



Charting a course for treatment



Nurse navigators play a key role in keeping breast cancer patients on track

“Life changes fast. Life changes in the instant.”

— Joan Didion, author



COURTESY PHOTO
Breast cancer nurse navigator Esther Ibarra of Good Samaritan in Palm Beach.

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FOR LISA WARD, THAT INSTANT WAS LAST YEAR BETWEEN Thanksgiving night, when she discovered a lump in her breast, and the morning of Christmas Eve, when she met Tammy Zinn.

When patients are diagnosed with breast cancer, Ms. Zinn is one of the first people they talk to. She remains a constant throughout their course of treatment, a lighthouse of information, motivation and clear-eyed compassion. She is their advocate and guide on a lengthy, costly, physically and emotionally demanding medical mission to rid their bodies of cancer. After that, she stays in touch to make sure patients stay on track with regular testing and check ups.

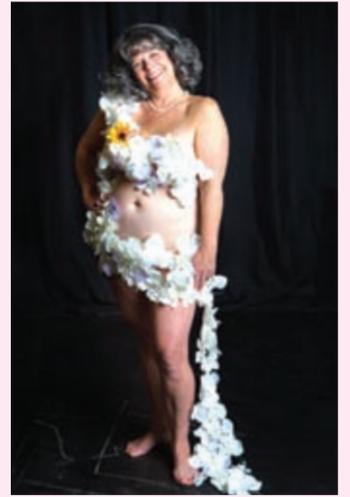
Ms. Zinn is a breast health nurse navigator for Lee Memorial Hospital System. Although what she does can be extraordinary, her specialty as a nurse, helping patients navigate a treatment program, has become over the last decade standard operating procedure for breast cancer care (and increasingly for oncology in general).

Eventually, “You’re going to see navigation as a specialty in all chronic disease management,”

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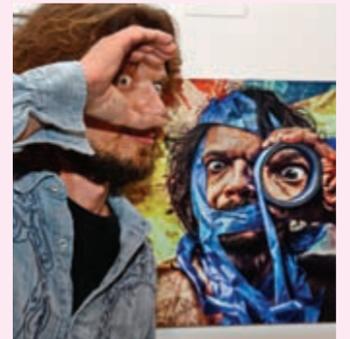


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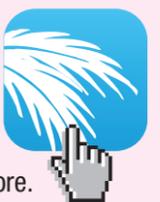


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Habitat for Humanity needs funds for affordable housing

Habitat for Humanity of Collier County needs help from the public in order to serve more families in need of affordable housing options, a problem that has hit crisis levels in the community. The organization is seeking financial contributions to help build homes and create safe and healthy communities that will change the lives of hard-working families in Collier County.

“We could serve so many more people

who really, desperately need our help,” says Lisa Lefkow, executive vice president of Habitat Collier. The nonprofit has an average of 15 applicants for every one Habitat home planned for constructed, she adds.

Habitat Collier builds 100 homes per year, the highest-producing Habitat for Humanity



affiliate in the nation. However, applications have risen significantly in recent months.

“We certainly have the human capital to build more ... with so many qualified applicants and a remarkable team of staff and volunteers. The challenge is to fund the

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BREAST CANCER AWARENESS EVENTS

■ THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

Tommy Bahama on Third Street South will donate \$1 for every Pink Hibiscus Lime Cooler cocktail or glass of Marqués de Cáceres Rosado rosé sold to the Garden of Hope & Courage on the downtown Naples campus of NCH.

Paragon Theaters at the Pavilion in North Naples will donate 25 cents for each limited edition pink soda and popcorn tub sold to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. One same-day free refill permitted on each item.

For every Pink Sangria Martini sold, **Blue Martini** in Mercato will donate \$1 to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Norman Love Confections offers a limited edition pink gift box with 20 pieces of the chocolatier's signature pieces. Proceeds benefit Lee Memorial Health System's Women's Breast Care Center at the Regional Cancer Center.

Artist Leoma Lovegrove Leoma's "Pink Lady," "Pink Racer" and "Pink Power" images are on T-shirts and housewares available at **Beall's** Department Store.

■ LUNCH AND LEARN

Noon Friday, Oct. 2

Shangri-La, Bonita Springs

Visiting instructor Alice Saland has developed two yoga classes specifically for mastectomy patients to improve mobility and flexibility. Ms. Saland, who is a breast cancer survivor, a certified personal trainer and a motivational speaker, will discuss her journey and share exercises. She is also teaching her classes through October at Shangri-La.

Info: 949-0749

■ POWER OF PINK

Noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 24 Coconut Point

Stop by the Power of Pink table near the Brighton boutique and Teavana and get information about local resources and more from Susan G. Komen-SWFL staff and volunteers.

■ PRETTY IN PINK volleyball

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Naples High School

The Naples High School girls' volleyball teams step out in pink for the JV game at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity game at 7 p.m.

■ FIT FOR THE CURE

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 28

Macy's at Coastland Center

Fit experts from Wacoal will be on hand to help make sure you know your correct bra size.

■ PURE PINK getaway

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 9-11

Residence Inn Naples

To support breast cancer patients, survivors and their loved ones, the weekend includes a silent auction, a dolphin cruise, a dinner theater performance at Broadway Palm Theatre and Sunday morning brunch at The Cider Press Café. \$200, with all proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Info: 659-2309

■ MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

8:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10

Miromar Outlets, Estero

This non-competitive 5K run/walk honors survivors and raises awareness and money to help the American Cancer Society fund breast cancer research and provide information, services and access to mammograms for women who need them.

Info: main.acevents.org

■ PINK CELEBRITY BARTENDER NIGHT

5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15

Lamoraga, Naples

Team Heavyweights (Lamoraga co-owner Tom Nütten, a Super Bowl XXXIV champion and former NFL guard for the St. Louis Rams, and fellow former NFL offensive tackle Winston Justice, who now is a Wells Fargo financial advisor in Naples), Team Media Star (anchor Lorena Placencia of Noticias Mundo Max and Girl Talk TV's Sherry Bryant) and Team Glamour (Sashy Zachmann of Sashy Hairdesign Club, Stephanie Sashy and interior designer Wilfredo Emanuel) will compete for the most tips. \$20 for a welcome cocktail and tapas, with proceeds benefiting Susan G. Komen-SWFL.

RSVP required: 331-3669.

■ ROYAL SCOOP PINK DAY

Thursday, Oct. 15

Ice cream and treats at Royal Scoop locations in Bonita Springs and Fort Myers Beach will turn pink, and 20 percent of sales will go to Susan G. Komen-SWFL.

■ MAH JONGG for Bosom Buddies

Friday-Sunday, Oct. 16-18

The Naples Italian American Foundation

The three-day tournament includes continental breakfast Saturday and Sunday and buffet lunch on Saturday. Registration is \$125 (\$280 to include accommodations at the nearby Hampton Inn), with proceeds benefitting Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support.

Info: 597-5210 or 571-3692

■ MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER

9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

Cambier Park, Naples

This non-competitive 5K run/walk honors survivors and raises awareness and money to help the American Cancer Society fund breast cancer research and provide information, services and access to mammograms for women who need them.

Info: main.acevents.org

■ THE LARGEST HUMAN RIBBON

9-11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17

JetBlue Park, Fort Myers

Partners for Breast Cancer Care and Susan G. Komen-SWFL will attempt to set the record for the Largest Human Pink Ribbon. A \$20 donation gets a pink umbrella that allows you to help form the ribbon.

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Why and when should you have a mammogram?

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The American Cancer Society encourages women to make healthy lifestyle choices such as eating a healthy diet, getting regular physical activity and reducing alcohol. These choices can help reduce their breast cancer risk.

ACS also encourages regular breast exams and mammograms to find breast cancer early, when it is most likely to be curable. The organization also recommends:

- Yearly mammograms at age 40 and continuing for as long as a woman is in good health.

- Breast exam about every three years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and over.

- All women should know how their breasts normally look and feel and should report ANY breast change promptly to their doctor or nurse. Breast self-exam is an option for



women starting in their 20s.

ACS offers a free screening reminder to help busy women remember to schedule mammograms and breast exams. You fill out a brief form and ACS will email you a reminder on the first day of your birth month with the breast cancer screening tests we recommend based on the latest ACS guidelines. Breast cancer screening may include breast exams by your doctor, mammograms and other tests based on your age and other factors. Sign up for the screening reminder at cancer.org. ■

What to do if you're called back because of something suspicious

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

Most of the time, women getting their routine mammogram will receive a letter within 30 days saying the results were normal. But if doctors find something suspicious, they'll call you back — usually within five days — to take new pictures or get other tests.

Getting that call can be scary, but a suspicious finding does not mean you have cancer. In fact, less than 10 percent of women called back for more tests are found to have breast cancer.

What else could it be? A suspicious finding could be dense breast tissue, a cyst or even a tumor that isn't cancer. Other times, the image just isn't clear and needs to be retaken. Or, if this is your first mammogram, your doctor might want to look at an area more closely simply because there is no previous mammogram to compare it with.

What will happen at the follow-up appointment? You are likely to have another mammogram called a diagnostic mammogram. (Your previous mammogram was called a screening mammogram.) A diagnostic mammogram is still an x-ray of your breasts, but it's done for a different reason. Often, more pictures are taken during a diagnostic mammogram so that any areas of concern can be carefully studied. A radiologist is on hand to advise the technician (the person who operates the mammogram machine) to be sure they have all the images that are needed.

You may also have an ultrasound test that uses sound waves to create a computer image of the tissues inside your breasts. For this test, you will lie on a table while a technician applies some gel and places a transducer (a small instrument that looks like a microphone) on your skin. The test is painless and does not expose you to radiation. This test is often used to look more closely at areas of concern found on a mammogram.

In addition, some women will have an MRI. For a breast MRI, you will lie face down inside a narrow tube for up to an hour while sensors capture information used to create a more detailed image of the tissues inside your breasts. The test is painless, but can be uncomfortable for people who don't like small, enclosed spaces.

You can expect to learn the results of your tests during the visit. You are likely to be told one of three things:

- The suspicious area turned out to be nothing to worry about and you can return to having yearly mammograms.

- The area is probably nothing to worry about, but you should have your next mammogram sooner than normal — usually in four to six months — to make sure it doesn't change over time.

- Cancer was not ruled out and a biopsy is needed to tell for sure.

You will also get a letter with a summary of the findings that will tell you if you need follow-up tests or when you should schedule your next mammogram.



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Even if you need a breast biopsy, it still doesn't mean you have cancer. Most biopsy results are not cancer, but a biopsy is the only way to find out. During the procedure, a small amount of tissue is removed and looked at under a microscope.

There are several different types of biopsies; most use a needle, but some use an incision. The type you have depends on things like how suspicious the tumor looks, how big it is, where it is in the breast, how many tumors there are, other medical problems you might have and your personal preferences.

The tissue sample will be sent to a lab where a pathologist will look at it. It will take a few days, maybe even more than a week, for you to find out the results. Once you get them, it's important to learn whether the results are final, or whether you need another biopsy. You may also decide that you want to get a second opinion.

If the results are negative or benign, that means no cancer was found. Be sure to ask the doctor whether you need any additional follow-up, and when you should have your next screening mammogram. If the biopsy shows that

you do have cancer, your doctor may refer you to a breast surgeon or other breast specialist.

If you do have cancer and are referred to a breast specialist, use these tips to make your appointment as useful as possible:

- Make a list of questions to ask at the appointment. Download a list from ACS at cancer.org or call (800) 227-2345.

- Bring a family member or friend with you. She can serve as an extra pair of ears, help you remember things later and give you support.

- Ask if you can record important conversations.

- Take notes. If someone uses a word you don't know, ask them to spell it and explain it.

- Ask the doctors or nurses to explain anything you don't understand.

While you wait

Waiting for appointments and the results of tests can be frightening. Many women experience strong emotions including disbelief, anxiety, fear, anger and sadness during this time. Some things to remember:

- It's normal to have these feelings.

- Most breast changes are not cancer and are not life-threatening.

- Talking with a loved one or a counselor about your feelings might help.

- Talking with other women who have been through a breast biopsy might help.

- The American Cancer Society is available at (800) 227-2345 around the clock to answer your questions and provide support. ■

EVENTS

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■ **BLUE GOES PINK**
8-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17
Blue Martini at Mercato

Drink specials, prizes, live entertainment and more. Buy a Pink Sangria Martini and the bar will donate \$1 to Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

■ **CHARITY SLOT TOURNAMENT**
Noon to 8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 18
Seminole Casino Immokalee

Info: 218-0007 or seminoleimmokalee-casino.com

■ **FOURTH ANNUAL PHYSICIANS REGIONAL PINK PARTY**

6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22
Naples Luxury Imports

Physicians Regional Healthcare System provides complimentary medical screenings and advice about women's health issues. The evening includes makeup consultations, refreshments, entertainment, raffles, giveaways and more. Free admission.

RSVP required: 348-4180 or physician-regional.com

■ **PINK PROMISE LUNCHEON**
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30
The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort

The third annual luncheon to benefit Susan G. Komen-SWFL includes educational sessions, survivor stories, shopping, live and silent auctions and a heart-healthy lunch. Tickets are \$150.

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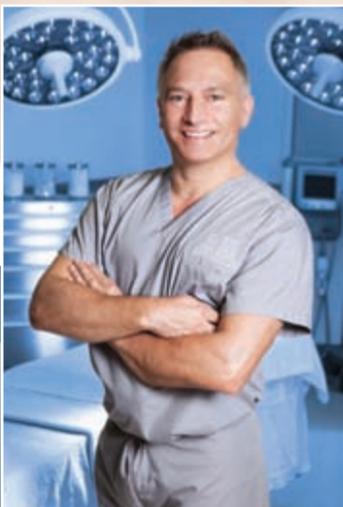
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Breast self exam: A good habit to start in your 20s

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Beginning in their 20s, women should be told about the benefits and limitations of breast self-exam. Women should know how their breasts normally look and feel and report any changes to a health professional as soon as they are found. Finding a change does not necessarily mean there is a cancer.

A woman can notice changes by being aware of how her breasts normally look and feel and by feeling her breasts for changes or by choosing to use a step-by-step approach and using a specific schedule to examine her breasts.

The best time for a woman to examine her breasts is when they are not tender or swollen. Women who examine their breasts should have their technique reviewed during periodic health exams by their health care professional.

While lying down

■ Lie down and place your right arm behind your head. The exam is done while lying down, not standing up. This is because when a woman is lying down, the breast tissue spreads evenly over the chest wall and is as thin as possible, making it much easier to feel all the breast tissue.

■ Use the pads of the three middle fingers on your left hand to feel for lumps in the right breast. Use overlapping dime-sized circular motions of the

finger pads to feel the breast tissue.

■ Use three levels of pressure to feel all the breast tissue:

Light pressure is needed to feel the tissue closest to the skin; medium pressure to feel a little deeper; and firm pressure to feel the tissue closest to the chest and ribs.

It is normal to feel a firm ridge in the lower curve of each breast, but you should tell your doctor if you feel anything else out of the ordinary.

■ Move around the breast in an up-and-down pattern starting at an imaginary line drawn straight down your side from the underarm and moving across the breast to the middle of the chest bone (sternum or breastbone). Be sure to check the entire breast area, going down until you feel only ribs and up to the neck or collarbone.

While standing

■ Stand in front of a mirror with your hands pressing firmly down on your hips. Look at your breasts for any changes of size, shape or contour. Look for dimpling and redness or scaliness of the nipple or breast skin. The pressing down on the hips position contracts the chest wall muscles and enhances any breast changes.

■ Examine each underarm (can be done while sitting) with your arm only slightly raised so you can easily feel in this area. ■

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says Ms. Zinn, who is 47 and has been an oncology nurse for 19 years.

Many hospitals, such as Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Port Charlotte, NCH Healthcare System in Naples and Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach, assign every patient diagnosed with breast cancer a navigator. They help keep patients in compliance with care plans, reduce expensive hospital visits and duplicated services, and improve outcomes.

“Breast health navigation is beneficial to every single patient who has a breast cancer diagnosis,” said Deb D’Orazio, a breast health navigator at NCH who has roughly 100 patients at any one time who are going through treatment.



D’ORAZIO

Nurse navigators started in Harlem, N.Y. in the early 1990s to help low-income, uninsured cancer patients overcome barriers to care, especially financial barriers. With thousands of people still uninsured or underinsured

in Florida, breaking down barriers — cost, transportation, psychological, social — is still a vital part of a navigator’s job.

“All those things really effected their outcomes and how well they would adhere to their medical treatment plan,” said Franklin Gaerlan, an oncology nurse navigator for all cancers at Fawcett Memorial.

But as breast cancer and other oncology treatments become increasingly individualized and involve keeping dozens of appointments with specialists, navigators have played a key role in guiding patients through what can be a fragmented care process. LMHS requires navigators to be a master’s degree-level nurse certified in oncology and breast health, although training can vary depending on the organization.

“Now it has really become a standard that all patients receive breast navigation,” said Esther Ibarra, breast cancer nurse navigator at the Comprehensive Breast Center at Good Samaritan in West Palm. “We’re seeing that patients are benefiting tremendously from having a nurse navigator who can be their point of contact, their resource for any questions.”

Navigators are a link to community resources that patients might otherwise miss or not have the time or energy to pursue. They are a liaison between patients and physicians, and between a larger medical system with all their lingo and convoluted payment systems.

“I know sometimes the doctors don’t always have as much time as I do to sit down with them,” said Mr. Gaerlan at Fawcett

The diagnosis

The life-changing instant for Ms. Ward, a dedicated soccer mom who lives in North Fort Myers, came on Dec. 22. Her doctor called to inform her that the results of a biopsy had come back positive. It was the answer a part of her already expected.

“I kind of just knew, but you don’t want to know — you know?”

At first, she thought the diagnosis sounded like a “death sentence,” a relatively aggressive “triple negative” form of “invasive ductal carcinoma,” cancer that forms in the milk ducts and can spread to other parts of the body.

Triple negative means she tested negative for three things that can fuel cancer: estrogen, progesterone and HER-2. That sounds good but it’s not because it means common treatments such as hormone therapy or drugs that block estrogen won’t work.



COURTESY PHOTO

Franklin Gaerlan, an oncology nurse navigator for all cancers at Fawcett Memorial in Port Charlotte.

Two days later, on the morning of Dec. 24, she met with Ms. Zinn at her office at the Regional Cancer Center in Fort Myers. Nurse Zinn recalled Ms. Ward telling her later that “what saved her is the moment I told her it would be all right.”

The diagnosis was not a death sentence, Nurse Zinn explained. She began to lay out what steps to take next, how to proceed, what to expect.

“It’s like the weight is lifted off your shoulders,” Ms. Ward said.

At least for a while. Eight months of treatment loomed: four months of chemotherapy followed by surgery, then radiation treatments. Nurse Zinn advises patients to “take it one week at a time” so they aren’t overwhelmed by the big picture. Moving forward after a diagnoses, taking the first step, takes courage.

“Immediately, they have a sense of anxiety so a big part of my job is just relieving that anxiety,” said Nurse Ibarra with Good Samaritan. “And I’m walking them through every single step because they are extremely upset, extremely nervous, extremely anxious about what’s going to happen. They have 1,000 questions about where do I go from here.”

The plan

Nurse Zinn started to wipe away the uncertainty Ms. Ward felt, and helped put things in perspective.

After that, Ms. Ward met her treatment team all on one day and in one place at Lee Memorial’s Multidisciplinary Breast Clinic at the Regional Cancer Center in Fort Myers. It’s normal for breast cancer patients to meet doctors involved in their treatment at different offices on different days. Ms. Zinn recommends the Multidisciplinary Clinic instead because from day one the physicians, including those who partner with LMHS but don’t work for the organization, and a handful of other specialists who treat a patient are all on the same page.

The Multidisciplinary Clinic is available to all patients, although they can opt out or see different doctors elsewhere. Although the approach is unique to LMHS, it is in line with a core part of a nurse navigator’s job, to assemble the puzzle of an often fragmented system of care to make it seem more whole for patients.

After the doctors meet with the patient individually they convene for a “tumor board” meeting, Ms. Zinn said, in which they review her pathology images and agree on a course of treatment together. In one room, there is a radiation oncologist, medical oncologist and breast surgeon, the physicians central to breast cancer treatment. They are typically joined by the nurse navigator, a radiologist, pathologist, pharmacist, genetic counselor and dietician — the many jobs suggesting the high cost, complexity and logistical challenges of coordinating care.

In Ms. Ward’s case, doctors had initially thought surgery would come first, but after the tumor board meeting, they changed course, deciding instead to start with chemotherapy because of the aggressive nature of the tumor. It would also be better to reduce the tumor’s size before removing it to conserve breast tissue.

After her second chemotherapy treatment, Ms. Ward lost her hair. It would start to grow back about six weeks later.

“Chemotherapy is the hardest,” Ms. Ward said, “just because you’re sick and in bed and you don’t feel good, but there are things you want to do.”

She recalled missing a soccer tournament in which her daughter made a big play.

Barriers to care

Some patients don’t need navigator Mr. Gaerlan’s services as much. They already have strong support systems and good insurance. Others don’t have the money to pay for care. Some don’t have rides or even phones.

“I feel a lot of time when anyone goes through cancer they feel very alone, very isolated,” he said, sometimes referring them to Celebrate Life, a cancer support group that meets for casual lunches.

Navigators break down barriers to care in numerous ways, harnessing a slew of resources including writing for grants from organizations such as Susan G. Komen and From Our Hearts.

For many, the cost is a wall. Ms. Ward has health insurance, for instance, but with a high deductible, premiums and other costs, she ended up paying about \$20,000 out of pocket. That was paid in part by a fundraiser organized by her coworkers but

not everyone has such strong support.

Nurse D’Orazio in Naples helped one patient who was homeless and uninsured and diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer, qualify for Medicaid and other assistance. Now, after chemotherapy and surgery, “she is living on her own and is self sufficient,” Ms. D’Orazio said.

Transportation is a problem for many patients. Ms. D’Orazio works with Collier Area Transit’s Paratransit system to set up rides.

“We do work with the folks at NCH to assist some of their patients, for example someone that might get discharged from the hospital and is no longer able to drive,” said Michelle Arnold, Collier’s director of public transit and neighborhood enhancement. “It’s a sustaining service for a lot of people.”

Wellington resident and breast cancer survivor Fran Coppa, 49, had a strong support system already in her family and friends when she received care through Good Samaritan.

Even so, Nurse Ibarra “made sure I followed up with all my appointments,” she said. “She called just to see how I was.”

Setting up rides for her twin 10-year-old boys was tricky, as was caring for her 88-year-old mother who lives with the family.

“I had to borrow favors from everybody for a while,” she said. Picking up the kids from school “was something I called in a lot of favors for.”

Although she has medical insurance through her husband’s work and was making monthly payments on a number of different medical bills, one of them ended up in collections anyway.

For her, waiting for test results and radiation were the worst parts of her treatment.

“I could do very little because it was so hot and my skin was so burned,” she said. “I couldn’t go in the pool, I couldn’t go in the ocean. I had to stay in the air conditioner. It was like someone took a hot frying pan to my armpit and my chest, and then it would blister and my skin would



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“We’re seeing that patients are benefiting tremendously from having a nurse navigator who can be their point of contact, their resource for any questions.”

— **Esther Ibarra**, breast cancer nurse navigator at the Comprehensive Breast Center at Good Samaritan in West Palm

split, and it was hot to the touch. I was told everything, but until it happens to you, you don’t get it.”

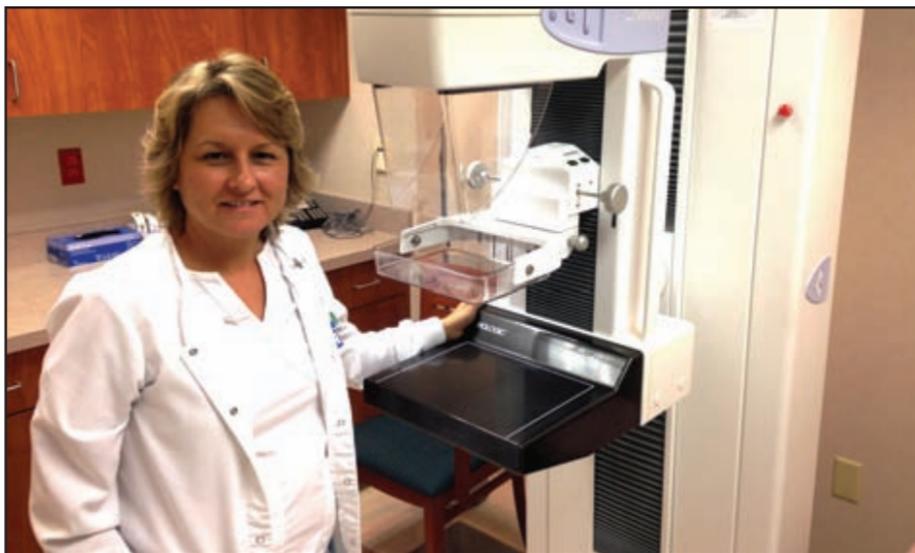
The Affordable Care Act or Obama-care gets mixed reviews from navigators who say it has helped many acquire health insurance, but sometimes with high deductibles they can’t afford. Other patients opt out of buying health care and take the tax penalty because they can’t afford the premiums.

“I’m seeing more women get screened for breast cancer because of the Affordable Care Act,” said Ms. Ibarra. “For the first time, more (women) are getting treatment because they have affordable health care coverage.”

But perversely there is a coverage gap for those who need the most help paying for care. People who make between 100 percent of the federal poverty level (\$11,770 per year for an individual) and 400 percent (\$47,080 per year for one) qualify for marketplace subsidies, according to the Kaiser Foundation. But those who make less than 100 percent, the poorest of the working poor, don’t. They could be covered by Medicaid expansion, the component of the ACA designed to extend insurance to the lowest income patients. But only those age 50 to 64 are covered. The rest are not because Florida’s legislators and Gov. Rick Scott (along with 21 other states) have refused to expand federal Medicaid coverage. That includes about 669,000 Floridians, half of them women.

Chemo, surgery, radiation

For four months, doctors delivered che-



Breast cancer nurse navigator Esther Ibarra of Good Samaritan in Palm Beach.

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motherapy to Ms. Ward intravenously on Thursdays as she sat in a chair at the Cancer Center in Fort Myers. The room was filled with buzzing and beeping, crowded on some days, and the process took four or five hours. Here she got to know the “chemo club,” people she met during her treatments.

“I met a few really amazing people in there that I still talk to,” she said.

Although she was given anti-nausea medication and felt mostly good on the day of her chemo, by Friday or Saturday and for the rest of the weekend “It was like the flu times 10.”

By Monday she’d still be feeling weak,

and by Wednesday about normal, and then on Thursday it all started over again.

But the chemo worked as planned. When the surgeon removed the irregular-shaped lump, there was no more cancer found.

Then came 36 radiation treatments delivered Monday through Friday.

“They lay you in a machine and I’ll say zap you with radiation,” Ms. Ward said.

Her treatment ended in August, leaving her clear of cancer, although not quite back to normal, she said. Because of the radiation and because surgery included removing lymph nodes, she developed a not uncommon condition called lymphedema. The nodes can’t do their normal job, such

as draining fluid, resulting in a blockage and swelling that requires exercises, massage and a compression sleeve.

It’s difficult for her to look back on her medical journey without being overwhelmed with emotion. So for now she’s focusing on practical matters and getting back to her life, with a new outlook shaped by experience.

“It was hard, but it was worth it,” she said.

Nurse Zinn and doctors will continue to monitor and follow up with her especially over the next five years, when cancer is most likely to reoccur.

Statistically, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer, and a relatively small number of men as well.

“Get your mammogram,” Ms. Ward said is her message to women.

Women should get a mammogram each year starting at age 40, the American Cancer Society says. And a breast exam by a doctor or nurse should be part of a regular health exam and done at least every three years for women in their 20s and 30s.

Like Ms. Ward, Ms. Coppa in Wellington found an openhearted community among other patients and caregivers.

“It opens up a door for conversation that maybe you wouldn’t have been able to have before,” she said. “It just feels to me that you can talk about anything; it just doesn’t have to be about cancer.”

“You see older people, younger people, all ages, all colors, all sizes. You just never knew when you looked in the mirror that’s where you were going to be. Cancer does not discriminate.” ■

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October is also Domestic Violence Awareness Month

One in four American women will experience domestic violence in her lifetime. That's more women than are affected by breast cancer, ovarian cancer and lung cancer combined. Still, more than one-third of Americans have never discussed the issue.

Throughout October, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children is raising awareness with a variety of events as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Here's what's on the calendar:

■ **Purple Purse Challenge** - Through Oct. 27, those who donate \$25 or more will automatically be entered to win one of three designer purses including a limited edition purse designed by Purple Purse spokeswoman and actress Kerry Washington of TV's "Scandal."

■ **Moe's Corporate Run** - This 3-mile run walk sets out at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, from Moe's at the corner of U.S. 41 and Immokalee Road. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. This race is not chip timed.

■ **The Purple Party** - Starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at Paradise Wine and hosted by The Shelter's NextGen group, the evening will be a splash of purple from dress to drink. Purple is the symbolic color for courage, survival, honor and dedication to ending domestic violence. Purchase tickets at naplesshelter.org/purpleparty.

■ **Ride for The Shelter Kick Off** - Join Gordon Kellam and Glen Schwesinger from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at 7th Avenue Social as they kick off plans for a 1,156-mile bicycle ride from Naples to Washington, D.C., to raise national awareness for The Shelter's Gentle'men Against Domestic Violence initiative. Tickets are at naplesshelter.org/ride.

■ **Mercato Goes Purple** - Merchants throughout Mercato will have special promotions, discounts and prizes from 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 24. New this year: a free concert by the Karibbean Groove dance band from 7-9 p.m. The Shelter's Hands are for Helping program will be set up for public participation from 4-6 p.m.

■ **The Immokalee Peace March & Children's Fair** - The fair from 3-6 p.m. is followed by the hour-long march setting out at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at the Collier County Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St. Free and open to all, fair activities include children's games, food, entertainment, a talent show and information booths hosted by partner agencies. For more information, email Josie Means at jpuente@naplesshelter.org. ■

Young readers and TIF students benefit from charity golf tournament and dinner

BY STEVEN KISSINGER
 Special to Florida Weekly

Immokalee elementary school students Salvador Vaca and Juan Diego Hernandez weren't interested in books or reading when they started first grade. But after participating in The Immokalee Foundation's Immokalee Readers tutoring program, both boys read two levels higher and delight in things like bringing home a backpack full of library books.

That type of start in life is possible thanks to generous donors who participate in TIF events including the Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament and Charity Classic Celebration, both coming up in November.

Immokalee Readers is an early intervention literacy program targeting low-performing student readers. High school-aged tutors work with the younger students after the school day to supplement reading instruction that occurs during class time. Highlands Elementary School is one of the new schools in TIF's Immokalee Readers program this year, and Salvador and Juan are among 48 children in first, second and third grades who participate in sessions that take place three days a week.

At the helm are three certified teachers, one lead teacher and 12 high school tutors. Teachers have freedom to choose how to implement the program, and it's clear that what they've been doing is working.

Principal Valerie Wenrich says because of Immokalee Readers, the entire school is making great gains. "The program makes reading fun," she says. "They are thinking out loud, with the teachers and tutors using different strategies and techniques. Once the children are engaged, they soak it up."

Salvador's mother, Maria Vaca, certainly agrees. She knew her son was reading below grade level and was coming home with the same library book over and over again. She felt she was doing all she could to help. "I have a huge accent, so even helping him sound out his words was difficult," she says. "I was concerned for him."

But all that changed with Salvador's participation in TIF's Immokalee Readers. "I've seen such a big change in a short time," his mother says. "Plus,



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Christina Hernandez helps Highlands Elementary first-grader Juan Diego Hernandez.

he comes home happy and is really excited to read." Salvador now reads above grade level and like the other kids, has benefited from his relationship with the tutors.

Christina Hernandez, the English Language Learner contact for Highlands Elementary, says the high school tutors love the students, and vice versa. "That's an important part of the program," she says. The high school students take their responsibility seriously, she adds. "They have a great rapport — the children look up to them."

Tutors must maintain a 2.5 GPA. For their consistency and commitment, they get valuable work experience. They each receive a stipend, allowing them to experience a different work environment than they might otherwise have, since many are children of migrant workers.

Juan's mother, April Duron, has also noticed how much her son now likes reading. "He surprises me with his words," she says. She is grateful for the impact the high school tutors have

made as role models, too. "He sees them going to school to better themselves, and taking time to help make him better."

Tournament details

Results like these happen because of supporters like Mark Lye, PGA and Champions Tour professional and former Golf Channel analyst. Since the TIF Charity Classic Pro-Am began a decade ago, Lye has used his enthusiasm for TIF and his wide contacts in professional golf to recruit players to swing clubs with the amateurs who pay \$5,000 to enter the tournament. Play this year takes place at Bay Colony Golf Club in Naples on Monday, Nov. 16. Chairing the event for the fifth year is Kevin Johnson, senior vice president of Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management.

The day kicks off at 7:30 a.m. with registration, breakfast and golf demonstrations. Golf clinics begin at 8:15 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 9:30

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COMMENTARY

It's a problem

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As Pope Francis left New York in a helicopter the other day, he asked the pilot to circle Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Perhaps he was searching for some sign of the beacon that could help guide Americans, and the world, through so many contemporary problems.

There's the Iran Problem, for example (possibly nuclear, and they hate us).

The ISIS, Taliban and Al-Qaeda Problems (butt-ugly, intolerant and mean, we hope it doesn't become nuclear, and they hate us).

The Palestinian and Israeli Problem (sibling rivalry, they want to use us, sometimes one of them hates us, and the other one is nuclear).

The Saudi Problem (smiling rich guys who want our oil money, and they hate us. Not yet nuclear, apparently).

The North Korean problem (frowning poor guys who just want to make us look bad, who have the plutonium to become nuclear, and who hate us).

The Putin-Russia Problem (KGB ethics in a macho little frame called Putin — and he hates us. Also, he's nuclear).

The Chinese Problem (they're nuclear and economically powerful, they think we're stupid because we listen to Donald Trump, and they're too practical to hate us).

The Cuban Problem (they're poor but sexy and they know it, they drive cool

old cars made by us, and they either love us or hate us, but there's nothing we can do about it except build hotels on their beaches and party there).

The Irish Problem (all their wars are merry even though all their songs are sad, and they're temperamentally nuclear, like the Scottish).

The Scottish Problem (unfortunately, their songs are as sad as their wars, which is why they're always ticked off and looking for a fight. But that's their problem. At least they don't hate us).

Finally, there's the immigrant problem, one the Pope addressed specifically in his visit.

The rest of our problems are nothing compared to this one. Most people think they understand the immigrant problem: You either say yes or no when they start begging at your border; you either put up a wall and patrol with a gun, or you don't. But I finally understood this week that the problem is significantly different and much more complicated than that, and not because of the Pope's visit.

When NASA scientists announced Monday that water flows on Mars, I realized that the Immigrant Problem actually begins in space. It's the most remarkable discovery in modern astronomy. After all, water (with heat) is the harbinger and cradle of life, which comes from the stars.

So part of this complicated immigrant problem is simple self-awareness: generally we don't have it.

We're all immigrants, but not just immigrants from Europe or Africa or Asia. Not just from Syria or Siberia or somewhere south of San Antonio toward which the

pope pointed, like San Paulo (Brazil) or Salta (Argentina) or San Miguel Petapa (Guatemala) or San Louis Potosi (Mexico). No, sir.

Instead, we're immigrants arrived from the stars and blessed with a little water and heat. That's what so many of us forget, and what the exploration of Mars should teach us.

Every walking one of us is star-born, our bodies merely matter-clusters of elements fired in the forges of immemorial time and deep space then shared in consciousness for a few moments of universal ticking-down, here with each other on a blue-green planet.

With seven or eight others the planet spins around a single bright fire in a galaxy of roughly 100 billion bright fires, the entire boil dropped like a grain of sand onto a beach of 300 to 500 billion galaxies, each its own boiling swirl.

That's the truth, although probably not all of the truth or even more than a little of it.

So of all our problems, the biggest one is this: our immigrant problem. Everybody's an immigrant to start with, but we've forgotten.

We have a huge advantage in dealing with this problem that we lack in many of our parochial challenges, however. Immigrants don't hate us.

No matter where they come from, usually they just want a little of what we already have: the good life. Two chickens or a zesty ratatouille made from locally grown organic produce in every pot.

Two cars, two smart phones, two televisions, two nearby shopping malls, and

two children who attend public schools we don't pay much for, before winning scholarships to college so we don't have to pay for that, either.

That's what immigrants want, and the rest of it is beside the point. Do they want to eat food like the food they remember back home? Do they want to use a language or practice a religion they're comfortable with? Do they want to dress like their parents used to or raise their children like they were raised, but with more opportunity?

Some do, some don't.

Do they want to be welcomed by us? Well, sure. But that's not something us other immigrants always offer them, as the Pope knows.

People who remember that they're immigrants — from the stars, from another country or culture, from another town, even — tend to offer the embrace. But those of us who forget, who think we're owners in this blink-brief journey from ashes to ashes and stars to stars, don't.

So what happens when a nation like ours forgets what we are — a huge immigrant ship of state, with the Statue of Liberty flying from our main mast? What will happen when we ignore the fact that we came first from the stars, then very recently and through our parents or grandparents from Europe or Africa or Asia?

What happens when the most immigrant large nation that has ever existed on the planet begins to decry immigrants?

I don't know, but I'll bet the Pope was wondering the same thing. And I'll bet he's certain of this: It's a problem. ■

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OPINION

The U.S. shouldn't feel migrant guilt



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The U.S. has joined the global bidding on Syrian refugees. At first it said it would take 10,000 Syrians. Now it says it will increase the annual U.S. overall refugee intake from 70,000 to 100,000 during the next three years to help deal with the migrant wave deluging Europe.

The Obama administration's attitude used to be that Syria is a faraway country of which we know nothing, and it stood by while Syria descended into mayhem and madness. It turns out that Syria is not so far away that some of its nearly biblical exodus — half of the country's population is displaced — won't touch our shores.

If the U.S. is letting a guilty conscience prod it into taking some of that flow, it shouldn't. The U.S. is already incredibly generous to migrants, and settling Syrians here is not the most cost-effective or sensible way for us to help.

The U.S. is already the migrant capi-

tal of the world. It is host to "about 20 percent of the world's international migrants, even as it represents less than 5 percent of the global population," according to the Migration Policy Institute. About a quarter of the U.S. population is foreign-born or the children of immigrants.

Our generosity has extended to Muslim migrants. Before the European crisis, the Pew Research Center projected that by 2030, the U.S. would have a larger number of Muslims than any European country besides Russia and France.

The U.S. already has been dealing with its own, smaller-scale migrant crisis. More than 100,000 migrants from Central America came here last year, and the vast majority aren't going back. There are tens of thousands more this year. Notably, no European country is offering to welcome any as a sign of its good international citizenship.

Taking people and flying them halfway around the world to come live in an alien society is much easier said than done. It used to be that refugees to the U.S. were sponsored by a family or a church. Now they are supported by a panoply of government programs on top of traditional welfare benefits, from

food, housing, clothing and job training, to day care, transportation assistance and English classes, to guidance on what assistance they are entitled to as refugees. If this sounds involved and expensive, it is.

Then there's the question of security. Given that there are no records about the refugees and we won't be cooperating with the Syrian government, any definitive screening will be next to impossible. Even if the vetting is perfect, the lesson of Somali refugees in the U.S. is that a poorly assimilated population of Muslim immigrants can provide a recruiting pool for radicals.

The displaced Syrian refugees should find refuge, just not necessarily here or in the West. There are any number of nearby Muslim countries that are obvious destinations. We should (at the very least) take the resources that we would devote to resettling Syrian refugees and spend them on helping the front-line states in the Middle East.

The first step to getting a handle on U.S. immigration policy is not consent to always saying "more." ■

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Shallow Hal



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Watching the migrant crisis unfold in Europe is a horrifying spectacle. Four million Syrians are on the move looking for safety and a new life far from the civil war that has enveloped their country, and there are hundreds of thousands more following their example, fleeing from the political chaos in the Middle East and Africa.

We watch the events unfold, removed by distance from the chaos. We are undecided about how much of this is really our business. We send money, about \$9 billion in humanitarian aid, but political uncertainty compromises the welcome we might offer to the displaced. We are undecided about whether the nation should continue to embrace or just jettison the historical ideal we hold of America as a nation of immigrants.

The 2016 presidential campaign may answer the question. The debate began months ago with the Republicans duking it out.

You would think the gravity of the country's issues would require a sober, dignified and elevated discussion with regard to the choice of our next president. Instead, we are having a prolonged happy hour of electoral insobriety — indulgent, unhinged and devoid of self-discipline. We just cannot stop ourselves from having another round. The blow-out atmosphere is courtesy of Donald Trump. In its aftermath, he has also created a 24/7 cycle of inebriated news.

There is something familiar about the guy. You feel you have met him before. Wait. Now you remember. He is the obnoxious loudmouth with the deep pockets. He made his reputation by showing up in a crowded bar, flashing coin and shouting, "All the drinks are on

me!" His popularity is instant, backslaps all around. Patrons charge forward to extort libations from the barkeeps who have lost control of the pour. Bedlam erupts. Not a sane and sober person is present to temper the crowd. The instigator takes it all in, enjoying the chaos he has caused.

That pretty much describes Trump and his effect on the Republican's primary process.

Voters expecting an informed debate are entertained instead with a game of trivial pursuits. Individual candidates provide no clue as to how their proposed policies spell "relief" for millions of Americans in economic despair. They are too busy responding to the incendiary remarks Trump tosses like rotten meat into a lion's den, observing with gusto the frenzy it causes. He is hugely successful at drawing his fellow conservatives deep into the tar pit of cultural absolutism, their morality and reason lost as they sink. They mimic the competitor they most fear and despise. Trump is laughing all the way to the top of the polls.

The second Republican debate was a three-hour sequel to "Shallow Hal," a movie featuring a character by that name fixated on beauty that is only skin-deep.

The CNN version featured the candidates each playing their version of Shallow Hal. All are drawn like a moth to the far right's flame, oblivious to the nihilism that is hidden beneath its glowing appeal.

Shallow Hals want only to date the radical right. The wallflowers are the compassionate conservatives who advocate governance through compromise. They may as well have "reject" written on their foreheads. Their longing for a party of diverse constituents dancing together is a fantasy. The Shallow Hals cannot shake their attraction for the party's dangerous but sexy hardliners. It's a torrid love affair doomed to break the GOP's heart.

Worse, the obsession with superficial-

ity is spreading beyond the politicians who have already succumbed. Blame the 24-hour news cycle. Keeping things superficial makes a constant dribble of "breaking news" possible.

It is everywhere.

Post-debate, the networks delivered lightweight political chum to keep their audiences interested. They rated the "performance" of each of the candidates as if the debate were an audition for a high school play. The "best performer" was the metric used to discern who "won" the debate. The benediction? It is not what the candidates say but how they say it that really matters.

Suppose it happens they're right? A horse named "Performance" overtakes the field and wins the race by a nose.

President Trump deports 12 million illegal immigrants and an unknown number of American citizens. A humanitarian crisis erupts in the southern hemisphere four times greater than the present Syrian crisis. Global leaders close their borders to U.S. citizens around the world.

President Fiorina funds "the strongest military on the face of the planet" but she tanks the American economy to do it, adding \$500 billion to the \$5 trillion the Pentagon will spend over the next 10 years. Hewlett-Packard warned us. We did not listen.

President Carson addresses the nation. A national epidemic of measles is sweeping the country. Government policy no longer mandates vaccinations as essential to maintaining public health. The White House is reconsidering the policy. And so on and so forth. ■

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Giving thanks that dress-down day comes but once a year

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With two children attending different schools and two working adults in charge of them, I'm sure it's not difficult to believe our family is a little pressed for time. Charging from one end of town to the other and slapping dinner on the table (or on a bad night, Cheerios and a fruit bowl) over homework tears are not challenges unique to our family. We load our SUV one braying kid at a time like everybody else, so I'm hoping (praying) we're not the only family who's struggling to get it together this school year.

To illustrate how far we've fallen, let me relay the scenario that played out in our living room this morning.

Per several emails from our daughter's school, we knew without a doubt that today was a dress-down day. Julia had been planning all week which ensemble would best communicate her righteously awesome personality; thankfully, it has been clean and hanging in her closet since August when school uniforms came back into rotation. The poor girl woke up, ate breakfast efficiently (for once) and proceeded to have either myself or her father veto not only her first choice but her second and third choices, too, because

in the intervening weeks since summer, Julia has outgrown every single play dress she owns.

Every. Single. One.

Dresses were the only acceptable option for dress-down day, as I knew, she knew and her dad knew that every other girl in her kindergarten class would show up all frills and furbelows. We also knew several of their mothers would flout the dress code and send their daughters to school in thin shoulder straps and adorably flimsy, sparkly sandals (In fact, one spent the day in a tiara.) I had just a few run-ins with the clothing police when I was a student, and I'm just not willing to spend my energy fighting for Julia's honor on that front. It's too easy to avoid conflict and too stupid to waste time resolving. We do what we're told when it comes to her school attire.

After we finally settled on properly fitting shorts and a T-shirt she grudgingly deemed acceptable, we moved on to fight about her feet for dress-down day. Unfortunately, the girl lives in Crocs at home and had also managed over the summer to outgrow all serviceable footwear besides her school shoes. We were missing one of her sparkly loafers, she's scuffed a hole through her favorite Mary Janes and her Crocs would likely to twist an ankle, probably her favorite one. White gym sneakers were slapped on and she was rushed out the door five minutes late.

My sense of relief died when I found

her homework on the kitchen table, right where I had left it when I started early morning chores I'd ignored the night before.

Seriously, what breed of halfwits does this poor child have for parents?

James and I have now received just the right amount of passive-aggressive notes from teachers to remain on their good side, but we are veering toward the danger zone. Some parents are deemed "those parents" the first week of school, but as long as we course-correct immediately, we still have a chance at being considered squarely adequate parental units. Adequacy is pretty much all I aim for in life, anyway. Am I volunteering in her classroom three times a week? Nah, but I'm pretty sure those parents are just making up for all the sugar they load into their kids' lunches. Am I tempted to spend \$25 a week on cafeteria food? Absolutely, but I settle for \$10 on a bad week.

But will Julia arrive at school with nail polish, jewelry and a tiara, items her teacher specifically asked to be left at home? No. No, no, no, no. Who has the will and time to fight that request?

There are so many other potential conflicts that arise in school environments that I'm not going to directly defy school rules and spend 10 minutes painting Julia's fingernails. She has more important work to do than compare her perfectly serviceable denim shorts to a tiara and glittery slippers.

By the way, parents put the school

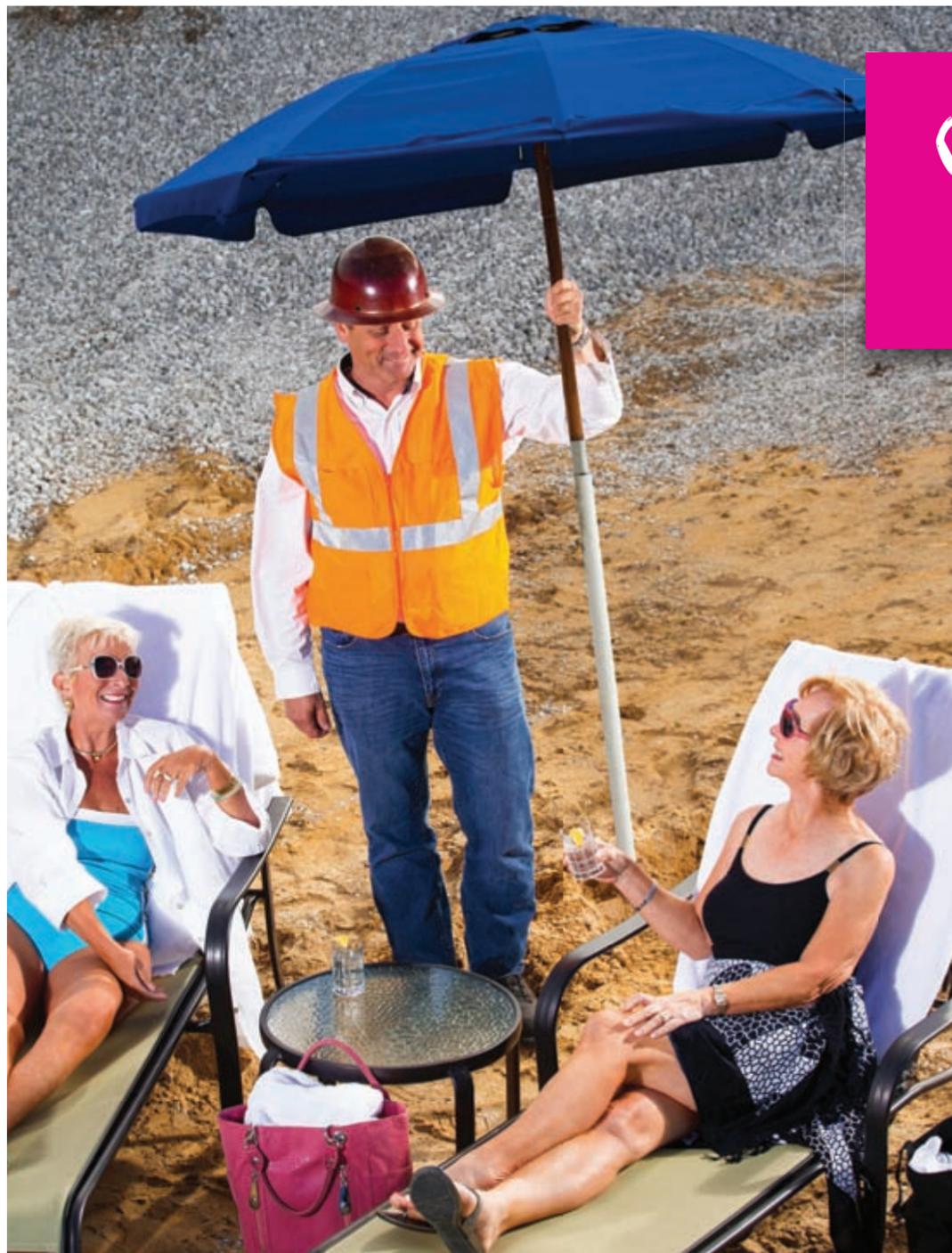
in the really awkward position of interrupting a kids' instructional time to address a violation that is so petty. Stop it! Just stop it! We had plenty of adorable violations we could have thrown on her to avoid mutually tormenting each other, but we didn't.

Anyway, the rules set a baseline of accomplishment for me. If I didn't have a dress code to follow, Julia would wear tap shoes and a beach cover-up every day because without the threat of punishment, I have no discipline and she has no taste (yet). And if not for the strict tardiness policy, only God and her father know when that child would arrive at school. James, the least punctual person I have ever met, most likely launches her like a bowling ball through the crowd of hovering parents into the classroom, bell ringing behind them.

But function is what matters when it comes to caring for kids, not form. I don't really care if he has to organize an airlift to get Julia onto school property before 8 a.m., and I don't care if I have to beat her clothes against the rocks in our retention pond to ensure she has a clean uniform. If it gets done, I don't care what fools we look like doing it.

Just please, God, don't let Julia grow out of her uniforms yet — they're all I have going for me. ■

— Lindsey Nesmith hopes her daughter has learned to tuck and roll when she flies into her classroom.



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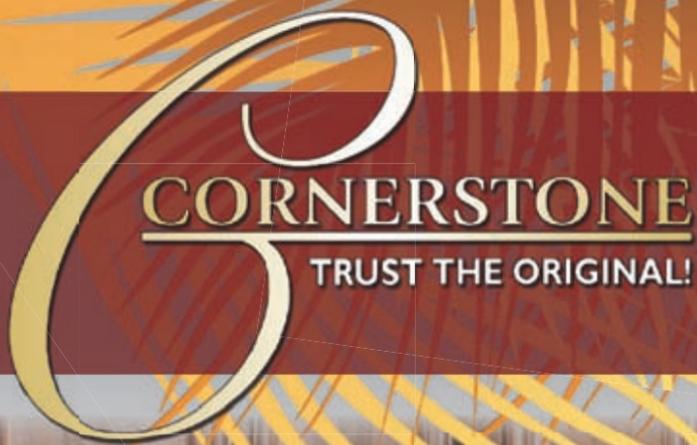
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a.m. Lunch, awards presentations and hole-in-one prizes from Jaguar Naples and Porsche of Naples follow the tournament.

Participants in the Charity Classic Pro-Am each receive two tickets to the Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening of fine dining, entertainment and auctions of once-in-a-lifetime experiences benefits TIF's programs while showcasing students, the challenges they face and how they are working to overcome adversities. Tickets are available for the

celebration dinner for \$550. Sponsorship and underwriting opportunities also are available.

This year's event theme, "We are Immokalee," emphasizes the successes of TIF's education programs and its students. Charity Classic Celebration participants have multiple opportunities to support the students' futures during Fund A Dream, a unique live bidding experience enabling donors to contribute to Immokalee's children in specific and tangible ways.

Sponsors of the 2015 Charity Classic Pro-Am and Charity Classic Celebration are Florida Community Bank, presenting sponsor; Arthrex Inc., partner circle sponsor; Jaguar Naples, Porsche of Naples and Kelly Tractor, education circle sponsors; Naples Illustrated, media sponsor; Huntington Bank, success cir-



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Secretary Angela Wilder, Principal Valerie Wenrich and ESE teacher Brenda Day at Highlands Elementary.

cle sponsor; and Central Bank, pathways circle sponsor.

To learn more about TIF, including its signature events and how to volunteer as a mentor, call 430-9122 or visit immokaleefoundation.org. ■

ESL classes begin Oct. 7 at church

English as a Second Language classes start Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Marco Presbyterian Church, 875 W. Elkcam Circle. The free classes will meet from 7-9 p.m. every Wednesday through March.

All are welcome.

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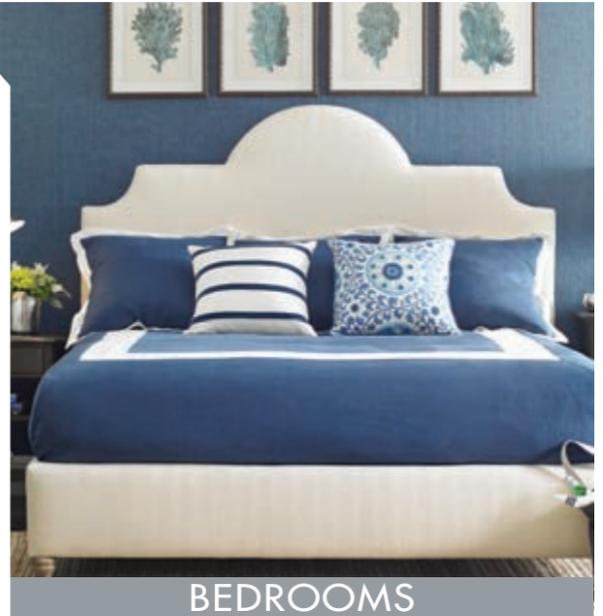


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A free biblical exploration class starts Sunday, Oct. 4, at Moorings Presbyterian Church and continues weekly, meeting from 11:15 a.m. to noon and followed by time for questions and answers. Childcare is provided.

This is not a devotional study class. Instructors Sam and Bunny Sewell lead the academic examination of the historical writings of theologically diverse biblical scholars including evangelicals, Catholics, mainline protestants, Jewish academics and secular historians.

The Sewells' primary source for the

curriculum is the 12-volume Interpreter's Bible, a resource available in the Moorings Church Strozier Library.

Moorings Presbyterian Church is at 791 Harbour Drive.

Mr. Sewell is a pastoral psychotherapist who serves on the faculty of the NCH Healthcare System. A member of Mensa and the Sigma Delta Chi Honor Society, he is also president of the Theological Center in Naples. Sign up for the Bible Exploration series by calling 591-4565 or emailing bunnysam@bestselfusa.com. ■

HABITAT

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construction of additional homes and to replenish our land inventory," Ms. Lefkow says.

Habitat Collier has built more than 1,800 homes since it first started constructing homes in Immokalee in 1978. These homes are purchased with interest-free mortgages based on financial ability to pay and require hundreds of hours of sweat equity on the part of the homeowners, who not only help build homes, but also go through homeownership education classes to help them succeed.

Habitat Collier recently completed 184 homes in the Regal Acres subdivision in southeastern Naples. Construction has begun on Golden Gate Estates parcels that will include 23 homes, and building will soon begin in the new 55-home subdivision

called Legacy Lakes off Immokalee Road east of Collier Boulevard. Construction continues at Faith Landing in Immokalee.

Money is the critical component to being able to build more homes. Rents are rising, but wages are not, and that causes a shortage of options for many Collier County families, Ms. Lefkow says.

She and her staff are seeing the dire results of the housing crisis in the Naples area on a daily basis, she says. "We're seeing homeless and nearly homeless families."

Studies of children in Habitat Collier homes have shown that providing safe housing helps children do better in school. For some, having a quiet place to study for the first time in their lives has allowed them to excel in math and reading.

To learn about Habitat homeownership or about donating or volunteers as an individual or as a corporate partner, call 775-0036 or visit habitatcollier.org. ■



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■ **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 Oct. 3 and 17. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcritchie@comcast.net.

■ The Naples chapter of **Ikebana International** begins a new season of meetings at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Naples Botanical Garden. Guest speaker Bill Overton, treasurer of the Naples Orchid Society and an instructor at NBG, will discuss "Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Orchids." Members and guests are welcome to bring an orchid for Mr. Overton to evaluate.

■ The **Gulf Breeze Button Club** meets at 11:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of every month at the Golden Gate Community Center. The next meeting is Oct. 6. All who are interested in collecting and studying antique clothing buttons are welcome. For more information, call 682-6117.

Admission is free, but non-members are asked to RSVP by emailing ikebananaples@gmail.com. For more information, visit ikebananaples.com.

■ The **Experimental Aircraft Association** Chapter 10670-Naples meets at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Naples Municipal Airport. The next meeting is Oct. 7.

EAA The Naples EAA chapter is one of approximately 1,700 chapters worldwide. Members are pilots, student pilots, plane builders and aviation enthusiasts. For more information, call 649-6627 or visit eaa1067.com.

■ **Tech4Good SWFL** holds its monthly meeting from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Staff and volunteers from area nonprofit organizations are invited to come for hands-on social media advice and help using Facebook, Twitter, Tweetdeck, Hootsuite, Bit.ly, Pinterest, Tumblr, Google+ and other social media tools. Guest speakers will be Mark Benson, luxury lifestyle specialist with Keller Williams; Batya Maman, social media expert with Social Connect; and Renee Waller, communications coordinator at Naples Botanical Garden.

■ The Naples Chapter, Florida Society, **Sons of the American Revolution** holds a lunch meeting on the second Thursday of the month October-March at the Club at Longshore Lake. The next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 8. Doors open at 11:30 and the meeting starts at noon. Guest speaker Nancy Talleur will discuss the 800th anniversary of the Magna Carta. Spouses and guests are always welcome. For more information, email naplesSAR@gmail.com or visit naples-sar.org.

Meeting admission and membership are free. A light dinner will be provided by Nico's Catering for RSVPs emailed by Oct. 5 to organizers@tech4goodswfl.org. Walk-ins to attend the meeting only are welcome. For more information, visit tech4goodswfl.org.



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For more information on either of the above events, email nunaples@hotmail.com.

■ The Greater Naples Branch of **AAUW** holds its first meeting of the season Saturday, Oct. 10, at Hodges University in Naples. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and the meetings is from 10-11:45 a.m. Guests are always welcome. For more information, email laura_candris@msn.com or visit aauwgnb.org.

■ **Alpha Phi** alumnae celebrate Founders Day and the sorority's 143rd birthday at a luncheon Saturday, Oct. 10, in a private dining room at Bayside in Venetian Village. Admission is free; guests order from the menu and pay for their meal. RSVP by calling Jean Hahm at 596-4066 or emailing jeanhahm@comcast.net.

■ **Kappa Alpha Theta** alumnae are invited to join the chapter of Naples, Marco Island & Bonita Springs for lunch at noon Monday, Oct. 12, at Bayside Seafood Grill and Bar in The Village on Venetian Bay. RSVP by calling Betsy Penzo at 404-3075 or emailing penzob@

aol.com by Oct. 8. For more information, contact Linda Shafer, chapter president, at (402) 770-3737 or lsworklife@msn.com, or visit naplesmarcoislandbonitasprings.kappaalphatheta.org.

■ **Pi Beta Phi** alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to socialize from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at the Shady Palm Pub in Naples. Reservations are requested. The first fall dinner meeting starts at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 20, at The Cider Press Cafe on Piper Boulevard in North Naples. Cost is \$35; and prepaid reservations are required. Call Connie Kindsvater at 249-4969 or email conskind@aol.com for reservations or more information.

■ Friends and fans of Ohio State University are invited to join the **Naples Buckeyes** for Oktoberfest from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Mooring Beach Park. Skip and Nancy Potter are the evening's hosts. Cost is \$20 to benefit the Naples Buckeyes Scholarship Fund. Attendance is limited to the first 70 people who sign up. Call Sue Goldsberry at 405-7068, email suegold181@aol.com or go to naplesbuckeyes.com.

■ The **Cornell Alumni Association of SWFL** holds its first event of the season from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Bayside Restaurant in the Village on Venetian Bay. It is the annual Cornell International Spirit of Zinck's Night. To sign up or for more information, call Jon Peter Vollmer at 250-9414, email jon.vollmer@sothebysrealty.com or visit cornellalumniassociationofsouthwestflorida.com. ■

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■ Florida Gulf Coast University hosts its annual **Founder's Cup** Golf Tournament on Friday afternoon, Oct. 9, at Quail Creek Golf Club. The shotgun start for play on two championship courses will follow a buffet luncheon. The day concludes with dinner and an awards reception. Registration is \$500 per golfer. Call Lindsey Touchette at 590-1016.

■ Red Sox Foundation hosts its fourth annual **Swing for the Sox** golf tournament tees off at 9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Tiburon Golf Club. The scramble format will have prizes for the longest drive, putting, closest to the pin and more. Proceeds will benefit the organization's scholarship fund. Guests will enjoy gift bags, breakfast and lunch, entry to JetBlue Park on Thursday, Oct.



The Naples office of the national law firm of Quarles & Brady participated in the fifth annual Camp Boggy Creek Challenge Ride in Eustis, joining more than 400 riders to raise money to send seriously ill children to summer camp. The firm had a dozen riders, consisting of attorneys, staff, family and friends. Left to right: Shantel Jilani, Colleen Miller, Julian Jilani, Jennifer Welch, Ken Haney, Mark Welch and the team's Challenge Ride Champion, Evie.

22, for a pre-tournament Party in the Park and the opportunity to take batting practice on the field. Registration is \$250 per person, \$800 for a foursome. Call 226-4783 or email redsoxgolf@redsox.com.

■ The **Marco Island Police Foundation** hosts its 12th annual golf tournament Saturday, Oct. 24, at Eagle Creek Country Club. Tee-off is at 8:30 a.m. Registration for \$125 includes continental breakfast. Call 860-4354 or 389-2823.

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

■ Avow Hospice hosts the inaugural **Avow Open Charity Golf Tournament** on Monday, Oct. 26, at Audubon Country Club. The day starts with an early-bird putting contest followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Men and women golfers are welcome. Registration for \$150 includes lunch. Sign up online at avow.thankyouforcaring.org by Oct. 15. For more information, call 430-3195 or visit avowcares.org.

■ The Naples Orchestra & Chorus hosts its fourth annual golf outing Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Naples Lakes Country Club. Same-day registration starts at 11 a.m. and the shotgun start is at 12:45 p.m. Dinner and awards follow, as well as a musical preview of the organiza-

tion's program for the upcoming season. Registration is \$150. Sign up at naplesorchestraandchorus.org.

■ Gulf Coast Runners host the **Run Wild Halloween 5K** to benefit The Naples Zoo and the Conservancy of Southwest Florida on Saturday morning, Oct. 31, at the Gordon River Greenway Park. Runners are encouraged to wear a costume, and organizers have created a special division for children who participate. An awards ceremony and refreshments will follow the race. Registration is \$30 in advance, \$35 on race day. Call 404-7007 or visit conservancy.org/Run-Wild.

■ **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. Call 394-4221 or visit marcoislandart.com.

■ **Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** hosts its annual golf tournament Friday afternoon, Nov. 6, at Raptor Bay Golf Club. Registration for \$140 includes a boxed lunch and dinner at Braxton's at Raptor Bay. Cost is \$140. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com.

■ The **Old Naples 10K** sets out at 7:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at the corner of Broad Avenue and Third Street South. Children can participate in the KIDSCAN 2K Fun Run/Walk starting at 8 a.m. Proceeds benefit Garden of Hope & Courage and Cancer Alliance of Naples. Registration is \$30 by Oct. 24, \$35 by Nov. 6 and \$40 the day of the race. Sign up at gcrunner.org.

■ The American Heart Association's 2015 **Collier Heart Walk** steps out at 9 a.m. Saturday, 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. Call 495-4905 or visit collierheartwalk.kintera.org.

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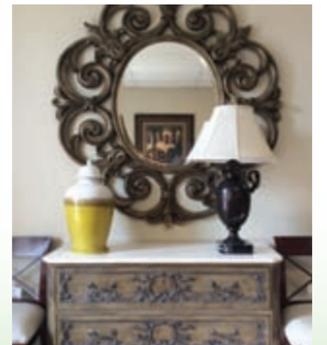
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Diet, exercise, smoking habits and genes interact to affect eye disease risk

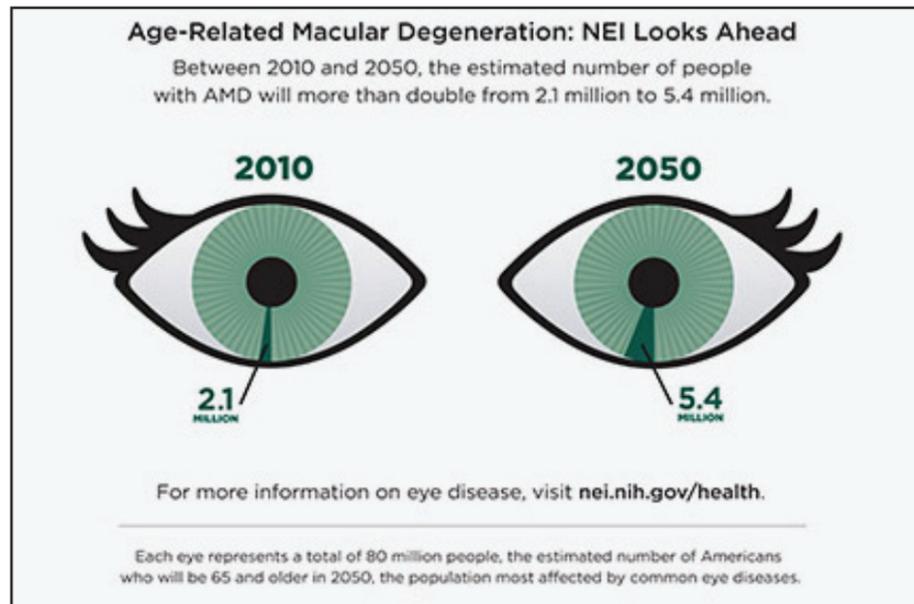
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People with a genetic predisposition for age-related macular degeneration significantly increased their odds of developing the blinding eye disorder if they had a history of heavy smoking and consistently did not exercise or eat enough fruits and vegetables, according to an observational study of women funded by the National Eye Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Eating a healthy diet and getting exercise have been shown in earlier studies to protect against AMD, a leading cause of vision loss among people age 50 and older. Findings from this latest study, conducted by a team of investigators at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, suggest that genetic and lifestyle factors may contribute to AMD in a synergistic way. The findings were published online in the journal *Ophthalmology*.

"If you have a family history of AMD, the good news is that the study findings suggest that there are things you can do to potentially lower your risk of developing AMD yourself," said Julie A Mares, Ph.D., of the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The study teams were led by Dr. Mares and Barbara A. Blodi, M.D., in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, in collaboration with investigators from the University of Iowa, Iowa City, and Oregon Health Science University, Portland.

The researchers studied the risk among



women ages 50 to 79 years who had participated in an ancillary investigation of the much larger Women's Health Initiative, an observational study that has tracked the health-related behaviors and outcomes of more than 160,000 women since 1991.

For the current study, first author Kristin J. Meyers, Ph.D., and her team evaluated the diet and exercise patterns of 1663 women and categorized them into low-, moderate- and highest-risk groups. They also evaluated whether the women smoked and, if so, how many years they

smoked a pack of cigarettes or more each day. They also assessed genetic data from the women to determine whether they carried known genetic risk factors for AMD.

Among women with stable diets, those who carried two high-risk genetic markers, smoked at least seven pack-years, and were in the highest-risk diet and exercise categories were more than four times more likely to have AMD compared to those women who did not have genetic risk factors and who ate a healthy diet and got at least 10 hours per week of light

exercise (such as housework or walking at a pace you could sing to) or at least eight hours of moderate activity (such as brisk walking).

In addition to lifestyle contributions, vitamin D levels may play a synergistic role with genetic factors, according to the findings of another study by the same team involving 913 study participants. Amy E. Millen, Ph.D., that study's first author, found that blood levels indicating vitamin D deficiency (less than 12 ng/mL of 25 hydroxyvitamin D) were associated with a 1.8-fold increase in the odds of having AMD among women with no risk markers, but a 6.7-fold increase in the odds of having AMD among women with two risk markers, compared with women who had no genetic risks and adequate levels of vitamin D. The findings of the vitamin D study, which was also funded by NEI, were published in *JAMA Ophthalmology*.

"The findings of both studies support the notion of biologic synergy. That is, that one's genes, lifestyle factors and nutrition all come together in a synergistic way to mediate inflammation, which is a key mechanism involved in AMD," said Dr. Mares.

NEI leads the federal government's research on the visual system and eye diseases. NEI supports basic and clinical science programs that result in the development of sight-saving treatments. For more information, visit nei.nih.gov. ■

Discussions, guided meditations based on Eckhart Tolle's teachings

Do you find yourself distracted, frazzled and too stressed to enjoy life? Are you squandering the present moment worrying about past events you cannot undo or future events beyond your control?

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"Evolving Toward Freedom," a six-week session of discussions and guided meditations based on Mr. Tolle's teachings, begins from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday,

Oct. 15, and continues on Thursdays through Nov. 19 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples, 6340 Napa Woods Way.

Naples resident Linda Allen, a student of Mr. Tolle's for the past 13 years, facilitates each meeting. Registration is \$30 for the series and limited 40 people. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 8. No walk-ins are allowed.

To sign up, send a check made payable to Donna Carty to 1725 Supreme Court, Naples, FL 34110. For more information, call Ms. Carty at 784-7734 or email journeytopresence@gmail.com. ■

Mobile health services will pull into Immokalee DOH

The Department of Health in Collier County hosts the second annual Immokalee Big Bus Event at the DOH-Immokalee campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. The free health fair and public awareness campaign brings mobile buses from the American Red Cross, Community AIDS Network, Community Blood Center, Florida Vision Quest, Goodwill Industries, the Harry Chapin Food Bank, National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile to the site. More than 40 other agencies will also be on hand, all providing free health

services and information.

Attendees will be able to get free adult flu vaccines, health screenings, dental screenings for children, vision tests, bike inspections and repair, child safety seat inspections, bike helmets, food and cell phone information, among other things.

The Immokalee Big Bus Event takes place alongside Ciclovía Immokalee, featuring wellness activities such as Zumba, obstacle courses and games for kids and families of all ages.

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NEWS OF THE WEIRD

BY CHUCK SHEPHERD
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From Cuba, with love

One of the remaining 116 Guantanamo Bay prisoners (a man suspected of having been close to Osama bin Laden) has a dating profile on Match.com captioned “detained but ready to mingle,” the man’s lawyer Carlos Warner told Al Jazeera America in September. Muhammad Rahim al-Afghani has relentlessly

proclaimed his innocence, and Mr. Warner released a series of charming letters from his client intended to humanize him. Al-Afghani commented on LeBron James, Caitlyn Jenner, the Ashley Madison website and, for some reason, South Dakota, but with the recent publicity, Match.com appears to have suspended the account.

Latest self-declared right

Officials in Carroll County, Md., finally released a woman in August after she had been detained for 67 days — just for declining to give her name to a traffic patrolman (who had stopped her for a broken taillight). In her idiosyncratic understanding of the U.S. Constitution’s

Fifth Amendment, to “not be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against (herself)” means keeping her identity hidden from police. Eventually, sheriff’s deputies captured her fingerprints, and since they matched no outstanding warrants, she was released.

Leading economic indicators

■ Adam Partridge Auctioneers in Liverpool announced in September that the equivalent of \$10,000 would be the starting bid on a 2-pound mass of whale vomit (hardened into a chunk by aging in ocean waters) picked up by a beachcomber in Wales. BBC News reported that a 6-pound hunk once sold for the equivalent of \$150,000; when aged into “ambergris,” the putrid waste product turns waxy and sweet-smelling and proves valuable to “high-end perfume houses.”

■ An international property rental service recently found a seven-bedroom castle on 200 acres in Ringuette, France, for the equivalent of \$2,925 a month — which San Francisco’s KNTV immediately contrasted with the listing of a 401-square-foot apartment in the city’s Lower Haight district, offered at \$3,000 per month. Another French castle (six bedrooms, a pool, 3-acre garden, “several lawns”) rents for the equivalent of \$4,940 — about what a three-bedroom on Collins Street in San Francisco goes for. ■



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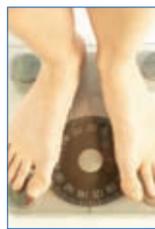
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PET TALES

Play time

Want to build a better relationship with your dog? Play with him!

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON
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A dog's play behavior is unmistakable. We all recognize the play bow: forelegs down, rear up in the air, mouth open in a big smile and tail wagging madly. Sometimes the play bow is accompanied by verbal encouragement in the form of a stutter-bark (arr-ruff!) or a noisy growl that's all in fun. If a play bow isn't enough to get you (or another dog) to join in the game, your dog might bring a favorite toy or ball and drop it in front of you, just in case you need more of a hint.

When you toss a ball for your dog, play tug, or participate in a canine sport such as agility, nose work or rally, you're doing a lot more than just having a good time with him. Play provides exercise, reduces stress and improves motor skills, to name just a few of its benefits. Dogs who get plenty of playtime usually don't become frustrated or bored. They are less likely to get in trouble for nuisance chewing, digging and barking, and they tend to have better social skills with both people and other dogs.

Play is a fascinating subject for scientists and dog lovers alike. Even though some play behaviors don't always seem to make sense, we know that it has an important role in learning. Think part social bonding, part practice for behav-



Play engages a pet's cognitive and motor skills.

iors that will be important for survival in adulthood: fighting, hunting and running away.

Puppies start playing almost as soon as they can walk. Whether they are playing bitey-face or chase with another dog, grabbing and shaking a toy to "kill" it or playing fetch with you, puppies are learning skills that will serve them well throughout life, including how to interact with other dogs and people and how to develop a soft mouth so they don't accidentally hurt anyone.

Dogs invent games, too. They might not lie awake at night thinking of how to build a better chew toy, but they learn quickly what actions work best to instigate play. You know, like dragging your underwear out into the living room to get you to chase them.

Teaching tricks is a fun way to play with your dog, at the same time giving him a mental workout. Depending on what your dog likes to do, his natural behaviors and his physical agility, try teaching wave, play dead, sit pretty, spin, speak or roll over.

If your dog already does some of those things naturally, you can use a clicker, treats and praise to reinforce the behavior and put it on cue so he does it on command. That's how I taught my dog Twyla to roll over and play dead and my dog Harper to sit pretty and push a ball with her nose. They already did those things on their own; I just gave the games a name and rewarded the dogs for doing them.

Play is a great training aid. If your dog asks you to play, ask him to perform a sit, down or fun trick first. Many working dogs are rewarded not with treats, but with a fast game of fetch or tug. Play helps them to unwind after an intense search or speedy sled-dog race.

Play helps dogs to become comfortable with being touched and with sudden movements. When we play with our dogs, they associate us with good times. That might be the best thing about play: It helps to strengthen the human-animal bond.

Cat lovers, don't feel left out. Play is just as important and beneficial for felines. Play on! ■

Pets of the Week

>> **Bianka** is a spayed, 4-year-old Labrador mix. Full of life and love, she will be a wonderful family pet.



>> **Galaxy** is a spayed, 4-month-old sweetie who is playful and curious.



>> **Winnie** is a spayed, 7-month-old cattle dog/boxer mix who loves people of all ages and has already started learning her puppy manners.



>> **Zippy** is a neutered, 3-month-old domestic shorthair whose face says it all: "Take me home!"



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

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THE DIVA DIARIES

Why can't insurance cover a post-surgery spa visit?

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As your poor discontented diva pens this missive, her surgery recovery moves at a slow, but certain pace.

My dear readers may remember about three weeks ago when I detailed my latest injury due to my most recent attempt at healthy living. It went pretty much like this:

“So ... I increased my crunches to a routine of 100 forward crunches and 100 reverse crunches. Boy, did they hurt. But they're supposed to, right? I could hear Jane Fonda urging, 'Feel the burn!' Then I landed in the emergency room with an 'incarcerated umbilical hernia.'

“If you've ever had an abdominal hernia, you know what I'm talking about. If you haven't, I won't get into too much detail, just in case you have a low cringe factor.

Suffice it to say, I crunched my guts out.”

Alas, that which one crunches out must be stitched back in. So, under the knife I skittishly went.

When I showed up at the hospital the morning of my operation — shaking, nervous and with my Advanced Directives (living will) in hand, I had to wonder about folks who actually sign up for surgery *willingly*.

I am NOT judging — trust me. I know



plenty of people who have gone under the knife for cosmetic reasons. Getting a “procedure” or three is almost the norm these days. Usually, it's the eyelids or breast implants; often it's both (maybe even at the same time). Either way, nobody makes a big deal about it —except ME.

To me, it's a really big deal that you can't eat or drink anything after midnight before surgery so that you won't inhale your stomach contents into your lungs while under anesthesia, thus

increasing risk of DEATH. It's alarming that you have to wash your entire body twice before surgery with special soap to decrease your risk of infection. And, am I crazy, or isn't it jarring when the check-in nurse asks if you'll want religious clergy “in case something goes wrong”?

Not to mention the needles, the IV and the heart monitor beeping and beeping and continuously beeping.

It all feels very life and death to me, because it IS.

That's why I think it takes a very strong person to decide that bags under her eyes are so distressing they must be surgically fixed.

Personally, I would rather just go buy a new concealer than fill out living will papers. Whether it's new make-up or a push-up bra, I'm all about finding a less invasive way to deal with my flaws. Because, you see, I am a lily-livered lightweight. A chicken. A great, big scaredy cat.

As it is, all my incarcerated umbilical hernia required was a tiny incision made below my belly button, a procedure with an estimated two- to three-day recovery period. Yet here I am nearly a week later, still on the sofa, cuddling a heating pad, popping Percocet and shamelessly nursing a pint of Ben & Jerry's Peanut Butter Cookie Ice Cream. I am still confused as to why my insurance plan won't pay for two weeks at the lovely and relaxing Canyon Ranch Resort & Spa after belly button hernia repair. It's not fair.

So, to all the brave souls who have taken the bull by the horns and gotten things altered when they were unhappy with their appearance, I salute you. If I weren't such a nervous Nellie, there's a long list of things I'd have fixed, trust me.

If only I weren't so anxious.

And if only my policy covered Canyon Ranch. ■

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

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A GUIDE TO THE LOCAL BUSINESS & REAL ESTATE INDUSTRIES



CityPlace Plaza in West Palm Beach provides an example of a walkable mixed-use development.

COURTESY PHOTO

Walking into the future

Designing pedestrian-friendly communities

BY ROGER WILLIAMS
 rwilliams@floridaweekly.com

Like a perfect economic storm of the future showing only the first real edges of new urbanism, the following events took place almost simultaneously late last week:

- Jeri Muoio and Raphael Clemente, the city's mayor and the director of its Downtown Redevelopment Authority, flew back into West Palm Beach from Copenhagen, Denmark, where they'd traveled to



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HENDERSON

study one of the world's most successful bicycling and walking cities;

- Mayor Randy Henderson drove past

the home where Thomas Edison once lived in Fort Myers, the city where the mayor was born and raised, and insisted that "walkability and urban infill is the most relevant issue with regard to our quality of life" — and that was only 24 hours after seven people had been shot in the course

of a single evening in an economically challenged part of town. Then he put his

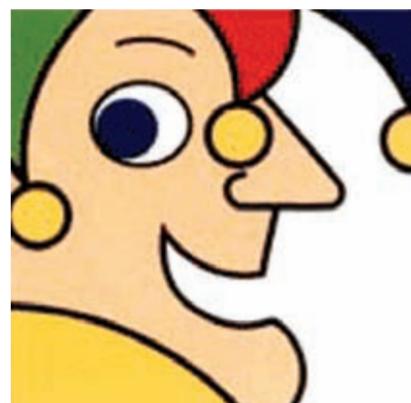
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INSIDE



The real thing

A luncheon at the Hodges U. Fraud Institute, and more Networking photos. **B8-9** ►



The Fool knows

What is a "moving average" in connection with stock prices? **B6** ►



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I own a business buying and selling estate jewelry and diamonds, and so I hear some wild stories. From the couple that is "shocked" when the necklace they bought on a street corner in the Caribbean for \$50 turns out to be a fake, to the elderly woman who has a 6 carat diamond that was given to her by the prince of Saudi Arabia, I have heard some amazing tales. But one thing I have never heard at our showroom is, "Gee, I really would love to buy that beautiful ring but the price is just too low. Can I pay another \$1,000 for it?" As consumers, we all want the lowest prices we can possibly get. But if that is the case, why does the Fed actually want inflation and rising prices in the economy? To state it another way, why is some inflation better than no inflation or even deflation for economic growth?

To answer this question, let's examine an economy that is suffering from deflation or falling prices. On the surface, this seems like something positive. Who wouldn't want to live in a world where you know the things you buy every day will just keep falling in price? First, think about your buying habits in this scenario. You probably would hold off on any purchases for as long as you can. Why buy a shirt today for \$50 if you

could buy it in a month for \$45 unless you absolutely needed it now? In a deflationary environment, people tend to postpone buying goods and services which puts a damper on economic growth.

A second problem with deflation is that it increases the cost of borrowing money and thus penalizes borrowers. In an economy with falling prices, a dollar in the future is worth more than a dollar today. Therefore, when a borrower needs to repay her debts in the future, she will have to pay back the loan with higher-priced currency. This is in addition to whatever interest rate her creditor charges for lending the money. So deflation actually acts as an incentive for consumers not to borrow money to buy cars and homes and other big-ticket items. Again, this will have an effect of slowing economic growth.

A third problem with deflation is its effect on corporations. If you are the CEO of a company and know that the prices at which you can sell your products will decline in the future, you have two choices. You can either accept lower margins or cut costs. Given most CEOs are paid on their company's profitability, you can easily guess which of these choices a typical CEO would pick. And since the one expense that a corporate leader can trim somewhat



easily is labor costs, wages typically go down and unemployment goes up when an economy experiences deflation. And once again, this will lead to a declining economy.

Obviously, these three economic problems are very scary for an economy, but what makes deflation especially troublesome is that it often leads to a vicious cycle that feeds on itself. For example, you can have a situation where even minimal deflation results in consumers postponing purchases, which leads to lower corporate profits. Companies compensate by cutting employees and lowering prices to increase sales, leading to more deflation. This translates to fewer loans and less people buying cars and homes, which leads to more price-cutting and even lower prices and the

cycle keeps going. At this point, it takes significant actions to fix the economy.

So for all the reasons stated above, the Fed is keen to make sure prices slowly rise. Of course, high inflation is just as bad as deflation. Can you imagine a world where the price of the things you buy doubles each week? There would not be much of an incentive to save money or invest in anything. That is why price stability is so important to the world's central bankers. But for now, with lower labor costs in much of the

world, technology costs falling each day, low energy prices, and increased worker productivity, deflation is a much greater concern than inflation. That is why I believe low interest rates will be with us for much longer than people anticipate as central banks fight against this decline in prices. But please, believe me when I say that no matter how much deflation the world is facing today, you just can't buy a 14k gold necklace for \$50. Trust me on that. ■

— Eric Bretan, the 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.



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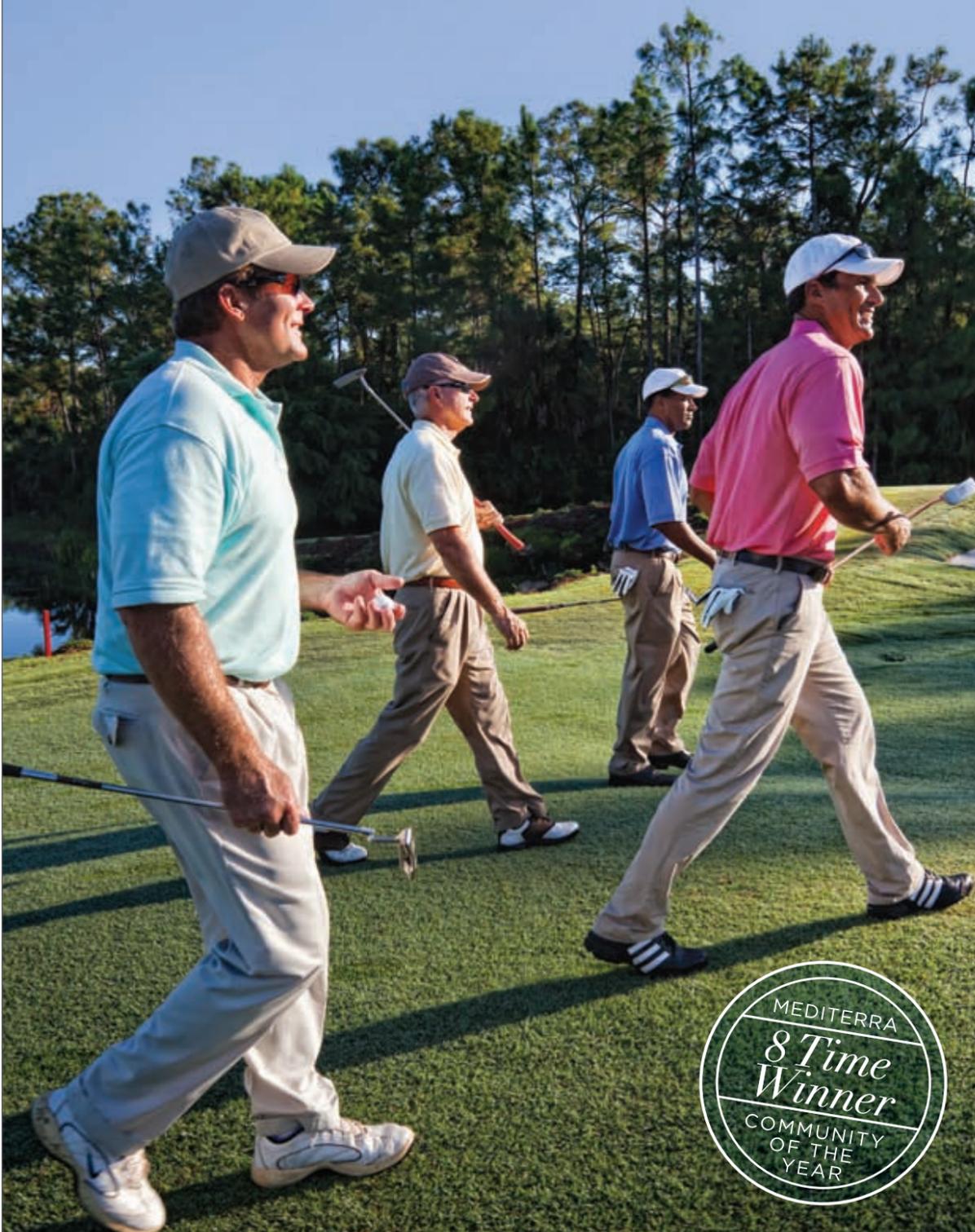


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“People move to infill cities so they can be closer to work and amenities, both public and recreational. And so it follows that walkability would drive the value of the environment up — economically as well as in terms of desirability.”

— Randy Henderson, Fort Myers Mayor

WALKING

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money where his mouth is, and pointed to an Oct. 15 seminar for all comers with some of the most renowned urban planners and walkability experts in the nation and the state;

- Jane Cheffy and Beth Brainard, the president and executive director of Naples Pathways Coalition, returned from the two-day Transplex conference hosted by the Florida DOT at which bicycle and pedestrian-friendly communities received top billing. Ms. Cheffy’s simple idea to retrofit public-transportation buses that could haul a number of bicycles for commuters who could then get to work or shopping won a shark-tank competition for good ideas;

- And finally, about 50 people took advantage of the free bicycle-for-a-day loaner program along Punta Gorda’s 18 miles of bicycle and pedestrian pathways. The pathways connect homes, parks and commercial shopping zones. The free-bike program is funded by the nonprofit Team Punta Gorda, which counted 5,000 users in 2014, the program’s inaugural year.

All that energetic commotion could ultimately prove to be a huge economic boon to the Florida of the future, and it comes on the heels of the U.S. Surgeon General’s call to action earlier in September. Bicycle-pedestrian apologists cite that call-to-action as potentially the most important federal support for their efforts in years.

“What if we labeled unwalkable neighborhoods like we do cigarettes?” a blogger wrote on the Transportation For America website.

“A similar call from the surgeon general in 1964 was the watershed event that kicked off a decades-long decline in cigarette use.”

In the communities

To many of those who look at our contemporary and future cities, walking and bicycling is about a lot more than just health. Those who create cities where people can walk or bicycle to work or to shop, will create wealth, too. And not simply because healthier people reduce the huge drag on the American health care system that obesity and related diseases bring.

“This is not something you have to do guesswork on, walkable cities — there’s

a formula that I discovered at Carnegie Mellon University in May,” says Mayor Henderson, who attended a conference there for American city leaders.

In downtown Fort Myers where pedestrians crowd streets paved with the same restored bricks Mr. Edison and his wife, Mina, once strolled, many elements of the formula are already in place, he notes.

But elsewhere in the city and county and in spite of miles of trails, walking and bicycling is as dangerous, or more so, than anywhere else in the United States. That fact is borne out by the high per-capita statistics for bicycle and pedestrian fatalities and injuries on the Southwest coast.

“There is pent-up demand for walkable communities,” says Darla Letourneau, a leader of the nonprofit BikeWalkLee, which promotes walking and bicycling safely through the region.

“Those areas around the country that have created vibrant walkable neighborhoods are reaping the economic benefits from their investment, while Florida lags behind. Much is at stake for Southwest Florida in making our roadways and streets safer for pedestrians and cyclists.”

Palm Beach County leaders, and especially those in West Palm, appear to be ahead in the game of catch-up, or as the term of art has it, urban infill.

The European journey undertaken by Mayor Muoio and Mr. Clemente, for example, was paid for by a grant from the Knight Foundation, which has chosen to support specifically 26 urban areas in the United States vigorously trying to improve the quality of life on their streets.

In Florida, those include all of Palm Beach County, along with the cities of Tallahassee, Bradenton and Miami.

West Palm’s Mayor Muoio in a press release praised European cities in general for offering “a lot of valuable place-making lessons.” Both she and Mr. Clemente, who directs the 46-year-old special taxing district downtown, applauded Copenhagen in particular for its combined use of mass transit and bicycles.

“Copenhagen is the best example in the world of how to design a city for people, instead of fitting people into a city structure,” he said.

But the grant offers more than just a trip for two to Copenhagen. In mid-October, urban designers from Denmark’s Gehi Architects, who helped make Copenhagen the ultimate in pedestrian and bicycle friendly cities, will travel to West Palm Beach to offer ideas and consultation.

And this week the Knight Foundation kicks off its second annual Knight Cities Challenge, beginning Oct. 1. The Challenge ultimately awards \$5 million to fund the best new ideas to be implemented in any of the 26 Knight communities nationwide. Applicants have until Oct. 27 to submit their ideas to knightcities.org and winners will be announced in early 2016, according to the organization website.

Last year’s winner, a planner in Philadelphia, won for an idea he called “pop-up pools” created in neighborhoods all over the City of Brother Love.

In Naples, Immokalee and elsewhere, meanwhile Neapolitans Ms. Cheffy and Ms. Brainard have pointed out that walkability is not just important for health reasons, but for economic reasons.

People want to walk, and they’ll pay for the privilege of walking or pedaling safely and comfortably from their homes to destinations that include shopping and eating or recreational opportunities.

When businesses get on board to help make that happen, usually their incentive is economic and practical, not just charitable, say promoters of such urban environments.

The list of sponsors in the Naples area is therefore significant as an indicator that walkability is a money-maker and everybody is starting to recognize it: there are banks, real estate companies, breweries, restaurants and hotels, major wealth consultants and major supermarket chains, along with bicycle and running shops, and many others helping to fund the Coalition and its efforts.

Punta Gorda Councilwoman Nancy Prafke, who helped lead Team Punta Gorda efforts to make Charlotte County more accessible to bicyclists and pedestrians after Hurricane Charley dismantled the place more than a decade ago, reflects the pragmatism of many elected leaders as well.

“Team Punta Gorda hired a renowned urban planner to develop a citizens’ master plan,” she recalls of retrofitting her town.

“Yes, becoming more bicycle and pedestrian friendly fits in with the new urbanism. So we can choose to take the view of a planner or a governmental entity or the medical community or the business community, and we can cite all the positive reasons why we think this is good, and that’s fine.

“But in reality, what today’s residents want are more active lifestyles.

“So in my view, we’re looking to satisfy the desire of today’s residents who

support active lifestyles. That’s the first reason for doing this.”

Fort Myers Mayor Henderson seconds that notion: “People move to infill cities so they can be closer to work and amenities, both public and recreational. And so it follows that walkability would drive the value of the environment up — economically as well as in terms of desirability.” ■

in the know

>> **What:** Meeting Market Demands for Walkable Urban Communities, all-day seminar

>> **When:** 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15 (doors open 7:30 a.m.)

>> **Where:** Harborside Event Center, downtown Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** \$55 per person (special student pricing available)

>> National keynote speakers:

Joe Minicozzi, Urban3; Professor Chris Leinberger, George Washington University; Jeff Speck, author of “Walkable City”

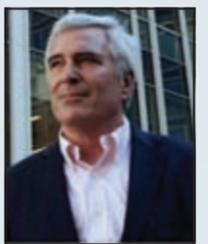
>> Other speakers:

Cary Clickstein, mayor, Delray Beach; Tim Hernandez, principal, New Urban Communities Corp.; Brooke Myers, president, Emerge Real Estate Ventures, LLC; Larry Pierce, director, Realco Group; Kevin Rickard, principal, New Urban Communities Development Corp.; Bill Spikowski, urban planner, Spikowski Planning Associates; Ken K. Stoltenberg, partner, Management Mercury Advisors

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Hodges U. has workshops for nonprofits

The Hodges University Center for Nonprofit Excellence presents three workshops for staff and board members of nonprofit organizations in October.

■ **“Develop Yourself and Your Team”** takes place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 6, at the Hodges U. campus in Fort Myers, 4501 Colonial Blvd. Designed as an overview for new managers and supervisors, it focuses on the difference between managing and leading, team development and the role and responsibilities in achieving success. Registration is \$35.

■ **“Special Events: Auctions & Technology”** is set for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Stock Building on the Hodges campus in Naples, 2647 Professional Way. This workshop is geared toward nonprofits that holds auctions as fundraisers. Participants will hear auctioneer success stories and struggles from an expert nonprofit panel. Participants will also learn from those who have used several different technology companies for their auctions. Registration is \$35. Association of Fundraising Professionals members can attend at no cost but must register in advance.

■ **“Board Governance as Effective Leadership”** takes place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, in the Stock Building on the Naples campus, 2647 Professional Way. Board roles and responsibilities will be addressed, as well as challenges in recruiting the right board members and key roles in fundraising. Interactive exercises will focus on necessary improvements to

take nonprofits to the next level of success. Attendees will also learn the latest trends affecting nonprofits.

This workshop is recommended for nonprofit CEOs and top management as well as at least three board members from their organizations. Registration is \$75 and includes breakfast and lunch.

About the center

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges U. is a partnership with the Community Foundation of Collier County. Seminars provide information on roles and responsibilities of board members, legal and financial best practices, strategic planning, fund raising, volunteer management and other topics relevant to the operations of a high quality organization. Instructors are recruited from the 99 full-time faculty, 79 adjunct or part-time faculty of Hodges U. and professionals from the for-profit and nonprofit community.

CNE workshops can be attended as single events. Those who would like to obtain a non-credit certificate in governance, management or operations from Hodges U. must attend four CNE workshops in the same category (governance, operations or management). Nonprofit organizations that serve people in Collier County are eligible for tuition reimbursement through the Community Foundation of Collier County.

For a full list of upcoming workshops and to register, visit hodges.edu/cne. For more information, visit the website or call 598-6284. ■

Workshop focuses on the world of business etiquette

Area business professionals can learn what to do, and what to avoid, in any given sales situation with clients from any country at “Passport to Global Business Etiquette,” a one-day workshop with Terri Morrison at the Miromar Design Center. Ms Morrison is the author of the business book “Kiss, Bow or Shake Hands: The Bestselling Guide to Doing Business in More than Sixty Countries.” Her workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, is hosted by the global business committees of the Naples Area Board of Realtors and the Realtor Association of Greater Fort Myers and The Beach.



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The presentation will include information on how to handle common business interactions with grace, respect and an appreciation for different cultures; how to predict how people in certain cultures will speak, act, negotiate and make decisions; and how to present your services to clients

from all over the world, avoiding resistance and closing deals easily.

Ms. Morrison has co-authored eight books about conducting international business and has trained thousands of corporate executives and real estate agents in culture and customs of other nations around the globe. Her seminar clients include multinational firms such as AT&T, American Airlines, American Express, Boeing, Cisco, Federal Express, Microsoft, NATO and Pepsi-Cola, as well as multiple universities and legal organizations. She has appeared on CNN, CNBC, Bloomberg, the BBC and NPR and has been profiled and quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and *The Washington Post*, among others.

Registration for “Passport to Global Business Etiquette” is \$45 and includes lunch. All are welcome. For reservations or more information, visit the NABOR website at nabor.com and click on Events. ■

International Trade Expo set at FGCU

The Florida Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University has partnered with Enterprise Florida to host the center’s first International Trade Expo from 8 a.m. to noon Thursday, Oct. 8, at the Holiday Inn at Southwest Florida International Airport.

Three breakout sessions will run concurrently with the open trade show. International experts will speak on topics including website globalization, insuring export receivables, finding international clients and vetting buyers. Businesses will have the opportunity to meet face-to-face with export specialists, participate in export business matchmaking and identify potential export business partners.

Guest speaker Manuel Mencia is senior vice president of the International Trade and Business Development division of Enterprise Florida. The division is headquartered in Miami and main-

tains offices in six Florida cities as well as several countries around the world. Mr. Mencia joined Enterprise Florida in 1996 and before that served four years as vice president of World Marketing at The Beacon Council. He acquired extensive international trade expertise having served in various executive positions at the Florida Department of Commerce between 1977 and 1991.

Continental breakfast will be served, and there will be raffles throughout the event. Space is limited and registration is highly recommended. Call 745-3700 or go to fsbdcswfl.org/international-trade-expo.

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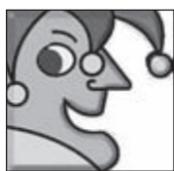
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Loads: These are simply sales charges — commissions paid to brokers who sell funds. Some funds have them and many don't, and they can be as steep as 8.5 percent, though they're rarely that high. Still, make a \$10,000 investment in a fund with a front-end load of 5.75 percent, and you'll immediately lose \$575, essentially investing only \$9,425. Ouch.

Expense Ratio: This number reflects what percentage of a fund's assets are deducted from it each year, typically to cover normal operating expenses. The average expense ratio for all stock funds is roughly 1.3 percent, but some funds charge 2 percent or even more. The following two fees are included in the expense ratio:

• **12b-1 fee:** This fee ranges from 0.25 percent to a maximum of 1 percent and covers marketing and distribution. Ironically, fund shareholders are paying to

attract additional money to the fund — even though when funds grow very large, their performance can suffer. Regulators are considering reforming 12b-1 fees, but fear not — fund companies may make up for that lost revenue elsewhere.

• **Management fee:** This fee compensates the fund's management — regardless of their performance.

These fees all add up and partly explain why most funds underperform the market average. If a fund gains 10 percent but charges you 2 percent in fees, your return is down to 8 percent. That's why many investors rightfully prefer inexpensive index funds. Vanguard's S&P 500 index fund (VFINX), for example, charges only 0.17 percent annually. Still, there are great managed funds out there with relatively low fees and market-beating track records.

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My Dumbest Investment

A Chinese Grower

My dumbest move was selling 9,000 shares of Baidu after its 10-for-1 split back in 2010. That was dumb!

— L., online

The Fool Responds: That does look like a regrettable move, as the stock was selling for around \$70 per share after that split, and was recently around \$140, twice that. (It actually topped \$250 per share in 2014!) You didn't explain why you sold, though. If you no longer had confidence in the company's prospects, then selling was the right thing to do.

Baidu is the parent company of China's largest search engine, with a market value recently near \$50 billion. Its growth has been slowing, dismaying some investors, but it's still growing — and investing in further growth, too, in fast-growing categories such as video streaming and online-to-offline (O2O) initiatives. Those investments are quite promising: Its iQiyi video portal is reaching more than 500 million users, and its O2O businesses, the Qunar travel portal, Nuomi group-buying hub and Baidu Takeout Delivery, have seen their gross merchandise volume more than double over the past year.

With billions in cash available, the company is well positioned to make strategic acquisitions to further position it for growth. If you're not too risk-averse and have a long-term investing horizon, you might aim to make up for your dumb move by getting back into Baidu. Its recent price is rather appealing. ■

Last week's trivia answer

Split off from Kraft Foods (now Kraft Heinz) in 2012, I got to keep the global snack businesses, and now carry a market value near \$68 billion. Some of my brands are quite old, with Cadbury dating back to 1824, Dentyne to 1899, Nabisco to 1901 and Triscuit to 1902. Eight of my brands, including Oreo, Tang, Trident and Cadbury, generate more than \$1 billion in revenue annually. Another 44 brands generate more than \$100 million apiece. I employ more than 100,000 people. I'm No. 1 globally in cookies, chocolate and candy, and No. 2 in gum. Who am I? (Answer: Mondelez International) ■



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Ask the Fool

Cost Basis Basics

Q How do I figure out my cost basis and my gain when I sell a stock?

— M.B., Dalton, Georgia

A Let's say that you buy 100 shares of MacDonald Farms Inc. (ticker: EIEIO) for \$50 each, paying a \$10 commission. Your cost basis is the purchase price (\$5,000) plus the commission, or \$5,010. The cost basis per share is \$5,010 divided by 100, or \$50.10. If you eventually sell the shares for \$60 each, or \$6,000, subtract the \$10 commission on the sale and your proceeds will be \$5,990, or \$59.90 per share. Your taxable capital gain will be the difference — \$980, or \$9.80 per share.

Q What's a moving average?

— S.F., Warsaw, Indiana

A Imagine that you're looking at a table that shows the annual return of a mutual fund for 20 years. The numbers will probably fluctuate quite a bit — perhaps 5 percent one year, 14 percent another. One way to smooth them out a bit, while still getting a sense of how they may be changing, is to calculate a moving average.

For three-year moving averages, you'll first average the returns for years 1, 2 and 3. Then you'll average years 2, 3 and 4. Then years 3, 4 and 5, and so on, ending with years 18, 19 and 20. You'll end up measuring 18 three-year periods. While a graphed line of the original 20 numbers might have been jagged, with sharp peaks and valleys, the 18 three-year averages will produce a smoother line.

Some investors study moving (or "rolling") averages of stock prices closely. We don't see much value in that, though. We'd rather focus on a company's financial health, its competitive position and its long-term growth prospects. ■

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to the guy whose name I carry, who opened a shop in London in 1847. The business went public in 1881. I was spun off from one of the largest global consumer packaged goods companies in 2008, and am now the top international tobacco company, selling my wares in more than 180 markets. I boast six of the world's top 15 international brands, including Marlboro, the top cigarette brand worldwide.



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

The Motley Fool Take

Win With Wynn

Casino and resort operators may not be the first place you look when the stock market is in a funk, but Wynn Resorts (Nasdaq: WYNN) deserves consideration. Its shares have lost more than half of their value over the past year, mainly due to a slowdown in the gambling mecca of Macau, China, where Wynn derives the majority of its revenue.

The company cut its dividend significantly earlier this year, but it still yielded a solid 3 percent recently. The cut was made to help it plow more billions of dollars into further growth. Wynn is currently investing in its largest project to date: the Wynn Palace in Macau, which is to be a 1,700-room, \$4.1 billion luxu-

ry casino resort. The Wynn Palace will be well positioned to capitalize on the Macau turnaround that's expected to take place in the coming years.

CEO Steve Wynn has said he would rather keep a strong balance sheet than borrow money to pay a strong dividend. The company has an excellent record of generous distributions to shareholders, and in fact it has paid hefty special dividends on top of its normal payouts in all but one year since 2006. With the company investing billions into ambitious new projects and expected growth of nearly 8 percent per year over the next five years, patient shareholders may be handsomely rewarded. ■

BUSINESS MEETINGS

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

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

■ **The 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 Oct. 6. Call (941) 257-3577 or visit fgrea.com for more information.

■ **The Above Board Chamber** holds its next luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 12, at the Hilton Naples. To sign up or for more information, visit aboveboardchamber.com.

■ **Wake Up Naples** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker Dr. Allen Weiss, president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System, will discuss the Blue Zones Project: the Making of Southwest Florida's Healthiest Community. A limited number of tabletop display space is available on a first-come, first-served basis by emailing judi@napleschamber.org or calling 298-7928. For more information, visit napleschamber.org/events.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 14, at Erin's Isle Restaurant and Irish Pub, 5375 Hibiscus Drive. Call 394-7549 or visit marcoislandchamber.org.

■ **Business After Five** for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13300 Valewood Drive. \$10 for members, \$25 for others. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ **The Collier Building Industry Associations** holds its next members mixer Wednesday evening, Oct. 28, at Tamiami Ford. For more information, call 436-6100, email nancy@cbia.net or visit cbia.net.



■ **Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce** will meet for networking and socializing from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 18, at The American Gastropub at Coconut Point. Admission is free; cash bar and complimentary appetizers. Chamber membership is not required. For more information, call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com. ■

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South Naples sales activity heating up

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Traditionally a tepid month for the real estate industry, August delivered robust activity in many areas of Naples but particularly in south Naples, according to the latest statistics from the Naples Area Board of Realtors. NABOR tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).



South Naples is defined in the Southwest Florida MLS as encompassing properties in zip codes 34112 and 34113 (neighborhoods south of Davis Boulevard, west of Collier Boulevard and east of the U.S. 41/Fifth Avenue South intersection). Some of the larger neighborhoods in this area include, Lely, Treviso Bay, Isles of Collier Preserve, Lakewood, Kings Lake, Eagle Creek and Isle of Capri. This particular geographic area experienced the highest increases in overall pending sales, closed sales and median closed prices of all geographic area reported in August.

Despite a 5 percent decrease in overall inventory for homes in the south Naples region — from 575 homes in August 2014 to 547 homes in August 2015 — broker analysts agree that the south Naples market is gaining in popularity as buyers are attracted to its investment potential and renewed growth.

Pending sales (homes under contract) in south Naples jumped 26 percent — from 112 pending sales in August 2014 to 141 pending sales in August 2015. Closed sales in this region increased 9 percent — from 1,482 closed sales in the 12 months ending August 2014 to 1,610 closed sales in the 12 months ending August 2015. Interestingly, the median home price in south Naples experienced the highest increase of all

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House Hunting:

16457 Celebrita Court, Mediterra

Blending Tuscan architectural details with modern comfort, this five-bedroom plus study, 4½-bath residence is on a quiet cul de sac in Mediterra. An open floor plan creates an indoor/outdoor flow that optimizes the lakefront setting. Pocketing sliding doors open the great room to the screened pool and loggia areas that include a summer kitchen for alfresco entertaining. The master suite with 12-foot ceilings has a sitting area with French doors opening to the pool deck and with a view of the lake beyond. Highlights include granite and stainless steel in the kitchen, a wet bar near the formal dining and living rooms, an office adjacent to the kitchen, a media room, a study with hardwood floors and a cabana bed/bath. There is a three-car garage a fenced backyard.

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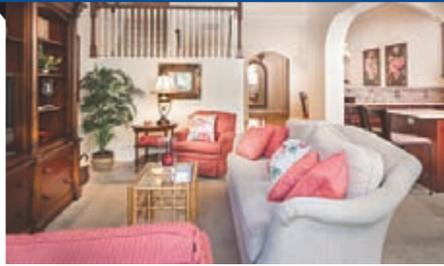
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Mangrove Bay Models Opening Soon



Featured models coming soon [Clockwise from the top], KEEWAYDIN II, SANIBEL III, and AMELIA III. Artist concept.

Anticipation for the opening of the model homes at Mangrove Bay has grown exponentially over the summer months as the media, realtor community, local residents, and seasonal residents making preparations to arrive have all been keeping an eye on its progress.

Mangrove Bay offers a variety of floorplans to suit every taste: Courtyard Residences, Waterfront Residences, and the soon-to-be-released Cove Residences, several of which will feature a unique private boathouse garage and spectacular views of the Gordon River.

In total, there are 24 different single-family home floorplans available at Mangrove Bay, each emphasizing the lush outdoor-living paradise of Old Naples. Every home



includes a private pool, outdoor grill area, and a dedicated boatslip.

The three gorgeous model residences, scheduled to open in the coming weeks, are the Amelia III, the Sanibel III, and the Keewaydin II.

The Amelia III waterfront model (Lot 23) is a four-bedroom + den, four-and-½ bath residence that includes a second-floor guest house. With approximately 3,640 SF under air, this model will evoke a classic seaside cottage with authentic hard pine floors, traditional bead board accents, beamed ceilings, bench seat reading nooks, and stacked stone for its two fireplaces.

Right next door (Lot 24) is the Sanibel III Courtyard Residence, also a four-bedroom + den, four-and-½ bath residence that includes a second-floor guest house. At approximately 3,331 SF under air, the Sanibel III will offer a reimagined beach aesthetic that includes limed oak wood

floors, reclaimed wood accents, tongue-and-groove ceiling detail, barn doors, and a master suite with corner-pocketing doors that open to the private pool and spa.

Situated along the waterfront is the third model home, the Keewaydin II (Lot 39) – which is already pre-sold with



lease back. This home offers a four-bedroom, four-and-½ bath floor plan including second-floor loft and private-entry guest house. With approximately 3,730 SF under air, its soaring two-story great room with a unique nickel gap wood ceiling has a fireplace at one end, and a built-in bar at the opposite end. The master suite offers an oversized sitting area with corner-pocket sliding doors that open to the private pool and spa.

Every home at Mangrove Bay is thoughtfully designed to create the perfect balance between indoor and outdoor living with spacious and open interior floorplans that flow into elegant outdoor living areas. Whether entertaining or simply relaxing in Southwest Florida's balmy evening air, the designs have your every comfort and convenience in mind, and naturally bring people together.

These are homes you must experience in order to feel the careful thought that went into their design. Mangrove Bay's Old Naples cottage-style residences are designed by MHK Architecture & Planning, built by Lotus Construction, LLC, exclusively marketed by Paradise Realty of Naples, LLC, and the models are most artfully appointed by Freestyle Interiors.

The grand opening of the model homes will be Old Naples' most anticipated happening. Be one of the first to tour them for yourself by contacting Mangrove Bay at 239.261.2200 and requesting to be placed on the VIP list.



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geographic areas, going up 21 percent — from \$179,000 in the 12 months ending August 2014 to \$217,000 in the 12 months ending August 2015 — despite the fact that inventory decreased only 5 percent from August 2014 to August 2015.

“Mortgages are coming back in a big way too,” says Steve Barker, advising broker for Equity Realty. The August report showed conventional sales amounted to 44 percent of all sales; whereas in August of 2013, conventional sales amounted to only 34 percent of all sales in that month. “I believe we are starting to see a real trend back to home financing as many of the homeowners who lost homes in 2006, 2007 and 2008 are now able to qualify for new mortgages,” Mr. Barker says.

NABOR’s Pat Pitocchi, corporate trainer at Downing-Frye Realty, says one factor contributing to the impressive activity in August could be that buyers are concerned about an impending rate increase. Phil Wood, president and CEO of John R. Wood Properties, adds this concern might not be on just the buyers’ minds. Mr. Wood says he has heard “several large banks are encouraging high-end buyers who have always favored purchasing homes with cash to consider applying for a mortgage to take advantage of the low rates.”

Aside from a steady shift of cash sales to more sales with conventional financing, Mr. Barker points out that there were 284 non-traditional sales (short sale and foreclosed sales) in August 2009 compared to only 49 such sales in August 2015. “There simply isn’t a huge



presence of cash investors consuming the market anymore,” he says.

Activity in the upper end of the market was impressive in August, as evidenced in the NABOR report. Overall pending sales for homes in the \$2 million and above category increased 58 percent — from 19 pending sales in August 2014 to 30 pending sales in August 2015. This bracket’s overall median closed price also increased — 14 percent, from \$2,850,000 in the 12 months ending August 2014 to \$2,230,000 in the 12 months ending August 2015.

The NABOR August 2015 report provides comparisons of single-family home and condominium sales (via the Southwest Florida MLS), price ranges and geographic segmentation and includes an overall market summary. Among the overall findings:

■ Overall pending sales increased 2

percent — from 795 in August 2014 to 811 in August 2015.

■ Overall closed sales increased 2 percent — from 9,695 in the 12 months ending August 2014 to 9,870 in the 12 months ending August 2015.

■ Overall median closed price increased 14 percent — from \$260,000 in the 12 months ending August 2014 to \$297,000 in the 12 months ending August 2015.

■ The overall median closed price for homes \$300,000 and under increased 10 percent — from \$175,000 in the 12 months ending August 2014 to \$192,000 in the 12 months ending August 2015.

■ Overall inventory decreased 2 percent — from 3,579 in August 2014 to 3,525 in August 2015.

■ Overall inventory for homes \$300,000 and under decreased 26 percent — from 1,279 in August 2014 to 946

in August 2015.

■ There is a 4.27-month supply of inventory.

■ Average days on market decreased 4 percent — from 81 days to 78 days.

Rick Fioretti, NABOR president elect and broker associate with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Florida Realty, points out that the 52 percent increase in the days on market for homes in south Naples — from 63 days to 96 days — could be a result of natural market correction.

“New construction in the south Naples area is impacting neighboring home values favorably,” Mr. Fioretti says. “Add the increase in commercial development near the U.S. 41 and Collier Boulevard exchange and the result appears to be that sellers realized their homes may have been undervalued and are now pricing them higher.”

To view the entire report, visit naplesarea.com. ■

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Guest speaker Henry Paul Johnson has specialized in working with condominium and homeowners associations in Southwest Florida for more than 30 years and is a member of the adjunct faculty at the Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology and chairman of the education committee for the Collier Building Industry Association. A magna cum laude graduate of Bowdoin College in Maine, Mr. Johnson holds a master's degree in education from the University of Miami and is an honors graduate from the University of Miami School of Law.

The seminar is open to the public. Seating is limited, however, and reservations are required. Call 403-6670.

Gary Moser has joined Carroll & Carroll Inc. as an appraiser in the firm's residential real estate appraisal division. A state certified Residential real estate appraiser, Mr. Moser specializes in appraisals for residential real estate, mortgage loans, estate purposes, market valuation and analysis and buying and listing decisions. Before he entered into the field of appraisal, he served in the U.S. Navy for eight years. He has more than 15 years of appraisal experience in the Tampa Bay area.



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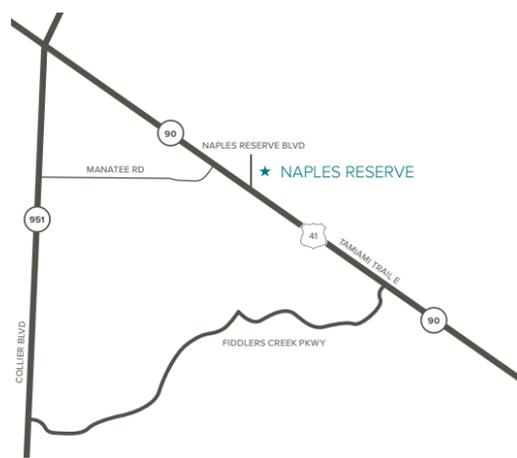
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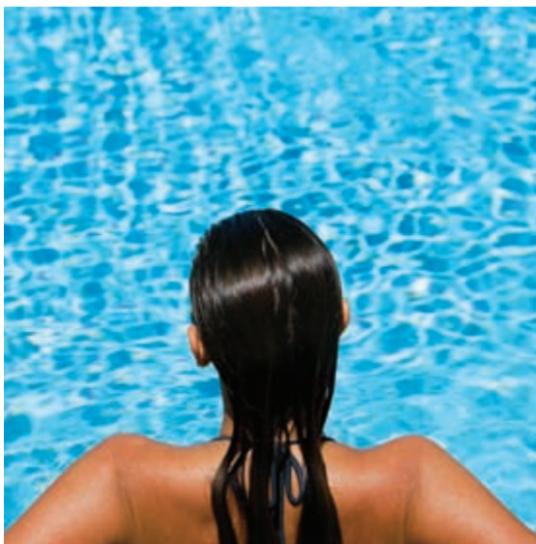


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Vyne House on Schedule for November Completion at Talis Park

Construction of Talis Park's highly anticipated Vyne House clubhouse Phase II is on-schedule for completion by mid-November. Located adjacent to the Great Lawn at the community's Grand Piazza, Vyne House epitomizes the New Fashioned aesthetic developer Kitson & Partners has introduced at Talis Park. Rather than offering an expansive clubhouse more narrowly focused in design and function, Vyne House presents a series of lifestyle oriented spaces designed to be used every day, inviting users to come as they are in a relaxed format. The buildings are interconnected by covered outdoor walkways and wrapped around multiple courtyards offering the possibility of outdoor dining and entertaining.

Talis Park's residents continue to enjoy Fiona's Market Café, the Core Fitness Center, and the Esprit Spa already open at Vyne House Phase I. Phase II will introduce Vyne Court, an open-air courtyard that is the centerpiece of Vyne House. In addition to serving as a point of entry, Vyne Court will provide a social space suited to hosting events. The upper level will include formal indoor dining, casual indoor and outdoor dining, a multi-purpose room adjacent to Vyne Court, aerobics and cardio workout rooms, and a Wine Room/Board Room. The lower level will host the golf pro shop and locker facilities. Phase II will include completion of a resort-style pool with a large deck, as well as a stately rotunda overlooking the 18th green that will feature an oversized, two-sided fireplace. When Phase II is completed, Vyne House will include 32,052 square feet under air and 25,065 square feet of outdoor space.

With the completion of Vyne House less than two months away, the appeal of Kitson's innovative Residences at Vyne House is becoming increasingly evident. An enclave of fourteen luxurious, penthouse-style condominium residences immediately adjacent to Vyne House and the Great Lawn, the Residences at Vyne House's distinctive ambiance is based on the premise that location, exceptional service, choice, and style matter. A select group of homeowners will enjoy the convenience of life literally within steps of every amenity at Vyne House. A 24-hour, seven days a week concierge will provide owners at The Residences at Vyne House a level of personal service that is unique in condominium settings.

The Residences at Vyne House offers eleven distinct floor plans ranging from 2,563 to 5,648 square feet priced from \$1.350 million to \$3.575 million. The floor plan choices include two-bedroom plus den, three bedroom, three bedroom plus den, and four-bedroom residences with a family room and great room. Several of the residences include expansive outdoor terraces overlooking the Great Lawn. A number of the north, west, and south, or north, east, and south facing residences also offer views of the lake that envelopes Il Corso, the Watercourse at Talis Park. Four penthouse residences range from 2,752 to 5,648 square feet with 12-foot ceilings, one of which is on the ground level

and includes its own casita and overlooks 2,000 square feet of outdoor living space.

The Residences at Vyne House provide spacious environments that live in a personal way. Standard finishes include hardwood flooring in the living areas, carpeted bedrooms, drywall ceilings, mud-set marble flooring and showers in the master bath, porcelain tile flooring and showers in the guest room baths, and an appliance package in the spacious island kitchens featuring a Wolf Induction cook-top, Wolfe microwave, SubZero refrigerator, and an ASCO dishwasher. Early purchasers may customize features and finishes not involving structural changes.

Kitson has simplified the finish selection process by offering three interior styles created by Lori Fountain, IDS of F.T. Design, Inc. Fountain's Villa Paradiso style is inspired by Vyne House and softly contrasts warm-toned Santorini wood flooring against light backgrounds. Colonial gold granite countertops will be presented in combination with chestnut-toned Brookhill raised-panel cabinetry in the kitchen. Brookhill Harvest Bronze vanities in the master and guest baths will be topped by Navona cross-cut polished marble. The same marble will be used on the master bathroom floor and shower walls. The master bath will include a free-standing tub. The 12" x 14" planked flooring and shower walls in the guest baths will be Olympia Mila porcelain tile. Light-toned Kalkun Winter White carpeting will be featured in the bedrooms.

The Modern Retreat style features a crisp, contemporary ambiance. The design showcases driftwood-toned oak flooring and light grey kitchen cabinetry with slab doors that will complement the island and perimeter's light grey stippled Pompeii quartz countertops. The master bath will feature white Carrara marble vanity countertops, flooring, and shower walls against dark-toned vanity cabinetry. The Carrara countertops and dark-toned cabinetry will continue in the guest baths in combination with cool grey planked porcelain tile flooring. Cold Water colored Misteriosa carpeting will be featured in the bedrooms.

Fountain's Coastal Tranquility style showcases an inspired take on coastal living. The design presents a clean look with light-toned Santorini wood flooring, Potter's Mill White Icing Shaker style kitchen cabinetry, and Pompeii quartz Pure White kitchen counters. White Icing vanity cabinetry will be featured in the master and guest baths with Crema Marfil marble countertops. The flooring and shower walls in the master bath will also be Crema Marfil marble, while clean-lined sand-toned planked porcelain tile will be used on the guest baths' floors and shower walls. The bedrooms will feature canvas-toned Jingo carpeting.

Talis Park is located in North Naples on Livingston Road just north of Immokalee Road. Visit Talis Park's Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road in North Naples, or visit Talis Park online at talispark.com. ■



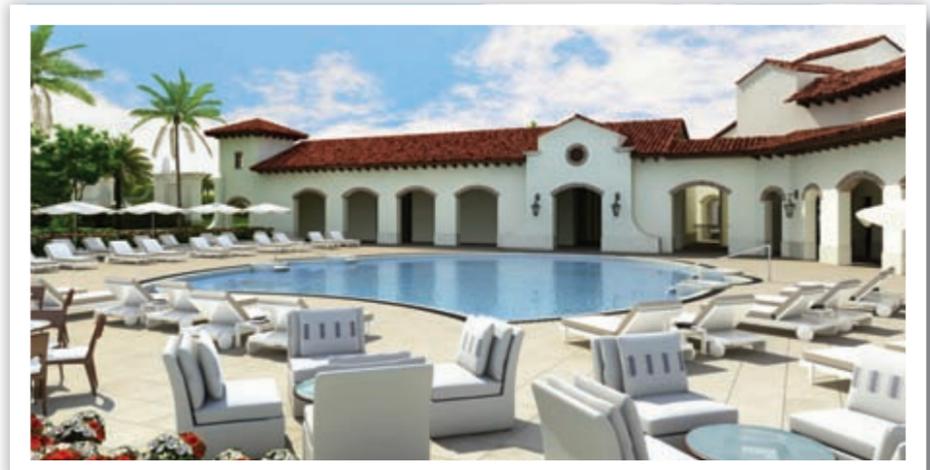
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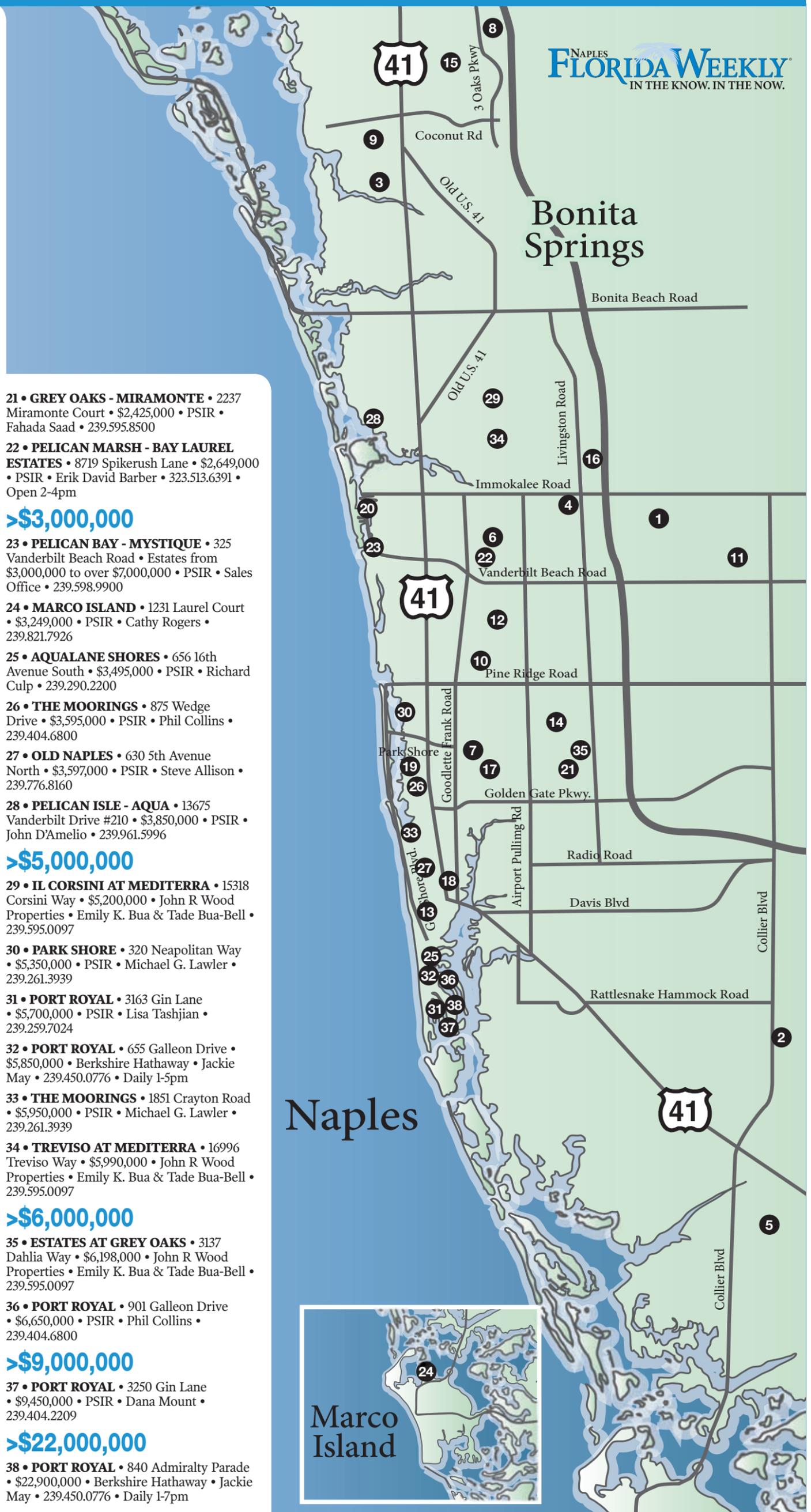
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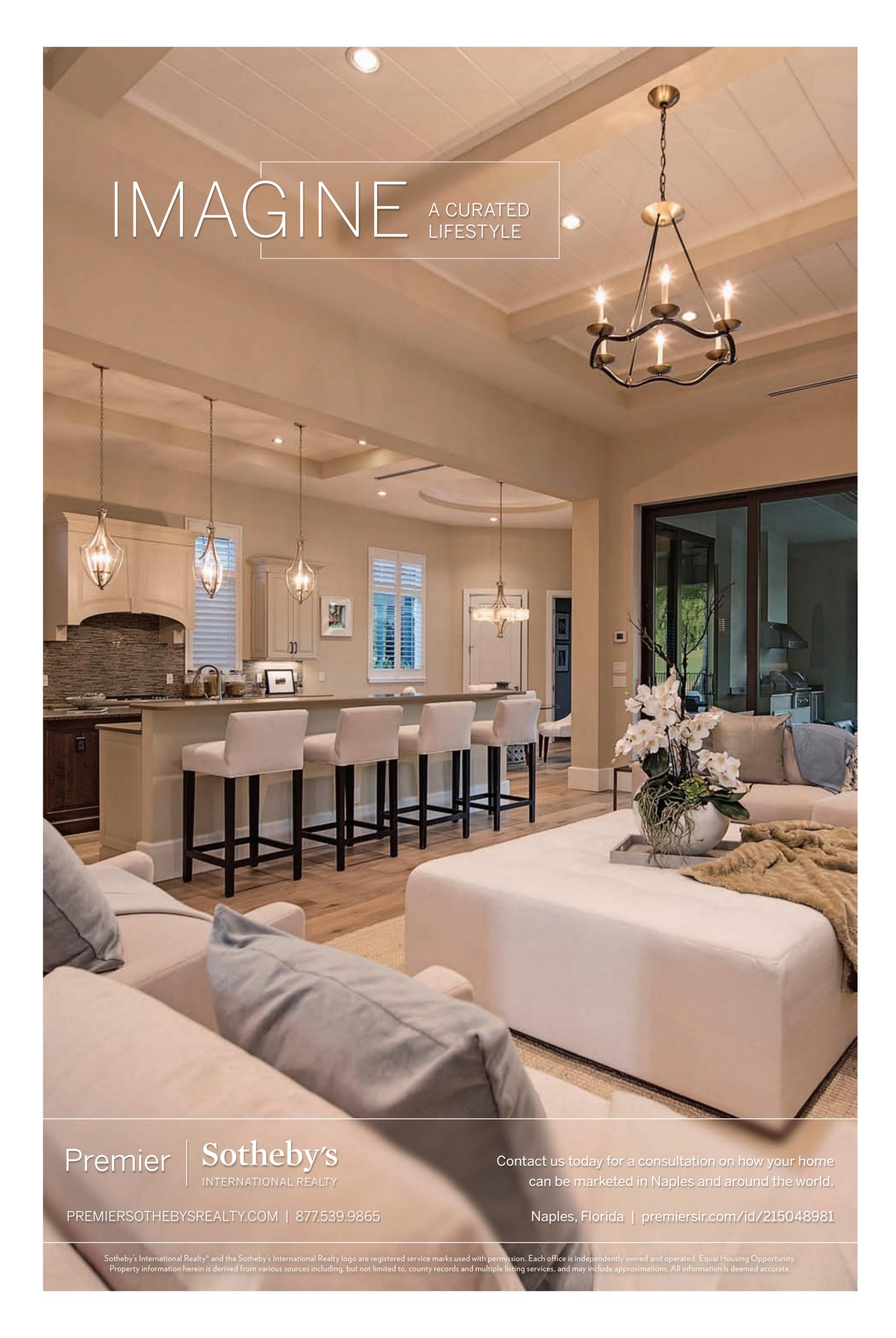
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COURTESY PHOTO

Chef Georges Perrier at his Le Bec-Fin restaurant in Philadelphia in a scene from the documentary "King Georges."

Culinary documentary is last course for NIFF 2015

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

The Naples International Film Festival will present the Florida premiere of the full-length documentary "King Georges" as part of its closing night awards presentation and wrap party Sunday, Nov. 8, at Artis—Naples.

The film is an intimate portrayal of a world-renowned chef, Georges Perrier, and his quest to keep Le Bec-Fin, the restaurant he has run in Philadelphia for 40 years, relevant. Chef Perrier's contemporaries — at Lutece, La Cote Basque, L'Orangerie — are gone and he is the last man standing of his generation. But how long can he reign? Hoping to reinvigorate Le Bec-Fin, he partners with young Nicholas Elmi, the winner of "Top Chef" in 2014.

First-time director Erika Frankel's "King Georges" follows Chef Perrier over four years from Le Bec-Fin's raging inferno of a kitchen to quiet moments at home, capturing an intimate glimpse of a celebrated artist in the twilight of his career who realizes he is still hungry for seconds.

Both Ms. Frankel and Chef Perrier will attend the NIFF screening and a Q&A session afterward.

"I am so honored to have 'King Georges' chosen as the closing night film," Ms. Frankel says. "I always think of Naples of as a great center of food and culture in the south."

Shannon Franklin, NIFF executive and artistic director, is equally thrilled. "This engaging and touching film is the perfect way to wrap up the festival weekend," she says.

Sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management, the NIFF 2015 Closing Night Film & Wrap Party begins with an awards ceremony at 7 p.m., immediately followed by the film presentation and Q&A. Tickets for \$100 include drinks, light bites and dessert for audience members along with filmmakers and others celebrating the end of the festival weekend.

Tickets are available by calling the Artis—Naples box office at 597-1900 or online at artisnaples.org.

While the NIFF opening and closing night films and festivities take place at Artis—Naples, the approximately 40 other screenings Nov. 6-8 will be at SilverSpot Cinema in Mercato. This year's lineup includes domestic and international independent feature-length dramas, comedies and documentaries, as well as a selection of short films. For more information, visit naplesfilmfest.com. ■



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Clockwise from left: Lois Kuehne, Suzanne Davies, Pat Clopton and Lori Riti.

CALENDAR GIRLS

Local actresses bare it all for a good cause

BY NANCY STETSON

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Pat Clopton never had a burning desire to take her clothes off in public.

But when the opportunity presented itself recently, the local actress, just a handful of weeks shy of 80, thought: What the hell?

"I can't imagine one other woman my age — my friends, my contemporaries — who would do this," she says.

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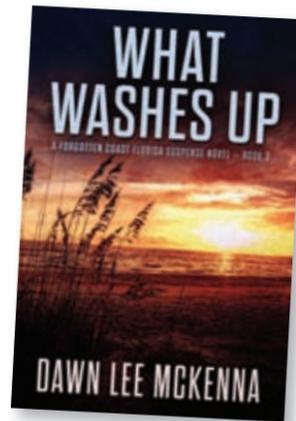


Clockwise from front left: Rosie DeLeon, Suzanne Davies, Lois Kuehne, Brenda Kensler, Pat Clopton and Lori Riti.

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SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Speaking up, even when we're afraid



In her wise and insightful relationship guide "Calling in the One: 7 Weeks to Attracting the Love of Your Life," author Katherine Woodward Thomas encourages us to ask ourselves: "In what ways am I trying to manipulate a situation rather than asking directly for what I want?"

I recently read her book for the second time and, unlike in the first go-through, I actually did all the exercises. When I reached this particular question, I pulled out my journal and began making a list of all the situations I'm trying to manipulate instead of coming out and asking for what I want. To my surprise, nearly all the men in my life showed up on the list — ex-boyfriends, former lovers, friends, neighbors. Shocking, because I've always considered myself a truth-teller. I take pride in being vocal. But looking at the list I had to admit that I rarely speak up when it comes to romantic entanglements.

"There are several reasons why we do not assert ourselves in relationships," Mrs. Woodward Thomas says in her book, "and most of them start with the 'F' word — fear. There's the fear of rejection, the fear of abandonment and the fear of being humiliated."

She's right.

I have a habit of downplaying what I really want from a partner because I'm afraid of an endless list of things.

I'm afraid he'll see how vast my needs are.

I'm afraid he'll decide I'm too much

to handle.

I'm afraid he'll know that I really like him.

So I sit quietly and let my resentment build. And resentment, as anyone in a relationship will tell you, is anathema

to love.

In the most recent instance, the man I'm seeing in St. Pete told me he could only make it down for half his usual visit. Although he said something about needing to help a friend move, what I heard was, "You are not a priority for me." All my usual insecurities kicked in. I started to launch into my standard no-worries routine — the one where I say, "No problem," when what I mean is, "How could you?"

But this time I stopped myself. Remembering Mrs. Woodward Thomas' advice to speak up, instead I told him, "That's not enough for me. I need more time with you."

He went quiet, and the muscles in my stomach knotted.

"The bottom line between making a clear, direct request instead of a manipulative demand simply masquerading as a request," Ms. Woodward Thomas says, "is that you genuinely have the space for someone to say no."

The man I'm dating said, "I'll see what I can do."

It wasn't a no, but it wasn't a yes. Still, I had managed to voice an important truth. For someone else, the moment might have passed without significance. But for me, it marked something important. After all, what's the point in being in a relationship if we have to suppress our needs? Better to put them on the table and let our partner decide if he can meet them.

And if not? At least we gave ourselves the opportunity to be heard. ■

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She had retired from acting three years ago, but couldn't resist auditioning for "Calendar Girls" at the Laboratory Theater in Fort Myers.

Director Brenda Kensler urged her to try out and sent her a copy of the script. Once she read it, Ms. Clopton says, "I was hooked. Then when I found out who she was casting, I knew I wanted to do it."

Practically every actress in Southwest Florida auditioned for the play. "We all wanted to be part of it," she says, confessing that she hadn't realized disrobing in public had been on her bucket list.

When she was cast, "I said I was very grateful and honored, and most of all, I'm going to use this in my obituary: 'She had an outrageous sense of humor, and when she was 80 years old, she stripped off her clothes and acted in "Calendar Girls."'

"I actually went home and rewrote my obituary. That's how proud of this I am."

Hoping for a local sensation

"Calendar Girls" was originally a 2003 movie starring Helen Mirren and Julie Walters. Based on a real-life incident, it tells the story of a group of older Yorkshire women who are members of the Knapely branch of the Women's Institute in Great Britain. When the husband of one of the women is diagnosed with leukemia, they decide to pose nude for their annual calendar to raise money for leukemia research.

Of course, their "personal bits" are artfully covered by props, but still, they're totally nude.

In a world that worships youth and women over 40 are invisible, this is radical.

The calendars sell out and become an international sensation.

The movie was adapted into a play in 2008, written by Tim Firth, the same man who'd written the screenplay (with Juliette Towhidi).

The movie and play were art imitating life.

But now, with the Fort Myers production, life is imitating art.

This cast of "Calendar Girls" has posed nude for a calendar to raise money for Partners for Breast Cancer Care, a non-profit that funds breast screening and diagnostic testing for low-income, uninsured women and men in Lee County. They're printing 250 calendars and will sell them at \$15 apiece before and after performances and during intermission.

"I want to encourage people to pay more if they want to," says cast member Nancy Antonio.

Ms. Kensler's husband has been battling cancer for four years, and many of the actresses say they are doing it for the couple. One of the actresses' husbands initially objected to her participating, but then relented, reasoning, "It's OK, because it's for Brenda and for Dave."

Ms. Clopton, who was so excited about being cast, called her children to share the news.

"My son, who's very much like me, said, 'Oh Mom, that's great!'" she says. "My (three stepchildren) were like, 'Oh really? Isn't that nice.' But my son, he said, 'Oh, yeah, that's my crazy mom. That's my Auntie Mame. She's doing it again!'"

Even if all four of them had objected to her taking a part in the play, Ms. Clopton says, she would have done it anyway. "I 100 percent do not care ... One of the nice things about getting to be this age is that you can say and do a lot of things you couldn't before," she adds. "It's rather liberating. It's kind of nice to not have to ask permission of anyone."



Pat Clopton – January

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Lori Riti – October



Bonnie Grossmann – March

Her picture is the calendar photo for January. She sits knitting, looking almost beatific.

Older and wiser

At the auditions, Ms. Kensler asked everyone if they'd be willing to be naked on stage.

"And every one of them said, 'Absolutely,'" she says. "They wouldn't do it when they were 20, but they're ready now."

"I think it's because we've just grown comfortable with who we are," says Lori Riti, whose portrait graces the calendar page for October. "And we know we're more than just a body. When we're 20, it's all about how we look. But now that we're 60-something, we know we're more than that."

The director has assured the cast from the beginning that she would never ask them to do anything that would embarrass them.

Local photographer Mila Bridger shot the images for the calendar on two Saturdays. The entire cast came to both shoots to cheer each other on.

"We came to support the rest of them," Ms. Clopton says. "We all hooted and hollered and screeched!"

"It made (the photographer) want to disrobe, to join in," says Ms. Riti.

And so she did.

Even the stage manager, who is a breast cancer survivor, and the lighting tech shed their clothes.

Ms. Kensler, the director, did as well. "It was extremely empowering," she says of the experience. "I didn't think I could ask that of women in the play without doing it myself."

The cast and crew also had a slumber party at Tween Waters Inn on Captiva. The following morning, a few of the women posed with a banner advertising the play.

They took their tops off in front of the Captiva House restaurant and stood behind the banner for a photo. Of course, curious resort guests going by stopped to inquire about the banner.

"One was a cancer survivor, one's mom had passed (from cancer)," actress Suzanne Davies says, adding, "As soon as you make that connection, the seriousness sets in. The real motivation is that we got naked in a calendar for the cause: for Brenda, and to raise money for cancer."

"I can't imagine we'd do it for any other reason," Ms. Riti says.

"None of it is gratuitous," says Ms. Clopton. "We're doing it for the same reason the original Calendar Girls did it."

The photos are artfully done, tasteful yet humorous and audacious.

in the know

'Calendar Girls'

>> **When:** Oct. 2-17

>> **Where:** Laboratory Theater
1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers

>> **Cost:** \$25 (\$12 for students)

>> **Info:** 218-0481 or
laboratorytheaterflorida.com

Breasts are covered with everything from broccoli to buns to teapots.

"If it comes across as serious or vulgar, then we've done it the wrong way," Ms. Kensler says.

The women, who range in age from 45 to 79, have come to terms with their more-mature bodies.

"I think that's part of what makes this so beautiful and so poignant," Ms. Riti says. "I've been really connecting with the whole theme of: We're older, we're imperfect."

"In the play, the character John (husband of one of the women) says, 'That's OK. The last phase of the sunflower is the most glorious.' It wasn't sexual at all. In the play, it says that it's the corporal beauty of the mature human form."

In addition to championing the beauty of mature women, the play also glorifies the strength of women and the power of their friendship. It also urges us to make the most of our time on earth.

"There's a line in the play: 'One of saddest things on God's earth is those with the fewest hours left allowing less and less to fill more and more,'" Ms. Davies says.

The impact of cancer

Everyone in the play has been affected by cancer in one way or another.

Ms. Clopton lost her husband to lung cancer eight years ago.

"Sometimes you feel you're surrounded by it; it comes in batches," she says. "At my age, you hear: 'Did you hear? So-and-so has it,' and, 'So-and-so has it.'"

Ms. Riti lost her 11-year-old niece to osteosarcoma. She lost her sister-in-law to breast cancer and her best man to pancreatic cancer just two months after her wedding.

Ms. Antonio's mother had a rare form of lymphoma, and she just lost a close friend to cancer this Christmas. "I've been privileged to shepherd many friends through chemo and radiation and surgery and hospice," the former nurse says.

"I suppose in our minds, we dedicated these performances to those people who are important to us," Ms. Clopton muses.

Ms. Kensler and her husband have been married for 43 years. It's both difficult and rewarding to put on this play that hits so close to home for her.

"They get it," she says of the women in the cast. "I'm going through it, and they get it, they understand. I could call any one of them at any time of day and say: I need you. I need help ... I need vodka!"

"That is what women do when it gets down to it: 'What do you need? Where do you want me to go? What do you need me to do for you? I'll be there in 10 minutes.' That's what we do for each other."

"Many of the women in this (cast) are women I call on the days I feel like screaming, the days I don't think I can do it another day. So yeah, I'm saying 'F*** you, cancer,' (with doing this play.) I say it every day."

Dealing with cancer is an unpredictable emotional rollercoaster.

"You laugh and you cry," Ms. Kensler says. "We're real, and we give authentic support to each other. We're being who we are without being embarrassed or ashamed ..."

"Talk about being nude." ■

FLORIDA WRITERS

Panhandle novel packs punch with murder, romance and family dynamics



■ **“What Washes Up” by Dawn Lee McKenna. Sweet Tea Press. 147 pages. Trade paperback, \$9.99.**

This is the third book in Dawn Lee McKenna’s four-part “The Forgotten Coast Florida Suspense Series,” a tightly integrated sequence of books that is best enjoyed and appreciated if read in order.



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From my own experience, however, “What Washes Up” packs plenty of punch and has effective coherence when read on its own. If you are looking for intriguing characters, more than a bit of mayhem and crime, well-drawn relationships and a powerful sense of place, you’ll definitely enjoy this quick read.

Lt. Maggie Redman is in a bad way. On leave from the sheriff’s office while nursing a bullet-blasted hand and not allowed to work the case of her ex-husband David’s recent death by suspicious explosion, she comes across an unlikely scene with some of her colleague-friends: A wooden skiff is burning, and a fire-blackened man hangs

dead from the front of the cabin. The sight and smell are nauseating.

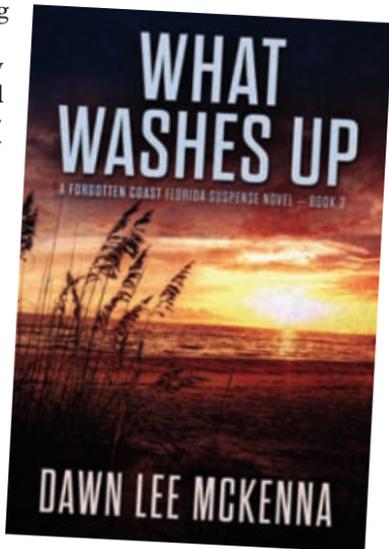
The corpse is that of one Rupert Fain, a drug dealer suspected of being David’s murderer (David himself had been involved with transporting drugs). Fain had been killed by a small caliber bullet before his body was hanged on the burning boat.

It’s quite a way to enjoy a day that was supposed to be an opportunity for Maggie and her boss/boyfriend Sheriff Wyatt Hamilton to advance their relationship. Their negotiation of that relationship is one of the novel’s many engaging centers of interest. Others include Maggie’s role as mother of a 10-year-old son and a teenage daughter (who are staying with Maggie’s parents through this course of events) and her relationship with her parents. The author sketches these family dynamics with economy and skill, just enough to make them credible, distinctive and admirable to readers.

A key phrase planted early in the novel is that of someone saying, “I’m tired of cleaning up Boudreaux’s messes.” The questions: Are these murders Boudreaux’s mess? What else is part of the “mess” category? And is Bennett Boudreaux the

Boudreaux being named? He is, after all, the man who said Fain was most likely David’s killer.

Somehow, Maggie still has a case she can attend to: the severed leg of one Sport Wilmette, found in a shrimper’s net shortly before David’s death. What else ties David, Fain and Wilmette together?



A serial killer?

As the novel develops, Ms. McKenna pays more and more attention to Boudreaux, an attractive, well-mannered criminal who is good to those he employs, including housekeeper Amelia and her mother, Miss Evangeline, who had been Boudreaux’s nanny back in Louisiana. He owns a successful fishing depot and restaurant in town, and he has other successful enterprises as well (some on the wrong side of the law). He has two

sons who figure significantly as the plot unfolds, and his nephew Gregory’s suicide was one of Maggie’s cases.

One of Maggie’s many secrets is that Gregory raped her when she was a teen, about the age her daughter is now. Such secrets and how to deal with them feed the novel’s psychological interest.

Maggie can’t help but be lured toward Boudreaux, and the attraction is mutual.

Wyatt is at once jealous and worried about whether Maggie has lost her good sense. Yet Boudreaux is clearly a key to what’s been going on in Apalachicola, a piece of the Florida Panhandle that the author describes with authority and skill.

The working out of these complications would be enough for a short novel (or quartet segment), but there’s more.

A body washes up along the shore, and then many more. The survivor of this disaster is a young boy named Virgilio, whose parents and younger sister are among the dead. Agent Tomlinson from Homeland Security is on the case, and the local sheriff’s office is assisting. The illegals’ frail, overcrowded boats had sunk. Turns out the people were Guatemalans en route to employment picking vegetables on a big farm owned by ... Bennett Boudreaux.

Ms. McKenna manages all of the novel’s attendant details, motives for action and eventual outcomes with confidence, vividness and terrific pacing. Born and raised in Florida, she left for Tennessee many years ago, but Florida is still very much in her soul and imagination. If you download an e-version (from Amazon Kindle), you’ll find it quite an entertainment bargain. ■

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Million Dollar Quartet – Oct. 1-Nov. 21 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Second Chances: The Thrift Shop Musical – Through Nov. 7 at the Off Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

Calendar Girls – By Laboratory Theater of Florida Oct. 2-17 at 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers. 218-0481 or laboratorytheaterflorida.com. See story on page C1.

Toys in the Attic – By Theatre Conspiracy Oct. 2-18 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3239 or theatre-conspiracy.org.

I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti – Oct. 6-Nov. 1 at Florida Repertory Theatre's ArtStage Studio Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org. See story on page C10.

The Glass Menagerie – By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 11-25 at The Norris Center. (866) 811-4111 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Something's Afoot – By The Naples Players Oct. 14-Nov. 8 at the Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.com.



Watch a demonstration by artist Abby Warman ("Bliss," above) and listen to live jazz starting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at The Artists' Gallery as part of the monthly Art ALIVE in the Naples Art District. Galleries and studios stay open late with refreshments, entertainment and artists on hand throughout the district that's north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road. The Artists' Gallery is at 6240 Shirley St. 596-5099 or theartistsgallery.us.

THURSDAY 10.1

No Soldier Left Behind – South Regional Library hosts a discussion on the hotly debated case of Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl at 10 a.m. Free, but reservations required. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

Spotlight Film – Naples Regional Library screens the classic thriller "Wait Until Dark" (USA, 1967) at 2 p.m. Free, but registration required. 263-7768 or collierlibrary.org.

State of the Art – United Arts Council and Saks Fifth Avenue host an evening of art and fashion from 5-7 p.m. at Saks. Registration required. 592-5900 or email Rachel_Galante@s5a.com.

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FRIDAY 10.2

Foreign Film – South Regional Library screens "Divided We Fall" (Czech Republic, 2000) at 2 p.m. A childless couple in Nazi occupied Czechoslovakia agree to hide a Jewish friend. Free, but registration required. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

Art Reception – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a campus open house and opening reception for the traveling exhibit "Sandy Scott: A Retrospective" from 6-8 p.m. Free. 26100 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

How the Other Half Lives – Whole Foods and ITZ Studios screen the fifth episode of the locally filmed reality show "Billionaire's Coast" at the market's Uncorked Friday starting at 6 p.m. Guests will also enjoy featured wines and cheeses. \$10, with proceeds benefitting Lighthouse of Collier Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. 552-5100 or wholefoodsmarket.com.

SATURDAY 10.3

Boat Show – The Marine Industries Association of Collier County presents the Naples Boat Show at Naples City Dock today and Sunday, Oct. 4. 682-0900 or miacc.org.

Car Show – ExEL Foundation for early childhood learning in Golden Gate hosts the Cool Cruisers Car Club at Heritage Bay. \$25 admission includes a T-shirt and snacks. exel-naples.com.

Flutter by the Garden – The children's garden at Naples Botanical Garden invites young visitors to participate in butterfly-themed events from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. every weekend this month. Free with garden admission (\$14.95 adults, \$9.95 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Lifelong Learning – FGCU ecologist Brian Bovard hosts a presentation about local pinelands from 10 a.m. to noon at Naples Botanical Garden. Registration required. A field trip departs at 1 p.m. and returns at 4 p.m. Lecture is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members; excursion is \$15 for members, \$20 for otherse. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

All Creatures Great & Small – In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis, Emmanuel Lutheran Church on Moorling Ling Drive holds a Blessing of the Animals service from 9-11 a.m. Pets of all kinds and their people are welcome.

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

Kids' Day – Boys & Girls Club of Collier County welcomes local families for its Day for Kids starting at 4 p.m. Enjoy games, a bounce house, music, food and more. Free. 7500 Davis Blvd. 325-1759 or bgccc.com.

Diversity Festival – Hodges University hosts the eighth annual Diversity Festival from noon to 6 p.m. at the Naples campus, 2655 Northbrooke Drive. \$10 for adults, \$30 for a group of five, free for ages 5 and younger. hgodges.edu/diversityfestival.

Sidewalk Strings – Violinist Jeff Leigh performs outside Second Cup in Mercato starting at 6:30 p.m. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

Improv Tonight! – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs' in-house improv troupe performs at 8 p.m. \$12 for members, \$15 for non-members, \$17 at the door. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

SUNDAY 10.4

Yoga for All – Caryn Gallagher leads a fusion yoga class from 9-10 a.m. at the Seagate beach access. Bring a beach towel and water. Registration required, donations welcome. (312) 505-9642.

Film Discussion – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU hosts a screening and discussion of "The Umbrellas of Cherbourg" (France, 1964) at 2 p.m. A young girl becomes pregnant and must decide to wait for her lover's return from combat or accept an offer of marriage from a wealthy diamond merchant. Registration required. \$5 for members, \$6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

MONDAY 10.5

Drawing 101 – Naples Botanical Garden hosts a beginners' drawing workshop from 9 a.m. to noon. \$35 for members, \$40 for others. Registration required. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Master Class – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a lecture about Michelangelo's masterpieces from 10-11:30 a.m. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Registration required. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Pasta e Pellicola – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts dinner and a movie starting at 6 p.m. The featured film is "Delitto D'amore" (Italy, 1974), a socio-political story of two couples melding the northern and southern cultures of Italy while working in the industrial north. \$15 for dinner and film, \$5 for film alone. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

TUESDAY 10.6

Walk On – Take a 90-minute guided stroll along the shaded, 2.25-mile boardwalk at Audubon Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary starting at 9:30 a.m. Free with regular admission (\$12 for adults, \$6 for college students, \$4 for ages 6-18, free for ages 5 and younger). Limited to 12 participants. Tours are offered every Monday, Tuesday and Friday through October. 348-9151 or corkscrew.audubon.org.

Rec Room – The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts mah jongg, bridge and cards at 11:30 a.m. Free for members, \$3 for non-members. 7035 Airport Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

Soulful Songs – South Regional Library hosts a performance at 2 p.m. featuring Motown and R&B classics. Free, but registration required. 252-7542 or collierlibrary.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

The First Steps – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners starting at 7 p.m. \$15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4184 or pablorepuntango.com.

WEDNESDAY 10.7

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.

Local History – Naples Historical Society hosts a walking tour of Old Naples setting out at 9:30 a.m. from Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. \$10 members, \$16 non-members. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8164 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Art Talk – Renaissance Academy hosts a lecture about The Hermitage Museum of St. Petersburg, founded by Catherine the Great in 1764, from 10-11:30 a.m. \$20 for members, \$25 for others. Registration required. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Lunch & Learn – Everglades Wonder Gardens in Bonita Springs hosts a lunchtime lecture about piracy in Southwest Florida starting at noon. 992-5591 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Fall Film – Headquarters Regional Library screens “American Beauty” (USA, 1999) at 2 p.m. A sexually frustrated suburban father becomes infatuated with his teenaged daughter’s best friend. Free, but registration required. 593-0177 or collierlibrary.org.

New World Order – Naples Italian American Foundation starts a weekly educational series about the voyages of Christopher Columbus at 5:30 p.m. The evening includes cocktails and dinner. Reservations required by 6 p.m. the preceding Tuesday. \$25 for members, \$35 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5210 or niafoundation.org.

COMING UP

Evening on Fifth – Enjoy live music, shopping, dancing and dining on Fifth Avenue starting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8. 692-8426 or fifthavenuesouth.com.

Teen Terror – Kids in grades 6-12 are invited to meet at Mackle Park on Marco Island at 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, for a tour of “haunted” spots in Collier County. \$15. 642-0575 or cityofmarcoisland.com.

Concert in the Park – The Music Makers show band performs from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, in the bandshell at Cambier Park. 348-3675 or fifthavenuesouth.com. ■

— 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.

■ The Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers presents Britain’s living legends of comedy in “**John Cleese & Eric Idle: Together Again At Last... For The Very First Time**” at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. — *bbmannpah.com*

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RELIVE IT

■ TheatreZone professionals and FGCU performing arts students collaborate on a production of the cult musical “**Xanadu**” than runs on select dates Oct. 1-11 at the FGCU Theatre Lab. \$40-\$45. — *theatrezone-florida.com*



■ **Wilder Sons** perform from 6-8 p.m. Thursday on the lawn at Mercato. Enjoy the music while nibbling and sipping on refreshments from Naples Flatbread & Wine Bar and Masa. — *mercatoshops.com*



PLAN IT

■ The Art Galleries at the FGCU Bower School of Music & the Arts presents “**Yesterday, It Was Sunny: A solo exhibition of work by T.L. Solien**” Oct. 8-Nov. 14. An artist talk and reception start at 5 p.m. Oct. 8 in the Main Gallery in the Arts Complex. — *artgallery.fgcu.edu*



10.3

REV IT

■ Step back in time when members of the **Cool Cruisers Car Club** pull into Heritage Bay Country Club from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. \$25 to benefit the Exel Foundation for early childhood learning in Golden Gate. — *exel-naples.com*



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trips:

- "Barber of Seville," Nov. 21
- "Norma," Jan. 30
- "The Passenger," April 9
- "Don Pasquale," May 14

Season tickets for the rear orchestra are \$600; mezzanine seats are \$500. Single tickets are \$165 and \$140, respectively. To save your seat, send a check made out to Naples Opera Society to: Ron Bowman, 2485 Crayton Road, Naples FL 34103.

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The SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition Inc., a community of modern-day abolitionists, holds its inaugural masquerade party, "Taste of Freedom: Unmask and Empower," from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15, at Clive Daniel Home in Naples. The evening focuses on unmasking the perception of human trafficking and celebrating the empowerment of those who have survived it.

The coalition's educational efforts reach law enforcement officials, educational institutions, businesses and children in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties with information about how to recognize the traps set by human traffickers and where to go for help. The coalition's survivor services

include assistance with medical and mental health needs, shelter and personal care.

Tickets to the "Taste of Freedom: Unmask and Empower" masquerade party are \$125 (\$100 each for six or more). Raffles, including one for a 24-month lease of a 2015 Lexus, and a live auction will help raise additional funds. All proceeds will support the advocacy, education and client services provided by SWFL Regional Human Trafficking Coalition.

Purchase tickets at swflhumantrafficking.org. Lexus raffle tickets are also available online; the winner need not be present at the party. ■

'Dinner with Artists' series pairs local culinary and artistic pros

The Naples Art Association starts a new season of "Dinner with Artists" from 5:30-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 22, at Veranda E restaurant in the Hotel Escalante. The series pairs local artists and chefs to collaborate on creating and presenting original works of artistic and culinary mastery.

The first of four evenings for 2015-16 features longtime Naples artist Phil Fisher and Chef Bryan Sutton of Veranda E.

The second "Dinner with Artists" pairs native Colombian Juan Diaz with Chef/owner Brian Roland of Crave Culinaire catering. The evening takes place at The von Liebig Art Center on Tuesday, Dec. 1.

Glassblower Conrad Williams and Chef/owner Greg Shapiro of Tastebuds Custom Catering will combine their talents on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at The von Liebig Art Center.

And for the season's final "Dinner with Artists," assemblage artist Ran Adler and Chef Sutton of Veranda E will satisfy guests' appetites for food, wine and art on Wednesday, April 20, at Veranda E.

Tickets to each evening are \$100; for \$360, reserve a seat the table for all four. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Naples Art Association at 262-6517 or visit naplesart.org. ■



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Florida Rep opens ArtStudio season with heartache, meatballs and men

BY NANCY STETSON

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The first thing you need to know is that Michelle Damato doesn't watch the food channel.

Cooking shows leave her cold.

"I'm not a foodie," she says. "But I can boil water with the best of them."

She's Italian, on her father's side, but, "I'm a funny Italian; my family would call spaghetti sauce, gravy."

And contrary to the stereotype of the Italian grandmother who skillfully cooks up a feast, "My paternal grandmother would use Ragu from a can. She would doctor it up. Her kids would make fun of what a bad cook she was. They made fun of her meatballs!

"I ate it, but I don't remember it tasting bad. But then, I really had nothing to compare it to."

Ms. Damato grew up in Perth Amboy, N.J. Every Sunday the family faithfully went to her grandmother's house in Bayonne for dinner.

"We called her Grandma Bayonne. She'd serve Celantro frozen ravioli with doctored-up Ragu from a jar. And laughable meatballs. And then one Sunday a month, she would make roast beef."

As for Ms. Damato's parents, her dad didn't cook at all.

"My mom was a fine cook, but everything was frozen, from a bag," she says. "I don't think I ever ate fresh broccoli until I was in college."

So it's a surprise to find herself starring in "I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti," a one-woman show that requires making a three-course meal from scratch in front of an audience and then serving it to a select few who've paid extra for the privilege.

The show opens the new season on the ArtStudio stage at Florida Repertory Theatre in downtown Fort Myers.

The set has a working stove and sink (and was designed by resident technical director Bruce Bailey, who recently died unexpectedly).

Those who pay \$35 in addition to the regular \$45 for their ticket get wine, anti-pasta, ensalada mista ("It means mixed salad," Ms. Damato says), bread and fresh pasta with a hearty meat sauce.

Pasta from scratch

Based on a memoir of the same name by Guila Melucci, "I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti" opens for previews Tuesday, Oct. 6. Opening night is Friday, Oct. 9.

"Today, I made pasta from scratch," Ms. Damato says proudly after a recent rehearsal. "It's not that hard! I was worried about it. I used a pasta maker. Now



Michelle Damato, Director Michael Marotta and Costume Designer Alexandria Vazquez on the set of "I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti." COURTESY PHOTO

I want to buy one.

"I make the dough, I put it through the pasta press, which makes it flat. And then the pasta machine cuts the pasta into shapes. It cuts it into spaghetti. It's like magic.

"There was steam everywhere when I cooked the pasta. It's lovely. I think it's going to be pretty entertaining to watch someone cook and talk."

Although she doesn't consider herself a bad cook, the actress says she's not at the level of her director, Michael Marotta, or of Florida Rep's founder and producing artistic director, Robert Cacioppo. Both men are known for being skilled chefs.

Mr. Marotta, she says, gives her little tips and tricks "that make me look like a better cook than I am. For example, he showed me how to get the lemon zest off the zester, which is a plane grater, in a more economical way."

When Mr. Marotta first saw "I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti" in Cincinnati, he emailed Mr. Cacioppo, suggesting it'd be a great show for Florida Rep's black box theater. And having seen Ms. Damato in "Miracle on South Division Street," he requested she star in it. (Ms. Damato is also known for her comedic roles in other Florida Rep shows, including "Sylvia" and "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum.")

"It's very flattering that he specifically asked for me," she says.

Serially unavailable

The play touches on universal themes. The woman Ms. Damato portrays is very smart, successful, sophisticated and funny — yet she's unsuccessful in love.

"She makes a lot of concessions for the men in her life," she says. "I understand that. She goes out of her way to cook these amazing meals for these men, and she gives so much of herself through these meals, yet she gets nothing in return. And she keeps making the same mistakes over and over again.

"Everyone can understand that. I know I certainly can. She questions: Why do I give so much of myself, when I don't get much back in return?"

The men she dates — and talks about during the show — are successful and smart, but one has a drinking problem, two are scared of commitment and one is too old for her.

"But in each case, she keeps doing the same thing over and over again. The men change, but she doesn't.

"I understand her in some ways," Ms. Damato says. "Sometimes you just make concessions; you know things aren't right, but you say, 'Nothing's perfect,' and you just push on. She does

that a lot, until things reach a head, a boiling point, as it were, and the relationship dissolves and she's on to the next one.

"It's astounding that she's had so much trouble with love. You just don't understand. Why is this woman single? She's smart, she's funny, she's an amazing cook."

But, Ms. Damato points out, she continually finds emotionally unavailable men.

"Cooking is a comfort to her," she says. "She says early on: 'You know how we Italians are. When we have things to work out, we work them out in the kitchen. I get therapy; you get to eat.'

"The act of cooking and sharing is where she finds comfort."

And, with "I Loved, I Lost, I Made Spaghetti" and Ms. Damato, it will be where audiences find much humor. ■

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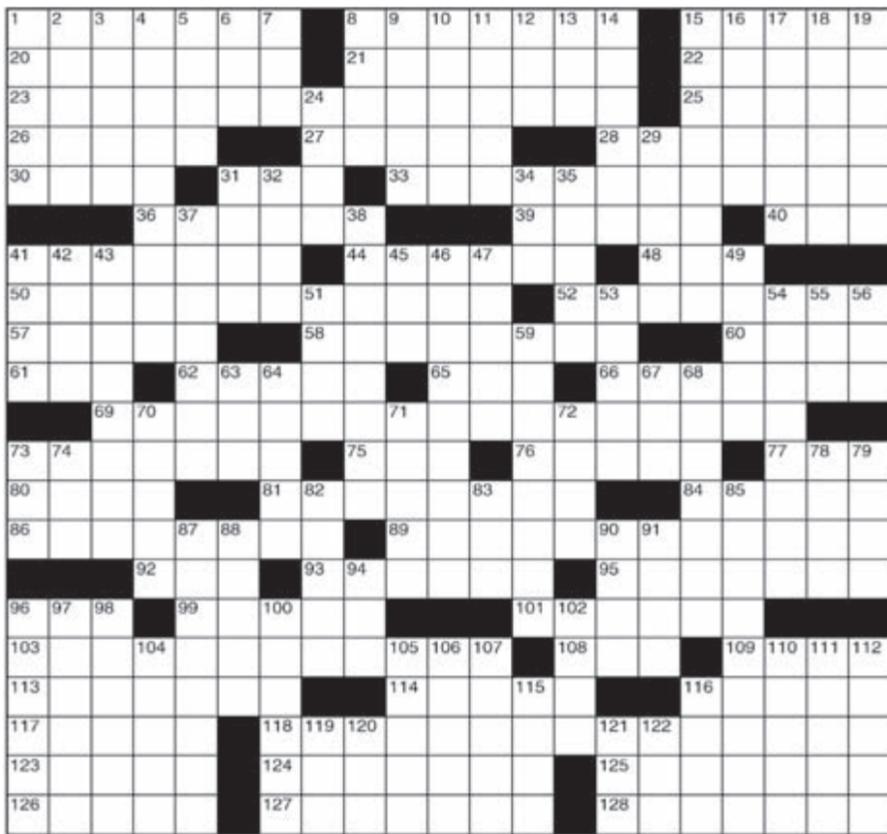
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Old RCA classical music label
 - 8 Jacuzzi's, e.g.
 - 15 With 87-Down, Academy Award hopefuls
 - 20 In a skillful manner
 - 21 Of Israel's language
 - 22 777, for one
 - 23 Man living in Scotland's capital?
 - 25 Tundra coat
 - 26 Deep blue
 - 27 River craft
 - 28 Shangri-las
 - 30 — -do-well (idle type)
 - 31 Half of twelve
 - 33 Man with no fastening band?
 - 36 Fistfight reminder
 - 39 "I'm tellin' ya, that's who!" — Francisco
 - 40 — Slightly
 - 41 Slightly
 - 44 1994 "Saturday Night Live" spinoff film
 - 48 Start to mature?
 - 50 Attacks a man?
 - 52 Rodent-killing poison, old-style
 - 57 Missouri River city
 - 58 Like details for carrying out an operation
 - 60 "Get lost!"
 - 61 Rock music's — Leppard
 - 62 Archie Bunker type
 - 65 John, to Ian
 - 66 Excessively
 - 69 Man at one's heels?
 - 73 1964 Beatles song
 - 75 Dreaded IRS probe: Abbr.
 - 76 Stipulations
 - 77 Barely get, with "out"
 - 80 Actor Malden
 - 81 Much better than so-so
 - 84 Stopwatch, e.g.
 - 86 "Webster" star Lewis
 - 89 Man doing some film editing?
 - 92 Blue Jays, on scoreboards
 - 93 Very fast, in scores
 - 95 Chooses
 - 96 "Na Na" preceder
 - 99 Very manly
 - 101 Artists' props
 - 103 Man who owns a Mexican restaurant?
 - 108 Oz, and lb.
 - 109 Add (on)
 - 113 Huge
 - 114 Treat like dirt
 - 116 Actor Peter
 - 117 Steak type
 - 118 "Ms. Oakley, go after that man?"
 - 123 Small vessel for oil or wine
 - 124 Piling-on footballer
 - 125 Render obsolete
 - 126 "— a
 - 127 Ought to have, informally
 - 128 Forced away (from)
- DOWN**
- 1 Heavy noble gas
 - 2 Bring forth
 - 3 Pfeiffer of "Cybill"
 - 4 Use a harpoon
 - 5 Berkshire school
 - 6 Old politico
 - 7 Soap compound
 - 8 Emmy winner
 - 9 Actors Sean and Kai
 - 10 Head of a monastery
 - 11 More faithful
 - 12 Old Egypt-Syr. alliance
 - 13 Large
 - 14 "Peanuts" cartoonist
 - 15 Foes
 - 16 Smacks
 - 17 West Indies natives
 - 18 City ESE of Istanbul
 - 19 Rationality
 - 24 Cato's 611
 - 29 Lead on
 - 31 WWII battle city in France
 - 32 Robert who played A.J. Soprano
 - 34 Blind — bat
 - 35 — dish
 - 37 Friendly
 - 38 Oversize-load escort vehicle
 - 41 Leon Uris' —
 - 42 Heavy book
 - 43 Assert anew
 - 45 Dress finely, with "out"
 - 46 Hangouts on the slopes
 - 47 Cuban bills
 - 49 Buddy who played a Clampett
 - 51 Really ruin
 - 53 One- (short drama)
 - 54 Bookish
 - 55 — "King" Cole
 - 56 Ending of ordinal numbers
 - 59 In direct confrontation
 - 63 Feeling sick
 - 64 "Fiddler on the Roof" wife
 - 67 Resistance unit
 - 68 Purify, as liquor
 - 70 D sharp's sound-alike
 - 71 Leg exercise
 - 72 Nap locales
 - 73 Clanton of Tombstone
 - 74 Gp. of relatives
 - 78 Daily Planet's Clark
 - 79 Physicist's work units
 - 82 Aristotle's A
 - 83 Prov. with Thunder Bay
 - 85 Wintertime tempests
 - 87 See 15-Across
 - 88 Europe-Asia border range
 - 90 "Hey you"
 - 91 Alternative to Levi's
 - 94 Giant bird of myth
 - 96 Sew
 - 97 Man, in Spain
 - 98 Brand of hot dogs
 - 100 Grippers on shoes
 - 102 Throw — blanket on
 - 104 Cliffhanging
 - 105 17-syllable poem
 - 106 Clear as —
 - 107 Summoned in an airport
 - 110 Lingo
 - 111 Unrefined
 - 112 Nervous, with "up"
 - 115 Fluids in syringes
 - 116 Guitar relative
 - 119 "Uh-uh"
 - 120 First Sgt., e.g.
 - 121 "That hurts!"
 - 122 Father or Lady lead-in

SEE ANSWERS, C11

HOROSCOPES

■ **LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)** A suggestion about a policy change could create heated reactions. Keep your mind open and resist joining in with naysayers unless they can show a real basis for their position.

■ **SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)** While potential career changes warrant your interest, don't ignore current job responsibilities. A personal relationship also can benefit from more of your attention.

■ **SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)** Don't guess at what the facts might be if you hope to make the best decision possible. The wise course is to ask direct questions and act on the answers you get.

■ **CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)** Your efforts involving that pesky problem should soon show positive signs of being resolved. This would allow you to shift some of your focus in another direction.

■ **AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)** While you enjoy well-deserved praise for getting a difficult job done, there's no time to relax. A new challenge looms. Expect more support from a once-strong critic.

■ **PISCES (February 19 to March 20)** You might still have explaining to do about your decision, but support grows as you continue to make your case. You also might want to start making plans for the upcoming holidays.

■ **ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** Your moodier side might emerge this week.

But the dark period should pass in time for the party-loving Lamb to go on a happy gambol with some very special people this weekend.

■ **TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Yet again, you show your skill at being able to indulge in your love of the arts this week while still taking care of practical matters, including some still-unfinished business matters.

■ **GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** A potential change might appear to be what you've been looking for. In any event, consider both the negative as well as the positive possibilities before making any sort of decision.

■ **CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Relationships continue to dominate your aspect this week on a mostly positive level, with just a few problem areas you can smooth over. Also, try to be flexible about travel plans.

■ **LEO (July 23 to August 22)** You love being on center stage, and while you absolutely purr at the sound of all that praise, be careful not to take on too many commitments at the expense of time spent with loved ones.

■ **VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)** You might feel that you need to get involved in a matter concerning a friend or relative. But while the issues appear to be cut and dried, they might not be. Get more facts before you act.

■ **BORN THIS WEEK:** You insist on making decisions based on facts, not on popular opinions. Have you considered a career in science? ■

By Linda Thistle



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BY STEVE BECKER

The declarer who strives for perfection seeks a way to improve on his chances even when he already has a very good chance of success by adopting the most obvious line of play. Sometimes he may have to do something unusual to accomplish his purpose, but if that's what the situation calls for, he does it.

Consider this deal where South is in five clubs. It seems normal to win the heart lead with the ace, discarding a diamond, then cash the queen of trumps and stake the outcome on two spade finesses. As it happens, both finesses lose, and South goes down one because he must lose a diamond trick also.

Unlucky, you could say, but if South is a more imaginative declarer, he makes the contract. Rather than rely on the 75 percent probability that East was dealt either the king or queen of spades, or both, which is essentially a matter of luck, South follows a different course of action that eliminates the luck factor.

Instead of taking the king of hearts with the ace at trick one, he plays low from dummy and discards a diamond from his hand! Now the contract cannot be stopped, even though West holds two apparently certain spade tricks.

Let's say West continues a heart at trick two. South discards another diamond on dummy's ace, cashes the queen of trumps and ace of diamonds, then ruffs the ten of diamonds high. This is

South dealer.

Both sides vulnerable.

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

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	1 ♥	3 ♣	4 ♥
5 ♣			

Opening lead — king of hearts.

followed by a trump to dummy's nine and a ruff of the jack of diamonds.

Dummy now has the 8-7-2 of spades and J-10-4 of trumps; South has the A-J-10-9 of spades and A-8 of trumps. Declarer leads the eight of trumps to dummy's ten, then plays a spade to his nine. West wins with the queen but must yield the contract, whatever he returns. ■

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FILM CAPSULES

The Intern ★★★

Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway, Rene Russo) The head (Ms. Hathaway) of an online fashion company hires a senior citizen intern (Mr. De Niro) who slowly has a positive impact on her. It's a nice, sweet, warm movie, and Mr. De Niro is adorable as a smart man who's hesitant to overstep his bounds. Rated PG-13.

Everest ★★★

(Jason Clarke, Keira Knightley, Jake Gyllenhaal) Famed mountain climber Rob Hall (Mr. Clarke) leads a group of civilians up Mount Everest. It's takes a while to get going, but when it does, hold on tight — it's pretty awesome. Rated PG-13.

Black Mass ★★★

(Johnny Depp, Joel Edgerton, Dakota Johnson) James "Whitey" Bulger (Mr. Depp) comes to power in Boston in the 1970s with the help of his old friend and FBI Agent John Connolly (Mr. Edgerton). The drama is compelling and Mr. Depp's performance is excellent, but the movie isn't very dynamic visually, making it merely good, not great. Rated R.

Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials ★★★

(Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario, Giancarlo Esposito) After escaping the Glade, Thomas (Mr. O'Brien) and friends find themselves avoiding a deadly virus in a vast desert landscape. Although bloated and flawed in many ways, this sequel to "The Maze Runner" (2014) is redeemed by bold decisions not ordinarily seen in an adaptation of a YA novel. Rated PG-13.

The Visit ★★★

(Olivia DeJonge, Ed Oxenbould, Deanna

Dunagan) Strange things occur late at night when siblings Becca (Ms. DeJonge) and Tyler (Mr. Oxenbould) visit their grandparents (Ms. Dunagan and Peter McRobbie) in rural Pennsylvania. Writer/director M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense") returns to form with this strong thriller that nicely mixes humor and horror. Rated PG-13.

Mistress America ★★★

(Greta Gerwig, Lola Kirke, Matthew Shear) A lonely, outcast college freshman (Ms. Kirke) gets a jolt from her exuberant and older future sister-in-law (Mr. Gerwig). In a funny and thoughtful way, writer/director Noah Baumbach deftly finds the haughty nothingness of a young generation that's never accomplished anything but is convinced it will conquer the world. Rated R.

Best of Enemies ★★★1/2

(Gore Vidal, William F. Buckley, Sam Donaldson) In 1968, ABC News hired intellectuals Gore Vidal (a Democrat) and William F. Buckley (a Republican) to debate during the Democratic and Republican national conventions. The results changed TV news punditry forever. It's a wonderfully entertaining documentary about two people who positively loathed one another and the lengths (depths) they went to in order to win. Rated R.

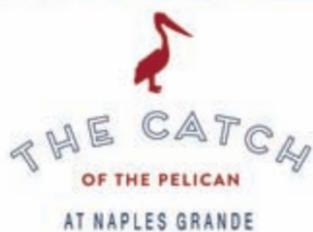
We Are Your Friends ★★★1/2

(Zac Efron, Emily Ratajkowski, Wes Bentley) An aspiring DJ (Mr. Efron) falls for his mentor's (Mr. Bentley) girlfriend (Ms. Ratajkowski) in this version of the "struggling artist fights to make his mark on the world" story. If you're young, ambitious and in search of yourself, and/or if enjoy electronic music, give it a shot. If not, pass. You won't miss much. Rated R. ■



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"The Martian" is a terrific triumph of great storytelling, wonderful visuals, solid performances and the sheer perseverance of human will. This is one of the best films of 2015, and arguably the best film director Ridley Scott ("Gladiator") has ever made — which is saying a lot.

The premise starts like a horror movie. While exploring the surface of Mars, a group of scientists is caught in a violent storm. Melissa (Jessica Chastain), Rick (Michael Pena), Beth (Kata Mara), Chris (Sebastian Stan) and Alex (Aksel Hennie) are able to escape on their shuttle, but Mark (Matt Damon) is hit with debris, presumed dead and left behind.

But Mark is not dead. He wakes the next sol (each day is known as a "sol" on Mars; see below) abandoned, unable to communicate with NASA and low on oxygen, food and other supplies. He also knows it will be four years before the next mission to Mars reaches him.

To his credit, Mark doesn't panic. He uses his background as a botanist to grow food on a planet where nothing naturally grows, and he creates his own water. His intelligence is full of ingenuity and inspiration, and it's a joy to watch.

Meanwhile, back home at NASA, communications officer Mindy (Mackenzie Davis) discovers Mark is still alive. NASA suits Mitch (Sean Bean), Vincent (Chiwetel Ejiofor), Annie (Kristen Wiig) and Teddy (Jeff Daniels) try to figure out how to get Mark home safely as the whole world watches.

Like Sandra Bullock in "Gravity," Mr. Damon is alone on screen for most of "The Martian," meaning if the audience doesn't invest in his struggle, the entire film falls apart. This is a rare and gutsy risk for an actor, and Mr. Damon is superb. Mark documenting his actions

for the cameras inside his "hab" also informs the audience of his thoughts and feelings, all of which demonstrate how engaging, smart, frustrated and funny he is (you'll be surprised by how much the film makes you laugh).

The rest of the considerable ensemble is solid as well, but make no mistake: This movie would not work if Mr. Damon were not at the top of his game.

What's nice about the script, which was written by Drew Goddard and is based on the best-selling 2011 novel of the same name by Andrew Weir, is that it doesn't feel the need to create adversity for the sake of adversity. Things are hard enough for Mark while he is alone and figuring out how to survive, and we're fascinated by his ability to survive. Adding more for him to deal with, such as actual martians/aliens, would've felt forced and made it a different movie. Kudos to the filmmakers for not feeling obligated to present non-stop action throughout, for it is because we're engaged intellectually as well as viscerally that the narrative truly shines.



With "Gravity," "Interstellar," and now "The Martian," we've had three top-notch

movies about outer space exploration released in the last three years. All of them have been visually spectacular. Perhaps more importantly, each showcases the ability of women to not only exist but also thrive in what is traditionally a man's world (Ms. Chastain's character plays a prominent role here). Let's hope this trend continues.

The struggles of "Prometheus" (2012) aside, there is no director we'd rather have working in science fiction than Mr. Scott. The man who gave us "Alien" (1979) and "Blade Runner" (1982) knows the genre well, and when in top form he's capable of creating true classics. Whether "The Martian" joins the echelon of "classic" status remains to be seen, but it is an exceptional piece of filmmaking. ■

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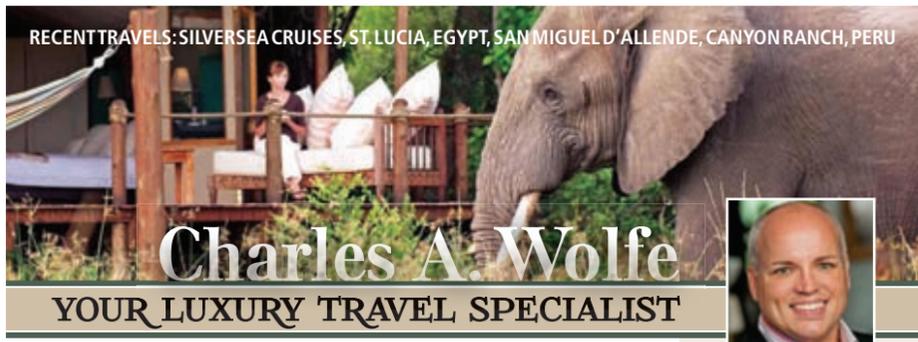
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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Collectible 'tulipiere' vases made for growing, showing prized blooms

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Tulip mania, a strange financial "bubble" in Holland in the 1630s, made a tulip bulb cost up to 10 times the yearly income of a skilled craftsman, according to some writers. So the flowers became a status symbol, and the very rich or royal bought huge containers to grow or show the beauties.

Tulip mania ended in 1637, but the flowers remained popular. A vase that is still called a "tulipiere" has numerous holes or short tubes that hold a flowers or plants. Most sources today think these vases were used for cut flowers, but they originally were used to force tulip, hyacinth or crocus bulbs to grow and bloom in the house. Collectors can find rare early Dutch tulip vases, 19th-century Wedgwood or Staffordshire vases and Continental and American examples. Now is the time to buy the bulbs that can be forced to bloom in a tulipiere during the spring.

Q: I need help pricing my table to sell. I bought it from a resale shop 60 years ago. The dark wood top is oval and rests on two heavy turned tripods. It has a frieze drawer with a metal tag in it that reads "J.B. Van Sciver Co., Camden, N.J." Can you help?

A: Joseph Bishop Van Sciver (1861-1943) was 21 years old when he started a small furniture business on in Camden, N.J., in 1881. The company quickly expanded, and pieces made at Mr. Van Sciver's plant were delivered by wagon throughout southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By 1900, the company was selling inexpensive, well-made living room, bedroom and dining sets, and more costly reproductions, lamps, clocks, rugs and draperies. J.B. Van Sciver Furniture Co. went out of business in the mid-1980s. Your table is worth about \$250.

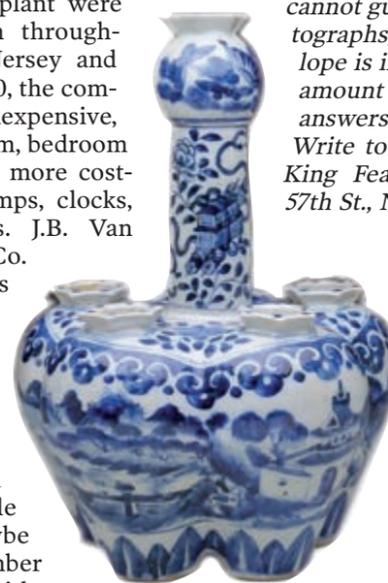
Q: I would like to sell a cocktail shaker that was a gift from my uncle many years ago, maybe in the 1960s. It's amber glass, paneled and with a

sterling silver rooster and silver bands around the top and the rim of the foot. The shaker top is, I believe, silver over copper and the piece is in good condition. With the top, it's 11 inches high.

A: Your cocktail shaker was made by Westmoreland Glass Co. The company started in 1889, when a group from the Specialty Glass Co. of East Liverpool, Ohio, relocated to Grapeville, Pa. The company's name changed to Westmoreland Specialty Co. and then to Westmoreland Glass Co. in 1921. Your glass shaker is part of the 1707 line that was made into the 1930s. The pattern is informally called "Huxford" by some collectors, but Westmoreland never used a name when referring the pattern; it always used the line number. The 1926 catalog doesn't specify what metal was used for the top, but it usually was aluminum or chromed or silver-plated metal. Isn't it odd that a glassmaker would produce a container for "illegal substances" in the middle of Prohibition? Value of your shaker: \$75 to \$100.

Tip: If a screw that holds hardware on an old piece of furniture is loose, remove it and insert a wooden matchstick in the hole, then put the screw back in the hole and tighten the screw. ■

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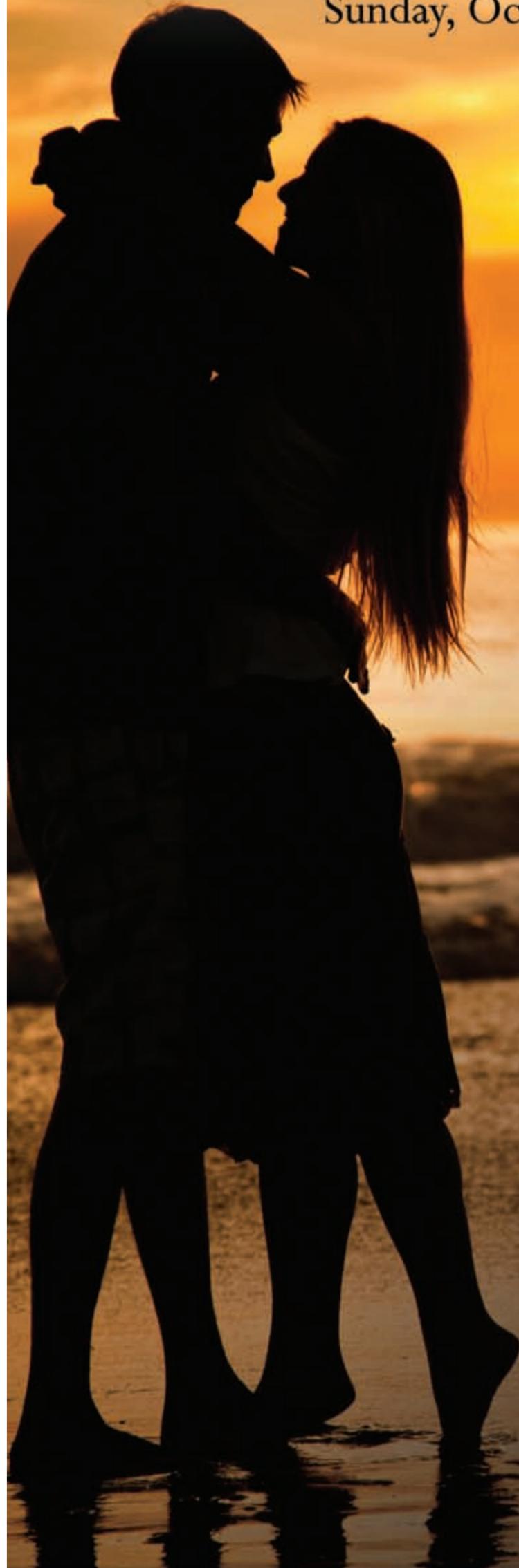
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Shrouded in mystery, the show band consists of Eddie Mummy, Java, K.W. Tut, Mummy Cass, Spaz, The Pole, Midnight, Mummy Rah and The Flu, all roused from a sort of semi-vegetative torpor to perform funk/R&B originals chiefly extolling the virtues (and vices) of the opposite sex, all in search of the ultimate riff that will let them finally rest in peace. (Some say the Mummies were cursed after deflowering a great pharaoh's daughter. Others claim they are reincarnated Grammy-winning stu-

dio musicians.)

The Mummies released their sixth studio album, "Cryptic," in 2013. The next year brought the release of four five-song EPs; the airing of "Rejuvannihilation," the band's latest full-length concert film, on "Front and Center" on American Public Television; and the Mummies' "Pants" airing on NBC's "Sunday Night Football."

February 2015 brought the launch of the Viral Tour, which brings the band to Seminole Immokalee Casino.

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WRITING CHALLENGE

Fiction contest enters final stretch

The third and final round of *Florida Weekly's* Writing Challenge is underway. Two winners of the challenge will receive a ticket each to the Sanibel Island Writers Conference Nov. 5-8.

For this round we'd like you to use the photo shown here as a starting point for your creative process. Come up with a narrative work of fiction of 1,500 words or less. There is no minimum length. No poems, please. *Florida Weekly* will accept your original stories in Word format or pasted into the body of an email

until midnight, Saturday, Oct. 17. Previous entrants are welcome to submit again.

Email your stories to writing@floridaweekly.com and we will print the best submissions. No "snail mail" copies will be accepted. Be sure to include your name, address and contact information with your submission. The earlier we receive your submission, the better your shot at being printed.

Meanwhile, this week's selection comes to us from round two and is based on the picture of the alligator. (The

deadline for alligator stories has passed.) Susana Gonzalez Odizzio of Lehigh Acres has provided us with a haunting piece of historical fiction steeped in our area's Seminole past.

If you haven't seen your work published, don't lose heart. Every submission, whether or not it's printed, will be read and considered by our editors.

For more information on the Sanibel Island Writers Conference, visit fgcu.edu/siwc.

Thanks for writing, and good luck. ■



The Legend of Allapattah

By Susana Gonzalez Odizzio, Lehigh Acres

The proud, young Osceola stalked quietly through the tall grasses of the Great Swamp of the South. The wind blew through his long black hair, his deep, penetrating eyes transfixed on the fast-approaching storm. He was familiar with every corner of his mangrove forest; its tangled roots, the muddy river of life that flowed into the sea, even the song of the birds and their delicate flights. He recognized the multi-colored tones of life and death, and loved the ephemeral feeling of being alive and its infinite beauty. He was one with his people and the land.

However, despite his vast knowledge, he could have never known that he would be the most loved and most hated Seminole warrior of all time.

Serenely, he often tilted his head to one side and listened in silence to the leaders of his tribe, the Alligator clan, to which his mother belonged; the very clan he aspired to one day lead.

His uncles taught him the art of the hunt, and he dedicated most of the day to facing the perils of the same swamp that saw him come into this world, but his mother often spoke of another land. The land of his ancestors, to the north, a land from which they were violently cast out.

Osceola had many brothers who sprang about from here to there, like small curious birds all around him, showering him with smiles and questions, and only his sister, Yani, brought him a measure of solace. Yani had just been given

her coveted bead necklace. The vibrant beads symbolized the end of childhood, and the beginning of life as an adult.

They had always been close, they protected each other, and she had even saved him once from a strange creature, a mysterious alligator that prowled the banks of the river when he was a mere 6 years old, and with it, sealed his eternal loyalty and gratitude to her.

The memory always reminded him of the legend of Allapattah, which had always captivated him as a child. The elders had taught him that in their tongue, Allapattah meant alligator, and was the very namesake of their clan. The legend spoke of a time not far back, a time when their forefathers came to these new lands seeking a home. With the great chief of all clans leading the way, they ventured into the swamp. With the powerful voice of a strong leader, he swore to defend

all his people and their new lands as he raised his arms towards the sky with new found hope.

As countless eyes from within the swamp lay witness to this grand oath, a mighty beast, an alligator, rose from the dark mire. The animal bore eyes of fire; determination and power raging within their depths. The Allapattah spoke with the chief, inaudible to the rest of the tribe. "I am Allapattah, guardian of the swamp. I am lord of all things you cast your eyes upon, and also that which you do not. I welcome you and your people. We will have peace, but of your people I will ask for an offering for my hospitality, this will prove that you respect my designs and will keep your word."

The children of the tribe listened to this tale with admiration and satisfaction, but Osceola felt uneasy, some nights he dreamt that the great alligator crept



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closer and closer, whispering words he could not fully comprehend. When the sun would rise, Osceola would run into swamp, looking for the answers he never received.

The years passed, and the young Osceola won his position as leader; he became the true embodiment of a great chief, the chief of the alligator clan. His sheer will, strength and wisdom won him the unconditional respect and loyalty of all the clans. One day, the emissaries from the northern clans came to the great Osceola, with a proposition that enraged him; sell his southern lands to the white men, just as their chiefs had done in the winter past.

"Sell the lands of the great Allapattah to our foe?" he asked them, rage resonating in his voice. His eyes shone with pride and anger as he unsheathed his alligator skin hilted blade, a memento of his father, and without waiting for a response, he ended the lives of those emissaries, now branded as traitors.

Osceola's fame extended throughout all the lands north of the Okeechobee. Through the swamps and forests, his mighty voice, both feared and adored, could be heard saying: "Death to the Seminole who collaborates with the enemy."

The war for the Allapattah lands began, and their adversaries came in the thousands, armed with deadly guns.

The Seminole warriors painted their faces with the colors of mud. Ochres and reds streaked their cheeks, in honor of their beloved swamp. Like fierce panthers they prepared their hearts to defend their families, their customs, and their legends. They threw themselves into a powerful march, advancing, retreating and hiding so they could strike back ferociously in a war that seemed to have

no end. The clans, organized by Osceola, fought together until the enemy was forced to retreat. With arms held into the sky, the Seminoles celebrated life.

Glee disappeared from the face of the bloodied Osceola when he found next to a trail, the lifeless corpse of his beloved sister, Yani. He took her into his arms and carried her to the swamp, commending her spirit to the great Allapattah, and in that precise moment, Osceola could hear him loud and clear.

"You have always been the offering that I have asked of your people," said Allapattah.

Osceola suddenly recalled the alligator who had come close to dragging him away into the murky swamp water before his sister, risking her life, had intervened. She had distracted the beast with a few fish she carried in her basket while they both escaped.

The voice brought him back from his memories. "Ambitious enemies have come to my lands," it continued in an uproar.

Osceola listened with great attention to the words of the great Allapattah. The swamp raged with his voice; the fish, the mangroves. All was in a frenzy, but was disturbingly silent. Water rapidly surged through the swamp, fish jumped out of the mire as if possessed as the trees violently blew around, but all in silence. Only the great voice could be heard, deep and resonant.

"You will stop our enemies and we will be one," said the voice as it faded away and echoed throughout the swamp, everything once again stabilizing.

Osceola kept these words close to his heart, knowing that his days were numbered.

The war raged on, and the unforgiving Seminoles continued to fight. The enemy



forces dwindled, as did their brave warriors. His people were forced to retreat all the way to the heart of the swamp, when a proposition for truce arrived.

Osceola held the white flag as he marched to meet with his enemies, his steps sure, his honor held high, to find peace and harmony for his people.

The general who met him on that day, however, cared little for the noble intentions of the great chief Osceola. He realized the general's intention of betrayal too late as he took out his rifle and shot Osceola straight in the heart. He fell back as his world around him grew dark. Everything he ever loved, accomplished; all his dreams, failures and his hopes were quickly vanishing. The brave, young chief took his last

breath as the same swamp that saw him enter this world now helped him depart from it.

The Seminoles, upon realizing what had happened to their chief, entrenched themselves in their swamp, never surrendering, never signing any treaties with the enemy. His people knew that the great Allapattah had taken the great chief Osceola as he had promised all those years ago. They were now one.

Even today the legend is told, the children of the Seminole hear it from their elders. They do not fear the swamps or its dangers, because they know the spirit of the great Osceola, from deep within the forest, the swamp and the rivers, watches with his eyes of fire. ■



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CELEBRITY EXTRA

Wahlberg still cruising as a New Kid

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I am a reality-TV junkie and got totally hooked on “Rock This Boat: New Kids on the Block.” Will they be filming another season?

— Jennie T., via Facebook

A: The Pop original series, which premiered earlier this year, will return for a second season. All five members of NKOTB — Donnie Wahlberg, Joey McIntyre, Danny Wood, Jordan Knight and Jonathan Knight — will once again jump on board their wildly popular, sold-out fan cruise, which sets sail this month from Miami to Grand Turk, Bahamas.

The first season of the series (of which Mr. Wahlberg is the executive producer) told the personal stories and long-awaited journeys of NKOTB’s most devoted fans with limited backstage footage. However, in the second season, the eight-episode series will turn its focus directly on the band, giving fans unprecedented access to the entire NKOTB experience.

Q: What happened to the TV show “Mr. Robinson”? It was very funny, but just disappeared. I really liked it.



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Donnie Wahlberg

— Mary B., via email

A: The NBC sitcom, which starred Craig Robinson (“The Office”) as a mid-

dle-school teacher and part-time musician, was canceled in September after airing its six episodes. It was generally derided by both critics and audiences, and never quite got the liftoff it hoped for. The show also featured Peri Gilpin (“Frasier”), Spencer Grammer (who is Kelsey Grammer’s real-life daughter), Ben Koldyke, Brandon T. Jackson and Amandla Stenberg.

Q: Have you heard anything about the movie “Dark Places,” which was scheduled to be released in June? I read the book by Gillian Flynn, which was terrific, and I saw that it was going to be made into a major motion picture with Charlize Theron and Corey Stoll. Do you know when will it be released?

— Kathleen O., via email

A: I, too, loved the Gillian Flynn book and, like you, was excited to see the film. It was released in August in select theaters, and via DirecTV and video on demand. It never quite got wide release and just kind of faded into the background. Along with that, critics and audiences alike weren’t too kind to it, although I wouldn’t mind seeing it to judge for myself. If you want to watch it now, you can stream it on Amazon and other instant-video outlets, or you can wait until Oct. 6 to buy it on DVD or Blu-ray. ■

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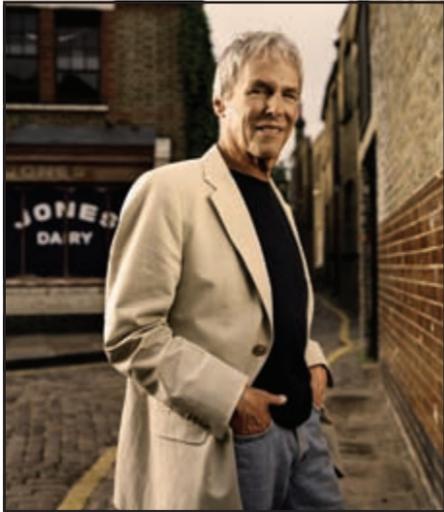
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"Burt Bacharach & Hal David," Oct. 2

FRIDAY, OCT. 2, 9 P.M.
Burt Bacharach & Hal David:
The Library of Congress
Gershwin Prize for Popular Song

A star-studded tribute to the songwriting team that penned such classic tunes as "Raindrops Keep Fallin' On My Head," "What The World Needs Now is Love," "Walk on By" and "Alfie."

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 9 P.M.
As Times Goes By

Their romance spanned 40 years — during most of which they never saw each other — but the widowed Jean and divorced Lionel somehow manage to rekindle a lost love.

SUNDAY, OCT. 4
8 P.M. - Masterpiece:
Home Fires, Part 1

Samantha Bond ("Downton Abbey") and Francesca Annis ("Reckless") star as bitter rivals for control of the Women's Institute in a rural English town as it struggles with the onset of World War II.

10 P.M. - The Widower, Part 1
 This is the true story of Malcolm



Masterpiece: "Home Fires," Oct. 4

Webster, a nurse by profession and, on the surface, a perfect gentleman: well-spoken, personable and charming. He's also a spendthrift and killer. He marries, and then attempts to kill, a succession of women to cash in their life insurance policies.

MONDAY, OCT. 5, 9 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow: Albuquerque
 Journey to Albuquerque for finds such as a 1969 Jasper Johns flag print, a 1939 inscribed "Pinocchio" book and an Imperial jade snuff bottle, one of which appraises for \$50,000-\$60,000. Take a trip to the Museum of International Folk Art.

TUESDAY, OCT. 6, 8 P.M.
Gorongosa Park: Rebirth
of Paradise
Battle Lines

A new lion's arrival sparks a conflict among Gorongosa's dominant lions. Joyce has questions about the mysterious behavior of the Gorongosa's elephants, and Bob tastes the danger of crop-raiding elephants.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 7, 8 P.M.
Nature: Big Birds Can't Fly

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The deadline for submission is Oct. 20. The Evening of Music and Arts takes place Friday, Nov. 6, at Covenant Church of Naples and is in conjunction with the sixth annual Storytellers Creative Arts conference set for Nov. 13-14.

For details about submitting artwork

for consideration, visit storytellerscreativearts.com/callforartists.

In addition to the art exhibition, the Evening of Music & Arts will include a concert by The Annie Moses Band, seven siblings whose innovative sound has delighted audiences around the world via PBS broadcasts and performances on stages as diverse as Carnegie Hall and the Grand Ole Opry.

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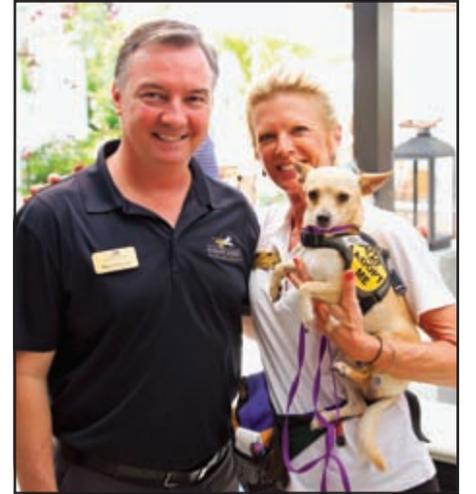
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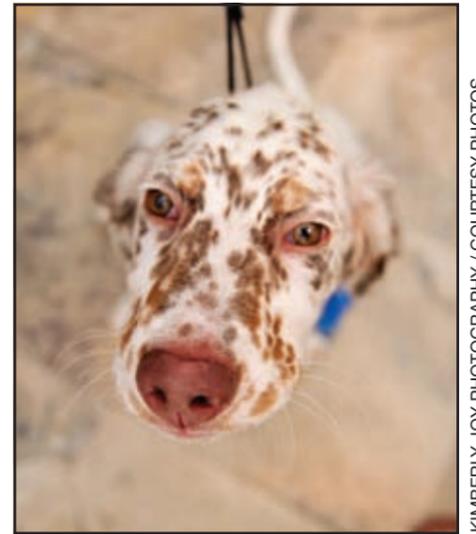
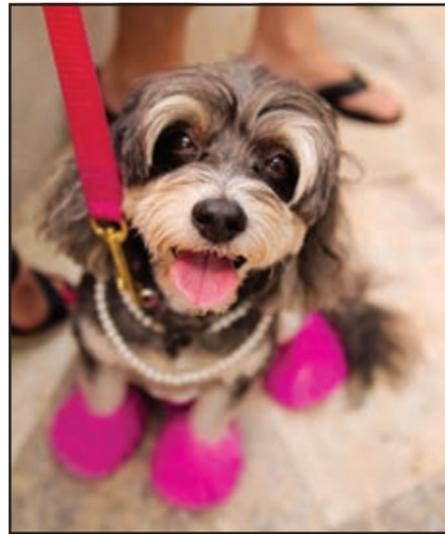
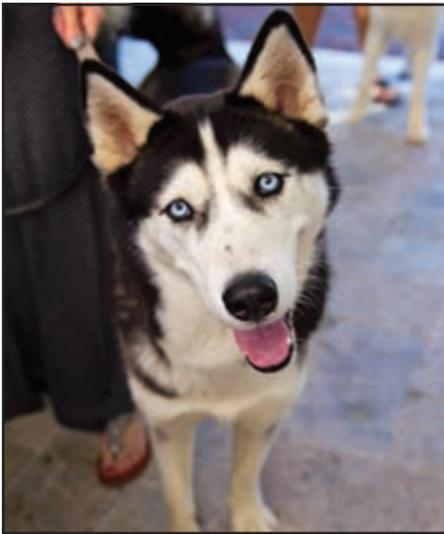
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CUISINE NEWS

Celebrity chef line-up announced for Naples Winter Wine Festival

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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The 2016 **Naples Winter Wine Festival**: "Great Expectations" has announced its chef lineup for the events taking place Friday through Sunday, Jan. 29-31. Led by Chef Rick Tramonto (Tru in Chicago, Seafood R'evolution in Ridgeland, Miss., and Restaurant R'evolution in New Orleans), the festival's visiting celebrity chefs for 2016 are: Colin Bedford (The Ferrington House Restaurant in Pittsboro, N.C.); Brian Boitano (Food Network's "What Would Brian Boitano Make?"); Nash Cognetti (Tra Vigne in St. Helena, Calif.); Gary Danko (Restaurant Gary Danko in San Francisco) Curtis Duffy (Grace in Chicago); John Folse (Restaurant R'evolution in New Orleans); Ken Frank (La Toque in Napa, Calif.); Sarah Gruenberg

(Monteverde in Chicago); Jen Jasinski (Rioja in Denver, Colo.); Daniel Joly (Mirabelle in Beaver Creek, Colo.); Gerry Klaskala (Aria in Atlanta); Emily Luchetti (Marlowe, Park Tavern and The Cavalier in San Francisco); Tory Miller (L'Etoile in Madison, Wis.); Nancy Oakes (Boulevard Restaurant in San Francisco); Patrick O'Connell (The Inn at Little Washington in St. Washington, Va.); Richard Reddington (REDD and Red Wood in Yountville, Calif.); Bryce Shuman (Betony in New York City); Holly Smith (Café Juanita in Kirkland, Wash.); Craig Stoll (Delfina in San Francisco); Ari Taymor (Alma Restaurant in Los Angeles); Bill Telepan (Telepan in New York City); and Dustin Valette (Valette in Healdsburg, Calif.).

Proceeds from the Naples Winter Wine Festival benefit Naples Children & Education Foundation. For a full schedule of events and information about tickets, visit napleswinefestival.com.

Take Note:

■ **Naples Originals**, a group of more than three dozen locally owned restaurants, has established a culinary scholarship for students at Florida Gulf Coast University. The organization aims to provide financial assistance to culinary arts students who demonstrate talent, perseverance, scholarly accomplishment and need from a list provided by the university. For more information, visit naplesoriginals.com.

■ St. John the Evangelist Church hosts its second annual **Oktoberfest** starting at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 3. Enjoy Bavarian brews and cuisine, educational exhibits, games, rides and more. \$6 for adults, \$20 for families (free for ages 8 and younger). 625 11th Ave. N. 566-8740 or saintjohntheevangelist.com.

■ **The Local** hosts wine pairings and small bites 4-6 p.m. Friday, Oct. 16 and 30. \$10. 5323 Airport Road. 596-3276 or thelocalnaples.com.

The restaurant holds a cooking class from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 24, featuring pork from Palmetto Creek Farms. Class includes a sit-down lunch and a glass of wine. Registration required before Friday, Oct. 23. \$50. 5323 Airport-Pulling Road. 596-3276 or thelocalnaples.com.

■ The sixth annual **Tin City Stone Crab Festival** takes place Friday through Sunday, Oct. 23-25, with fresh stone crab, live music and more fun. \$5 parking. stonecrabfestival.org.

■ Crayton Cove hosts its **Palette to Palate Restaurant & Gallery Stroll** starting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27. The evening starts with a free wine reception at Cove Inn on Naples Bay. From there, guests can walk among participating galleries — Nora Butler Designs, Random Acts of arts, Arsenault Gallery, Phil Fisher Gallery and Guess-Fisher Gallery — and take a dinner break at either Chez Boet, Bleu Provence and The Dock at Crayton Cove, which will offer special Palette to Palate menus and 10 percent discounts. For more information, call 435-3938 or visit discovercraytoncove.com.

■ Row by Capt. Brien & Crew hosts **Cheers for Charity**, a celebrity bartending event 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, to benefit Cares for Kids. Participating local personalities include Alyssa Norus, Amanda Beights, Brian Herrick, Chris Lecca, Christ Lombardo, Connie Byrne, Savannah Perry and Shanna Short. \$25 admission includes one drink. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or rowseafood.com.

■ ProjectHELP's 19th annual **Chocolate Extravaganza** is set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 5, at Design Studio by Raymond. Guests will enjoy a smorgasbord of chocolate treats, hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, wine and auctions. Among the treats: Liefman's Goudenband Sour Ale Belgian chocolate cake cupcakes with peanut butter buttercream and salted chocolate caramel drizzle from Mereday's Brasserie; chocolate strawberry cupcakes topped with pink peppercorn buttercream and Grand Marnier reduction from Sweetie's Custom Cakes; and chocolate cake from Mikkelsen's Pastry Shop.

Tickets are \$85 before Oct. 15 and \$95 thereafter; they will not be sold at the door. All proceeds benefit the rape crisis center. For reservations or more information, call 649-1404 or visit projecthelpnaples.org.

■ **Naples Grape Escape**, presented by Rotary Club of Naples and the 5th Avenue South Business Improvement District, takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, and includes outdoor wine tastings along the downtown thoroughfare, a wine seminar led by "Wine Whisperer" and Florida Weekly columnist Jerry Greenfield, an online auction from Oct. 15-Nov. 15, a silent auction, raffle and more.

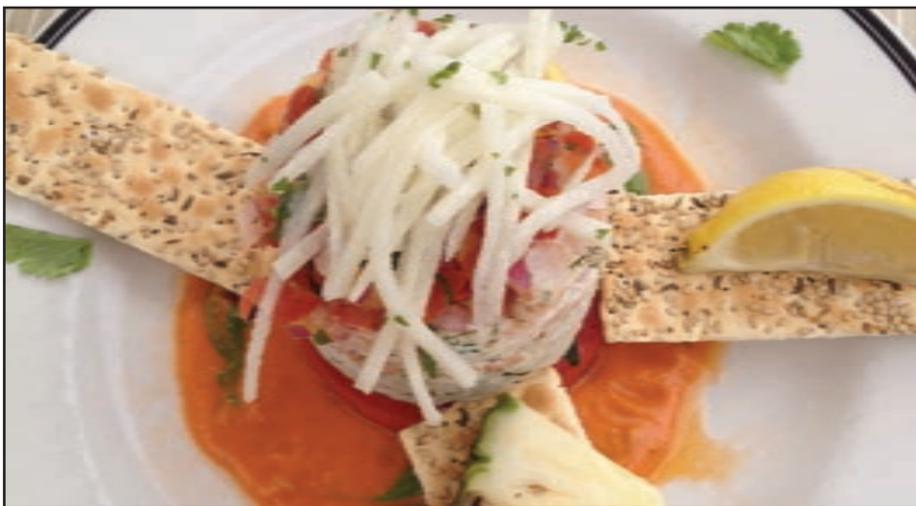
Tickets are \$30-\$250, with all proceeds to benefit the Rotary Club's charitable initiatives. For a complete schedule of events or to purchase tickets, visit napleswine.org.

■ Want to work on your skills in the kitchen? Here are some **cooking classes** on the front burner:

The Good Life of Naples, 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road; 514-4663 or goodlifefor Naples.com — Whose Salmon Is It Anyway?: Friday, Oct. 2 (\$65); Sausage Kings: Thursday, Oct. 8 (\$65); Beef Grazed to Perfection: Thursday, Oct. 15 (\$65); Flavors of Korea: Wednesday, Oct. 21 (\$60).

Sur La Table, 9501 Strada Place, Mercato; 598-1463 or surlatable.com — Great Autumn Baking with King Arthur Flour: Friday, Oct. 2 (\$33.96); Date Night Autumn in Paris: Friday, Oct. 2 (\$69); Date Night Modern Tuscan Cooking: Saturday, Oct. 3 (\$69); Homemade Caramel Workshop: Sunday, Oct. 4 (\$69); Cider House Feast: Sunday, Oct. 4 (\$69); Mediterranean Fall Favorites: Sunday, Oct. 4 (\$69); Versatile Cast Iron Cooking: Monday, Oct. 5 (\$69); Savor the Flavor of Northern Italy: Tuesday, Oct. 6 (\$69); Spanish Paella at Home: Wednesday, Oct. 7 (\$69). ■

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THE DISH

The Dish: Shrimp & Crab Napoleon

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The Full Menu: windwardhospitality.com

The Details: This is the perfect dish to tuck into while you wriggle your toes in the sand under an umbrella table at Vanderbilt Beach Resort. There aren't many places around here where you can dine right on the beach, and this is the perfect time of year to do it, before the seasonal crowds make it near impossible to get a table in any kind of timely fashion.

A generous mound of crabmeat and finely chopped gulf shrimp, held together with just enough mayo, sits in a pool of smoked tomato vinaigrette and is topped with diced roasted red peppers and julienned jicama, a bit of basil oil and a sprinkling of cilantro. A few whole grain crackers, a slice of lemon and a wedge of pineapple make for a lovely lunch. Too bad I had to go back to the office, as a stroll on the beach would have made the perfect ending for this outing.

One More Thing: My dining companion ordered the Salt & Pepper Fish 'n' Chips and raved about it. Served with a chunky gherkin remoulade, cole slaw and fries, it was \$14. There will be a next time for me at The Turtle Club — and soon. ■

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Most likely, the label you're looking at comes from Italy or some other ancient winemaking area that's steeped in long tradition and strict custom. So if you're confused about what's in the bottle, you can thank the Italian government. Over the years, it passed a whole spate of laws defining specific wine zones in the country, decreeing what kind of "recipe" each wine should conform to, how long it should be aged, etc. Unfortunately, the Italians forgot one thing: the most innovative winemakers may not want to follow the ancient recipes.

Say you're sitting out there in your vineyard in the middle of Chianti, a few miles from Castellina or some other



"Red table wine" is a deceptively generic term that can describe some complex and worthwhile vintages.

ancient winemaking center, and you just don't want to make your wine the way the official recipe demands. Maybe you're feeling puckish and you throw in a little of that cabernet you've been growing, or a couple of merlot grapes. You've got a problem. Follow the traditional recipe, and you can call your wine Chianti. Don't, and you can't.

There's no official name for wines that don't conform, so what do you call it? Probably, you'd call it a "Super Tuscan," which is exactly what the major producers, over the past decade or so, have done.

In the most popular — and expensive — Super Tuscan, sangiovese is still the major component, and the wine serves as a sensational accent to all kinds of traditional Italian cuisines. The rest (there are maybe about 20) are made from merlot, cabernet sauvignon, syrah and other international varieties. As I said, wines from Chianti that do not follow the rules don't have an official terminology. What's worse, they get classified in the lowest designation of quality, which is called IGT, down there

with the \$8 bottles. The lack of an official name for nonconforming wine has driven producers to make up clever names of their own, all of which contain lots of vowels. There's Ornellaia, which is made primarily from cabernet sauvignon. And Tignanello, which is mostly sangiovese. Then there's the wine that is said to have started the whole Super Tuscan revolution, Sassicaia, made from cabernet sauvignon and aged and barreled differently from any other Chianti regional wine up to its time.

While Super Tuscan like Solaia, Summus or Fontalloro may cost well over \$100 apiece, some are priced a little more mercifully. My bargain favorite, Monte Antico, is made mostly from sangiovese, but not entirely, and costs under \$15 a bottle. While it can't compare to the juice that Marchese Antinori is putting in his Tignanello bottles, it's a nice step away from your typical Chianti, and it's absolutely sensational with pizza.

It's easy to become a dedicated Italian wine lover. Just pick up a decent Tuscan blend like Monte Antico (great value

at around \$10), Terrabianca Campaccio (\$25) or Balzini (\$20), which has white label, red label, and black label versions, each indicating a different blend. For pasta and pizza, it's the way to go.

Ask the Wine Whisperer

In the bottom of a bottle of white wine, I saw some clear crystals. What are they? Has the wine gone bad?

— Ron H., Fort Lauderdale

Wines contain many types of acid. The crystals you're seeing are actually bits of solidified tartaric acid, or plain old cream of tartar, which is tasteless and harmless. Sometimes you also find them at the inside end of a cork. The wine is fine to drink, but don't eat the crystals. ■

— Jerry Greenfield is *The Wine Whisperer*. He is creative director of Greenfield Advertising Group. His new book, "Secrets of the Wine Whisperer," is available through his website or on Amazon. Read more at winewhisperer.com.

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Lil' Italy's name could be taken literally, for it is certainly a tiny space with a cozy atmosphere that feels like someone's home. The warm tan walls are covered with framed photos of patrons feasting on pizza and pasta. A shelf of recorked spent wine bottles conjures visions of a vast family-and-friends feast that might have happened the night before. White twinkle lights mimic stars overhead.

Of course, there's a downside to a diminutive dining room. Tables are tightly positioned to maximize seating, which can create some awkward maneuvering, and you could wind up smack in front of the entrance or the restroom — or suffering the whims of weather at one of the outdoor tables.

We were fortunate to arrive early enough to secure one of the last open tables indoors — surprising for a mid-week September evening in seasonal Bonita Springs. They must be doing something right to be this busy, we thought optimistically (and online reviews did show a lot of love, especially for Lil' Italy's pizza).

The family-run restaurant's big claim to fame is a 28-inch pie, but there are three other sizes available, down to a 10-inch personal pizza. The rest of the menu consists of the usual Italian-American favorites: parmigianas and picattas, marinaras and marsalas, along with hot sandwiches and soups. Gluten-free dishes are offered as well.

Sipping a cold Peroni (\$4) and a glass of pinot noir (\$6) — only house wines are served by the glass — we decided to start with an order of calamari (\$10) and a personal-sized pizza, the Lil' Italy Suprema (\$10), which is topped with pepperoni, bacon, sausage, green peppers, onions and black olives.

The calamari had a light, golden crust that wasn't greasy in the least and was flecked of thyme leaves for a pleasingly minty flavor and aroma that contrasted with the sweetness of the marinara provided for dipping. The small rings and tentacles encased in the crisp batter were cooked through but not overdone.

The perfect size to share for an appetizer, the pizza managed to carry a generous balance of meats, vegetables and



Fried calamari is seasoned with lots of thyme.

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Tiramisu is one of the dessert options at Lil' Italy.

cheese without seeming overloaded and without keeping the center from cooking through. The crust had a good snap on first bite, yielding to a slightly chewy interior typical of New York-style pizza. All in all, a commendable pizza.

By this time, we'd noticed there was only one server covering the whole restaurant, including a large party. She didn't appear fazed by the burden, but certain signs of neglect became apparent in the service and the kitchen's



The 10-inch version of the Lil' Italy Suprema pizza makes a good appetizer.

output: incomplete table setups and no offering of additional beverages; nearby, another diner complained of an undercooked entrée (eavesdropping is hard to avoid when tables are so close).

Then there was the Chicago-style Italian beef sandwich (\$12). A scant spread of giardiniera added a hint of vinegary tang to the roll but couldn't obscure the fact that the thinly sliced beef was too dry. Chicago beef sandwiches typically drip with meat juices, if they're

not actually dunked in jus. This one did not live up to expectations, perhaps due to the kitchen being too busy to notice.

Such lapses of attention seem to belie Lil' Italy's general approach to its food. Hoagie rolls are baked fresh daily for the hot sandwiches, and good, spongy homemade focaccia is served with entrees.

And then there's the generous proportions of dishes like the Lil' Italy pork chops (\$18.49), providing enough food for two full meals. A pair of broad chops was breaded and baked to a golden brown and placed atop of large mound of angel hair pasta laced with tomato sauce. The juicy bone-in chops were garnished with the restaurant's delicious "bruschetta mix" of melty mozzarella and provolone, tomatoes and fresh basil. It was a tasty and unexpected pairing.

Tiramisu (\$5) is a good option for dessert, its layers of ladyfingers, espresso, mascarpone and whipped cream defined in distinct stripes. An order of cannoli (\$4) turned out to be two miniature pastries that could have come from a supermarket or freezer.

There's no shortage of mom-and-pop Italian options around, and the competition doesn't leave much room for inconsistency. But Lil' Italy Bistro has it charms and clearly has found a lil' slice of the market. ■

in the know

Lil' Italy Bistro

28811 S. Tamiami Trail, Bonita Springs; 676-8047

Ratings:
Food: ★★★
Service: ★★½
Atmosphere: ★★★

- >> **Hours:** 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday; noon to 9 p.m. Sunday
- >> **Reservations:** Recommended
- >> **Credit cards:** Accepted
- >> **Price range:** Appetizers, \$3-\$11; entrees, \$10-\$20.99
- >> **Beverages:** Beer and wine
- >> **Specialties of the house:** Italian
- >> **Volume:** Moderate
- >> **Parking:** Attached lot
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