway, Rib City; alarm clocks, scrapbooking supplies; college T-shirts, nail polish and manicure supplies; and anything Hello Kitty.

The center is at 160 N. First St. in Immokalee. For more information, call 842-5406 or visit pacecenter.org.

■ **The Guadalupe Resale & Consignment Shop** needs volunteers. Duties include greeting shoppers and ringing up sales, pricing donations and restocking the inventory, rearranging furniture and picking up large items that are donated. Hours are flexible and can be as few or as many as desired. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The shop is at 8100 Trail Blvd., parallel to U.S. 41 just south of Vanderbilt Beach Road. For more information, call Kat McNabb at 594-2696 or email kmcnabb@guadalupecenter.org.

Proceeds from the shop benefit the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee. The center is dedicated breaking the cycle of poverty in Immokalee by providing educational, social and other support programs and resources to families there.

For information about volunteer opportunities at the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, call 657-7711 or visit guadalupecenter.org.

■ There's always room on the pantry shelves at **St. Matthew's House** for canned meats and fish, canned spaghetti and meatballs or ravioli, canned fruit, canned tomatoes and canned pinto and black beans, peanut butter, jams and jellies. Hot and cold cereals, dried beans, pasta sauce, shelf-stable and powdered milk, rice and spaghetti are also welcome. The residential shelter needs towels, pillows, bed sheets and baby wipes.

Donations can be dropped off at 2001 Airport-Pulling Road. For more information, call 774-0500 or visit stmatthewshouse.org.

■ **Planned Parenthood of Collier County** welcomes volunteers to perform a number of office-related duties. Donations of feminine products are always needed and can be dropped off at 1425 Creech Road. Potential volunteers should contact Courtney Curatolo at 262-8923.

■ **The Neighborhood Health Clinic** welcomes donations of the following medical supplies: alcohol pads, hydrogen peroxide, bandages, Ace wraps, cotton balls,

antibiotic ointment, cold packs and rubber gloves. The office also needs printer paper, clipboards, highlighters, paper clips, tape, coffee, cleaning supplies, bathroom supplies, building maintenance services and assistance with monthly utility fees.

Donations can be dropped off at 121 Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information, call 261-6600 or visit neighborhood-healthclinic.org.



■ **Project HELP, Collier County's** only certified rape and crisis center, seeks volunteers to help staff the 24/7 crisis hotline, serve as volunteer advocates, help with office administrative tasks and plan special events such as the 19th annual Chocolate Extravaganza coming up Thursday, Nov. 5, and the fifth annual "Vagina Monologues" presentation set for Sunday, March 6, 2016. Training is provided and required for the hotline and advocate assignments.

Project HELP assists approximately 2,000 new sexual assault, human trafficking and grief counseling clients annually and receives about 2,500 calls to the hotline. To learn more, call 649-1404 or visit projecthelpnaples.org.

■ **Action Automatic Door & Gate** has partnered with Cell Phone for Soldiers and is asking locals to donate gently used cell phones and tablets that can be recycled for soldiers overseas. Devices can be dropped off at 275 Airport-Pulling Road. 643-3667 or actiondoor.com.

■ **Collier Spay Neuter Clinic** is in need of fleece blankets, comforters, waterproof queen mattress pads, high-efficiency laundry detergent and fabric softener, bleach, paper towels, pink and blue index cards, gift cards, garbage bags, quart-size zip bags, baby booties and batteries (AAA and AA). Donations can be dropped off at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive. Call 514-7647 or visit collierspayneuter.org for more information.

■ **Humane Society Naples** is in need of the following items: unscented cat litter, bleach, liquid dish and laundry detergent, paper towels, glass cleaner, disinfecting wipes, extra large garbage bags, 13-gallon garbage bags, disposable cleaning gloves, bath towels, canned puppy and kitten food, canned dog and cat food and monetary support.

Donations can be dropped off at 370 Airport-Pulling Road. For more information, call 643-1880 or visit hsnaples.org.

— Email information about volunteer opportunities and donations for area nonprofits to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.



Where is your nonprofit in its life cycle?

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University and the Community Foundation of Collier County present "Understanding the Nonprofit Life Cycle," a workshop for board members and staff that will help them identify where their nonprofit is in the various stages of growth.

Susan Suarez of Suarez & Associates will present the workshop from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Hodges U., 2647 Professional Way.

Ms. Suarez outlines the stages of every organization's life cycle in this order: start-up, adolescence, maturity, stagnation/renewal and decline. And she cautions that a "one-size-fits-all" approach to roles, responsibilities and board structures is a recipe for disaster that can actually be dangerous to the board and the nonprofit.

She will guide participants through an organizational assessment to help them identify where they are in the organizational life cycle so they can more effectively and efficiently define the board's collective role, build a board structure and address specific needs within the organization.

Registration is \$35. Sign up by calling Marian Klink at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 598-6284, or by emailing cne@hodges.edu.

Free seminar to help nonprofits tell their story

Nonprofit organizations in Collier County are encouraged to mark their calendars for "Telling the Story," the sixth annual Thinking Outside the Box seminar presented by Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff & Associates and real estate professional Kelly Capolino.

This year's free session is set for 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 14, in the community room at the *Naples Daily News*.

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CLUB NOTES

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to socialize from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Admiralty Point West clubhouse on the beach at 2300 Gulf Shore Blvd. N. Naples. The group will meet again from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 (location TBA). Cost is \$10. For reservations or more information, call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com.

■ **Pilot Club** of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation meets at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month — except July, when the meeting is on the third Thursday, July 16 — at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

■ The **Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance** meets Thursday, July 16, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging. An orchid raffle will also be held. Admission to the meeting is free for all, and guests are always welcome.

The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information about the alliance, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.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 at Naples United Church of Christ, 5200 Crayton Road. The next meeting is July 16. For more information, call 963-4670 or visit pflagnaples.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 July 18 and Aug. 1. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ **Naples Writers Forum** invites



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Members of the Naples chapter of Sigma Chi alumni gathered earlier this month for a lunch meeting at the Pelican Bay Club. The next meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the club. For more information, call Bill Robinson at 293-5239 or visit naplessigs.com. Seated: Damian Taylor, Richard Loree and Bill Robinson. Standing: George Schmelzle, Lyle Carter, Bob Leadbetter, Joe Tarantino and David Maksymetz.

writers of all levels to a workshop and get-acquainted meeting from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 18, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 625 111th Ave. N. Bring 10 copies of a page of your writing, or just come. Attendance is free. Sign up by calling 949-3621 or emailing gwmelhart@gmail.com.

■ The Naples base of the **U.S. Submarine Veterans** (USSVI) meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is July 20. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

■ The **Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the second Wednesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at varying locations. The next meetings are July 22 and Aug. 12. For more information, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

The **Marco Island Civitan Club** meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month. The next meetings are July 21 and Aug. 11. For locations, call Anthony DeLucia at 285-6785 or email marcoislandcivitan-club2014@yahoo.com.

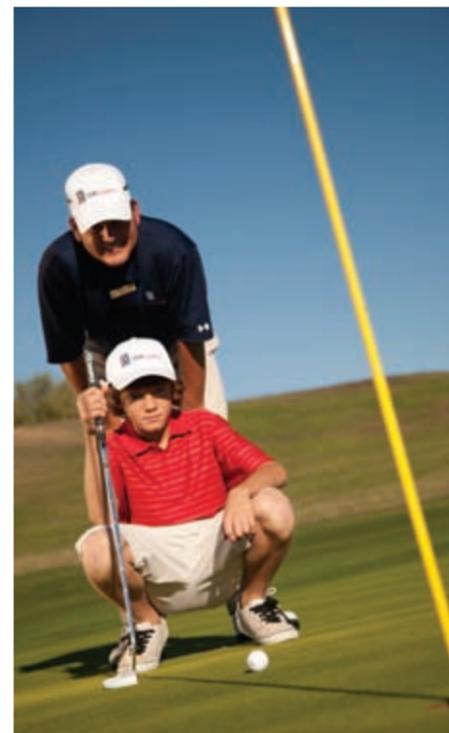
The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

■ 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 July 23. Stamp trading follows the evening's program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

■ The **Solo Women Travel Group** meets at 2 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is July 25. For more information, call Barb Garrett at (305) 664-9202.

■ The **Democratic Women's Club** of Collier County welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is July 25. For more information, email dwcpräsident@gmail.com.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Brookdale Bonita will offer free memory checks

Lee Physician Group Memory Care will conduct free memory screenings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 26850 South Bay Drive in Bonita Springs.

Memory is often overlooked during health-care checkups. This can be attributed to misperceptions and fears, perhaps the most common of which is an apprehension that nothing can be done about memory loss. But many forms of memory loss are reversible, and for other forms of memory loss, early detection is the key.

Screenings will take approximately 20 minutes. Results and further recommendations will be mailed. Call Rachel Russell at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 948-2600, for an appointment. ■

Don't go crazy in your search for 'normal'

The community is invited to "Driving Like Crazy in Search of Normal," a presentation about how to regain your anchorage when your personal world spins off its axis, from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Project HELP headquarters, 3123 Terrace Ave. in Naples.

Guest speakers are author and mental health advocate Deena Baxter and Jacquelyn Metcalf, director of communications and donor relations for the National Alliance on Mental Illness in Collier County. Ms. Baxter will share lessons learned from her journey after sudden loss. She has partnered NAMI-Collier on a book and website project, writeonmymind.com, dedicated to "giving mental illness a life-affirming voice."

Attendance is free, but registration is required. Call Shaina Anderson at Project HELP, 649-1404, or email shaina@projecthelpnaples.org. ■

Book review: Good news for those on the path to recovery from stroke



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"Stroke Victor: How to Go from Stroke Victim to Stroke Victor" by Bob Mandell. Creative Projects International. 256 pages. Trade paperback, \$16.95.



Mandell

This marvelous self-help book is likely to save or extend a lot of lives. However, its central focus is enhancing the quality of life for those who have undergone life-changing illnesses or injuries.

While the information and advice is primarily for stroke victims, Bob Mandell's guidance can be applied to many different situations in which recovery from a disability is sought. His personal story is the engaging and inspiring trunk and branches of the book. On these branches, Mr. Mandell has hung the fruits of what he has learned.

For me, his most widely applicable piece of advice is the need to take responsibility, to question, to be an aggressive patient who challenges medical personal and especially conventional wisdom. Passive people are likely to be buried by their insecurities, by medical care bureaucracy and by accepting what's immediately available or convenient rather than what is best for their recovery and rehabilitation.

You have to fight to discover the best information, the best hospital, rehab facility and medical expertise for your needs. You must be willing to take educated risks.

However, Mr. Mandell also knows that you can't let an aggressive stance turn into adversarial relationships with those whose help and experience you are seeking. Make friends on this journey to well being, he advises. Don't turn people off.

Another crucial piece of advice is the mantra "one step at a time." Peo-

ple whose expectations are too ambitious (unrealistic?) are likely to be disappointed and fall into despair. They will lose heart and may never make progress. Set attainable goals and work hard to achieve each. With others, develop a plan that is consistent with your condition at the starting line so that you can reach the finish line of restored vitality and functionality.

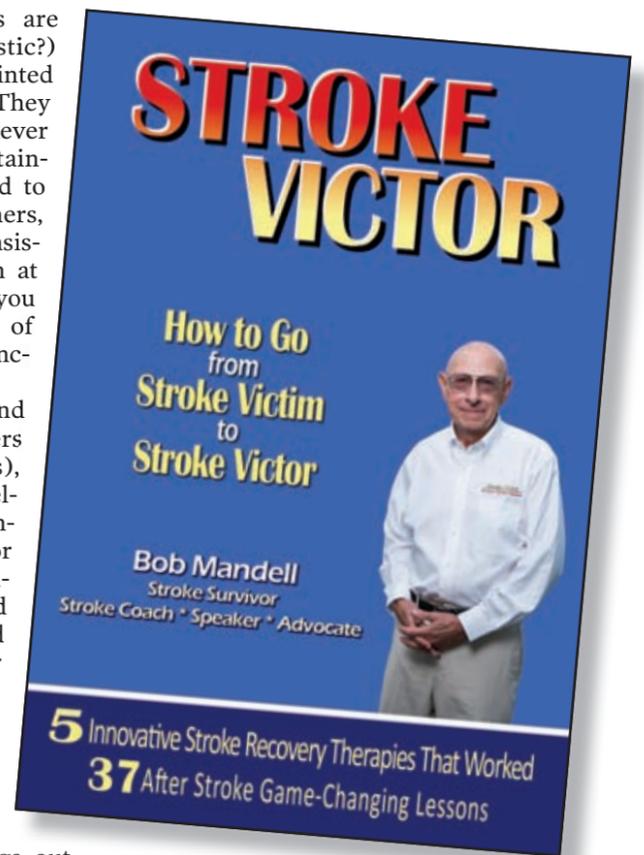
In 54 brief, zesty and often humorous chapters (plus four appendixes), the author creates the feeling of "step-by-step" conquest over the stroke or other debilitating condition from which you need to rebound. You need to make and keep your commitment to practical interim goal setting, he says.

Writing in an almost breathless style, he underscores his points via strong section headings, outline technique, boldface emphasis and a kind of question-and answer-dialogue. Most important is his use of italicized passages that reveal what he was thinking at different stages of his own recovery and rehabilitation. He admits to and shares his doubts and dilemmas along the way.

No one should think that anything less than tough-mindedness and hard work will bring the results you desire. No one should think there won't be setbacks.

Mr. Mandell shows his readers how to become researchers. Finding networks of people and organizations with shared concerns and knowledge, finding sources that explain various kinds of medical practitioner credentials and rankings of hospitals' specialty units (like stroke units) and finding special umbrella organizations such as NIH StrokeNet are necessities for you and your optimum recovery.

The information in "Stroke Victor" seems endless. There is helpful guidance for and about caregivers, useful sections like "Sex after Stroke," "Integrative and



Innovative Therapies" and an enormously important how-to discussion about discovering and taking part in clinical trials of new medications and therapies.

All these positive attributes of "Stroke Victor" do not quite disguise the fact that this book could benefit from careful, professional proofreading, however.

Through his book, Mr. Mandell is a great coach on paper. He is also a coach — a stroke coach — in life. He is a fully committed stroke recovery research advocate and educator who has founded the Stroke Research Foundation. You can check it out at StrokeRF.org. To invite Mr. Mandell to a speaking engagement, email him at bob@strokevictor.com. ■

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text. See his review of the novel "Exit Strategy" on page C5.



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Beyond 26 pediatricians on staff who

are led by Dr. Sobia Najm Masoud, we have two pediatric cardiologists, Drs. Tankut Onal and Levi Novero, who are can also care for adults who had anatomic abnormalities as children and are now grown up; a pediatric neurologist, Dr. Ramzy Medaa, who cares for children with seizures and other problems; a pediatric urologist, Dr. Michael Carr, who was previously at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and is the only pediatric urologist in Southwest Florida; four pediatric gastroenterologists, Drs. Mario Tano, Aymin Delgado (specializing in liver diseases), Yonathan Fuchs and Ofelia Marin; three pediatric pulmonologists, Drs. Kunjana Mavunda, Claudia Fernandez and Hassan Dbouk; a pediatric hematologist and oncologist, Dr. Daniela Egas Bejar; and 10 pediatric ER physicians led by Dr. Pia Myers.

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

Lighthouse supports Collier's visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier, a nonprofit serving the blind and visually impaired and their caregivers, holds its next brown bag lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Lighthouse headquarters, 2685 Horseshoe Drive S. Guest speaker will be Lily Randall, health specialist of Whole Foods Market in Mercato. Attendees will learn easy ways to incorporate more vegetables into their diet and will sample a vegetable recipe and a dairy-free, sugar-free shake that tastes like pumpkin pie.

Bring your own brown bag lunch and stay afterward for social hour, trivia games and to learn more about Lighthouse of Collier's programs and services.

Attendance is free. Call Rick Hart at 430-3934 to make a reservation.

Brown bag lunch programs are held on the third Tuesday of every month. Call Mr. Hart if you are interested being a guest speaker.

Mr. Hart also facilitates a caregiver support group meeting on the same day as the brown bag lunches. Friends and family of the blind and visually impaired learn how to take care of themselves and manage the stress of their roles while connecting with others in similar situations.

The mission of Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services that foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. For more information, visit lighthouseofcollier.org. ■

The Terraces partners with Hope Hospice

The Terraces at Bonita Springs has partnered with Hope Hospice to provide end-of-life palliative care at the Terraces' Renaissance health center.

"We saw an opportunity in the fact that some of the beds in our health

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BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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If you had told me two years ago that I would be spending my Friday evenings at nose-work class and taking one- and two-day road trips just to get to nose-work trials, I would have laughed. My dogs have always been my companions. We go for walks, have meals at pet-friendly restaurants and travel together whenever possible. They sleep under my desk while I write, and sit on my lap on the sofa when I'm reading or watching television.

As far as I was concerned, that was a good life for them. I never had any interest in showing them in conformation. I thought agility or tracking might be fun, but never seriously pursued either one. I admired people who worked or competed with their dogs in the same way that I admire people who have climbed Everest or explored underwater caves, but I didn't expect to ever be one of them. It didn't seem truly necessary for their — or my — happiness.

But like all dogs, mine have always been guided by their noses. Sometimes it seemed as if they were excessively devoted to examining all the scents they ran across on walks. So when a friend told me about the sport of nose work, I thought it would be fun to sign Harper up for the six-week class. We'd learn the basics, and then we'd have a fun game we could play at home or anywhere else.



Harper correctly identifies the location of a scent at a nose-work trial.

Within weeks, I was bringing 13-year-old Gemma to class, too. When my husband got tired of being left home alone on Friday nights, he joined us as well. The next thing I knew, Harper had passed her first Odor Recognition Test, which qualified her to compete in a beginning-level nose-work trial. I couldn't wait.

Watching Harper — and then Gemma, and eventually Keeper — discover a purpose to sniffing was a revelation. They knew when it was time to go to class. They knew exactly what they were there to do when it was their turn to search. They were so excited to tell us when they found the scent. It was two-way communication, and it was wonderful.

Recently, I asked friends who also do sports with their dogs what they and their dogs get out of it. The appreciation of teamwork and communication and a

deeper relationship came first, of course.

"The bond it creates between you and your dog is unlike anything you could develop with a human teammate," says Annick Loomis, who does nose work with her Brittany.

Adam Conn does a number of sports with his Bernese mountain dogs. He enjoys the challenge of "unlocking" each dog.

"All five who I've competed with have been so vastly different, despite four being the same breed and two being from the same lines."

What about our dogs? Treats and praise aside, do they get anything out of it?

Yes. For each dog, the reward is different. Some like being the center of attention or enjoy the challenge of solving a puzzle. Hina, a mixed-breed owned by Mary Wakabayashi, loves the thrill of the hunt that nose work develops. Melissa Duffy says sports and games make her dogs grin like nothing else.

Harper? We have always been close, but she really blossomed when she discovered that she could "tell" me something and that I would understand.

Three weeks ago, Harper and I competed in our second NW3 trial. It's the most difficult level, and we weren't quite good enough to get a title. Yet. But at every class and every trial, I get better at reading her signals, and she gets better at delivering them. Most of all, I've taken to heart the nose work motto: Trust your dog. ■

Pets of the Week

>> **Darla** is a lovable, 1-year-old tricolor rat terrier who weighs about 11 pounds. She, is good on her leash and ready to go to her forever home.



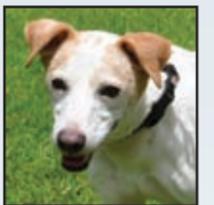
>> **Lala** is a 3-month-old domestic shorthair Manx with a beautiful coat, big bronze eyes and a cute stubby tail. She's sweet and very affectionate.



>> **Ringo** is a 3-month-old domestic shorthair who gets along with everyone. He purrs to the touch and likes to be petted.



>> **Zachy** is a handsome, 9-year-old rat terrier who weighs about 27 pounds. He's good on his leash and wants to please. He's also hard of hearing and will love someone who loves him back.



This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats are \$60 and dogs are \$85 and include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information, call 252-7387 or visit colliergov.net/pets. ■



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Nothing captures a diva's fancy more than a wedding. It combines all of my favorite things: love, sparkle and merriment. I adore weddings so much that one can max out the photo storage limit on my iPhone faster than you can say, "I do."

And because I get so excited about weddings, I can tend to overthink my outfit. For the wedding I attended this past Saturday, for example, I couldn't decide whether to wear my ivory feathery fascinator or not. It's a pretty fabulous fascinator, and I would never want to upstage the bride. But then I reminded myself, why fret? There was no bride. Scott and Ron's wedding meant two gorgeous grooms in stunning tuxes. I could wear whatever I wanted!

I ended up going with a simple cocktail dress — and the fascinator — for my first gay wedding. Of course, no one cared a bit what I was wearing (not even me). All eyes and hearts were focused on the grooms.

Even before they became a couple, Scott Carpenter and Ron Kelly both loved the Baz Luhrmann film "Moulin Rouge," so they chose it as the theme of their wedding: Paris, red and black



Scott Carpenter and Ron Kelly share their first dance as Mr. and Mr.

velvet, poetry, music and romance. And since both grooms are involved with local theater (Scott is an actor, Ron is a lighting designer), there was even a script, a playbill and a standing ovation.

As much as I'd like to think Scott and Ron's wedding was like any wedding I've ever attended (because it was), it really wasn't.

It was history.

It was the first time I've ever seen two people of the same sex who are madly in love, who have been partners for 15 years, who have desperately wanted to make their union legal, finally get to do just that.

Scott and Ron sweetly gifted their guests darling little chocolates in the shape of the Eiffel Tower, but they would have done better with Kleenex, because there wasn't a dry eye in the house. And as if the ceremony didn't have us all boo-hooing enough, on a big screen they showed a video of the proposal. It was Christmas of last year, shortly after the state of Florida legally recognized same sex marriage. Scott had decided to propose to Ron during their annual holiday party; meanwhile, Ron had the exact same idea. A dual surprise Christmas engagement — more Kleenex, stat!

Halfway through the wedding, my mascara was in streaks and I was using my poor fascinator to blow my nose.

The grooms didn't plan it, but it was extra icing on their wedding cake when,

on June 26, the Supreme Court of the United States voted to make gay marriage a constitutional right in *all* states. Good thing Scott and Ron included that info in their ceremony so that those of us who were already sobbing messes could just go ahead and dab our tears with our hair.

Did I mention that both grooms had "best gals" who gave the most lovely, moving toasts at the reception? At that point, I resorted to using the tablecloth to wipe away my tears.

I'll never forget my first gay wedding — even when, as I'm certain will happen, a wedding becomes just a wedding, whether it's two grooms, two brides or a bride and a groom.

My friend Nykkie, who attended Ron and Scott's wedding with her 3-year-old daughter, Magnolia, said it best when we chatted after the ceremony: "I asked Magnolia, 'Wasn't it a pretty wedding? Did you enjoy watching Ron and Scott get married? Her reply? 'I know, Mommy, they love each other SO much!'"

As she grows up, Magnolia will shed only normal tears at all weddings. She'll never know a time when it was different. That's history.

Here come the waterworks again. Somebody, please, pass a fascinator. ■

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



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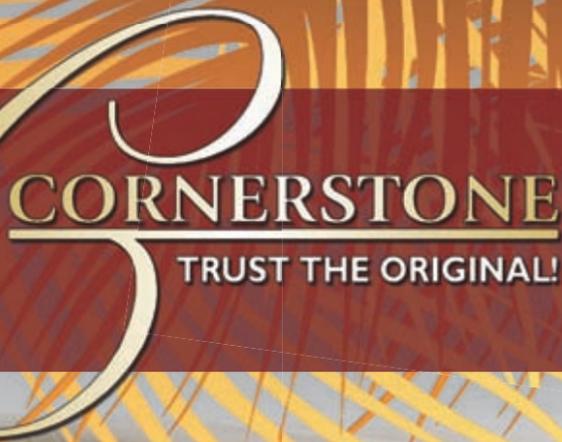


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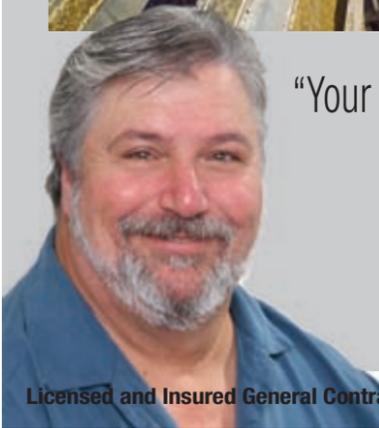
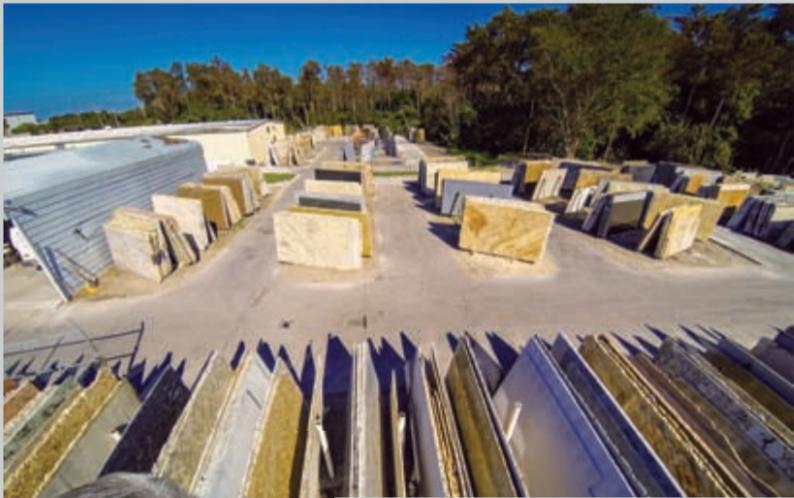
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Getting to know you

Companies use personality profiles to improve communication skills among employees

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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It's not what you know, it's who you know — and more importantly how well you know them. That's the idea behind personality tests or psychological profiles that business owners give

themselves, their management team or other employees, often as a teambuilding exercise or sometimes as part of pre-employment screening.

There are many tests available, based on common psychological theories and adapted by brands like DiSC and Myers-Briggs (two of the most popular) to

gauge how people tend to communicate in the workplace by dividing them into different behavioral categories. Keirsey Temperament Sorter, Predictive Index, HumanMetrics and Clifton Strengths-Finder are others.

"Sometimes you just see that light-bulb come on and somebody goes 'oh, I get it now, I understand why maybe I wasn't communicating well with this

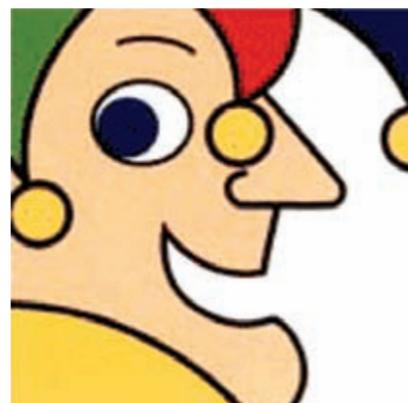
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Traveling in Europe really makes you appreciate all of the great things we take for granted here in the U.S. For example, when I use the restroom, I don't want to have to make a decision each time whether the contents of the bowl warrant a large or small flush. And it should be a human right that if you buy a soda at a restaurant for \$5 that costs \$.0001 cents to produce, it should come with free refills. And those refills should contain more than 2 cubes of ice. But what really drives me crazy is dealing in foreign currencies. That bottle of wine is 500 Krone? What does that even mean? Why do we even have multiple currencies any more and why do they matter?

In an ideal world, we would have just a single currency. Having multiple forms of money is an impediment for trading between countries and is very inefficient. Yet there are more than 180 different currencies in the world. There are three primary reasons for this. The first is seigniorage. Seigniorage is the difference in the cost for a government to produce money versus what they can "sell" the money for. For example, if it costs a government \$.10 to produce a \$100 bill, the seigniorage is \$99.90 per

\$100 bill that they produce. For some countries, especially developing countries, this can be an important source of revenue. Of course, if a government takes advantage of this, the result is extreme inflation. In 2008, analysts estimate that half of Zimbabwe's governmental revenue came from seigniorage. The trade off was inflation of 24,000 percent as the government flooded the market with newly printed bills.

Seigniorage is also beneficial to developed countries like the U.S. Although it is hard to measure, it is estimated that between \$300 and \$500 billion paper dollars are held outside of the U.S. These dollars are in such demand because they are readily accepted in almost every country in the world and are easily tradable into local money. These notes were produced at virtually no cost, yet the U.S. was able to "sell" the notes to foreign banks, governments, and other institutions at face value. So the U.S. government was able to essentially buy \$300 billion worth of goods and services at almost no cost. Not a bad deal for us.

The second benefit to a country for producing its own currency is the ability to manipulate exchange rates to benefit that nation. For example, for decades Japan has artificially depreciated the yen versus the dollar and euro. China has also played this game with the yuan. Both Asian countries accomplished this by selling their local currency in exchange for buying dollars and euros. This is the primary reason why both China and

Japan own so many U.S. Treasury bonds — it keeps all of the dollars it purchased in the form of these bonds.

A low-valued currency is important to Japan and China because it powers their export-driven economies. For example, let's say today that Sony wanted to sell its PlayStation 4 for 20,000 yen and the exchange rate was 100 yen per dollar. It would cost an American consumer \$200 to purchase the game system. If tomorrow the yen fell to 200 yen per dollar, all of a sudden the same American consumer could buy the game system for \$100 and yet Sony would still be making 20,000 yen per Playstation sold. That is the power of exchange rates. And it plays a huge role in any company that buys or sells products outside of its home nation. In fact, many U.S. multinational companies this past quarter put the blame on earnings misses on the fact that U.S. dollar was so strong versus almost every other currency in the world. This made U.S. companies less competitive, leading to sales losses to global competitors.

So if a weak currency is so great, why has the U.S. pursued a strong dollar policy for decades? It is because low currencies are a double-edged sword. They help exporters but hurt importers. A weak dollar makes everything we purchase abroad more expensive. This includes not only manufactured goods like cars and cellphones but also resources like oil and food. A weak currency typically goes hand in hand with

high inflation, which can be very damaging to an economy. And because the U.S. is a consumer driven economy, it has been helpful to us to keep the dollar strong and prices low.

The final benefit for a country to have its own currency is that it is a safety valve when it gets into trouble with debt. This is one of the primary reasons why some analysts believe Greece will be better off if it exits the euro and brings back the drachma. If a country has a massive debt burden that it cannot pay off with its existing reserves, it has two options. First, it can default. Second, the country can start up its printing presses and simply start printing money. The problem in Greece's situation is that it gave up its presses when it joined the Euro. A country with its own currency wouldn't have this impediment.

So, it seems like a world currency will not be in our immediate future. The benefits to a country for having its own money almost always outweigh the problems it causes. But does each country really need to have its own electrical outlet configuration too? ■

— Eric Bretan, co-owner of Rick's Estate & Jewelry Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks. He holds a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Virginia and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business.



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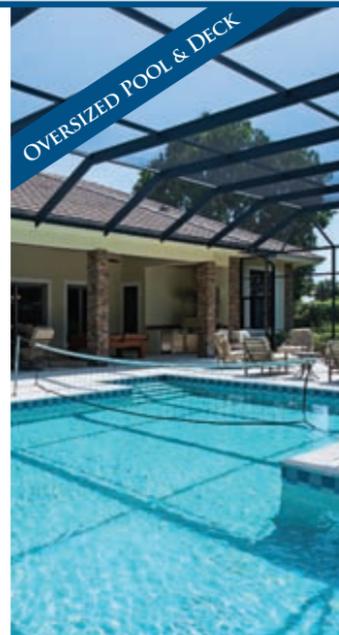
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person,” said Sandra Peterson, human resources manager for Markham Norton Mosteller Wright & Co., a CPA and consulting firm in Lee and Collier counties that uses DiSC to assess potential and current employees, for instance to train them in a way that’s most effective. “We primarily use the DiSC, although I’m also certified in Myers-Briggs, but I find that DiSC seems to be a little bit faster so it seems to be the preference among people.”

Armed with this information and insight about themselves and other people, the thinking goes, co-workers do a better job of communicating. Clashes and misunderstandings that might gum up productivity, say between a hard-driving, outgoing CEO who just wants to get things done and an introverted, methodical accountant intent on sifting through every detail, can be diffused.

“I use (DiSC) for all my clients as a foundation to better understand their team, to understand how they can work more effectively together,” said Lee Knapp of Knapp Consultants, a business consultant, sales trainer and motivational speaker based in Fort Myers. “It’s really fun.”

Ms. Knapp also points out that there is “no right or wrong answer” on such personality tests.

“This is all about how we naturally tend to communicate, that’s it.”

For instance, are you more inclined to exhibit Dominance or Influence, Steadiness or Conscientiousness (DiSC) when you interact with people? And for each, to what degree? To find out, DiSC participants are presented with a series

of single adjectives or statements such as “people think of me as a really good listener” or “I can be pretty forceful with my opinions” and asked to check a bubble that most corresponds with how they feel about that. Do you strongly agree, agree, feel neutral, disagree, or strongly disagree? DiSC profiles cost about \$36 to \$90 per person. The price includes a report more than 20 pages long that analyzes your behavioral tendencies. It includes information about how you tend to perform under stress and suggestions for how to communicate with people of different styles.

Diana Willis, a Jason’s Deli franchise owner since 2000, with five locations



throughout Southwest Florida, began using the DiSC profile about a year ago and has been pleased with the results. She used the tests to help match up management teams, during the training process for new employees and in one instance to help decide between two job candidates.

“It’s amazing how our strong leaders, people who have been in management more than a decade, really embraced what was said about them as very true. It helps us communicate better, which is fundamentally the basis for how we get things done.”

“Sometimes we get frustrated why we can’t reach certain people and we don’t realize they don’t hear it in the same way,” Ms. Willis said; at the same time, the diversity in styles is an asset. “We need those different dynamics in order to run a successful business.”

Kimberly Hansen has taken and administers DiSC and Myers-Briggs, among other tests, and runs KHR Solutions, a human resources consulting firm based in Southwest Florida. Her own results spoke to some things she had already learned about herself through experience.

Often cheerful and bubbly, “I know when I get stressed I lose all of my niceties,” she said, tending to skip the small talk and get straight to business. “Had I done these (tests) years ago I could have saved myself a little bit of heartache in

terms of hurting other people’s feelings. I had to learn that the hard way.”

Her DiSC results scored her as “high I (for influence),” or according to DiSC’s website someone who “places emphasis on influencing or persuading others,” the most general of many other characteristics. That also indicates she likes making decisions, giving recommendations and guidance; she’s happy being a consultant but probably wouldn’t fit in as an employee in a big human resources department.

“Knowing that about myself is pretty cool,” she said. “In consulting, I can give the guidance, I can give the recommendations, which suits my personality.”

On the test, she was also scored as a “medium C (for conscientiousness),” or a person who “places emphasis on quality and accuracy.” Meanwhile, her accountant is likely a “high C,” more oriented toward details and accuracy.

“If I’m talking to the accountant I have to step up my game,” she said. “I have to focus on the details and take some of the pleasantries out of it.”

DiSC scores may alter depending on your mood or situation, and there are only four main categories. Myers-Briggs on the other hand places participants into 16 separate categories for a more nuanced reading of personality traits, although businesses sometimes prefer DiSCs simplicity and focus on communications in the workplace, test admin-

istrators said.

Ms. Peterson at Markham Norton said the test usually takes about 15 minutes, unless “they totally overthink it, in which case I already know they’re a very high C.” ■

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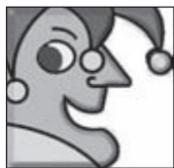


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Many people assume that stocks are only for the young, and bonds are best for when you're older. They're wrong, though, because there's a good case for retirees maintaining some stock holdings.

It's true that you should invest only long-term dollars in the stock market, as it can fall sharply and remain down for one or more years. But you don't necessarily become a short-term investor at retirement. If you retire at age 65, you may well live 30 more years. It would be a shame to be entirely out of the stock market during all that time.

After all, you won't need to access all of your nest egg the moment you retire. You'll tap a little at first, and more the next year, and so on. Some of it will remain invested for 10 or 20 or more years.

As a retiree, you'll want your nest egg to grow, if possible, and stocks are one of the best tools for that. Bonds have their place, offering fixed income, but according to research by business professor Jeremy Siegel, stocks have outperformed bonds 78 percent of the time over all

10-year periods between 1871 and 2012, 96 percent of the time over all 20-year periods and 99 percent of the time over all 30-year periods!

Growth is important because of inflation, which will shrink the purchasing power of your savings over time. Retiring with \$500,000 in the bank might seem terrific, but if inflation averages 3 percent annually over the next 25 years, that egg will only have the buying power of \$233,500 in today's dollars. A growing nest egg can offset the damage wreaked by inflation.

Retirees also typically require income from their investments during their non-working years. Dividend-paying stocks can be powerful income generators. A stock offering a 3 percent yield may shield your shares from inflation with its dividend alone. Stock price appreciation will be icing on the cake. Better still, healthy and growing companies often increase dividends regularly.

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I bought my house in 2005. Just three years later, my next-door neighbor bought his house, quite comparable to mine, for a third of what I paid. I'm not going anywhere soon.

— J.K., Ferguson, Missouri

The Fool Responds: Ouch. Many people avoid stocks, thinking they're too volatile, and stick with real estate instead, not realizing how volatile home values can be, too.

Nobel Prize-winning economist Robert Shiller has long studied the housing market, with his data showing housing prices growing at a compound annual rate of just 0.3 percent over the past century (adjusted for inflation), while the S&P 500 has averaged roughly 6.5 percent (also inflation-adjusted). And that's just an average. If you were unlucky and bought in the wrong place at the wrong time, you'd have fared worse. Indeed, according to a recent report from Zillow.com, since the mortgage crisis of a few years ago, "more than 4 million U.S. homeowners owed the bank at least 20 percent more than their homes were worth." Meanwhile, you can't liquidate a home quickly, and you can't sell off part of your home in order to generate some needed funds. If you want to buy a home in order to have a nice place to live, go right ahead. Just don't think of your home as a great investment. Homeownership can give you security and mortgage-interest deductions, but you'll also face property taxes and repair and maintenance costs. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I was founded in San Antonio in 1922 by 25 Army officers who decided to insure one another's vehicles. Today I'm a fully integrated financial services company, offering insurance, banking, investments, retirement products and advice to more than 10 million current and former members of the U.S. military and their families. After the 1929 stock market crash, I ended the 1920s with a net profit. I added eligibility for enlisted personnel in 1996 and for retirees and military families in 2008. I earn extremely high marks for my financial strength, customer service and customer satisfaction. Who am I? (Answer: USAA) ■



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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to Detroit in the 1940s, when a dessert that Evelyn Overton prepared was so well-received that she began making more of it and selling it in relatively modest numbers. In the 1970s, she moved to Los Angeles and opened a bakery. Her son opened an upscale casual-dining restaurant named for the dessert in 1978, and it has now grown to close to 200 locations



in the U.S. and around the world. My extensive menu features more than 250 items made from scratch each day, including more than 50 desserts. Who am I?

Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition. ■

The Motley Fool Take

Placing Chips on Micron

Shares of America's biggest memory chip maker, Micron Technology (Nasdaq: MU), have dropped by more than 40 percent over the past year, and are worth considering.

Micron, recently sporting a market value near \$21 billion, has been hurt by a weak PC market, with desktop and laptop computers losing ground to smartphones and tablets. Indeed, in its latest quarter, the company posted a 3 percent year-over-year drop in revenue and a big 39 percent drop in earnings.

All is not lost, though, as Micron is moving away from low-end chips and into higher-margin products. It's developing chips for the mobile market and for servers, which remain in demand due in part to the growth of cloud computing.

Meanwhile, Micron's 2013 acquisition of Japan-based rival Elpida for \$2.5 billion has played out well, giving the company valuable economies of scale and a major share of mobile DRAM chips. The purchase boosted Micron's memory market share to No. 2 in the world; even better, the company instantly gained a 50 percent boost in total memory capacity for about a third of the cost of building its own new facilities around the globe and training new workers.

The chip business is cyclical, and Micron isn't for the faint of heart, but with recent and forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios near 7, well below the stock's five-year average of 15, Micron's shares are appealingly priced. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the chamber Visitor Information Center, 900 Fifth Ave. S. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Young Professionals of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce** hold their

annual meeting from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Free for members who sign up in advance, \$10 at the door; \$50 for non-members (includes a membership). Visit ypnaples.com or follow [ypnaples](https://www.facebook.com/ypnaples) on Facebook.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** holds its next members-only Builders Round Table with Collier County building and growth management officials from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at CBIA headquarters, 3200 Bailey Lane. For more information, visit cbia.net.

■ Members of the **Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Executive Club** will enjoy a sunset cruise aboard the Naples Princess from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. The boat will leave the dock at 6 p.m. Open bar and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by CSI GlobalVCard and the Naples Princess. Res-

ervations are required by July 17. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ The **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts a mini-trade show at Business Before Business from 8-9:15 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at the Holiday Inn Airport Fort Myers. Deadline for reserving an exhibit table is July 17. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com for more information.

■ The next **Power Networking Lunch** hosted by the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 29, at Artichoke & Company in Bonita Springs. Guest speakers and CPAs Douglas Weibel and Scott Hennells of Weibel, Hennells & Carufe will discuss how tax changes for 2015 will affect businesses and business owners. Reservations are required by July 27. Call 992-2943 or visit [\[chamber.com\]\(http://chamber.com\) for more information.](http://bonitasprings-</p>
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■ The **Florida Gulf Coast Real Estate Investors Alliance** meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Elks Lodge, 3231 Coconut Road. The next meeting is Aug. 4. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgreia.com for more information.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker President Wilson Bradshaw of Florida Gulf Coast University will discuss FGCU's Emergent Technologies Institute. Seminole Casino Immokalee is the meeting sponsor. Reservations required by Aug. 7. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events. ■

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

Score free business advice from a volunteer mentor

SCORE volunteer business mentors will offer free advice to entrepreneurs and small business owners in one-hour time slots from 9:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at SCORE Naples headquarters, 900 Goodlette-Frank Road, behind the Fifth Third Bank building.

Although sessions are free, participants must review the specializations of the counselors below and sign up to meet with the one of his/her choice:

■ Joe Binder offers assistance in sales, marketing (including digital marketing), operations, new product development, growth strategies and franchising.

■ Frank Friend's expertise lies in management planning, procedures and strategy, marketing, budgeting/costing/pricing and developing and maintaining employee and customer loyalty.

■ Ekkehard Gramp can offer advice for start-ups and discuss business planning, product development, continuous quality, safety, profit improvements and business turnaround.

■ Margaret Holt counsels in business planning, human resources (hiring, training, managing and firing employees), sales, customer service, partnerships, time management and building



important business relationships.

■ Richard Siegel shares his insights about information systems, leasing, expansion, inventory management, human resources (including screening, hiring, documentation, training, objective assessment, compensation and incentivizing), corporate renewal, supplier and financial resource communication and repositioning product and service.

■ Eva Zachs is expert in digital and mobile marketing, social media strategies, content marketing, e-commerce, lean start-ups, agile management, Internet technologies, starting and running an online business, cloud computing and search engine optimization.

To register, visit scorenaples.org, scroll to Upcoming Events and click on Aug. 1 Counselor Fair.

For more information, call the SCORE office at 430-0081 or email Ms. Holt at Margaret.holt@scorevolunteer.org. ■



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ULI dinner features female business leaders

The Urban Land Institute-Southwest Florida invites women in business to "A View from the Top," an evening of conversation with four female business executives from the region. Consisting of four 30-minute courses, with the executives rotating to a new table with each course, the dinner takes place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at Quail West Golf & Country Club.

The speakers are: Kathy Curatolo, executive officer, Collier Building Industry Association; Nicole Johnson, director of government relations, Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Christine Ross, president and CEO, Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce; and Jill Meeks, vice president of sales and marketing for DR Horton.

Cost is \$40 for ULI members, \$55 for others. Reservations are required by Aug. 4 and can be made at swflorida.uli.org.

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Kelly Capolino has joined the offices of Downing-Frye Realty in Naples. Ms. Capolino has 19 years of experience in real estate sales and previously was a general contractor.



CAPOLINO

She is the founder of the local Diamond Volunteer Program and has been involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, the American Red Cross, the Junior Women of Initiative mentoring program and the Women's Initiative Network. She is also the co-founder of the annual Thinking Outside the Box seminar for nonprofits.

Diane Kerper has joined Neal Communities as director of sales and marketing for the company's south region. Ms. Kerper has managed and led multiple large-scale projects for several homebuilding companies over 25 years in Pennsylvania and the Sunshine State. As both a Florida certified general contractor and real estate broker, she has overseen acquisitions, purchasing, design, sales and construction in both homebuilding and asset management roles. She has held leadership positions with Toll Brothers, Avatar, WCI Communities and Frey & Son Homes across several disciplines.



KERPER

Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group has opened a new office serving Naples/Bonita Springs. **Lynn Galligan** is director of sales and **Laura Centola** is office manager. Agents working in the office are **Madison Galligan, Bill Hollowsky, Austin Hunt, Jack Mast, Jessica Carter Peer, Carl Stepling** and **Debi Williams-Riegler**.

John R. Wood Properties welcomes the following agents:

Bonita Springs office - **Nancy Sergeant**
Central office - **Bridget Fagan**

North Naples office - **Terry Bayt, Kerstin Heinemann, Andreas Heinemann** and **Eben Moran**. ■



House Hunting:

28102 Castellano Way
Serata at Mediterra

Sweeping lake vistas constitute the views from this 6,000-plus-square-foot residence within a private enclave of custom homes in Mediterra. The versatile great room floor plan is punctuated by a series of generous screened alfresco areas with pool and spa, summer kitchen, bar and dining areas and a two-sided fireplace. Built two years ago by Nelson Bordeaux and with interior design by Norris Home Furnishings articulates, the home has custom finishes throughout, including top-of-the-line kitchen cabinetry, Wolf and Sub-Zero appliances, a custom wine cellar and a second VIP master suite. Split garages, a circle driveway and mature landscaping make for great curb appeal. Mediterra golf membership eligibility is available immediately for the new owner.

Emily K. Bua and Tade Bua-Bell of John R. Wood Properties have the listing for \$2,575,000. For more information or to arrange a showing, call 595-0097 or visit buabellsellsnaples.com. ■





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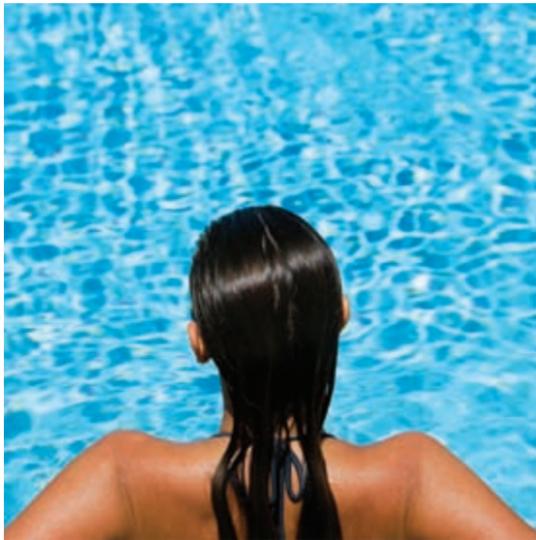
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ATTENTION BOATERS
• Furnished 5 Bedroom Custom Built Home
• Pool/Spa & Boat Dock on Water's Edge
• **\$2,595,000** MLS 214054239
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• Lake View from All New Pool & Lanai
• **\$1,849,000** MLS 215023931
Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

NAPLES CLUB ESTATES



NAPLES
• 4 Bedroom +Den, 4 Full & 3 Half Baths
• Gated 155 Acres w/Just 28 Estate Homes
• **\$1,795,000** MLS 213003435
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PELICAN BAY



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• Highrise Amenities
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MOORINGS



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• 3 Bed +Den, 3.5 Bath Pool Home
• Serene Preserve Setting
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VERANDAH



FORT MYERS
• Riverfront Preserve Lot
• Amazing Outdoor Living Space
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GOLDEN GATE ESTATES



NAPLES
• 5 Bedroom, 3 Bathroom, 3 Car Garage
• Huge Screened Lanai with Pool
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ATTENTION HORSE LOVERS



GOLDEN GATE ESTATES
• 3 Fenced Pastures, 6 Stall Barn, Riding Arena
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• 3 Bedrooms + Office/Loft
• Wood & Tile Floors Throughout
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BONITA SPRINGS
• Fantastic 3 BR +Den, 2 BA Newer Pool Home
• Beautiful Views of Lake & Golf Course
• **\$525,000** MLS 215031278
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SPANISH WELLS



MARBELLA
• 3 Bedrooms + Den, 2 Bath, 2nd Floor Condo
• Lovely Golf Course & Preserve Views
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BRIDGEWATER BAY



FURNISHED LAKE VIEW CONDO
• 2 Bedrooms +Den, 2 Bathrooms
• Furnished with Garage
• **\$290,000** MLS 214063660
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THE RETREAT



NAPLES
• West of 41
• 3 Bedrooms & 2 Bathrooms
• **\$274,000** MLS 215037440
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COCONUT POINT



THE RESIDENCES
• 2 Beds +Open Den, 2 Bath Luxury Condo
• Split Bedroom Floor Plan w/ 1,480 Sq. Ft. Under Air
• **\$260,000** MLS 215020308
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SPECTACULAR LAKE - GOLF VIEWS

QUAIL WEST
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 • 4 BR, 6.5 BA, 2 Offices, & Gym
 • **\$2,450,000** MLS 214059734
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TREVISO BAY

NAPLES
 • Lakefront Executive Home & Cabana
 • 5 BR +Den, Loft, 5.5 BA Pool & Spa
 • **\$2,225,000** MLS NMLS
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BONITA BAY

SPRING RIDGE
 • 4 BR, 4.5 BA Pool/Courtyard Home, Golf Course View
 • Superior Finishes & Intricate Detailing Throughout
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 • Wraparound Lake Views with Southern Exposure
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BONITA BAY

CREEKSIDE
 • Custom Designed Frey & Son 3 BR +Den, 4 BA Home
 • Pristine Golf & Preserve Views
 • **\$1,359,000** MLS 215002598
 Dru & Greg Martinovich 239.564.5717

BONITA BAY

CREEKSIDE
 • 3BR + Den, 4 Full Baths on Quiet Cul-de-sac
 • Solar Heated Pool/Spa, Outdoor Kitchen
 • **\$1,350,000** MLS 214059142
 Linda Ramsey 239.405.3054

MOORINGS

REGENCY TOWERS
 • 3BR, 3BA Co-Op Situated on the Beach
 • Westerly View of The Gulf for Beautiful Sunsets
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OWN A PIECE OF PARADISE

FORT MYERS
 • Organic Farm Tree & Plant Nursery on 5.15 Acres
 • Main Home w/Heated Pool, Historic Cottage & Barn
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 • 4 Bedrooms, 4 Full Baths
 • Tastefully Remodeled Kitchen & Bathrooms
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STONEBRIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

NAPLES
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 • Pool/Spa Home with 3-Car Garage
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BELLINI
 • Luxurious 3 BR +Den Lake/Beachfront Condo
 • 3rd Floor, Open Floor Plan, 3,000+ Sq. Ft.
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 • Gourmet Kitchen, Billiard Room, Travertine Tile
 • **\$795,000** MLS 215029032
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NAPLES
 • Estate Home with Pool
 • 3 Bedrooms +Den, 3 Baths
 • **\$659,900** MLS 215025252
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GULF ACCESS POOL HOME

CAPE CORAL
 • Upstairs Suite/Studio/Workout Room
 • 3 Beds, 3 Baths, Extra Wide Canal
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 Dan Pearce 239.940.1747

SPANISH WELLS

BONITA SPRINGS
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 • Three-Car Garage
 • **\$595,000** MLS 215035398
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NAPLES POOL HOME

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 • Tosara Model Perfect
 • 4 Bed 2.5 Bath, Pool & Lanai
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ROOKERY POINTE

ESTERO
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 • Formal Living & Dining Rooms, Heated Pool
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 Mike Fagan, The Fagan Team 239.340.5455

HAWTHORNE

BONITA SPRINGS
 • 2 Bedroom +Den, 2 Bathroom Home
 • Extended Lanai with Nice Landscape View
 • **\$348,000** MLS 215032076
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BRIDGEWATER BAY

HIGHLY SOUGHT AFTER
 • 3 Bedroom, 2 Bathroom, Attached Garage
 • Tons of Natural Light & Lake Views
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NAPLES
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 • Pet Friendly Community - No Size Restrictions
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PINE VIEW VILLAS

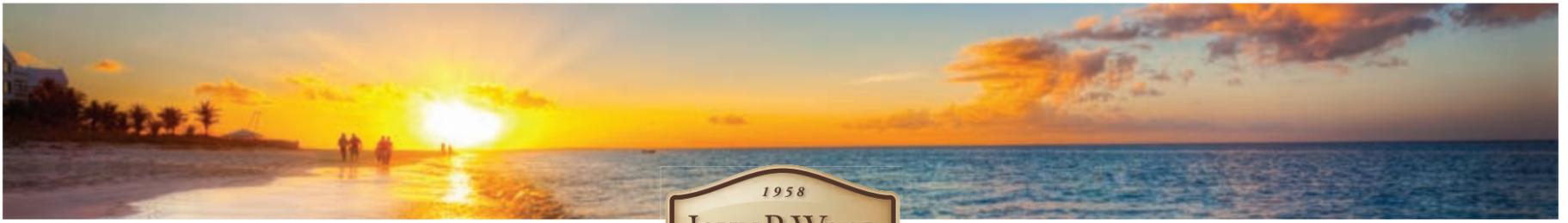
NAPLES
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BEACH & TENNIS CLUB 5800 Bonita Beach Rd #308 - Caribbean feel in studio apartment across from the beach, tennis, pool. Sold turnkey. Personal use or rental. Well-maintained. Partial Gulf view. 0/1 (C11344) Maria Dorota Harris, P.A., 273.4927	\$209,000	AVE MARIA 7926 Guadiana Way - Charming Gray Myst, Garden Series home, elevation C, 1415 sq. ft., 1758 total sq. ft. living space. Premium oversized lot, water views, granite tops, tile throughout. 2+Den/2 (H8900) Joe B. Rivera, Jr., 658.4748	\$199,900	GOLDEN GATE ESTATES 1195 47th Ave NE - Great opportunity to own corner lot home on 1.59 acres for under \$200k. Newly painted, eastern exposure, tile flooring throughout with plenty of room for pool. 3/2 (H9508) Bob Kaphis, 449.2859	\$199,900	NAPLES BATH & TENNIS 1616 Spoonbill Ln #B - Centrally located Naples Bath and Tennis. Remodeled end unit, open floor plan. Kitchen has granite and stainless appliances. Community pool, reasonable fees. 2/2 (C11340) Team Harris, 403.0001	\$199,500	NAPLES BATH & TENNIS 1604 Spoonbill Ln #1604-A - Why rent for season? Gorgeous new kitchen over-looks open dining and living areas and lush, green-scaped area. Community pool just for residents on Spoonbill Lane. 2/2 (C11338) Ana Waleri, 784.8402	\$199,500	LELY COUNTRY CLUB 55 Hilo Ct #55 - Location - close to downtown and beaches. Detached villa lives like single family home. 2 bedroom - 2 bath with garage. Roof, AC, kitchen and baths all updated. 2/2 (C11328) Michelle Sproviero, 285.1454	\$199,000
VASARI 12219 Toscana Way #102 - Investment opportunity with immediate cash flow in Vasari. 1st floor condo. Lake and golf views. Diagonal tile, new AC and water heater. Tenant in place until May. 2/2 (C11359) Jennifer White Shoots, 571.4444	\$195,000	AVE MARIA 4428 Steinbeck Way - Great value in Emerson Park is located just north of town center. Open Concept Pulte home with large backyard. A must see! 3/2 (H9519) Karen Sweatlock, 860.5137, Robert Campbell, 281.6571	\$189,950	STONEBRIDGE 2345 Carrington Ct #102 - Bundled Golf Condo on the 13th green, nice view, 1st floor well maintained unit - Equity included! 2/2 (C11216) Cynthia Miles, 273.3449	\$189,000	BOTANICAL PLACE 4530 Botanical Place Cir #306 - Wonderful location 2.5 miles to Old Naples and beach. Surrounded by bike paths and lakes. One block to Botanical Gardens. Built 2006. Recently painted. End unit. 3/2 (C11315) Yvonne Wood, 248.0873	\$184,900	VANDERBILT CC 8223 Parkstone Pl #107 - 1st floor condo, covered parking. Golf, preserve and lake views. Many upgrades/improvements. Bundled golf and tennis. Turnkey furnished. Own your own cart! 2+Den/2 (C11347) Janet Jones, 734.4444	\$182,000	NAPLES BATH & TENNIS 1766 Bald Eagle Dr #505A - Central Naples location. Short walk/bike ride to groceries, restaurants and more. Well established community offers social and tennis membership. 2/2 (C11297) Josie Mennini, 398.3643	\$179,000
NAPLES BATH & TENNIS 1652-A Spoonbill Ln #1652 - Rarely available 1st floor condo in desirable Naples Bath and Tennis Club. Hurricane shutters, tile in living areas and well maintained. 2/2 (C11169) Christianne Payne Arthur, 289.8175	\$173,900	BLUE HERON 7826 Great Heron Way #105 - Long lake views. 1st floor. Light and bright kitchen with breakfast nook. Spacious living area with clean neutral carpet. Community pool just steps away. Act quickly! 2/2 (C11237) Suzanne Klym, 571.1834	\$175,900	NAPLES BATH & TENNIS 110-B Bobolink Way - Light and bright 2nd floor garden condo in the "hot" north end of Naples. Tennis anyone?! 2/2 (C11233) Roger Hill, Jr., 404.7931	\$174,000	VASARI 11031 Corsia Trieste Way #205 - SHORT SALE at Vasari. Great golf course and lake views from this 2nd floor condo home in Trieste III can be yours for some patience. 2/2 (C11363) Monte Gerard, 784.4437	\$165,000	ROYAL WOOD 3685 Amberly Cir #D103 - Granite in kitchen and baths, tile and wood floors. New stainless steel appliances. Golf course and pond view. Community pool, tennis court and Bocce court. 2/2 (C11320) Patricia Ward, 919.4670, David A. Tate, P.A., 919.4670	\$164,900	HERITAGE PALMS GOLF 10361 Butterfly Palm Dr #725 - Every day is a vacation in this Ashbury condo at Heritage Palms Golf & Country Club. Your perfect retreat in an active, bundled golf community! Offered turnkey. 2/2 (C11254) The Link Team, Nina Link, 357.5058	\$155,000
WILDERNESS 109 Wilderness Dr #115 - Garden level, spacious condo with spectacular golf views. Patio for outdoor enjoyment. Carport and golf cart garage. Open floor plan and views of Nature. Gated. 2/2 (C11310) Bill Verdonk, 293.7441	\$152,200	KEY ROYAL CONDOS 8214 Key Royal Cir #131 - Pristine top floor corner unit directly over incredible pool and clubhouse. Never grow tired of the view from lanai. Ideal as residence, vacation home or investment. 2/2 (C11208) James Meehan, 449-2764	\$149,900	EAGLE CREEK 16 Cypress View Dr - Peaceful Golf View! 15 x 42 Florida Room adds an additional 500 sq. ft. of living space. Short walk to all amenities. A must see! Membership at CC required. 2/2 (C11261) Jay & Chris Siemers, 250.4009	\$149,900	BERKSHIRE VILLAGE 1344 Derbyshire Ct #D-204 - Original owner is selling 2nd floor end unit with vaulted ceilings and beautiful view over landscaped area and pool close at hand. 3/2 (C11319) Edward Blackburn, 263.0349	\$140,000	CYPRESS PLANTATIONS 25486 Cockleshell Dr #803 - Charming 2/2.5 bath turnkey furnished. No traffic noise, but minutes from all the action. Low fees, great rental and priced to sell. 2/2.5 (C11348) Garren Grup, 289.8619	\$125,000	GLADES 185 Palm Dr #J - Fully furnished split 2BR plan with expansive golf and lake views! Resort style amenities include private member bundled golf, tennis, heated pools, more. Close to beaches. 2/2 (C11292) Jeannette P. Batten, 825.4167	\$108,000

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NEW LISTING



NEW LISTING



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Taylor Morrison opens tennis center at new community in North Naples

Taylor Morrison recently celebrated the opening of its tennis center at Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples.

Guests were introduced to tennis pro Jordan Vaughan before the ribbon-cutting ceremony on the courts and a residents-only tennis clinic. The public was invited to view junior and professional exhibitions and sign up for tennis lessons and various raffle prizes.

The newest of the many amenities planned for Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples, the tennis center features four lighted Har-Tru clay courts, including one with stadium seating, and a pro shop. Other community attractions include an 18-hole championship golf course and plans for a resort-style pool with pool-side bar and grill, a wellness center with fitness and spa services and a richly appointed clubhouse with grand ballroom, private fine dining, lounge and restaurant.

The entrance to Esplanade Golf & Country Club of Naples is 3 miles east of I-75 on Immokalee Road. The community's 1,800 acres include more than



Esplanade tennis pro Jordan Vaughan with Jason Golden.

1,200 acres of wetlands, preserves and lakes. When complete, the gated community will have approximately 1,121 single-family homes and coach homes.

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Two guest casitas open onto the 1,100-square-foot interior courtyard with pool, spa and fountain. A 700-square-foot lanai with unobstructed water views includes an outdoor kitchen and outdoor living room with a 12-foot-high wood ceiling. The second floor guest casita has a private balcony that connects to a recreation room with large bar area and home office.

The Tamarind Grande has four bedrooms, four full baths and two half baths. The first-floor master suite offers a secluded poolside sanctuary and includes two large walk-in closets and an elegant master bath with double vanities.

A two-car and a one-car garage accommodate vehicles as well as provide additional storage.

The Tamarind Grande's decor combines soothing gray tones, rich teals

and water blues to capture the essence of relaxed Florida living. An impressive entry foyer and wide gallery with limestone flooring lead to a study, formal dining room and great room. The island kitchen is open to the great room, where three sets of pocketed sliding-glass doors create a seamless flow between inside and outside living spaces.

Minto now offers 43 home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve. Twelve single-family home and villa models are showcased in the model court. In addition, Minto has three award-winning coach home models for viewing at The Isles of Collier Preserve.

Single-family homes are priced from the high \$400,000s to more than \$1 million, and range from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air.

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The Tamarind Grande at The Isles of Collier Preserve has almost 6,000 square feet of total living area.

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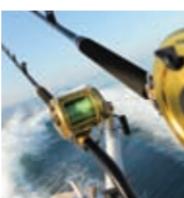
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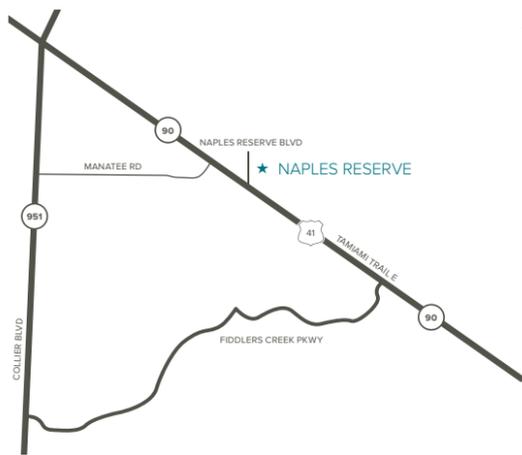


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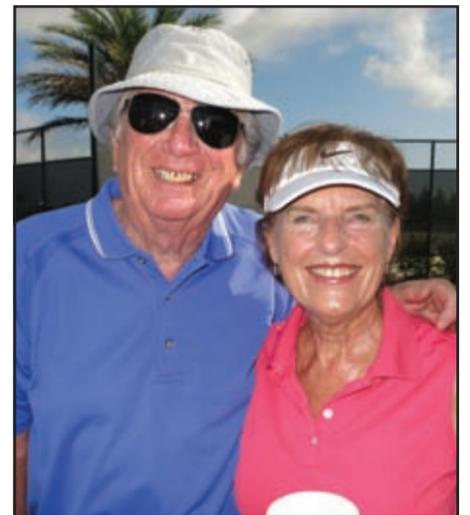
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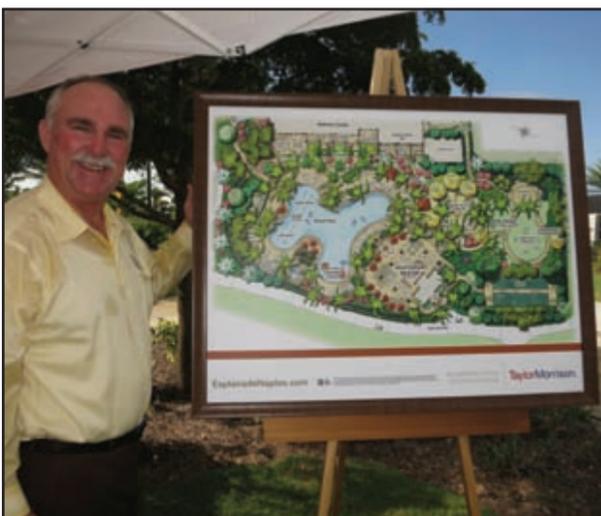
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Models open in Sorrento by D.R. Horton in Bonita

D.R. Horton invites the public to tour its two model homes in the gated community of Sorrento in Bonita Springs. Both homes are open seven days a week.

At approximately 1,400 square feet of living space, the Capri plan has two bedrooms, two baths and a den. The Ravello has three bedrooms, two baths and a den in approximately 1,600 square feet of living space.

Homes in Sorrento start in the low-\$200,000s. With only four homes per building, each residence is an end unit.

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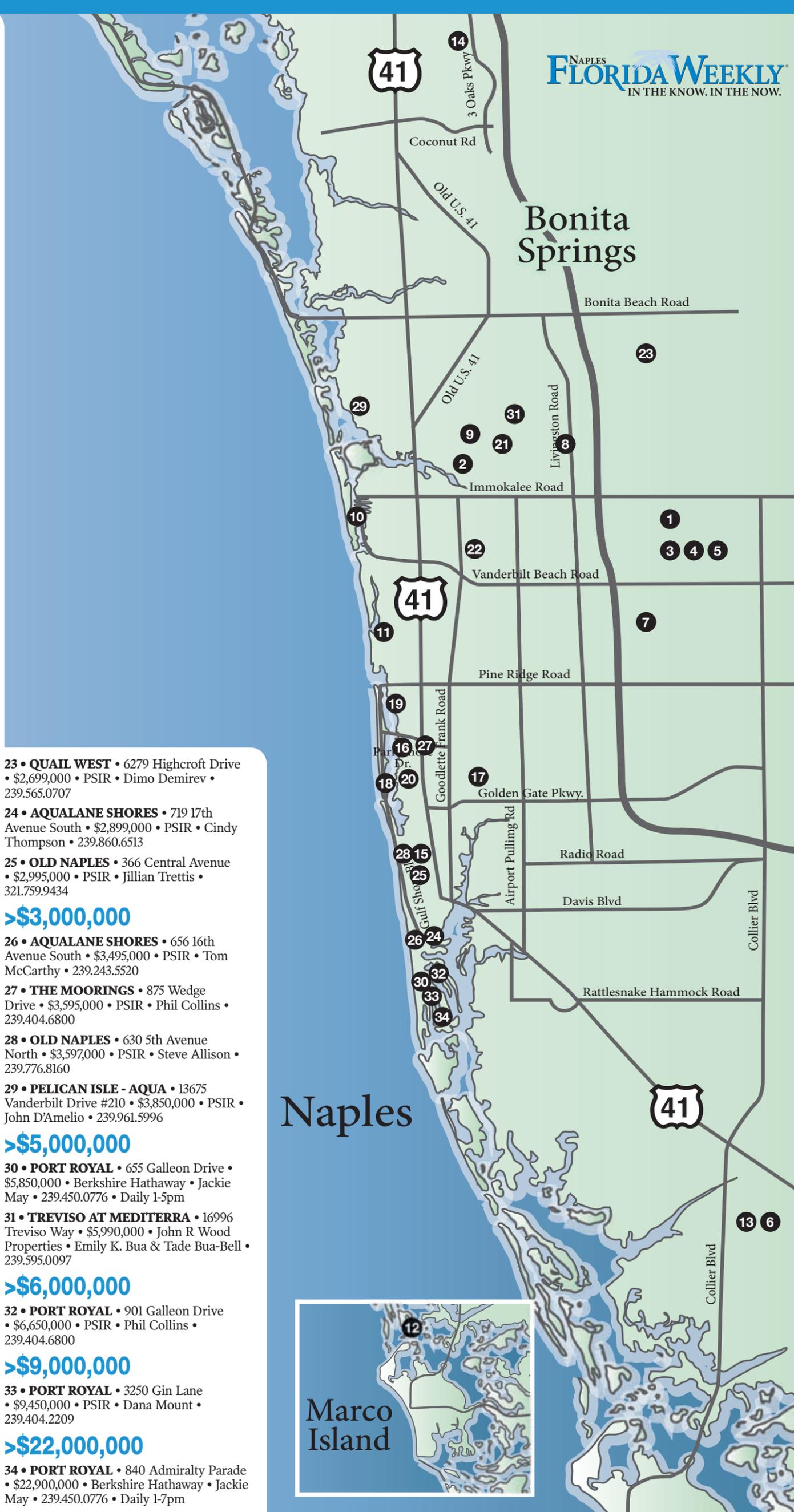
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BY WOMEN

★ WOMEN PLAYWRIGHTS
MAKE UP 100 PERCENT OF
THEATRE CONSPIRACY'S
UPCOMING SEASON



BY NANCY STETSON
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Just call it the year penned by women.

Bill Taylor, founder and producing artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy, likes to read theater magazines and articles online. Last year he began coming across writings about a particular disparity in the production of plays: that so many more were written by men than by women.



TAYLOR

For example, based on information in the Internet Broadway Database, women playwrights were responsible for only 10.7 percent of Broadway shows in the 2012-13 season. (And that's better than the previous season. Michele
SEE WOMEN, C4 ▶

Deadheads grateful to catch tribute band in Naples

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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The Grateful Dead may have packed it in for good earlier this month after celebrating the band's 50th anniversary with a series of concerts in Chicago, but local Deadheads can still celebrate the counterculture of the '60s and '70s when the tribute band Crazy Fingers takes the stage at The Norris Center in Naples on Saturday, July 25.

"I thought it would be kind of a neat follow up (to the iconic band's final shows) to do that at The Norris Center," says promoter Richard Van der neer. "I'm looking forward to creating a little summer excitement in Naples."

Mr. Van der neer says he became acquainted with the tribute band years ago. When he organized "farm parties" at a friend's campground in Ochopee, Crazy Fingers would rock on while campers circled a bonfire into the

night, groovin' to the band's renditions of "Casey Jones," "Sugar Magnolia," "Friend of the Devil," "Sugaree" and so many more.

For the upcoming concert at The Norris Center, the promoter has lined up vendors to sell tie-dye supplies and hula-hoops. He also hopes to involve a few community organizations in the evening.

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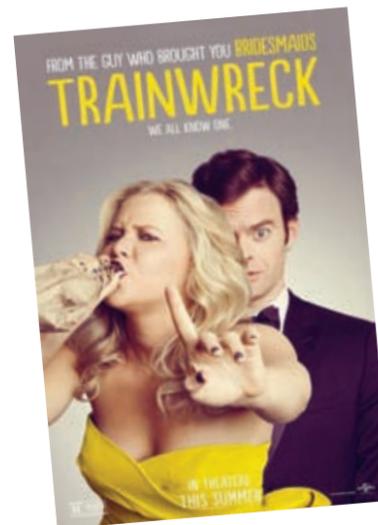
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Hello from Bitter Island



phone. “Because everybody else is unhappy.”

“What does that mean?” I asked.

“It’s as if we were all on this bitter island together, the single people and the couples in crappy relationships, but then we” — meaning his new bride and himself — “managed to escape while

everyone else stayed.”

I thought about it for a minute.

“Are you including me on that island?”

I asked him.

“Well, you are, aren’t you?”

Am I?

It’s true that I’m not in a relationship, but I have a lovely life. Sometimes I like

to complain about my non-relationship status, but I always figured that if I were truly upset about it, I would do something to change it.

Still, what my friend said stayed with me over the next several days. Was I living on Bitter Island and I didn’t even realize it? Maybe he’s right — and not just about me, but about our collective group of friends. It’s impossible to be happy for other people when we’re not happy ourselves. Perhaps we really are trapped on an island of dissatisfaction, the singles and unhappily marrieds, and the great wave of post-children divorces that takes place in our 30s and early 40s is on its way. My friend just happened to be the first.

What if, I thought, instead of being angry at him for his annoyingly smug comments, I followed his lead? Rather than defending my territory on Bitter Island, I should be finding an escape route. Building a raft, so to speak.

They say we should never make important decisions under duress, but my friend had me so worked up that I couldn’t have stopped myself if I tried. Late at night, after tossing and turning, I got out of bed, sat down at my computer and signed up for eHarmony. If I’m going to make it off this island, I can’t do it alone. ■

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



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WOMEN

From page 1

Willens in *The Atlantic* magazine noted that only two Broadway plays had been written by women. And both were dead.)

An October 2014 *American Theatre* article quotes Joy Meads, literary associate of the Los Angeles-based Center Theater Group, as saying the gender disparity springs not from meritocracy but from historical prejudice and subconscious bias.

Women playwrights are also woefully under-represented regionally.

"Honestly, I hadn't thought about it before," Mr. Taylor says.

So he did his own research and looked at what venues in Fort Myers, Sanibel, Cape Coral and Naples had produced over the past few years. He was surprised to learn that less than 20 percent of the plays produced locally had been written by women.

"It hit me," he says. "There's not general parity when it comes to play production and playwrights."

"I thought this would be a good time to make up for some of that."

Hence the upcoming season of plays written only by women. (The only possible exception will be the production of the annual New Play Contest winner.)

Mr. Taylor says when he told his wife, actress Lauren Drexler, what he was planning to do she replied, "It's about time."

It's just taken for granted when a venue produces a season and all the playwrights are male, he says. "But people are talking about (the disparity) now, about how female playwrights are getting the short end of the stick. So we're just doing our part to make up for it."

"The thing to emphasize," he says, "is that just because the season is all female playwrights doesn't mean it's a chick-flick season. Some very powerful, great pieces of theater that are going to be produced."

"It is *not* a chick-flick season," he repeats.

"We're talking about gifted women, talented women," says Tera Nicole Smith, who works the box office for Theatre Conspiracy and has also performed in and stage-managed shows for the company. "There are shows that everybody will enjoy. These are not just for women."

Some of the scripts, she says, "are just fall-down funny," while others are "poignant and beautiful."

The season

Mr. Taylor says his goal, as it is for every season, was to present a diverse selection of plays.

"I always try to bring a wide variety of plays to a season," he says, "so you're not getting what you've already seen a thousand times."

Initially, he wanted to present the history of plays written by women, starting with one from the 1600s by Aphra Behn. But then he realized the cast requirements for such a season would be too large.

"No way could I tackle a show with 15 or more

in the know

Fall fundraiser

The fundraiser for Theatre Conspiracy's annual New Play Contest is set for Friday, Oct. 30, at the Alliance for the Arts. Tickets are \$50. A reception starts at 7 p.m. Readings from the top three finalists begin at 8 p.m. Audience members vote for their favorite. The winning play will be staged in May.

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characters in it," he says. "So I dropped that idea and then decided, 'Let's start with the 20th century, to keep the casts more manageable.'"

He would have opened with the Pulitzer Prize-winning "Harvey," written by Mary Chase, but was unable to obtain the rights. (A movie version of the play, starring Jimmy Stewart, was made in 1950.)

So the season's opener became Lillian Hellman's "Toys in the Attic." Running Oct. 2-18, it's about two sisters whose younger brother always has a get-rich-quick scheme, one that inevitably falls through. "Then one day he shows up with a large sum of money, and people are trying to figure out exactly where he got it," Mr. Taylor says.

Stephanie Davis (*Florida Weekly* Diva Diaries columnist) is directing "Toys in the Attic" and has cast Rachel Burtrum and Karen Goldberg to star as the sisters.

The next play, "Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play" by Anne Washburn, runs Nov. 20-Dec. 12. This dark comedy takes place after the collapse of civilization, "so it's set in the future a little bit," Mr. Taylor says, explaining that it's called

a post-electric play because it's set in a time where there is no more electricity.

"You have this group of survivors around a campfire, trying to recall a 'Simpsons' episode. It's one of the more famous ones, a take-off of 'Cape Fear,' the movie, where Sideshow Bob is trying to kill Bart. They're talking about it, and you get the backstory of where civilization is at that time, why there's no electricity, etc."

Act II is set seven years in the future, when roving theatrical groups go around performing "Simpsons" episodes. And then Act III, set 75 years later, is a musical about "The Simpsons."

"It's a neat show (about) how pop culture becomes the stuff of myths and legend as time goes past," he says. Rachael Endrizzi will direct this production.

The New Year opens with "Kayak" by Jordan Hall, running Jan. 7-23. A winner of the Samuel French Canadian playwrighting contest, it will star Ms. Drexler as a mother who borrows her son's kayak and finds herself floating along a stretch of water. The son's girlfriend is an environmental activist who holds views the mother disagrees with.

"Kayak" will be performed in the round, and the Mariner Robotics Club from Mariner High School will create a robot that will pull the kayak along, so as the actress paddles throughout the play, the kayak will move accordingly. Steven Hooper will direct.

Up next is "The Bluest Eye" by Lydia Diamond, an adaptation of Toni Morrison's novel by the same name about a girl who despises her dark skin and prays for blue eyes, running Feb. 5-20. "We're

in the know

Theatre Conspiracy's 2015-16 season

- >> **"Toys in the Attic"** by Lillian Hellman, Oct. 2-18
- >> **"Mr. Burns, A Post-Electric Play"** by Anne Washburn, Nov. 20-Dec. 12
- >> **"Kayak"** by Jordan Hall, winner of the Samuel French Canadian Playwrights Contest, Jan. 7-23
- >> **"The Bluest Eye"** by Lydia Diamond, based on Toni Morrison's novel, Feb. 5-20
- >> **"The Nether"** by Jennifer Haley, March 4-19
- >> **Winner of the 17th Annual New Play Contest**, May 6-21
- >> **"The Amish Project"** by Jessica Dickey, TBA
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getting a great cast together for this," Mr. Taylor says. "It's going to be amazing. It's part of our effort to produce plays for minority artists geared toward a minority audience, just like we did last year with 'for colored girls...'"

"As far as I can tell, we're the only ones in Southwest Florida now continually producing shows for minority actors." Sonya McCarter will direct "The Bluest Eye" for Theatre Conspiracy.

Jennifer Haley's "The Nether," which Mr. Taylor describes as a sci-fi thriller about the consequences of making dreams into reality, runs March 4-19 and will be directed by Rick Sebastian. "You have the Nether, which is like the Internet, but there's a special part of it where people can go and live out their wildest dreams, no matter what," Mr. Taylor says. "Even though it might be murder or rape or any type of crime, you can go into this online area and do it, away from the law."

The play begins with a cyber detective interrogating the man who created this area where law cannot go. A winner of the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, "The Nether" has played at London's West End and, earlier this year, at the Lucille Lortel Theatre in New York City.

May 6-21 is reserved for the winner of Theatre Conspiracy's annual New Play Contest. It is, of course, impossible to predict the gender of the playwright in this case.

The season will close with "The Amish Project," Jessica Dickey's one-woman show that is a fictional account of the 2006 Nickel Mines Schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community in Lancaster County, Pa. "It's the story of their forgiveness," Mr. Taylor says about the show that will star Ms. Miller playing various characters, including some of the children who were victims of the shooting, the wife of the shooter, an Amish historian and researcher and the shooter himself. "It's an extraordinary piece," Mr. Taylor says. The dates for this show are TBA.

In summing up the coming season for Theatre Conspiracy, Ms. Miller says, "This is not a season about women. It's a season by women, and I think that's (great)."

Mr. Taylor concludes: "These are amazing pieces of theater. They're engaging, they're funny, they're sad."

"It's just good writing." ■

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DIAZ

EXIT Inc. has the cover name Extreme International Tours Incorporated. Indeed, the tour company actually functions like others in the high-risk adventure tour business. Under the cover, however, it is a paramilitary force with few restraints and shaky accountability. Worse yet, many of its leaders and highly trained enforcers are in it for their own personal agendas. It is a rogue group that has, paradoxically, used the term “rogue” for those among them who are questioning assignments

and methods that seem unjustifiable. One such questioner is Mason Hunt. Charged with eliminating a target named Sabrina Hightower, supposedly a threat to national security, Mason finds this woman is entirely innocent and herself a victim. Could Mason’s assignment be a huge mistake, or is EXIT a corrupt organization? Soon enough, given Mason’s enormous attraction to this spunky, attractive young woman, as well as his moral sense of the situation, he becomes her protector.

The novel develops along these two related lines. Mason and a few others fight to expose and bring down the corrupt EXIT agents. This story line involves detailed plans, combat prowess and courage. The companion story is the unsteady growth of a loving, trusting and passionate relationship between Mason and Sabrina.

The stories are bound together, of course, and their combined action moves across the rugged North Carolina landscape near Asheville. Both story lines proceed with progress and setbacks in suspenseful tension.

Sabrina, a diminutive, curvy powerhouse, is a force to be reckoned with on many levels. She is out to discover how

to bring EXIT to justice for the faulty zip-line that caused her parents’ deaths on their anniversary trip — a trip Sabrina had given them in an attempt to reconnect. Now, as she makes waves, Sabina has become a target of EXIT enforcers.

She is a fighter, a woman who can expertly handle a gun, and she expects to be treated as an equal by other capable individuals. Mason, who tries to deny his attraction to her, is overly solicitous. His goal of protecting her and aiding her cause is handled in a way that seems to deny her abilities and undermine her independent spirit.

At bottom, he feels unworthy of her. A man with horrific flashbacks triggered by instances of confinement or constraint, he has nightmares from this military past that cause him to hallucinate threats and strike back to kill the perceived enemy. On two occasions, his PTSD rage almost leads him to injure Sabrina. He fears that he will injure her — or worse.

How Mason and Sabrina negotiate their alternating currents of caution and desire, shared perspectives and acute differences, is a powerful magnet for reader interest. The author describes these pulses with skill, and the hot lovemaking that

explodes along with the constant danger makes for many stimulating scenes.

Ms. Diaz surrounds her romance figures with a supporting cast of well-drawn characters, the most important being the enigmatic EXIT CEO named Cyprian Cardenas. Is she behind the fake EXIT orders? Others named Ace, Stryker, Bishop, Buchanan and Ramsey are loaded with distinguishing quirks. Lined up behind either Cyprian or Mason, they move across the Carolina game board like pieces in the final match of a chess tournament.

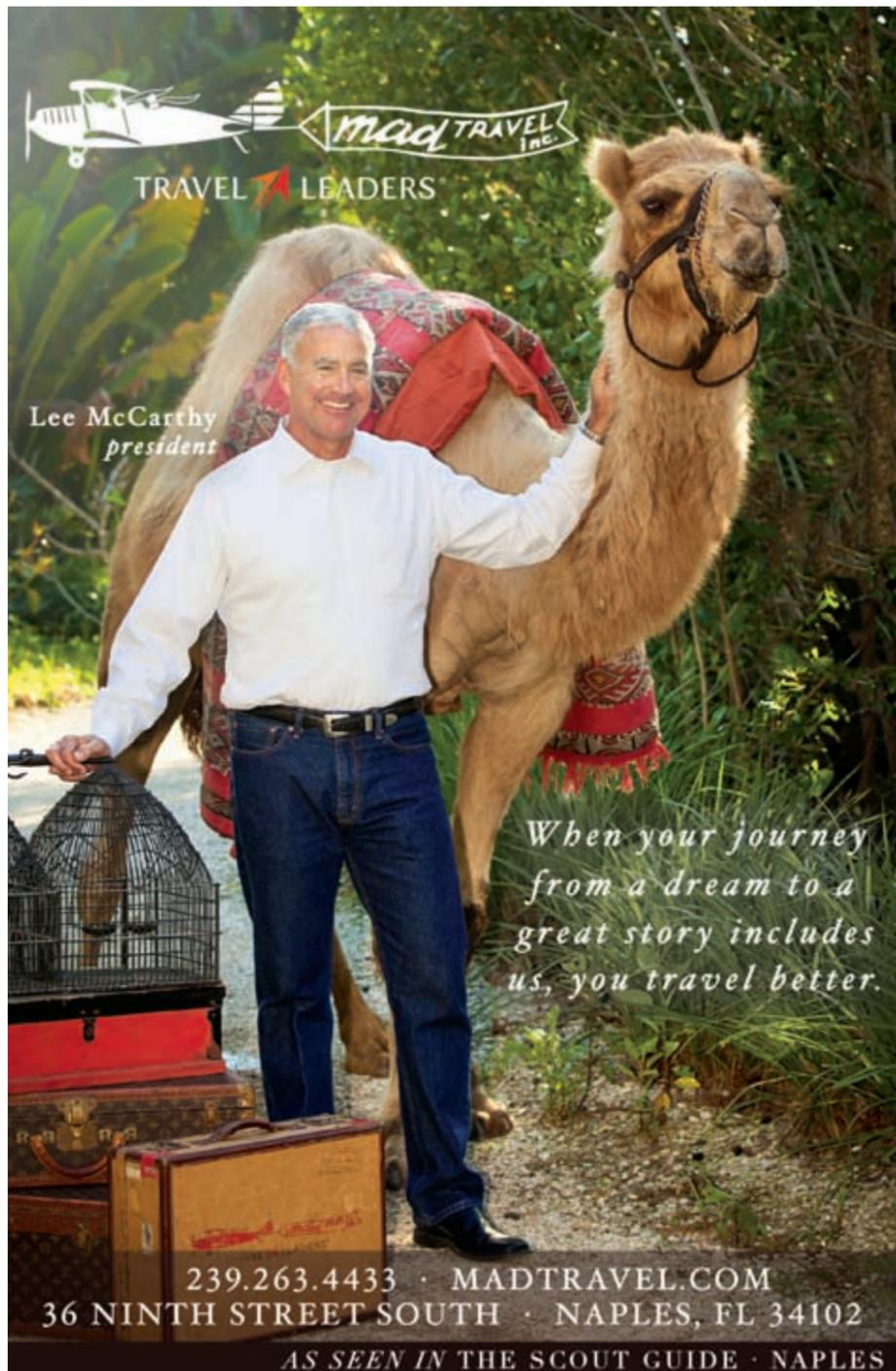
Will this dynamic duo foil the EXIT machine? Well, my friends, why don’t you read it and find out?

About the author

Now a Jacksonville resident, Lena Diaz has proved her ability to win an audience through her success in Avon’s digital-first imprint, Avon Impulse, with the four-title Deadly Games Thriller series. Says an Avon publicist, “Lena’s original e-books have been so popular on an international level that we’ve decided to publish her in print for the very first time.”

Ms. Diaz has been a Romance Writers of American Golden Heart finalist and a winner of the Daphne du Maurier award for excellence in mystery and suspense. ■

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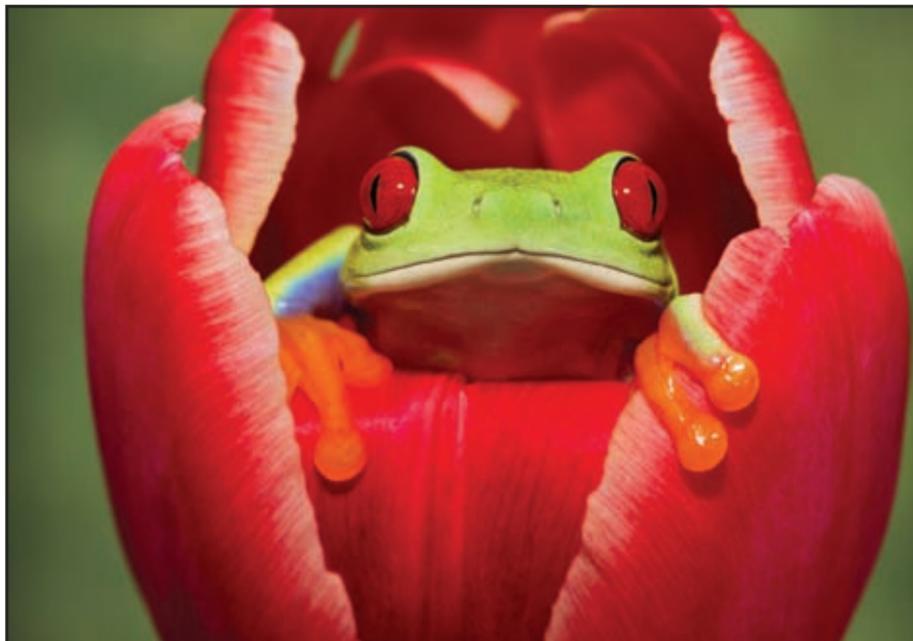
Legally Blonde – By The Naples Players through Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Alice in Wonderland – By The Naples Players KidzAct July 24-26 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Shooting Star – By The Marco Island Players Aug. 6-23. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Peter Pan & Wendy – By the Gulfshore Playhouse STAR Players Aug. 7-8 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. \$8. 213-3049 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Shrek the Musical – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 14-16. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.



“Red-eyed Tree Frog” by Lorri Freedman of Naples is among the photographs juried into the Camera USA 2015: National Photography Exhibition at The von Liebig Art Center. The exhibit ends Friday, July 17. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, although donations are always welcome. 565 Park St. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

THURSDAY 7.16

Free Movie – Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of “Mr. Peabody and Sherman” at 10 a.m. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Plant Clinic – Troubleshoot your plant problems with a master gardener at Naples Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. and then stay to tour the Garden. Regular admission applies (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Throwback Thursday – Relive the pop culture of the '70s starting at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Third Thursday – Enjoy music by Steve Fenttman starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fleischmann Courtyard on Third Street South. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

FRIDAY 7.17

Kids Free Friday – Kids age 12 and younger enjoy free admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center all day. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Yoga and Art – Naples Art Association combines art and yoga every Friday from 9-11 a.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. Each session begins with an hour of kundalini yoga followed by an hour-long intuitive art class. \$100. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Beachcombing – Set out at 9:30 a.m. with a volunteer at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to see what kind of treasures you can find in the sand. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 593-2568 or floridastateparks.org.

The Power Within – Join the meditation session and chill out at 10 a.m. at Goddess I Am. \$10. 600 Goodlette-Frank Road. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

Happy Hour Flow – Shangri-La Springs hosts Yin Yang Happy Hour Yoga at 5 p.m. \$15. 27750 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0749 or shangrilasprings.com.

Hot Summer Nights – The Collier County Sheriff's Office hosts family fun with bounce houses, rock walls, karaoke and more from 6-9 p.m. at Mackle Park on Marco Island. Free. 642-0575 or cityofmarcoisland.com.

Gru U – Kids are invited to Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops starting at 7 p.m. for a variety of Minion-centered activities. Free, but registration required. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Two Left Feet? – Step up for a dance lesson at 5:30 p.m. at the Naples Italian American Foundation. \$10. If you're already comfortable with your moves, come for dancing beginning at 7 p.m. \$10. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Slumber Party – Kids ages 11-17 are invited to bunk at Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center for the night and explore the estuarine environment after dark with a variety of activities starting at 7 p.m. \$45. Reservations required. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or rookerybay.org.

Rockin' the Ivories – Joe Marino's Rockin' Piano Dance Party starts at 7 p.m. at Naples English Pub. Free. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

SATURDAY 7.18

Farmers Market – Dozens of vendors bring their food and wares to the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. 434-6533 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Food Trucks and Farmers Market – The summer farmers market at Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and the food trucks stay until 2 p.m. 273-2350.

New Exhibit – The Naples Zoo debuts its new panther exhibit when it opens at 9 a.m. and introduces Uno, a young panther who was wounded by two shotgun blasts last year and now resides permanently at the Zoo. \$12.95-\$19.95. 262-5409 or napleszoo.com.

Tropical Fruit – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a tropical fruit lecture that includes tastings starting at 9 a.m. Fruit trees from Hopkins Tropical Fruit Nursery will be for sale. \$15. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Peace and Paddleboarding – Strive for perfect balance in a class that combines yoga and stand-up paddleboarding from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on the beach at Second Avenue North. \$35 includes board rental; \$15 if you bring your own board. Text 595-3199 to obtain confirmation beforehand.

Wonder Garden – Kids can learn about aquatic plants from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday, July 19, at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.com.

Family Fun – Miromar Outlets hosts fun family activities starting at 11 a.m. at the center's MundoFox Playland near the food court. Free. 948-3677 or miromaroutlets.com.

Psychic Fair – Goddess I Am hosts area mediums and psychics for mini-readings from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash required, readings priced individually. 600 Goodlette Road N. 228-6949 or goddessiam.com.

All That Jazz – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Donations appreciated. 213-3058 or jazzydrjim@gmail.com.

Ad-Libbing – The youth improv group at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs takes the stage at 3 p.m. and the adult troupe steps up at 8 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Auto Envy – Classic cars of all makes and models take their places in the parking lot at Seminole Immokalee Casino from 4-7 p.m. Free. (800) 218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

SummerJazz on the Gulf – Danny Sinoff performs as part of the SummerJazz on the Gulf series of free outdoor concerts starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Blues to Bach – Guitarist Richard Smith and his wife, cellist Julie Adams, headline an evening of music starting at 7 p.m. at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. Free, but reservations recommended. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or fredsdiner.com.

LBD Night – It's Little Black Dress night at Blue Martini in Mercato. 591-2583 or bluemartinilounge.com.

SUNDAY 7.19

Beachcombing – Set out at 9:30 a.m. with a volunteer at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to see what kind of treasures you can find in the sand. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 593-2568 or floridastateparks.org.

Classic Film – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU screens “One Touch of Venus” (1948) at 2 p.m. A bumbling department store clerk unwittingly brings to life a sculpture of Venus de Milo when he kisses it. \$5 for RA members, \$6 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Manga Mania – Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops welcomes fans of Japanese comic books and graphic novels with special offers, activities and giveaways starting at 2 p.m. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Dinner with the Docs – Tim Smith and Ronil Pala of Maximized Living Health Center discuss overcoming health obstacles with practical steps over dinner at Giovanni Ristorante Italiano. Free, but reservations required. 5975 Pine Ridge Road. 597-6099 or maximizedlivingnaples.com.

MONDAY 7.20

Ommmm – Chelsea's Resale Shoppe hosts evening meditations at 5:15 p.m. every Monday. Peace offering welcome. 949 Second Ave. N. 261-0005.

Film Night – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The World's Fastest Indian” (2005) at 7 p.m. The life story of New Zealander Burt Munro, who spent years building a 1920s Indian motorcycle, a bike that helped him set the land-speed world record at Utah's Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 489-9595 or artcenterbonita.org.

TUESDAY 7.21

Free Movie – Paragon Theaters presents a free screening of “Penguins of Madagascar” at 10 a.m. today through Thursday, July 16. 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheaters.com.

Bridging the Gap – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts bridge for beginners at 11 a.m. and for intermediate players at 12:30 p.m. Free for members, \$3 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or naifoundation.org.

Start to Tango – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pabllorepuntango.com.

Free Movie – Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in on the lawn at Mercato for a free screening of the classic “Key Largo” starring Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart starting at 8:30 p.m. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

WEDNESDAY 7.22

Beach Yoga – Candice Oligney of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9-10 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Bring yoga mat, water, a towel and bug spray. \$5 plus regular park entrance fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-1938 or visiting greenmonkey.com.

Paddleboarding Basics – Learn the basics of standup paddleboarding starting at 9:30 a.m. at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. For ages 12 and older. Boards supplied by Naples Beach Adventures. Reservations required. Free with regular park entry free (see above item). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

History of Hurricanes – Collier County Museums presents “Southwest Florida's Hurricane History” at 2 p.m. Free. 3331 Tamiami Trail E. 252-8476 or colliermuseums.org.

Dinner & Cards – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner, cards and mah jongg at 6 p.m. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

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Tortoise Talk – Learn about the humble gopher tortoise's role as a keystone species in Florida at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee (\$2 for bicyclists and walkers, \$4 per car with one person, \$6 per car with two or more people). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

Travel Talk – Preferred Travel hosts travel partners Cox & King and Silversea Cruises for "The Best of Land and Sea" at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 23. 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd., Suite 402. Reservations required. Free. 261-1177 or preferrednaples.com.

Passion for Fashion – Mercato hosts Fashion Passion for PACE, with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a silent auction, fashion show and goody bags at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23. \$40, with proceeds to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immo-kalee. 431-6661 or mercatoshops.com.

Sweat the Small Stuff – It's trivia night with Daniel Jackson starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

Mini-Fashions – Children from Manners and Dance with Ms. Laura strut their stuff in fashions from All About April at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, at Venetian Village. 261-6100 or venetian-village.com.

Art Reception – The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center hosts a reception for Gareth Rockliffe, a Naples photographer who is crowd-sourcing funds to photograph the entirety of the United States' coastline, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24. Free for NAA members, \$10 for others. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

Parents Night Out – Moms and dads can drop the kids off for a movie, activities and pizza from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 24, at Fleischmann Park Community Center. \$20 for the first child, \$15 for siblings. 213-3020 or naplesgov.com.

Fangirl Friday – Barnes & Noble celebrates the Women of Marvel with cosplay, giveaways and more at 7 p.m. Friday, July 24. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Vinyl Day – Barnes & Noble celebrates vinyl culture with deejay sessions, giveaways and an exploration of the store's vinyl collection at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

Foreign Film – Renaissance Academy screens "Project Nim" (2011, UK) at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 26. It's the story of a chimpanzee taken from his mother at birth and raised like a human child by a family on the Upper West Side in the 1970s. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Film Night – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "Strictly Ballroom" (1992) at 7 p.m. Monday, July 27. A maverick dancer endangers his career by performing an unusual routine and sets out to succeed with a new partner. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org. ■

— Email calendar listings and high-resolution photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@floridaweekly.com. Please send Word or text documents and jpgs with pertinent details, cost and contact information. No pdfs or photos of fliers. Deadline for calendar submissions is noon Monday.



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■ Head to Royal Scoop in Bonita Springs for **National Ice Cream Day** from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. There's free ice cream for the first 100 customers, and the Brain Freeze Ice-Cream Eating Contest takes place at 1:15 p.m.

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■ Guitarist **Richard Smith** and his wife, cellist **Julie Adams**, headline the evening starting at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fred's Food, Fun & Spirits. Andy Wahlberg and other local musicians will also perform. — 431-7928

GET TROPICAL



■ Learn about and taste a variety of tropical fruits at 9 a.m. Saturday at **Naples Botanical Garden**. —naplesgarden.org

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■ If it's Monday, that means **mojitos** from 5-10 p.m. at the Sunset Veranda at the Naples Grande. Sit back and sip as you enjoy the view. \$10. — naplesgrande.com



■ **Danny Sinoff** performs as part of the **SummerJazz on the Gulf** series of free outdoor concerts starting at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at the **Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club**. — naplesbeachhotel.com



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■ **Nicki Minaj** performs at Bayfront Park in Miami on Monday. — ticketmaster.com



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GRATEFUL

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The band's fan community in South-west Florida is fairly large and diverse, Mr. Van der neer says. "We have a doctor and a surgeon who are going to come and some bikers," he says. "It covers a wide spectrum of the population."

Deadheads are notorious for being a particularly fervent fan base. In the 1970s, a group of fans started travelling with the Grateful Dead to see strings of shows at a time, creating their own sub-culture, slang and concert customs. The community is largely credited for filling arenas nightly and keeping the band on the road well into the 1990s.

Crazy Fingers keyboardist Josh Foster has noticed that over the last 25 years, new fans keep swapping out while the loyalists stay the same. In addition to the older loyalists, he says, "We have people that come out who might be younger, then they grow up and go to college and we don't see them, but a new batch comes in," he says. "It seems like our fans stay the same age and we keep getting older."

In true Deadhead fashion, many of them travel around South Florida to catch Crazy Fingers shows and are likely to be at The Norris Center next weekend.

The Broward County-based band formed in 1990 and has a nationwide reputation as being one of the premiere Grateful Dead tribute bands. In addition to playing the Dead's entire repertoire, Crazy Fingers also plays classic rock numbers by Bob Dylan, The Allman Brothers and others. They've shared the stage with The Band, Ziggy Marley, the

in the know

Grateful Jam in the Park

- >> **What:** Crazy Fingers, a Grateful Dead tribute band
- >> **When:** 5-9:30 p.m. Saturday, July 25
- >> **Where:** The Norris Center, Naples
- >> **Tickets:** \$35, limited to 200 people
- >> **Info:** Gratefuljamnaples on Facebook

Neville Brothers, Melvin Seals, JGB and many others while also releasing two original albums, "Come On and Dance" and "Strange Life."

To combat possible boredom from playing Grateful Dead tunes for 20 years, Mr. Foster says rotating songs each night and finding new interpretations of old songs keeps the material fresh for band members.

"I love the freedom that we have in it and the fact that our fans are welcoming to that," he says. "We're constantly looking for new things within the music and trying to have a conversation with each other in the band. It doesn't get old."

Playing the Grateful Dead repertoire is a little like jazz music, he adds, because the point is to play songs differently each night.

The Grateful Dead seems to have a universal draw for people young and old. Zita Prutos, a 19-year-old Naples native who studies at Vanderbilt University, went to one of the band's anniversary shows at Soldier Field earlier this month. Because her parents are fans, she says, she's been listening to the Dead her entire life and has been a serious fan herself since she was 14.

"The crowd was great and really into it," Ms. Prutos says about the Chicago concert. "No one was a casual fan. There were a lot of people aged 15 to 30 who were really psyched since they had

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Naples native Zita Prutos took this photograph at one of "Fare Thee Well: Celebrating 50 Years of The Grateful Dead" concerts earlier this month at Soldier Field in Chicago.

never been to a Dead show before." Tickets to see Crazy Fingers at The Norris Center are \$35 and limited to 200 people. For more information, visit the concert's event page on Facebook by searching "gratefuljamnaples." ■

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Tuck in to 'I'll Eat You Last,' a five-star meal of a play



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"Like I always say: If you can't say anything nice about someone, come sit by me," says Sue Mengers, laughing and patting the sofa cushion next to her.

It's a paraphrase of an Alice Roosevelt Longworth quote, who had embroidered on a pillow: "If you can't say something good about someone, sit right here by me."

It's a line worthy of Dorothy Parker (who it's often attributed to).

But Ms. Mengers gives the right credit, and then proceeds to dish for the next 80 minutes or so as she nibbles chocolates, smokes, tokes and drinks.

And her gossip is better than most of today's tabloid fodder.

Ms. Mengers was a Hollywood talent agent in the '70s and '80s, a time when a woman in the field was a rarity — especially one so successful. She was a super agent, with a list of clients including Barbra Streisand, Faye Dunaway, Burt Reynolds, Ali McGraw, Gene Hackman, Cher, Candice Bergen, Ryan O'Neal, Nick Nolte, Mike Nichols, Gore Vidal, Mick Jagger, Bob Fosse, Michael Caine, Cybill Shepherd, Rod Steiger and Peter Bogdanovich.

Her very first client?

Julie Harris.

Not shabby. Not shabby at all.

Ms. Mengers was a talent agent in a time when performers actually had talent and were known for their craft, not just for being famous.

"I'll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Mengers" opens with Ms. Mengers dressed in a blue caftan, seated on her tufted sofa in her understated but sophisticated Beverly Hills home.

She looks out at the audience.

"I'm not getting up," she informs them.

And she doesn't. Like a queen of Hollywood, she sits enthroned on her sofa, holding forth, telling tales and giving advice.

"... here's the truth of agenting," she says. "You are the public face of the client. You're *representing* them, literally and figuratively. A great agent is a great chameleon: You have to be the client's mirror."

Julie Harris, she shares, taught her "a

lesson I've never forgotten: You have to speak to the artists in their language, not yours."

Ms. Harris, she quickly learned, was much more interested in poetry than percentages.

Bonnie Knapp, who's performed in various productions at the Sugden Community Theatre in Naples and was in the Broadway Palm Theatre's production of "Bill W. and Dr. Bob," plays the bold and brassy, foul-mouthed Ms. Mengers. She gets a lot of laugh with her lines, most of which are so off-color and insulting they can't be printed here.

This is definitely a show for mature audiences; Ms. Mengers cracks wise and turns the air blue. You get the feeling that, seated at a bar with a sailor, she could more than hold her own, matching him drink-for-drink, story-for-story, curse-for-curse.

She's just been fired by Ms. Streisand. Or rather, by the star's lawyers, "her microstate of serious Jews who joined arms and bottle-danced their way to the speaker-phone and pressed my button," as Ms. Mengers puts it. That sets her off on a tangent about how speaker-phones lack intimacy, and how she once had a car phone the "size of a dismembered baby's torso."

If these comments horrify you, this is not the show for you. If they make you laugh, you should buy a ticket immediately to see this clever show.

Ms. Mengers is expecting a call from Ms. Streisand herself. (Though it's not mentioned in the show, the two were so close that Ms. Streisand was the maid of honor at Ms. Mengers' wedding.)

It's the eve of one of Ms. Mengers' famous Hollywood parties. Her advice on how to have a successful dinner party: Only invite movie stars. "All my guests have to be *famous*," she says. "Honey, my own mother couldn't get in if she were standing outside in the rain."

While she's waiting for Ms. Streisand to call, she talks to the audience.

Ms. Knapp is at her best in showing Ms. Mengers' softer, vulnerable side, as she describes how her family fled Hitler's Germany and how she learned English by watching movies in the Bronx. ("That's why I still talk like a gum-cracking Warner Brothers second-lead," she says.)

Though it's only for a couple of seconds at a time, Ms. Knapp cleverly talks



COURTESY PHOTO

Bonnie Knapp plays Sue Mengers in "I'll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Mengers" at the Laboratory Theater.

like each actress her character names (her Rosalind Russell is especially on target).

When she mentions that her father killed himself, she adds: "He killed himself in a Times Square hotel room, which seems redundant."

For the course of the evening, we're taken through Ms. Mengers' history and her ascent as a talent agent.

"You want to be a thing? Make yourself that thing," she says. And we see exactly how she created herself into this larger-than-life persona.

She has stories galore, about trying to sign Sissy Spacek, about getting Gene Hackman his famous role in "French Connection" and about getting Faye Dunaway hers in "Chinatown."

It's all a game to Ms. Mengers, but a game she loves dearly.

You get the feeling that things aren't going so well for her now (the play is set in 1981), and that losing Ms. Streisand as a client is a big blow. But Ms. Mengers is a survivor.

John Logan — who wrote "Red," about painter Mark Rothko — penned this one-woman show that bristles with attitude, gossip and humor. You might not have heard of Sue Mengers, but you'll definitely know her after seeing this show.

Director Ken Bryant has created one of the most polished sets I've seen at the Lab Theater. Hanging over Ms.

Mengers' sofa is Picasso's "Les Femmes d'Alger (O. J. R. M.)." Like these five Cubist nudes, Ms. Mengers, too, is a fierce, fragmented woman with multiple facets and sharp edges. And maybe, too, like them, a bit of a whore. But then, as she'd probably say, in Hollywood, who isn't?

Sue Mengers is Ethel Merman, Sophie Tucker and Bella Abzug, all mixed together. Think Patti LuPone, after some poor fool has once again let his cellphone ring during her performance.

Opening night was wildly entertaining, if poorly attended. I only wish Ms. Knapp had played Ms. Mengers even bigger. She could go much, much bigger with this character and dance on the edge of outrageousness.

Bette Middler played this role on Broadway, and though I didn't see her performance, I couldn't help but think of her during the show. Ms. Knapp needs to own this character completely and wipe away any thought of anyone else.

A bigger, more responsive audience would certainly help, and this show deserves to be seen — by anyone who loves old movies and movie stars, or who just thrives on catty gossip.

Kathy Griffin?

Sue Mengers would've eaten her as an appetizer.

The show's ending also seems a little uncertain; the audience applauded at multiple times, thinking it was the end, but it wasn't. (Though it's also possible they were eager to applaud Ms. Knapp for her engaging performance.)

Ms. Mengers, who loved movies so much, once considered becoming an actress. But then she reasoned: Why be a king when you could be a kingmaker?

"I'll Eat You Last" demonstrates that Sue Mengers was the undeniable queen of kingmakers. ■

in the know

- >> **What:** "I'll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Mengers"
- >> **Who:** Laboratory Theater of Florida
- >> **When:** Through July 25
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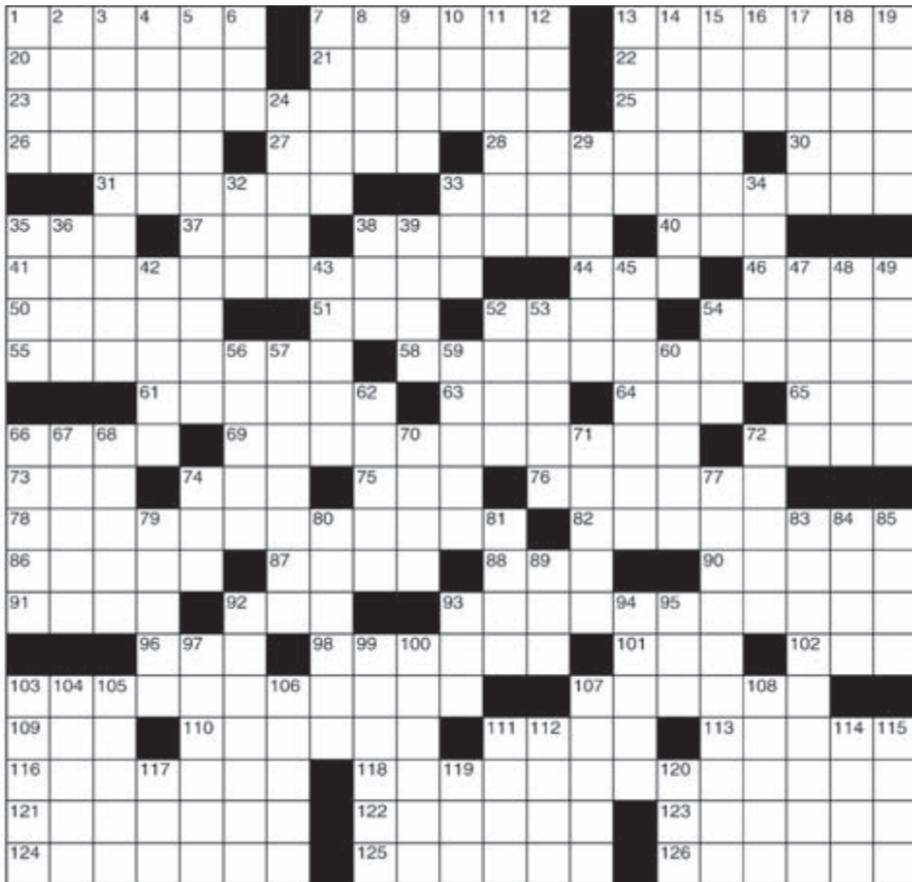
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- 1 Film stars, e.g.
 - 7 Snake-haired Gorgon
 - 13 General who advised Augustus
 - 20 Gaffer Mark
 - 21 Rabid fan
 - 22 More gutsy
 - 23 Really get into making electronic scans?
 - 25 Embraced
 - 26 Straitlaced
 - 27 Grand party
 - 28 With the result being
 - 30 Abbas' gp.
 - 31 Gazed wantonly
 - 33 Conrad Hilton with a fever?
 - 35 Part of NCAA or AAU: Abbr.
 - 37 Animals: Suffix
 - 38 Like a rough, harsh voice
 - 40 Oath reply
 - 41 Cobbler
 - 43 Cutter's job?
 - 44 — and yang
 - 46 Raise crops
 - 50 "Two Guys and —"
 - 51 GI uplifter
 - 52 Make at work
 - 54 Wheel spokes, e.g.
 - 55 Disoriented driver's remark to a passenger, maybe
 - 58 Decrease in sunburn severity?
 - 61 Last of a tetralogy
 - 63 Boeing plane
 - 64 Stranded stuff in cells
 - 65 "Too many to list" abbr.
 - 66 Tentacles
 - 69 Gorilla's pre-dinner drink?
 - 72 Bit of deceit
 - 73 —wester (storm type)
 - 74 Songwriter
 - 75 Reactor safety org.
 - 76 Put a backup copy on
 - 78 Embrace old French Protestants?
 - 82 Purebred's genealogy
 - 86 Vintage auto
 - 87 Ginger treat
 - 88 Suffix with Milan or Bern
 - 90 Faces
 - 91 Mythical river
 - 92 By means of
 - 93 Bid a Tokyo resident farewell?
 - 96 Blood-typing letters
 - 98 Flowers
 - 101 —wester (storm type)
 - 102 Waikiki wear
 - 103 Meekness of
 - 107 Hillocks
 - 109 That, in León
 - 110 Backyard pavilion
 - 111 Raines of "The Web"
 - 113 Vex greatly
 - 116 Suspended ski lift cabin
 - 118 How senior citizens address teens?
 - 121 Old French region
 - 122 Tijuana Brass' Herb
 - 123 She's a deity of wisdom
 - 124 Progress delay
 - 125 Sea serpent nickname
 - 126 Paring tool
 - DOWN**
 - 1 Cousins of haddock
 - 2 Throw off
 - 3 To whom property lawfully passes on
 - 4 "— Was a Lady" (1933 hit song)
 - 5 Fiancée who's a control freak
 - 6 Get less firm
 - 7 Paired up to breed
 - 8 Blue-pencil
 - 9 Sleep briefly
 - 10 Mentalist
 - 11 Burglar alarm component
 - 12 Local lingo
 - 13 — chili (kind of pepper)
 - 14 Aspice
 - 15 Like many violent films
 - 16 ICU drips
 - 17 Longstocking of kid lit
 - 18 "Edward I" playwright
 - 19 Passion
 - 24 Start to a bit of bad news
 - 29 "And — off!"
 - 32 — v. Wade
 - 33 Ugly witch
 - 34 Lite, in a way
 - 35 "Lend —" (Oscar-winning Disney short)
 - 36 Buster Brown's bulldog
 - 38 That boy's
 - 39 — about
 - 42 Gets ready
 - 43 Little darling
 - 45 Ready to roll, as a car
 - 47 "Farewell"
 - 48 Prison brawls
 - 49 Chop to bits
 - 52 German river
 - 53 "— a jealous mistress"
 - 54 Elvis' label
 - 56 Chimp's kin
 - 57 Second-cen. pope
 - 59 Throw off
 - 60 In need of a meal
 - 62 White with Pat Sajak
 - 66 Fire leftovers
 - 67 Shake to wake
 - 68 Rocky's gangster partner in cartoons
 - 70 Stage piece
 - 71 Sticky rolls
 - 72 Actor Seth
 - 74 "La Cage — Folles"
 - 77 Asian nation since 2002
 - 79 Group of six
 - 80 Equip
 - 81 Stitching line
 - 83 2011 film about boxing robots
 - 84 Raison d'—
 - 85 Actor
 - 87 Morales
 - 89 Pt. of GPS
 - 92 Like A, E, I, O and U
 - 93 Tamari, e.g.
 - 94 Kofi of the U.N.
 - 95 "— -hool"
 - 97 Colombian capital
 - 99 Like Qaddafi
 - 100 Actor Peter
 - 103 Painter
 - 104 "— Mio"
 - 105 Art able to
 - 106 "The Compleat Angler" writer
 - 107 1971 Jane Fonda film
 - 108 Shop shaper
 - 111 Peepers
 - 112 Singer of film
 - 114 Duncan of Obama's cabinet
 - 115 Ivan or Peter
 - 117 Artistic touch
 - 119 Good times
 - 120 Hiatus

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HOROSCOPES

■ CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appreciate what follows from it.

■ LEO (July 23 to August 22) You revel in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help.

■ VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don't let yourself be overwhelmed by sentiment. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

■ LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you're able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be successfully handled.

■ SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A "friend" who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

■ SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) After all the effort you've been putting in both on the job and for friends and family, it's a good time to indulge your own needs. The weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

■ CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You might want to do

something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, and then do it, or come up with the closest practical alternative.

■ AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But, once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes.

■ PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Trolling for compliments isn't necessary. You earned them, and you'll get them. Concentrate this week on moving ahead into the next phase of your program.

■ ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A bit of Arian contrariness could be keeping you from getting all the facts. Turn it off, and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

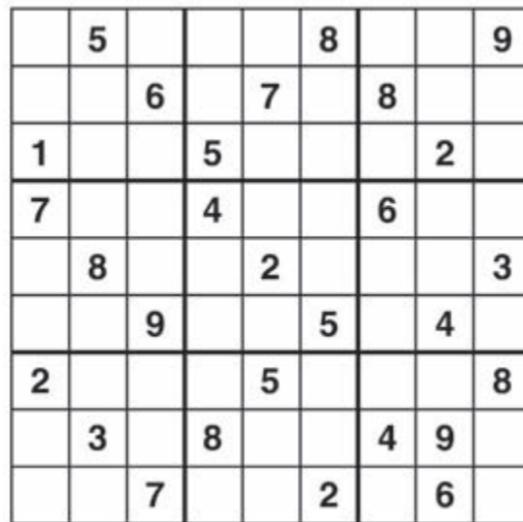
■ TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you'd expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient.

■ GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Use your good sense to see what might really be driving a colleague's workplace agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old problems.

■ BORN THIS WEEK: Meeting new people usually means you're making new friends. People want to be reflected in your shining light. ■

By Linda Thistle

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Let's say you win the spade with the ace, play the king of trumps and then lead a low diamond from dummy. You plan to play the ten from your hand, but, unfortunately, East produces the jack, which you win with the king.

You next lead a diamond to the ace and play a third round of diamonds, hoping West will have to win the trick, which would ensure the contract. But East takes the third diamond with the queen and returns a heart, and down you go.

You could say that the outcome was unlucky, but, even so, you should be willing to shoulder a goodly portion of the blame. You could have adopted a different line of play that would have significantly increased your chances of making the contract.

Although it's certainly not the sort of thing you see every day, the correct play is not to take West's king of spades with the ace at trick one! Instead, you let him hold the trick, after which there is nothing he can do to stop you.

Let's say West leads another spade at trick two. You win with the ace and discard a diamond from your hand. Then, after cashing the ace of trumps, you lead the K-A of diamonds and ruff a diamond. This establishes dummy's

West dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	3 ♣
3 ♠	5 ♣		

Opening lead — king of spades.

7-6 of diamonds, on which you can later discard the K-9 of hearts, and you finish with an overtrick.

It is true that ducking the opening spade lead costs you a trick you didn't have to lose, but you get the trick back because you no longer have to lose a diamond. More importantly, you gain control of the diamonds and can establish them without running the risk that East will be able to win the third round of the suit. ■



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FILM CAPSULES

The Gallows ★

(Reese Mishler, Pfeifer Brown, Ryan Shoos) Teenagers get more than they bargain for when they go to their high school late at night and attempt to destroy the set for a play scheduled to debut the following day. This is more found footage horror nonsense, made worse by the fact that the characters are unlikeable. Rated R.

Infinitely Polar Bear ★★★★★

(Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky) A manic depressive father (Mr. Ruffalo) cares for his two daughters (Ms. Wolodarsky and Ashley Aufderheide) near Boston while his wife/their mother (Ms. Saldana) attends graduate school in New York City. Mr. Ruffalo gives a fantastic performance in this wonderful drama, based in part on writer/director Maya Forbes' father. Rated R.

Amy ★★

(Amy Winehouse, Mark Ronson, Tony Bennett) This documentary about singer/songwriter Amy Winehouse, who died of alcohol poisoning in July 2011, is a sad story of addiction and poor decisions. You feel bad for Ms. Winehouse's affliction, but the movie doesn't provide much reason to see it for anyone who's not already a fan. Rated R.

Terminator: Genisys ★★

(Emilia Clarke, Jason Clarke, Arnold Schwarzenegger) John Connor (Mr. Clarke) sends Kyle Reese (Jai Courtney) back in time to protect John's mother (Ms. Clarke). This is not just a standard redo of James Cameron's "The Terminator" (1984). Although the story is quite clever, the action is disappointingly underwhelming. Rated PG-13.

Magic Mike XXL ★★★

(Channing Tatum, Joe Manganiello, Jada Pinkett Smith) Three years after Mike (Mr. Tatum) leaves the stripper life behind, he reunites with his boys for one last show at a stripper convention in Myrtle Beach, S.C. It's uneven but ultimately satisfying in terms of showmanship and story. Rated R.

The Overnight ★★

(Adam Scott, Taylor Schilling, Jason Schwartzman) New to Los Angeles, Alex (Mr. Scott) and Emily (Ms. Schilling) accept a dinner invitation from bohemian Kurt (Mr. Schwartzman), not realizing the awkwardness that lies ahead. It's an interesting idea, but the inability to balance comedy and drama inhibits the film from strongly making its points. Rated R.

Ted 2 ★★★

(Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried, voice of Seth MacFarlane) Ted (Mr. MacFarlane) and Tami-Lynn (Jessica Barth) are married and want to adopt, but need a lawyer (Ms. Seyfried) to prove Ted is a real person before they can do so. This sequel to the 2012 hit is funnier and a better overall movie than its predecessor, which is saying something. Rated R.

Max ★★

(Robbie Amell, Lauren Graham, Thomas Haden Church) A Texas family welcomes in the Belgian Malinois dog that accompanied their now-deceased Marine Corps son in Afghanistan, but people around the family cause trouble. Sappy and sentimental, it belongs on the Hallmark Channel, not the big screen. Rated PG. ■

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"Trainwreck" is Amy Schumer's shot at the big time. The comedienne, whose show "Inside Amy Schumer" airs on Comedy Central, has proven herself whip smart and subversive, unafraid to use humor to expose honesties about women and society that others often "shush" under the rug.

As the writer and star of "Trainwreck," the pressure is squarely on her to deliver. So does she?

Sort of. It's a decent movie, not great. Perhaps even "good" if you're really in the mood for a vulgar, female-driven romantic comedy.

On her TV show, Ms. Schumer is unrestrained and topical due to the flexibility of the sketch format, but here she's forced to isolate her focus on a single storyline and as a result, the humor occasionally feels desperate. For example, Ms. Schumer's character has a misogynist, racist, homophobic and cantankerous father played by Colin Quinn, and all his jokes are offensive. The movie probably didn't need to go that route to mine laughs, especially when there are plenty of comedic opportunities within the premise of a promiscuous woman who's not looking for Mr. Right but finds him anyway.

Far too many comedies have been centered on an irresponsible guy who likes drinking and hooking up and sees no reason to change his ways, only to meet "the one" and quickly change his ways. "Trainwreck" switches the genders, putting Ms. Schumer in the lead as Amy, an uninhibited magazine writer who eagerly cheats on her boyfriend (John Cena) because she doesn't think monogamy is feasible. She drinks and smokes weed, but is good enough at her job that boss Dianna (Tilda Swinton) asks her to profile a sports doctor even though Amy hates sports. Her co-workers (Vanessa Bayer, Jon Glaser, Randall Park and an intern played by Ezra Miller) don't understand why she's

given the assignment, but off she goes to meet Dr. Aaron Connors (Bill Hader), who works with professional athletes.

Although Amy and Aaron don't hit it off at first, they gradually fall in love (of course). And complications ensue (of course).

Shock value can work for a quick laugh, but if the reason we're shocked remains on screen, he/she/it needs to continue to be funny for the scene to work. To wit, basketball star LeBron James has an extended cameo as Aaron's patient, and his scenes misfire because he's asked to do too much, like give advice to Aaron and ask Amy what her intentions are. In other words, they asked Mr. James to act. But he's not an actor, so criticizing him for not playing the scenes well is unfair.



The real blame goes to Ms. Schumer (as the writer) and director Judd Apatow for putting the basketball star in this position and not ensuring that he succeeds. It was their responsibility to make sure Mr. James comes across effectively, and he does not.

Mr. Apatow's directorial efforts have been an absolute train wreck since "Knocked Up" (2007), with "Funny People" (2009) and "This is 40" (2012) following as more dull comedies that didn't live up to their potential.

With "Trainwreck," Mr. Apatow was theoretically smart, then, to yield writing duties to Ms. Schumer (this is the first time he's directed something he didn't write), because this allows him to get out of his own way and focus on just directing. Yet again he falls short because the story, though it has some unexpected twists, plays out in the safe, traditional ways we expect. And although it is funny at times, the humor overall tends to go more for the surprise laugh rather than the organic laugh, and as a result it often feels forced.

You'll certainly enjoy parts of "Trainwreck," but not enough of it to feel satisfied. Leaving the theater with the clear sense that you should've laughed more is a definite sign that this underwhelms. ■

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>> There are numerous cameos in "Trainwreck," but the best is "Saturday Night Live" cast member Leslie Jones as a subway patron.



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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Hagenauer designs still copied and sought after

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Although the design of the late 1890s is best known for the sensuous curves of the Art Nouveau period, there were very modern-looking pieces being made by a few European designers. Some of the most famous were in Vienna, Austria. Carl Hagenauer started his own Werkstätten (workshop) in 1898 to make bronzes and other metal wares. He was soon winning awards for his innovative, modern-looking designs. His son Karl (1898-1956) joined the company in 1919 and, with his brother Franz (1906-1986), created a group of small bronzes inspired by African art. The figures, dressed in tribal clothing, had long, thin arms, legs and faces, which were almost like stick figures. Many small tabletop groups were made in the 1920s through the early 1950s. These Hagenauer pieces are not hard to find at auctions and shops at reasonable prices. But the larger wood and metal African figures, masks and the Art Deco designs made at the same time are pricier. By the 1960s, the company was making large Western figures of brass and even furniture. The shop closed in 1986. But the popular figures, often copied in South America in the 1950s, were again copied in Great Britain in the 1990s. Many made by an ex-Hagenauer employee are marked RR. Both the well-made copies and the originals are going up in price.

baseball batter on signed "Andy Pafko." The top looks like a baseball and has small dials near the edges that show balls, strikes and outs. Two baseball bats with a glove between them are on both sides. What is this ring worth?

A: You have an Andy Pafko Scorekeeper Ring, a premium issued by Quaker Oats Muffets breakfast cereal in 1949. It was offered for 15 cents and two Muffets box tops. Pafko (1921-2013) played in the Major Leagues from 1943 to 1959 and was a centerfielder for the Chicago Cubs, Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves. Value of your ring, \$200 to \$400.

Q: An old-timey cash register I saw at an old hotel has cash register drawers that were labeled "A," "B," "D" and "E" with no drawer "C." What's the reason there isn't a drawer "C"?

A: James Ritty, a saloon owner in Dayton, Ohio, is credited with inventing the first commercially successful mechanical cash register in 1879. His machine was known as the "Incorruptible Cashier." Multiple drawers were used to keep each employee's transactions separate. Only the employee assigned to the drawer or the owner could open the drawer. The letter "C" wasn't used because it usually stood for "cash." Ritty soon sold the rights to his invention to J.H. Eckert, who founded the National Manufacturing Company. The company was sold in 1883 and became the National Cash Register Company in 1884.

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Q: This RCA radio was a gift to my parents in the late 1930s or early 1940s. It's 11 inches wide by 7 inches high. It has all its tubes and still works. Can you give me a more accurate date when it was made and the value it has today?

A: Your radio is RCA Victor Model 65X2, made in 1946 and 1947. It's a super-heterodyne five-tube tabletop radio designed to receive AM radio broadcasts. The cases were plastic and made in two colors, antique ivory or walnut. RCA Victor advertised the radiosleek

styling as small enough to "tote from kitchen to laundry to bedroom to breakfast table," its Golden Throat tone system and low price. In the movie "The Maltese Falcon," you can see an example of this radio model in the office of Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart). Your radio originally retailed for \$27.95. Examples have sold for \$25 (in non-working order) to \$100 (restored) to \$199 (mint condition.)

Q: My dark brown teapot with lid is 4 inches high and has yellow & green leaves. The bottom is marked "Royal Canadian Pottery."

A: The Royal Canadian Art Pottery opened in 1946 as a subsidiary of Foley Potteries Ltd. They have factories in Hamilton and Southampton, Ontario, Canada. The company specialized in "Brown Betty"-style teapots in dark brown or black that are hand painted or have drippy or sponged decoration. By 1960, R.C.A.P. had become the largest teapot manufacturer in North America. The company began to make art pottery in 1968. Teapots like yours sell for \$10 to \$20.

Tip: If you spill water on a wooden table protected by a glass top, be sure to wipe it up quickly. If water gets below the glass, it will make white spots. ■

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"Blue Heron Sunset" by Timothy Parker was the 2009 winner for the ArtFest Fort Myers poster and T-shirt design.

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Friday, July 17, 9 P.M.

Great Performances Driving Miss Daisy

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Sunday, July 19

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Monday, July 20, 10 P.M.

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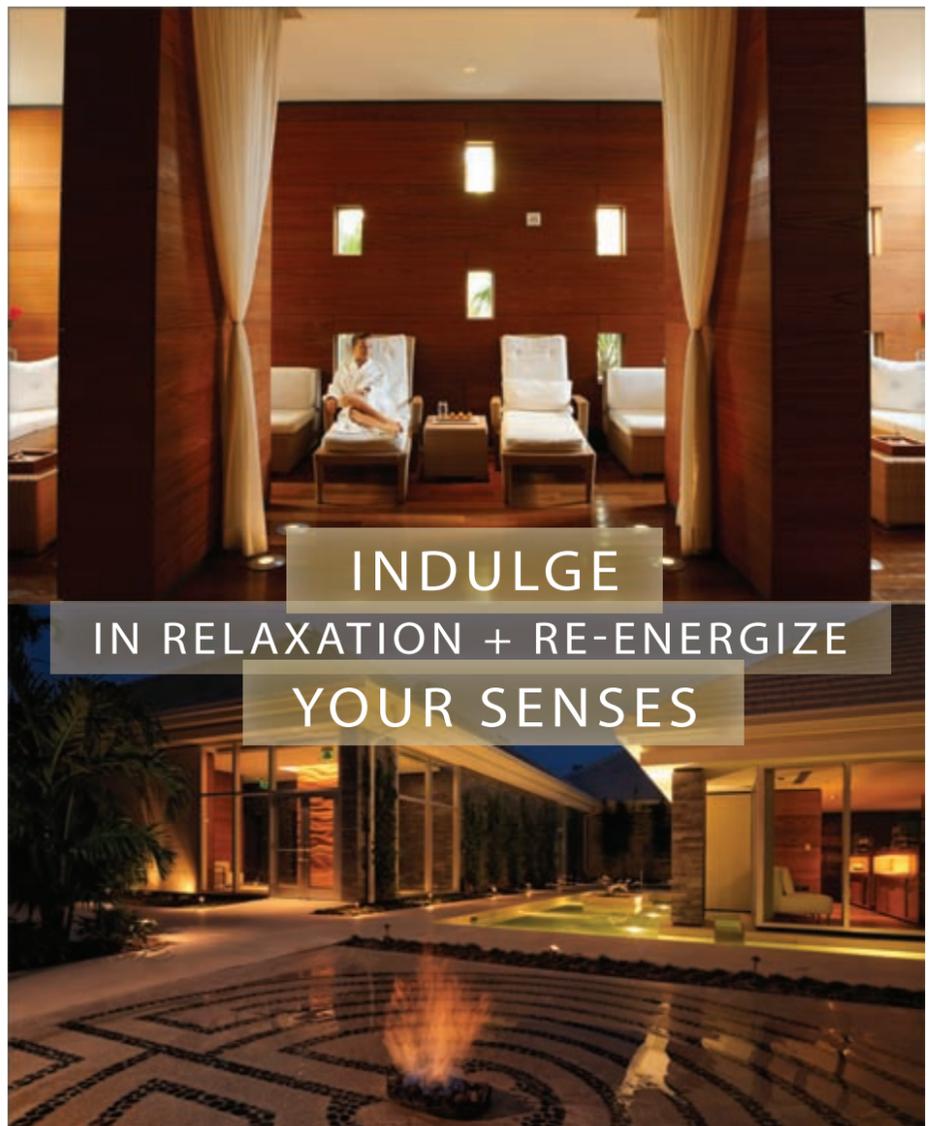
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CELEBRITY EXTRA

'Hobbit' star Aidan Turner appears as lead in 'Poldark'

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I loved the new "Hobbit" movies, especially Aidan Turner as Kili. What else can I see him in?

— *Patty T., via email*

A: The hunky Hobbit stars in the BBC One/PBS Masterpiece series "Poldark," which is based on the novels by Winston Graham. Aidan plays Capt. Ross Poldark, a British veteran of the American War of Independence who travels home to Cornwall after the British defeat to find his father has died, his inheritance is in ruins and his sweetheart, Elizabeth, is betrothed to his cousin Francis.

The series has been renewed for a second season, which most likely will air in 2016 (first in the U.K. before it comes across the pond to the U.S.). Depending on how many seasons this lasts, it could help "Downton Abbey" fans get over the hump once "Downton" airs its final season come January 2016. To catch up on season one, you can buy "Poldark" on DVD/Blu-ray, or stream it on Amazon.

Q: It seems like I've been waiting forever for the new "Heroes" series to



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start. Can you give me any information about it?

— *Bobby F., via email*

A: Soon some of your questions will be answered — and no doubt, new ones will form. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, "Heroes Reborn" premieres on NBC for 13 new episodes. Returning cast members include Jack Coleman as HRG, Jimmy Jean-Louis as the Haitian, Masi Oka as Hiro Nakamura and Greg Grunberg as Matt Parkman. New cast members are Zachary Levi, Robbie Kay, Danika Yarosh, Judith Shekoni, Kiki Sukezane, Henry Zebrowski, Gatlin Green and Ryan Guzman.

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NEW MUSIC REVIEW

Courtney Barnett: 'Sometimes I Sit and Think and Sometimes I Just Sit'

Courtney Barnett sings about seeing Jesus in the watermarks on a ceiling, buying organic vegetables and staring at a lawn that needs to be mowed on "Sometimes I Sit and Think and Sometimes I Just Sit," her captivating debut album. But mixing sing speaking with pop cooing and occasional full-on vocal blast, the Australian singer transforms her observations of the everyday into personal examinations of anxiety and insecurity, love and regret. Ms. Barnett's writing has been rightfully compared to that of Nirvana's Kurt Cobain in her ability to turn the mundane meaningful. But she's also whip smart, insightful and, importantly, funny, ala The Kinks' Ray Davies. The single "Despreston," for example, starts out talking about the purchase of a percolator saving \$23 a week on coffee, shifts to the possibility of buying a house that has some connection to a man who served in Vietnam and becomes an examination of mortality and responsibility. The shimmering music, like the rest of the album, is driven by Ms. Barnett's incisive guitar and is rooted in Pavement of the '90s, but spins backward toward the spareness of the Modern Lovers and even a hint of the Velvet Underground on "Dead Fox," a number about supermarket vegetables, hay fever and a "Jackson Pollock in the tar." The songs range from the spacious



ballad "Small Poppies," which starts out about staring at the lawn and becomes a languid meditation on a break up, to the buzzing '90s alt rock stomp of "Pedestrian at Best," with its key line "Give me all your money, and I'll make some origami, honey." There's garage rock on "Nobody Cares If You Don't Go to the Party," the '60s pop in the look at insecurity and happiness of "Debbie Downer," and layered, grinding guitar crescendos of "Kim's Caravan" — all of which feel perfect. ■

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Team registration is \$125 for C'mon members, \$150 for others. For more information, call C'mon at 514-0084 or visit cmon.org.

■ The **Collier Building Industry Association** summer golf tournament tees off at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and an awards lunch follows the tournament. Registration is \$150 per golfer, with proceeds to benefit the CBIA scholarship fund. Sign up online by July 31 at cbia.net. For more information, visit the website or call 436-6100.

■ The **Pilot Club of Naples** and Gulf Coast Runners host the Labor Day weekend John Clay 5K on Saturday morning, Sept. 5, at Lowdermilk Park. A 2-mile walking course is an option. Registration is \$18 before Aug. 24, \$23 Aug. 25-Sept. 4, and \$25 on race day (\$10 for ages 18 and younger). To sign up or for more information, call 404-7007 or visit gcrunner.org.

■ The **United Way Walk for the Way 5K** and 2.5-mile fun walk takes place Saturday morning, Sept. 26, along the trails at North Collier Regional Park. Registration is \$20 until Sept. 25 and \$30 on race day (\$12 for ages 18 and younger). For more information, visit unitedwayofcolliercounty.org.

■ The **Foundation of the Collier County Medical Society** hosts its second annual Docs and Duffers charity golf tournament Saturday, Sept. 26, at the Bonita Bay Club. Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. An awards ceremony and lunch follow the game. Registration is \$175 per golfer, \$600 per foursome. Sponsorships are available. For more information or to register, call 435-7727 or visit cmsonline.org.

■ **Gulfshore Playhouse** hosts its 11th annual golf tournament on Monday, Oct. 26, at TwinEagles Golf & Country Club. Registration is \$300 per player. For more information or to sign up, visit gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

■ **Marco Island Center for the Arts**



hosts its third annual golf tournament Saturday morning, Oct. 31, at Hammock Bay Country Club. Three mulligans and lunch included. Registration starts at \$135 per person. For more information, call 394-4221 or visit marcoislandart.com.

■ The **American Heart Association** hosts the 2015 Collier Heart Walk Saturday morning, Nov. 7, at Cambier Park. The 3.1-mile walk is free; participants are expected to gather pledges for the AHA leading up to the event. For more information, call 495-4905 or visit collierheartwalk.kintera.org.

■ **Boys & Girls Club of Collier County** hosts its 12th annual FORE-the-Kids golf tournament Saturday morning, Nov. 7, at Fiddlers Creek Golf & Country Club. Pulte Homes is the title sponsor of the event that includes golf, lunch, cocktail reception, dinner and auctions. Registration is \$1,000 per golfer; a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. To sign up or for more information, call Tiffany Heck at 325-1736 or email theck@bgccc.com.

■ The **2015 Walk to End Alzheimer's** steps out at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 14, at Fleischmann Park. Registration is free, but donations are appreciated. Sign up online at act.alz.org or starting at 9 a.m. on the day of the event. For more information, call (800) 272-3900 or visit the website.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation** hosts its 2015 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament Monday, Nov. 16, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The day starts with breakfast and golf demonstrations from professionals. The tournament begins with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start after players are paired with one of more than two dozen professionals. Lunch and

awards presentation will follow.

Entry fees start at \$5,000 and includes two tickets to the 2015 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ **Baby Basics of Collier County** hosts the seventh annual Baby Basics Walking Challenge on Saturday morning, Jan. 23, at North Naples Regional Park. Participants can choose routes from 1.5 to 6 miles. Brunch will be served after the walk. Onsite registration starts at 8:30 the day of the event. For more information or to sign up now, call 352-4310 or visit babybasicscollier.org.

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■ The fifth annual **Love That Dress!** event to benefit **PACE Center for Girls-Collier** takes place the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. Tickets go on sale Aug. 1 at lovethatdress.org. For more information, visit the website or call Michelle Shaw Hashman at 248-9704 or Shannon Starr at 207-1878.

■ The fourth annual **Trendy Tours & Trendy Travel luncheon and travel expo** to benefit **Champions For Learning** takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for \$49 include a raffle ticket. Call 449-5065 for reservations or more information.

■ The 25th annual **Sand Dollar Awards** gala hosted by the **Collier Building Industry Association** takes place Saturday, Sept. 26, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The silver anniversary theme is "Vintage Grace & Glamour." The evening begins at 6 p.m. and includes cocktails and dinner. Tickets are \$150. For reservations or more information, including details about various sponsorship opportunities, call 436-6100 or visit cbia.net.

■ The **Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services**, a business-to-business networking organization, invites the public to its annual **Big Event** on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, at Shula's at the Hilton Naples. Cocktail hour will be followed by a three-course dinner and a presentation by Norman Love, founder and president of Norman Love Confections. The event is open to the public. For tickets or more information, visit naplesgroup.net.

■ **Physician Led Access Network** of Collier County hosts a **Swanky Speakeasy** evening of fun Saturday, Oct. 17, at an

as yet undisclosed location (you'll need a password, too). The night includes professional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. Tickets are \$175, and numerous sponsorship opportunities are available starting at \$1,000. For information, call 776-3016 or visit plancc.org.



■ **Project HELP** hosts its 19th annual **Chocolate Extravaganza** Thursday evening, Nov. 5, at Design Studio by Raymond. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, live auctions and, of course, lots of chocolate. Tickets are \$95. For more information, call 649-1404 or visit projecthelpnaples.org.

■ **Humane Society Naples** holds its 17th annual **Tea & Fashion Show** from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year's theme is "Matinee at the Movies." For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hsnaples.org.

■ The seventh annual **Naples International Film Festival** is set for Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 5-8. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 5 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 6-8. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456 for information about becoming an NIFF member or sponsor.

■ **Baby Basics of Collier County** hosts its eighth annual **Champagne Brunch & Fashion Show** starting at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Nov. 9, at Wyndemere Country Club. Guests will enjoy food, models and fall's latest fashions. Baby Basics participants and their parents will attend to speak about the program has benefitted their families. Tickets are \$85. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 352-4310 or visit babybasicscollier.org.



■ The 12th annual **Hats in the Garden**: "The Confection Collection - Delectable Designs from Garden to Runway" to benefit **Naples Botanical Garden** takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Garden. Leslie Fogg and Kathleen Rooney are this year's chairs; Kathy Wood is Hats in the Garden ambassador. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275.

■ The **United Arts Council of Collier County** hosts its annual **Celebrate the Arts** gala Thursday, Nov. 12, at the LaPlaya Resort. For more information, call 254-8242 or visit collierarts.com.

■ **Uncorked**, an evening of fine wine, fine food and entertainment to benefit **Youth Haven**, takes place from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Mediterra Beach Club. Tickets are \$125. For reservations or more information, visit youthhavenswfl.org.

■ The **57th annual NCH Hospital Ball** takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Proceeds from this year's ball have been designated for the stroke program at NCH. This year's co-chairs are Kim Ciccarelli Kantor and Jan Kantor. Tickets for \$500 per person include live and silent auctions as well as dinner, dancing and entertainment throughout the evening. The NCH Physician of the Year and Nurses of the Year awards are also presented during the program.

For tickets or more information, including details about sponsorship opportunities, call 624-2019 or visit nchmd.org/hospitalball.

■ The **Immokalee Foundation** holds its **Charity Classic Celebration & Fund A Dream Auction** on Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The TIF Charity Classic Pro-Am Golf Tournament precedes the celebration on Monday, Nov. 16. For information about tickets and sponsorship opportunities, call 430-9122 or email info@immokaleefoundation.org. To register online, visit immokaleefoundation.org.

■ The **Community Foundation of Collier County** hosts its third annual **Power of the Purse luncheon** on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Naples Grande Beach Resort. The event will feature a keynote speaker, drawings for 25 designer handbags and the announcement of the 2016 Women of Initiative honorees. The event is co-chaired by Jackie Pierce and Betty Aymar. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org.

■ **Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida** and the **Naples Senior Center** host An

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■ **The Aqua Gala** to benefit the **Guadalupe Center** takes place Wednesday evening, Jan. 13, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, contact Megan Becker by calling 657-7124 or emailing mbecker@guadalupecenter.org.

■ The **Shelter for Abused Women & Children** holds its 16th annual **Mending Broken Hearts with Hope** luncheon Friday, Jan. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are \$350. For more information, contact Susan Utz by calling 775-3862, ext. 261, or emailing sutz@naplesshelter.org

■ **PAWS Assistance Dogs** will be the sole beneficiary of the **Celebrity Martini Glass Auction** set for Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016 at Artis—Naples.

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For more information about PAWS Assistance Dogs, visit pawsassistance-dogs.org. For information about CMGA sponsorship opportunities or tickets to the martini-glass auction, call 775-1660.

■ The sixth annual **Home, Hope & Healing luncheon** to benefit **Youth Haven** takes place Wednesday, Jan. 20, 2016, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Guest speaker will be Jeanette Walls, whose memoir "The Glass Castle" has been a *New York Times* best-seller for more than six years. Lionsgate has purchased the rights to Ms. Walls' story and has cast Jennifer Lawrence to star in the movie.

Luncheon chairs are Jill and Steve Miller. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Shelly Long at Youth Haven by calling 687-5155 or emailing shelly.long@youthhavenswfl.org.

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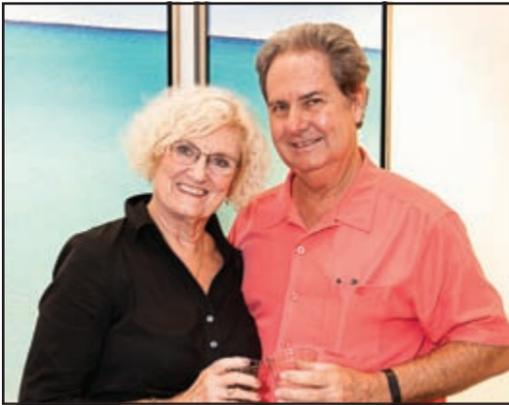
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CUISINE NEWS

Form precedes function in Green Tea Terrarium dessert

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Have you watched the trolls in “Frozen” and wondered what they would taste like? Pastry chef Kimberly Bechtel at Mereday’s Brasserie has created the Green Tea Terrarium dessert



BECHTEL

that closely resembles Kristoff’s family and riffs off earthy, herbal notes. If you use your imagination, you can creatively translate the flavors of earth and moss into a treat for the eyes and mouth.

At the very bottom of the bowl is a charred orange pastry cream topped with a chocolate graham cracker and shortbread crumbs. Next comes an unsweetened green tea sponge cake that is “meant to be really earthy,” Ms. Bechtel says, and pine nuts. She uses blackberries and blueberries for the fruit garnish and makes nutmeg-dusted meringue “mushrooms” to top it all off.

On the side comes charred vanilla bean and cardamom ice cream. Ms. Bechtel soaks whole pods of cardamom and vanilla bean in bourbon overnight and roasts them in a wood-burning oven until they’re smoky and brittle. Then she steeps the chopped pods in cream before making the ice cream.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The Green Tea Terrarium dessert at Mereday’s Brasserie.

The result looks surprisingly like something you’d buy off Etsy and put on your dining room table — and then eat.

Ms. Bechtel attributes her culinary talents and design skills to her grandmother, who taught her basic baking skills, and her father, who taught her how to tinker and fix cars and household items. She extends those skills to detailed and complex construction of her cakes and pastries.

“I’m really into anything that’s into design, whether it’s fashion or how houses look. And I’m always inspired by nature,” she says.

For this particular dessert, form preceded function, because she had a look in mind before she started figuring out which tasty elements she’d use to execute it. Now, it’s one of the most ordered



Paul and Emily Michael of Peter Michael Winery have been named Honored Vintners for the 2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival.

items on the new restaurant’s dessert menu (Mereday’s Brasserie was formerly Alto Live Jazz Kitchen).

“(The wait staff) are always showing photos of it on the iPad,” she says, adding most diners who see the dish have to give it a try.

Also coming up at the brasserie: a five-course Belgium Independence Day beer dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. Menu selections include a torchon of foie gras with raspberries, framboise reduction and French toast and braised pork belly with frisee, candied pecans, Roquefort blue and a natural reduction. Cost is \$80. Reservations are required.

Mereday’s Brasserie at Bayfront is open from noon to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information or to

make reservations, call 261-2585 or visit meredaysbrasseriebayfront.com.

Naples Winter Wine Festival names 2016 Honored Vintners

Naples Winter Wine Festival has named Paul and Emily Michael, owners of Peter Michael Winery, as the Honored Vintners for the 2016 Naples Winter Wine Festival. They are the son and daughter-in-law of Peter Michael, who started his California winery after participating in a blind tasting of Chateau Montelena at the famous Judgment of Paris, an event that put California wines on the map.

“We are thrilled to continue our family’s support of the Naples Winter Wine Festival, one of the most important festivals in our industry, and to be honored amongst such accomplished and talented peers,” Paul Michael says.

The 2016 NWWF: “Great Expectations,” takes place Jan. 28-31 and includes celebrity chef/vintner dinners at private homes throughout Naples and a grand tasting and auction at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. The signature event of the Naples Children & Education Foundation, the festival has raised more than \$135 million since it started in 2001. Proceeds help improve the lives of the area’s underprivileged and at-risk children.

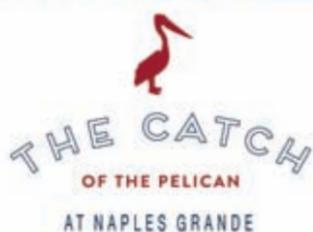
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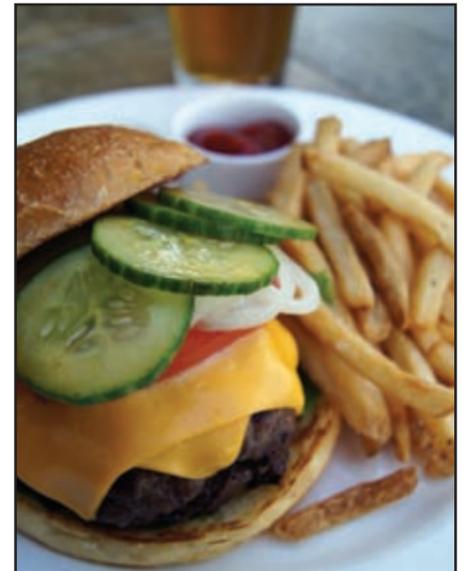
Innovative burgers at Tommy Bahama, and a chili cook-off for Harry Chapin

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

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Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar has introduced a burgers and beer menu that guests can enjoy through mid-August. Rather than stick to simply delicious beef patties, the menu includes the ahi poke burger, which contains ahi tuna, kale, garlic aioli and wasabi-avocado puree, and a Hawaiian pork burger, which features a pork patty, smoked bacon, pineapple-mango chutney and spicy mayo.

Whatever burger you bite into, wash it down with a limited-edition beer from local breweries. For more information or a complete list of burgers, visit tommybahama.com.



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Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar offers a seasonal burger and beer menu through mid-August that includes this traditionally delicious hamburger and not-so-traditional "burgers" of ahi poke tuna, pork and more.

Chili cook-off time

The Harry Chapin Food Bank has announced the panel of judges for its Great American Chili Cook-Off set for Saturday, July 19, at Pink Shell Beach Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach. Evaluating the entries will be Karen Feldman and Stephanie Davis of *Florida Weekly*; Anne Reed, *The News-Press*; Andrew Scheinthal and Rob Spicker, *WINK News*; Krista Fogelson, *ABC-7*; Rose O'Dell King of *Rosy Tomorrows Heritage Farm* in North Fort Myers; and Dave Martin of "Top Chef," Season 1.

The contest is limited to 30 teams or individuals. The judges will rate their chili concoctions based on aroma, consistency, color, taste and aftertaste.

The public will be admitted at 3 p.m. to taste the entries and vote for the People's Choice and Most Unique winning concoctions. Chili aficionados are encouraged to make a \$5 donation to the food bank and to bring canned goods and non-perishable foods for the pantry shelves.

For more information, visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Take Note

■ Tarpon Bay Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa in Bonita Springs has brought back its Seafood Treasures prix-fixe, four-course dinner for two. The meal includes a bottle of Michael Mondavi Family wine, ceviche, chef's salad, a fresh catch of the day with cilantro jasmine rice and vegetable with citrus salsa and a dessert of summer berry semifreddo, blueberry lemon curd or fresh berries. It's \$75 for two. For more information, call 390-4295 or visit coconutpoint.hyatt.com.

■ D'Amico and Sons' July special is shrimp fettuccine with saffron cream, roasted tomatoes and asparagus for \$21. 4691 Ninth Street N. 430-0955 or damicoandsons.com.

■ Barbatella's \$10 white wine flight for July features Attems Pinot Grigio, Ca Bolani Sauvignon Blanc and Hess Shirrtail Creek Chardonnay. The \$12 red wine flight consists of Quattro Mani Montepulciano, Frescobaldi Nipozzano Chianti RSV and Luce Lucente.

■ If it's Wednesday, head to Yabba Island Grill and enjoy 50 percent off any bottle of wine regularly priced from \$50 to \$100. Dinner service starts at 5:30 p.m. seven days a week. 711 Fifth Ave. S. 262-5787 or gr8food.net.

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■ Whole Foods has packed this month full of health-oriented culinary events:

Health Starts Here - The store's healthy eating specialist hosts a weekly cooking class on topics such as raw vegan, sprouts, healthy picnics and healthy sweets. \$10. 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday.

Appreciate Your Brews - Sample a wide variety of beer styles paired with an assortment of cheeses. \$5, with proceeds benefitting the Ricky King Foundation. 6 p.m. Friday, July 17.

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20-Minute Meal for Under \$20 - The store's demonstration specialist teaches guests a quick and affordable family recipe on the sales floor. Free. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information and the complete schedule of classes and events at Whole Foods Market, call 552-5100 or visit wholefoodsmarket.com. ■

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THE DISH

The Dish: Steak Tartare

The Price: \$14

The Place: The Continental
1205 Third St. S.

The Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Wednesday, 11 a.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday

The Details: We had a surprise afternoon sans children and were in the perplexing situation of having unaccounted for time on our hands. Sadly, we had no idea what to do with ourselves — we just knew it had to be something — so we got into the car and drove until what “it” was called us. Once we hit Third Street and saw a tumbleweed blow past the car, it was obvious that we’d have to hit one of the restaurants we never have the opportunity to visit. Lickity-split, we were seated at The Continental’s bar, ordering food that seemed a little fancy

for a Saturday afternoon, but we did it anyway.

The steak tartare was a nicely refreshing bite, as it was served with a bright and green sauce verte, a raw quail egg and crostini. Given the weather, I’m happy we went with something cold AND rich; otherwise, I’d be devastated that I passed up the onion soup with bone marrow.

One More Thing: I ordered one of the day’s featured craft cocktail concoctions: The Continental Innovation, with Death’s Door Gin, grapefruit bitters, some fancy Italian stuff called Cocchi Americano Bianco, Carpano Bianco and a frozen globe of ice. It was very ginny and not sweet. I liked it. Gin lovers, order it and rejoice. Gin haters, Applebee’s called and your Cosmo’s ready. Go get it. ■

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PAST REPASTS

Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

■ **Bar Tulia, 462 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 228-7606**

Do you love Chef Vincenzo Bertulia's Osteria Tulia? Then you ought to try his second concept: Bar Tulia, a gastropub right next door. Here you can dine on small plates, pizzas, house-made sausage and other items that appeal to the creative chef served in a rustic yet hip atmosphere that's clearly gained a following. Even the drinks are inventive, like the pigalle, a refreshing blend of St. Germain elderflower liqueur, prosecco, soda and lemon; and the Hurricane, with three kinds of rum, passion fruit, bitters, grenadine and lime. Graze your way through the menu as we did: a generous plate of fresh ceviche; grilled octopus on greens and fingerling potatoes; a perfectly rendered pizza with house-made mozzarella and tomato sauce with fresh basil; grilled house sausage atop stewed white beans; deviled eggs with smoked trout roe; and a full-sized entrée of salmon with roasted carrots and beets. For dessert: Try the Sicilian waffle with caramelized bananas and maple bourbon almond truffle. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed May 2015

■ **Blueberry's, 3350 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 430-0700**

Looking for a hearty meal that you need not get dressed up or pay dearly for? Check out this welcoming diner-style establishment where the friendly service staff delivers large, steaming

platters of nicely prepared, down-home food. Breakfast is a big deal here and a meal we found satisfying — as did the rest of the capacity crowd on a Sunday morning. While you can order a fruit plate with cottage cheese or a virtuous bowl of oatmeal, that's not what most customers are after. Blueberry pancakes were a good choice, although I'd recommend syrup in lieu of the runny blueberry compote served with them. A Santa Fe omelet had a tasty blend of cilantro, tomatoes, onions, jalapenos and Jack cheese within and a touch of salsa on the side. Choose toast or pancakes plus potatoes, grits, sliced tomatoes or fruit to go with your eggs. I liked the plain buttermilk pancake and, once sufficiently buttered and salted, the grits. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed September 2014

■ **DeRomo's Gourmet Market & Restaurant, The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 325-3583**

The combination of fresh food market and 250-seat restaurant makes DeRomo's an attractive destination for foodies and Italo-philes. Skip the so-so fried calamari and zucchini basket and start with a taste of Nonna's Beefy Meatballs, which strike a delicate balance between dense and light and are tucked into a luscious pool of "Sunday gravy" with dollops of remarkably creamy house-made ricotta. The house-made pastas are a must-have. Our intensely flavored Cavatelli DeRomo consisted of tender rolled tubes of pasta tossed with sau-

téed broccoli rabe, sweet Italian sausage made in-house and chewy sundried tomatoes. The Vitello Schantinella took a similar approach, combining three proteins tied together with a basil-scented golden sherry cream sauce: tender veal medallions, sliced thickly, browned lightly, yet still pink and juicy within, and jumbo shrimp and plump sea scallops so perfectly done they were barely cooked-through. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★★
Reviewed December 2014

■ **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, sesame 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 run 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: ★★★★★½
Service: ★★★★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★★★½
Reviewed December 2013

■ **Trattoria Abruzzo, Pavilion Shopping Center, 835 Vanderbilt Beach Road, North Naples; 596-8010**

The Laccetti family has developed a loyal following even though this popular dining spot sits well back from the street on the Vanderbilt Beach Road side of the Pavilion Shopping Center. You'll find some surprises on the menu, like the Calamari Adriatico (squid sautéed with artichoke hearts, kalamata olives and cherry tomatoes) and house-made Agnolotti Nonno Paolo (large tender half-moons of ravioli stuffed with Parmigiano and fontina cheese topped with porcini mushrooms and a hint of truffle oil). Snapper Livornese consisted of a good-sized fillet topped with kalamatas, capers and anchovies in a light marinara sauce and the Pollo Ortolona was an impressive plate of boneless chicken breast with shiitake mushrooms, herbs, garlic and demi-glace with grand-reserve balsamic and a load of fresh arugula. We finished by sharing a lovely lemon tart just as a singer began serenading the crowd with Italian classics. Service was friendly but could have been smoother when it came to the flow of courses. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★★
Service: ★★★★★
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CUISINE

Make your next trip to the beach a picnic to remember

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Fancy an elegant beach picnic? Hanging out in the sand and the sun means packing food that is easily transportable, heat resistant and requires little handling. Rather than grabbing a cooler and filling it with cut fruit and a dozen bottles of water, try these tips to kick it up a notch with something more dignified.

1. Cheese - Believe it or not, cheese can actually be a tasty and easy component of a beachside lunch. Just be sure to grab something that is enhanced when warmed, like camembert, or something gooey that won't get oily when it heats up. Cheddar, delicious and accessible as it is, will just get gross.

2. Canned champagne - It sounds counterintuitive, but the Sofia Mini of Francis Ford Coppola Winery Sofia Blanc de Blancs is actually quite delicious and fizzes with floral and melon notes. It comes with a small straw for dainty sipping and will keep glass containers off the beach like nature intended. Pick some up at World Market or any number of local wine shops. \$5 each. Francisfordcoppolawinery.com.

3. Pretty packaging - Don't heave your fancy haul around in a cooler from a local box store. That's fine when you're accommodating the Goldfish-and-juice-box crowd, but we're going for style on this outing. What about one of these super cute baskets woven in the Bolgatanga region of Ghana? \$48. Thelittlemarket.com.

4. Preferred seating - Avoid the frustration of a wayward towel by snagging a beach blanket built to withstand the inconveniences of beachside dining. L.L. Bean's Grand Trunk Parasheet is



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made out of nylon parachute silk, meaning it stays cool and sand slides right off. It can also be staked at the corners or filled with sand to keep it from blowing away. \$39.95. llbean.com.

5. Pre-packaged treats - If organizing your own meal doesn't appeal to you, Wynn's Market, Naples' longstanding go-to for delicious nibbles, has a variety of options that will add convenience and elegance to your picnic. Here's a short list of beach- and boat-ready meals the store offers:

- Grilled flatbread with roasted beef tenderloin, arugula, bleu cheese with balsamic drizzle, crostini and Italian imported cheese.

- Grilled ahi tuna salad with mixed greens, grilled tuna, sliced tri-color pep-

pers, cucumbers with Asian vinaigrette.

- Mediterranean box with hummus, pita bread, Kalamata olives, feta spread, grilled vegetables and tabouli.

- Antipasto box with prosciutto, genoa salami, sweet capicola, olives, provolone stuffed peppers.

- Artisan sandwich slider box for two offers a choice of four sliders: caprese with local tomatoes, basil and fresh mozzarella with balsamic glaze; grilled chicken pesto with provolone, roasted tomatoes and mixed greens; ham and brie with fig spread; or Italian with prosciutto, genoa salami, roasted peppers, provolone and tapanade. The meal comes with two salads and a choice of brownie or lemon square.

Wynn's requires ordering 24 hours in advance. Sandwiches are \$8.99, snack boxes are \$18.99 and the sandwich box for two costs \$19.99. To place an order, call 261-7157.

6. The right hot spot - Downtown Naples has a great stretch of beach access points to choose from, but may we suggest planning your picnic for the evening? The heat is less intense, the daytime crowd has retreated and you can pair a summer sunset with your food. For a great spot, try Lely Barefoot



The caprese artisan sandwich box for two

Beach in Bonita Springs or one of the more remote access points south of the Naples pier.

Now that we've provided you with dining options, remember to pack a few items for ambience. Portable speakers, a board game or badminton and lighting will go a long way to ensuring that your picnic is easy, fun and memorable. Remember, the whole point of a picnic is that it's a casual, easy and fun way to enjoy the great outdoors — but that doesn't mean it can't be sophisticated as well. ■

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The Mediterranean snack box from Wynn's Market.



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Beautifully landscaped 3/2/1 on an over-sized lot in a cul-de-sac w/boat dock & lift. **\$219,000**
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ESTERO



Estero Lakefront Home
Rare find- 3/2/2 lakefront 1258 sq ft home at Island club in Estero. Large sunroom and living/dining room. Tile/laminate floor. **\$211,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM038311.

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Waterfront Cherry Estates
2/2 with two covered lifts, turn key, composite dock, new sea wall in 2011, must see, set up with everything you need. **\$210,000**
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ALVA



Charming 2/2+Den-Lake View Home in Cascades
A must see this charming home is one of the most sought after floor plans built. There is a wonderful galley kitchen. **\$209,900**
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Custom Home on 2 Lots!
3/2/2 home over 1700 sq ft inside. Split floor plan with custom kitchen. **\$209,900**
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BOKEELIA



1 Acre on Shady Pine Lane!
Lovely 2 bedroom 2 bath inside laundry, family room and office with separate entrance, pond, fenced, small horse stall. **\$205,000**
1-866-657-2300 800PI037600.

FORT MYERS



Nestled in a Country Setting
This 3 bedroom 2 bath home is located in the charming community of Florimond Manor. **\$205,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM031514.

LABELLE



Beautiful 3/3/2 + Den w/Adjoining Lot in Labelle
This large home features Spanish style offers 3/3/2 w/private bath, enclosed terrace, den/study large open kitchen, Florida room. **\$199,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE031651.

BOKEELIA



Pine Island Ridge
3 bedroom 2 bath home on a double lot, shed and small back building, open back porch, updated kitchen. **\$199,000**
1-866-657-2300 800PI037872.

NAPLES



Beautifully Wooded 2.5 Acres
Wind down the long driveway surrounded by woods with total privacy. 2 story home fully secluded and west of Wilson Blvd. **\$190,000**
1-866-657-2300 800NA036787.

BOKEELIA



Bokeelia 2/2 Ranch Style Home
Almost 1/2 acre, impact resistant windows, extra insulation, 2 car attached garage and separate detached 35x25 garage. **\$188,000**
1-866-657-2300 800PI013285.

CAPE CORAL



Large 3 Bedroom Home Just Renovated
Has extra room for 2nd den or office and loft in addition to 3 bedrooms and 2 1/2 baths. New tile and new carpet. **\$184,000**
1-866-657-2300 800SS032161.

CAPE CORAL



Wide Intersecting Canals
Experience the calming of large bodies of water from this upgraded condo only minutes to intercostal waterways. **\$180,000**
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Kelly Greens Lakeview Corner Condo
Second floor oversized end condo in the end building with great view of lakes and golf course in Kelly Greens Golf.
\$179,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM031863.

BONITA SPRINGS



Move in Ready 3/2 Condo!
Newer appliances, breakfast bar and cathedral ceilings. Great community with nice amenities. One car garage.
Wow!
\$169,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS032107.

FORT MYERS



Duplex in South Ft Myers
Duplex Built in 2008 in great condition.
\$169,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM008840.

FORT MYERS



Premium Unit in Gulf Harbor Yacht Club
This is a must see! Spacious, 3/2 second floor condo w/vaulted ceilings and a view of the golf course. Many amenities.
\$167,900
1-866-657-2300 800BS030590.

CAPE CORAL



NW Cape. Wonderful 3/2 on Freshwater Canal
Northwest Cape Coral. Wonderful 3 bedroom 2 bath on freshwater canal.
\$159,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC026715.

CAPE CORAL



Cozy 3/2 in Quiet & Convenient Neighborhood
Beautiful 3/2 in quiet neighborhood w/library across street. Warm colors, custom molding, many upgrades! A must see!
\$159,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC031868.

NAPLES



Motivated Seller
Enjoy beautiful pool views from this 2/2 condo in a secure building with 2 master suites.
\$159,900
1-866-657-2300 800NA029961.

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Flamingo Bay!
Great get away, end of the canal location, great enclosed porch, cement dock and lift, community pool and clubhouse.
\$159,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI054159.

CAPE CORAL



Dreaming of Owning Your Own Home?
Nice 3/2.5 bath features all tile, granite in kitchen & baths, formal living & dining & more! Come make it all yours!
\$155,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC031791.

CAPE CORAL



2nd Floor Condo-Gated.
Gated community. 3/2 second floor condo with many amenities. 1 car garage, area pool, and more! Come see it today!
\$152,900
1-866-657-2300 800SS016927.

CAPE CORAL



Breathtaking Water Views! Gulf Access Condo!
Shows like a model. Spectacular 2/2. Granite counter tops, stainless steel appliances, drop in sink. Large lanai, storage.
\$149,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC037738.

LEHIGH ACRES



Spacious 3 Bedroom in Lehigh Acres
Three bed/2 bath home. Brand new dream kitchen installed in 2013 including 42" cabinets, automatic closures.
\$149,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM065490.

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous Home
3 Bedroom 2 Bath with tiles. Near Publix and Walgreens. Bring all offers.
\$145,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC014169.

LEHIGH ACRES



Ready to Move In
Single family home in Lehigh Acres FL. 3/2/2 ready to move in.
\$139,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE036753.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Recently updated 3 Bed 2 Bath
Nice neighborhood, not in flood area. 3/2/2 w family rm and inside laundry.
\$134,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH213029.

IMMOKALEE



Community Living in a Country Setting
3/2/2 in a gated community of Jubilation in Immokalee close to Seminole Casino & Alligator Alley.
\$131,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE012998.

LEHIGH ACRES



Great Home in Lehigh
Nice 3 bed/2 bath home located in Lehigh. Large great room open to the kitchen w/sliders leading to the backyard. Tile floors.
\$129,000
1-866-657-2300 800LE014140.

MOORE HAVEN



Moore Haven Home on 1/2 Acre
Well maintained home in Moore Haven w/many extras. Ready to move in. Near shopping. Motorhome carport.
\$125,900
1-866-657-2300 800LE025946.

CAPE CORAL



Great Opportunity 3 Bed 2 Bath!
Great opportunity! 3/2 located in NE Cape. Fully fenced yard, nice laminate in bedrooms, formal dining & living rooms.
\$123,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC036998.

FORT MYERS



Waterfront 3 Bedroom Condo in Bellasol
Waterfront condo located close to clubhouse and pool. Great rental property or second home. Low HOA fees.
\$119,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM030281.

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Triplex Fully Rented
Triplex fully rented. Concrete block with stucco siding and tiled roof. Separate meters for each unit.
\$119,000
1-866-657-2300 800BS057962.

FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Villa
2 bedroom, 2 bath, one car garage 55+ Villa in Whiskey Creek. You can join the club with a social or golf membership.
\$112,000
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LEHIGH ACRES



Property Has Been Totally Remodeled
New roof 2015, electrical in 2015, plumbing and well with new pump in 2015.
\$107,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM019699.

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Spotless, Move-in Ready 2 Bedroom
Freshly painted, updated bath, newer A/C & hot water heater.
\$88,500
1-866-657-2300 800CH212406.

FORT MYERS



Spacious Fort Myers Condo
Location, Location, Location! 1 bedroom condo in South Ft. Myers. Amenities galore! Act fast, this will not last!
\$79,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC032873.

NORTH FORT MYERS



2,2 Manufactured Home
Furnished well maintained 2/2 in Serene Lake Arrowhead where you own the land. Open concept w/large living room.
\$69,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC025378.

PORT CHARLOTTE



2nd Floor Condo in Vel Gardens
Nicely maintained 55+ Community. Inside washer/dryer. Newer hot water tank. Close to everything!
\$59,900
1-866-657-2300 800CH212949.

FORT MYERS



Complete Renovation
1st floor 2 bedroom condo. Everything is new. Kitchen, bath, floors, doors, trim, appliances, window treatments.
\$59,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM065145.

LEHIGH ACRES



Nice 2 Bed/2 Bath Villa Home
Take time to come & see this nice 2 bed/2 bath home. Relax & enjoy the beautiful sunsets great buy will go fast.
\$59,500
1-866-657-2300 800LE012949.

LABELLE



Port LaBelle 2/2
2 bedroom, 2 bath w/large Florida room on oversized corner lot in Port Labelle. Home needs rehab/updates.
\$45,000
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Keywest Style Riverfront Estate
Custom built home. Boasts crown molding, wood trim, wainscoting plantation shutters and more. 2nd floor master.
\$1,699,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC058253.

CAPE CORAL



Riverfront
Boat lift and dock-heated pool-spa-2 story-3 bed-3 bath-2 car garage.
\$1,095,000
1-866-657-2300 800FM068880.

CAPTIVA



Captiva Island!!
This beautiful island home on exclusive North Captiva Island features some of the worlds best beaches, boating & fishing.
\$885,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI029158.

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Island Estate
Island estate, horse ranch, botanical garden...it's large enough to do all of this and more. 22 beautiful fenced acres.
\$880,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI046750.

CAPE CORAL



Sailboat Access Across From Cape Harbour Marina
Better then new construction. This home is located in the most desirable neighborhood of Cape Coral. 3/2/2 Pool home.
\$849,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC025565.

CAPE CORAL



Gorgeous 5600 sqft of Living Area, Gulf Access Canal
Versatile floor plan, 1/1 guest house w/living room, pool, 40' dock, breathtaking views. This property is a must see!
\$830,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC019377.

ST. JAMES CITY



Views of Sanibel, the Sound, and Intracoastal
Only 5 minutes to open water at the southernmost tip of Pine Island across from Sanibel Island. Totally remodeled. WOW!
\$749,000
1-866-657-2300 800SS025152.

CAPE CORAL



Stunning 7 Bed, 4 Bath with Direct Sailboat Access
This amazing 3,500 sq. home features two master suites with two master bathrooms This house has it all.
\$724,900
1-866-657-2300 800CC034353.

CAPE CORAL



Key West Style Home
With 3 docks/lifts. Located on an intersecting canal. Direct sailboat access and minutes to the River.
\$649,900
1-866-657-2300 800FM056158.

BOKEELIA



Pine Island Dream Home
Five acre French country like estate in Bokeelia. 4 bedroom, 4 bath, fireplace, guest house, gorgeous kitchen, pool.
\$610,000
1-866-657-2300 800PI006581.

CAPE CORAL



Stunning Gulf Access Pool Home SW Location
Gorgeous entry way leading to large great room with 15' high ceiling's, crown molding, tile floors, solar tinted windows.
\$569,000
1-866-657-2300 800SS029463.

FORT MYERS



Live on the Golf Course...
Spectacular views of the golf course and sunsets! Large island kitchen with wood cabinets, granite counter tops & more.
\$559,000
1-866-657-2300 800CC023340.



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