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Florida children in out-of-home care.

86

Percent of sex trafficking victims missing from social services in 2016.

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Percent of children removed from families related to substance abuse.

Child welfare strained



Community-Based Care Lead Agencies, which contract with the state's Department of Children and Families to administer the child welfare system, say **they need more foster families**, and support for friends and relatives who help provide care, as well as for parents so that fewer lose their children to the state

BY EVAN WILLIAMS

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FLORIDA'S CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM is strained with 6,700 more children than five years ago, an increase linked to higher rates of drug abuse — historically a top reason why kids are removed from homes — and the opioid epidemic.

Caregivers and advocates say there is a lack of available foster homes as well as funding and support for preventative services to help struggling parents keep their children, and resources for friends and relatives who often take in children removed from their parents. The lack of services hurts kids in the state's care by failing to provide them with the crucial stability and attention they need to flourish in a situation that is already traumatic.

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'Wellness tourism' a burgeoning new industry in Collier, officials say

BY KRISTINE GILL

Florida Weekly Correspondent

Collier County already boasts the designation of the happiest and healthiest city in the country for third year running, according to annual Gallup rankings.

Now, local tourism leaders and industry experts hope to capitalize on that title by drawing more visitors as part of what they're calling wellness tourism.

"Wellness travelers don't want to sit at the pool and they don't want to struggle to find things they can eat," said Peggy Sealfon, a personal development coach, who helped to launch the initiative in 2017.

After speaking on



SEALFON

the topic at a luncheon for the Collier County Tourism and Lodging Alliance, she and Debi DeBenedetto, of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, started a task force hoping to gain traction among local political leaders.

The culmination of a year of work is a breakfast that happened this week at the Edgewater Beach Hotel where Ms.

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One-woman show about pioneering sex therapist opens Florida Rep season. **C1** ►



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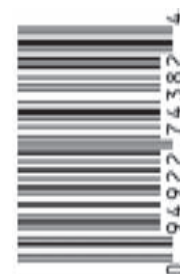
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COMMENTARY

Love, Love, Love



Suddenly in a span of about 10 weeks, a true miracle has occurred in the world around us.

World peace? No, not yet.

The second coming of our Lord and Savior? Let's hope not. We're far from ready to be judged.

An end to poverty? Sure, that must be it. NOT!

Bipartisan harmony, good will, keen judgment and selfless sacrifice to Make America Great Again in Washington and Tallahassee? Maybe that's next year. It sure isn't this year.

No, this is something even more remarkable than any of those cute little fantasies; this is Love!

Every single politician in the state of Florida — especially Republicans whose voting records indicate they didn't give a damn in the past — has suddenly become a fierce, insistent environmentalist. Suddenly these men and women love the Everglades, love clean water, love clean air, love all the lovely flora and fauna that depend on it, and love all the lovely tourists who themselves love clean water, clean air, healthy flora and fauna and lovely beaches.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is the season of Love, Love, Love, and you're here

to see it!

The politicians show up on docks or piers, spouting dismay — and love. They show up on beaches, in parks, maybe even in your dreams when the water gets really bad, spouting love.

Take the two most prominent and most likely to put a stamp on the future if they get elected in November: the veteran politicians Ron DeSantis (five years in Washington, already) and Rick Scott (eight years in Tallahassee, already).

DeSantis is the U.S. Representative now running on the Republican ticket for governor of the nation's third-largest state. Earlier in the summer as the toxic algae blooms began to devastate Lake Okeechobee and both rivers east and west of it, with red tide spread out along the gulf coast for 150 miles, Rep. DeSantis was finally showing his love, or at least talking about it.

"I'm going to stand with the fishermen and the boaters and the property owners that populate (regions east and west of Lake O.)," he told Republicans, referring to the deleterious effects on their lives of toxic releases from the lake.

"If we want to win the governor's race in 2018, we've got to be able to go to the citizens of the Treasure Coast — we've got to be able to go to Southwest Florida — (and) say, 'If you elect me as your governor, I will do something about these toxic discharges.'"

That's a first. For the last few years in Washington, Rep. DeSantis has voted against almost every bill aimed at pro-

tecting or cleaning the environment for fishermen or boaters or property owners. Including water bills from California to the Sunshine State.

In 2017 alone, for example, he voted to give power companies an easier path to profit even when the health of rivers was threatened; he voted to take away the right of the federal government to help protect ocean environments, leaving it up to states, a tactic that has proved catastrophic in parts of Florida; he voted to stop analyzing the cost of carbon impacts in big projects; he voted to shrink the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency, which helps protect water in Florida and elsewhere; he voted to take away money and marching orders requiring the Department of Defense to analyze and prepare for the cost of climate change, which Pentagon analysts have long warned is a threat to our national security; and he voted to eliminate safeguards protecting the public from pesticides delivered into water, to name just a few.

All that's a matter of public record, not me saying so. His concern for the environment is roughly as real as the concern a hungry coyote feels for rabbits.

And what about Gov. Rick Scott, the Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate in a neck-and-neck race against Democratic incumbent Bill Nelson?

Gov. Scott, together with most Republicans in the state House and many in the Senate, just spent eight years deregulating businesses, agriculture and fed-

eral as well as state protections of water so Florida would be "business friendly."

He killed the Department of Community Affairs, once tasked with looking at every big development in the state and deciding what impact it would have on everything else around it — water, for example — before permitting projects.

He fired environmental investigators and reduced the number of cases taking on polluters by 80 to 85 percent, from as many as 1,500 or so to about 250 in a year.

And in 2012 he sealed the fate of a 2010 bill that required old septic tanks to be inspected for leaks every five years by signing a new bill that ended that policy.

Unfortunately, along both the St. Lucie and the Caloosahatchee Rivers, old leaking septic tanks are widely understood to be part of the problem of cyanobacteria, fueling the massive blooms.

When a Tampa Bay reporter asked him why he'd signed off on the 2012 legislation deregulating septic tanks, he had a spokesman respond.

"It's absurd to say that a bill that the Legislature passed with an overwhelming, bipartisan majority to save homeowners money six years ago has somehow caused the algal bloom problem that's been plaguing the state for decades."

No, nothing absurd about it. You stiff-armed water protections for eight years, governor, and now you're the one to blame for the trouble we have. ■

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OPINION

American slapstick



This is one of those “good news, bad news” situations. First, the good news: North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has communicated his continuing trust in President Donald Trump to make good on their deal, whatever it is. POTUS reciprocated by going to Twitter to thank Kim for his “unwavering faith.”

Now the bad news: Faith in Trump is wavering big-time in his own administration. If we can't trust Bob Woodward, who wrote in his new book that Trump's top aides go to huge lengths to block his craziest decisions, then perhaps we can believe Mr. or Ms. Anonymous, described by The New York Times only as “a senior official in the Trump administration.”

With his or her identity shielded, this secret person — presumably a higher-up somewhere in Trumpland — has described in a Times op-ed a scary state of chaos, constantly created by the man who is the chief executive, that his top aides try to alleviate by all manner of chicanery, or as the anonymous one put it, “thwarting Mr. Trump's more misguided impulses until he is out of office.”

That cloak and dagger opus came right on the heels of excerpts from Woodward's book released by The Washington Post, where he works, that describes the freak show that is the Trump White House. It's called “Fear,” and the details certainly are fearsome.

Needless to say, Trump, already crazed by the Woodward revelations and all the other stuff that subjects him daily to ridicule, went absolutely ballistic with the op-ed by someone who works for him. “TREASON,” he tweeted, and he was reported to be screaming at



everybody in sight.

Certainly, The New York Times had drawn blood. But the decision to publish an unsigned opinion was drawing condemnation not just from the president, but from many in journalism, the ones he dismisses as “enemies of the people.”

In this case, they joined a large number of politicians wondering whether the Times had made a mistake in allowing the author of such an incendiary column to be concealed. In case you're wondering, I share those doubts.

True, reporters frequently agree to go on “deep background” to gather information for their stories. Woodward's book is full of “deep background” material. But this is for news reports. In this case, the book is an extended report, based on facts. In the Times, this was a piece reflecting a point of view in a section of the paper that is supposed to be devoted to signed opinion. Although

it is not unheard of to shroud a writer's identity when his or her life would be in danger for sharing a vital perspective, it is exceedingly rare for obvious reasons.

Plus, it's awkward as all get-out. Every reporter, including those at the Times, immediately scrambled to out the nameless “senior official.” Among

the clues, the use of the word “lode-star,” meaning a guiding light. Who commonly uses that word? Vice President Mike Pence, for one. Pence immediately denied he was the author. In fact, nearly every major domo in the administration did.

Meanwhile, Kim in Pyongyang has some ideas on how to end all the Washington chaos. President Trump gives some indication he'd love to hear them. ■

— Bob Franken is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who covered Washington for more than 20 years with CNN.

The blue-collar recovery



The economic recovery is really beginning to reach into Trump country.

The president is famous for his extravagant promises, involving, invariably, the biggest and the best. The landscape is littered with examples, although he never promised to create blue-collar jobs at the fastest clip since 1984, something he achieved in the first half of 2018.

A labor market that has been rocky since the financial crisis, and hasn't truly delivered for many workers for decades, is robust enough to reach all corners of the economy, including Trump areas that have recently been doing better than other parts of the country.

As the Brookings Institution observes, “goods-producing industries have been surging while services industries have seen their seasonally adjusted employment growth slow since 2016.” This is good news for smaller, more rural areas, which are now actually outpacing the growth rate in large urban areas. According to Jed Kolko of Indeed Hiring Lab, “job growth

accelerated between 2016 and '17 in counties that Trump won by at least 20 points.”

Several things are going on. As the labor market has tightened — in June, there were 6.7 million job openings and 6.6 million unemployed Americans — it has benefited workers down the income scale.

The administration, for its part, has leaned into a pro-growth tax and deregulatory program meant to spur more investment and remove burdens on business. The goal has been to defeat fatalist predictions of a “secular stagnation” that supposedly meant that we could never realistically expect anything more than middling economic growth.

At the moment, the warnings are less of stagnation than of an alleged labor shortage that, according to CNBC, is nearing “epidemic proportions.” This is exactly what we need. As Josh Barro of Business Insider points out, a tight labor market puts welcome upward pressure on wages and creates an incentive for workers to get more training and employers to provide it.

This dynamic still needs time to take hold. Wage growth, at least by traditional measures, has been surprisingly sluggish given the low unemployment rate (the White House argues that wages are being mismeasured and underestimated). But in August, encouragingly, average hourly

wages increased 2.9 percent from a year ago, the biggest increase since June 2009.

As for training, a report from the National Association of Manufacturers says that two-thirds of manufacturers plan to increase worker training in the next year. This is so important because it's only possible to achieve sustainable wage gains by increasing the productivity of workers. And so far, despite the boom, productivity increases have still been lagging.

The encouraging news for blue-collar workers is welcome. But we should set our sights higher. Regaining what was lost in the aftermath of the financial crisis isn't enough. The national priority should be, as Oren Cass of the Manhattan Institute argues in his forthcoming book “The Once and Future Worker,” returning to a lost golden age of work, when labor force participation rates and wage growth were both reliably high.

The implicit Trump pledge in the 2016 campaign was of jobs good and stable enough to make a decent living and raise a family. That should never be overpromising in America. ■

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.



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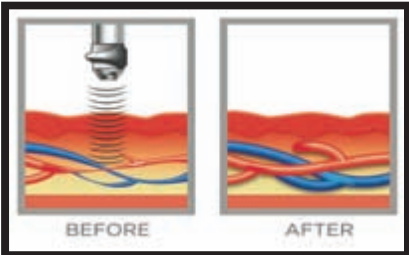
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Public must ask tough questions to protect our environment

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The current water crisis has illustrated in a painful manner the inextricable connection between the health of our environment to our economic viability as a region and to the health of our families and our community.

With a risk of stating the obvious, the upcoming election is pivotal to our future wellbeing. Voters should be prepared to ask candidates tough questions regarding which policies will be embraced in a new state administration.

It is not enough to allow candidates to simply state broad statements of, "I'm for protecting the environment" or "I support Everglades Restoration." We must go deeper to extract specific policy statements to which the public can hold a candidate accountable after the election, if we hope to see meaningful change in how the state of Florida manages our natural resources.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida believes the following should be asked of each candidate:

1. Will you support a statewide ban on fracking and other unconventional oil well stimulation treatments?

These industrial processes use massive amounts of Florida's precious fresh water resources for a one time use, before the contaminated water is injected deep underground. Large scale seismic testing for future oil extraction, perhaps even fracking like operations, are already being conducted in the Big Cypress Preserve in Collier County.

2. What is your plan for improving state laws and expanding state involvement in local planning to better direct and more appropriately shape growth and development?

In the past decade, state regulations and oversight for guiding and managing growth have been significantly reduced. Research clearly indicates that the rate of development and conversion of natural lands can negatively impact the flow and quality of downstream waters while also impacting native wildlife and increase pressure on coastal resources.

3. In light of significant public opposition, would you be willing to support abandoning Florida's efforts to assume the federal Clean Water Act 404 program?

Florida is pursuing taking over federal wetlands permitting. Our region has seen the permitted destruction of extensive wetlands. Wetlands hold backwater and purify it. Given the current water crisis and the threat of future water issues, we must protect existing wetlands to help address water quality and flooding issues. Federal oversight, while imperfect, provides a vital nexus to important protections, and has demonstrated stronger wetland protection than the State of Florida.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida is a 501(c)(3) nonpolitical, science-based, conservation entity with more than 54 years of proven success in pursuing policies and programs to protect our water, our land, our wildlife and our future.

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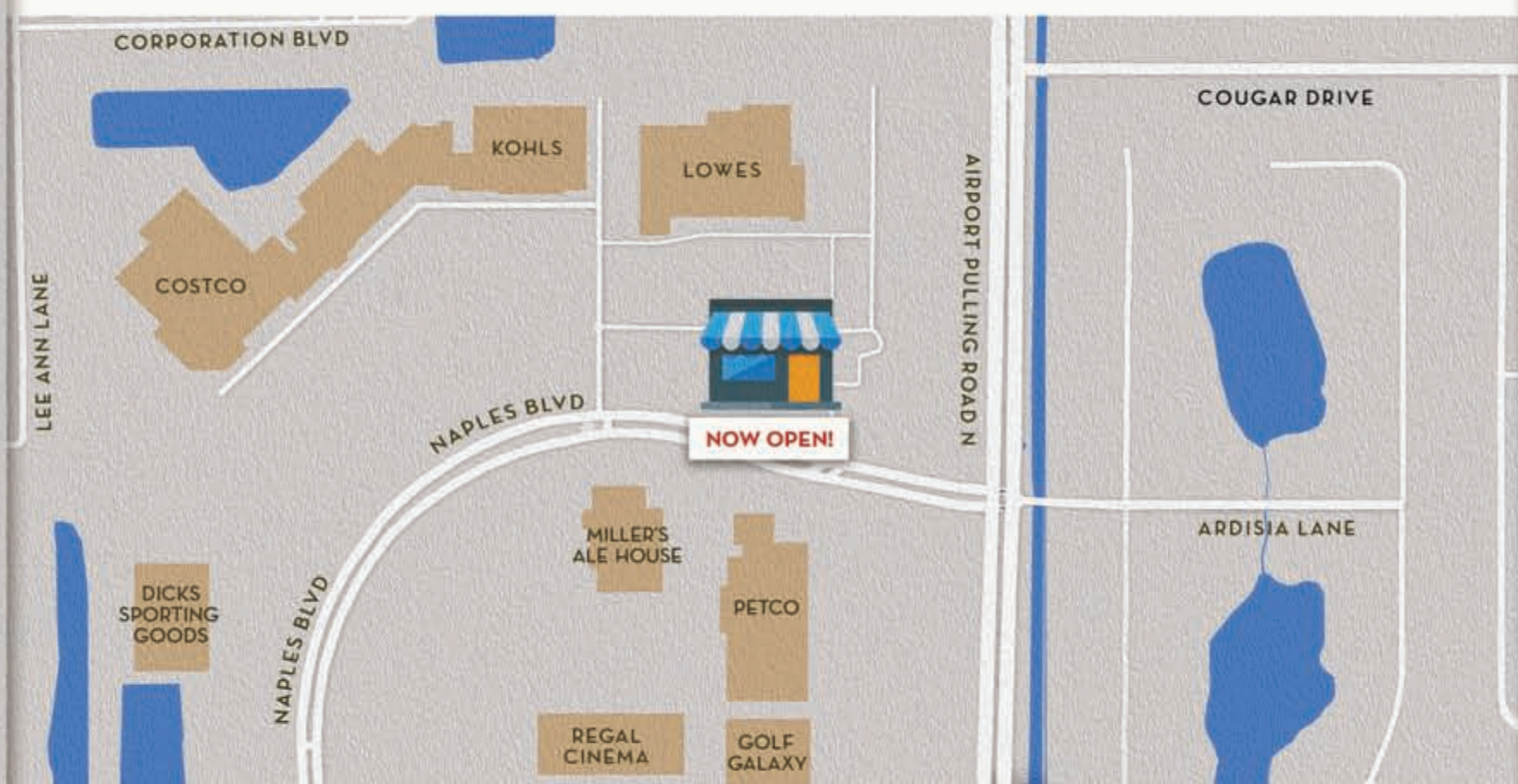
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“When kids feel safe, secure, and they’ve got a family surrounding, then they can start looking forward,” said Charles Bender, CEO of Place of Hope, a faith-based nonprofit based in Palm Beach Gardens that oversees and provide support for traditional foster families as well as group residential programs. “But if you can’t provide that stuff, you can forget about it. But if you can, (children can) get on their feet pretty quickly, and that’s what we’re seeing.”



BENDER

Space for foster kids overseen by Place of Hope is at full capacity with about 350 children and youth in its care from north Broward County to Vero Beach, an increase of more than a third in five years, similar to the spike in kids in the state system.

Since 2013, the total number of children who were removed from homes and placed in Florida’s child welfare system rose by 39 percent, from 17,282 in July 2013, the latest data shows, to 24,067 kids in July this year.

The total includes an increase of kids in licensed foster care homes from 5,494 to 7,210 and a rise of those in far more expensive group settings from 1,845 to 2,052. Those placed in a preferred home, with a relative or friend,

grew from 9,221 to 13,577.

In addition to increases in kids coming in to care month-over-month in the last few years, kids are also more often staying in care longer, the Department of Children and Family says.

For kids entering an overburdened child welfare system, finding a sense of stability can be difficult or impossible at times. Mr. Bender said it is “very common” for kids taken in at Place of Hope homes to have bounced around, sometimes all over the state, to different living situations “10 to 15 times by the age of 10 or 12.” That can happen, for instance, if they misbehave or a foster family decides they can’t handle the child anymore for whatever reason.

Those children may in turn be more at risk for any number of factors including mental health problems and poverty, or running away and falling prey to sex traffickers or pimps.

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children estimates that 1 in 6 runaways in the U.S. in 2016 were likely sex trafficking victims and that 86 percent of those victims were likely in the care of social services when they went missing. NCMEC says that as of Sept. 5 there are 210 active cases of children missing from Florida’s child welfare system, including five in Lee County and eight in Palm Beach County.

It is NCMEC’s policy not to release the names of those children in the state’s care who went missing, said vice president Bob Lowery.

“We don’t publish them that way only because we don’t want to label them as a foster child necessarily,” he said. “For some children that would be a certain stigma.”

Tampa resident Portia Duncan, who

aged out of the child welfare system last year when she turned 18, said she often fled abysmal group home conditions, including bullying and favoritism by shift workers in group homes, and turned to sex trafficking as a way to make income. Ms. Duncan is now a member of Florida Youth SHINE, a statewide group of current and former foster children who have become advocates for other kids in their communities.

Ms. Duncan was placed in the state’s care in part because of her own anger issues and her mom’s struggle with addiction, she said.

She described living at a group home at age 12 in which she was bullied by older girls, ran away, and was assaulted, she said.

“They weren’t going to chase me,” she said. “I didn’t run, I didn’t jump out a window, I walked out the front door and walked to this little boy’s house.”

Later, she bounced from group home to group home. Eventually another girl told her she could make money being in sex trafficking rings. People who are exploited for sex or work by “force, fraud or coercion,” or who are 17 years of age or younger, are victims of human trafficking.

“I was making thousands of dollars a day, so what 13-year-old isn’t going to like that?” she said. “You feel as though you don’t have anyone there to support you.”

She continued on and off until she was 17. Ms. Duncan found a way out as a member of Youth SHINE and, finally, with foster parents she grew close to.

“We had our ups and downs, but they treat me like I’m their child,” she said.

Now she has an apartment and is

enrolled in cosmetology school.

The greatest area of need is in the form of new foster parents as well as preventative programs that more often keep kids at risk of removal with their parents or place them with relatives or friends, say Community-Based Care Lead Agencies that contract with the state to administer the child welfare system in Florida, along with subcontractors such as Place of Hope. That also frees up room in foster family households and reduces assignments for overburdened case workers.

Finding the best living scenario for children at risk of or entering the welfare system is the focus of the 17 CBC lead agencies that administer the child welfare system in the Sunshine State, such as the nonprofit ChildNet in Palm Beach County.

The best way to create stability for kids in the child welfare system is the availability of more foster families, said ChildNet’s CEO Larry Rein, because that makes it more likely that individual children who are being removed from a home are placed with a family that suits their needs.



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“We always really desperately need more great (foster families),” Mr. Rein said.

His counterpart in Southwest Florida, Nadereh Salim, agrees. She adds that



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Children's Network of Southwest Florida is the lead agency for Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties.

a renewed effort to boost preventative care to more often keep children with families or place them with friends or relatives also frees up space with foster families.

"When we put kids in foster homes, we look at the needs of the children and the strength of the family and try to make a match," said Ms. Salim, CEO of the nonprofit Children's Network of Southwest Florida, the lead agency for Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glade's counties. "So in that respect, the more the merrier.

"There's always a shortage of foster homes, especially those that can handle some of our challenging (kids) or large sibling groups or kids that have complex trauma needs."

Since 2013, the five-county Southwest Florida region has seen a 41 percent increase in the total number of children in out-of-home care. There were 1,500 kids in the system in July compared to fewer than 900 five years ago.

From 2008 through 2013, the monthly numbers of kids entering the Children's Network region never rose above 100. In the last five years, counts rose above 100 at least 10 months, peaking with 148 in May 2017.

The greater numbers of kids coming into the child welfare system reflects rising drug abuse rates, Mr. Rein said.

"I think in Palm Beach we're seeing maybe a little bit belatedly impact related to substance abuse. I can't say with 100 percent certainty it's opioids because the investigation does not denote the substance of choice that's involved when there's a removal. But we have seen a change in the makeup for reasons of removal where historically substance abuse has been the primary maltreatment in a removal at rates of 25 to 30 percent. In this last calendar year, we've seen that percentage climb to well over 40 and as high as 50 percent."

Southwest Florida children's advocates also suggest opioids is a leading factor behind the higher numbers of removals attributed to drug abuse. DCF says there is not conclusive data to confirm that because a parent's or caregiver's drug of choice is not specified in a removal investigation.

For six years, Estero resident Laura Fagan has served as a Guardian ad Litem, a court-appointed advocate for children entering the child welfare system who gets to know each of their

cases intimately.

"So yes, I have had myself at least four newborns who were exposed to opioids," Ms. Fagan said. "It's not uncommon, and that's just the newborns. I know there are just a lot of kids suffering, well, families suffering because of the opioid crisis.

"When the baby is born if mom is tested positive for substances they're going to test the baby."

Ms. Salim sees drug abuse issues as a primary factor in kids entering the system.

"We see again that opioid use and substance abuse in general is an initial and recurring factor that brings families into our care," she said. "And we are seeing a rise in kids removed due to parental substance abuse."

Mr. Bender came to the same conclusion.

"We are definitely seeing a spike of kids coming in to care again, but I don't think it's because somebody's overreacting or removing (them from home) too quickly," he said — a criticism that has been made of DCF case managers in the past when rates of kids entering the system spiked. "I think the reality is there are some really dangerous situations out there right now. The opioid epidemic is definitely one of those factors or reasons, probably a primary one."

The state's first choice if children must be removed from their primary caregiver or parents is to place them with close friends or relatives, Ms. Salim said. This is where the greatest numbers of children entering the welfare system go. That's followed by licensed foster families, and finally residential group homes, where care is typically much more expensive because of paid staff members for three shifts.

"Lord knows we wish every placement was the first placement and the last placement," Mr. Rein said. "Realistically, that's not going to happen. But I think we can do a better job of it if we can grow the inventory of foster parents and if we can better support those caregivers."

Solutions through prevention

Those efforts could be bolstered by the Family First Prevention Services Act signed by President Trump this year and going into effect next October, which allows states to spend federal

child welfare dollars on preventative services, including in-home parenting skills programs and substance abuse and treatment services, the National Conference of State Legislatures says.

"The act will within the next year or several years dramatically change the way the feds fund foster care and child welfare," Mr. Rein said. "Money currently spent on residential group care moving more towards foster families and relative caregivers and doing prevention work."

Mr. Rein said Children's Network of SWFL is a leader in the state when it comes to support for relative or close-friend caregivers, and for families to keep kids from being removed.

Ms. Salim also believes the Family First Prevention Act could encourage the type of preventative and early intervention services that could reduce the burden on foster families over time.

Children's Network's has pushed to send most of those kids coming into the system in the last few years to live with friends and relatives, including a kinship search unit, people who attend every shelter hearing with the sole purpose of identifying relatives or close friends a child might live with.

Then it has helped relatives keep them in another bid for stability. Sometimes that's a matter of providing help with basic safety items such as diapers, car seats, cribs or baby formula, or talking with Children's Network staff about where to get other types of assistance.

"We have several grants that we can immediately make those necessary safety items available to relatives so they're able to maintain the placement," Ms. Salim said.

That helps reduce the burden on foster families and keep a larger and more diverse inventory of foster homes available. Children's Network creates more stability in the system, too, by training caregivers to address children's sometimes bad behavior — breaking things, running away, or hurting animals, for example — in the context of the trauma they've experienced "so they're not immediately saying, 'we can't handle this kid come and get him.'"

And Children's Network partners with United Way to provide volunteer mentors for parents who have just gotten their child back after a removal.

These programs are reducing the burden on foster families and making

the child welfare system more stable for kids, Ms. Salim says.

"Typically, we would have seen a higher increase in foster care but because we've been able to serve the families safer at home we've been able to kind of flip that on its side," she said, in the last several years.

"No matter how bad the situation is at home the fact that you get removed from your parents, your home, and your siblings is another trauma, so if we can prevent that we are not perpetuating that trauma."

Family ties

When children are reunited with their parents, there can be joy as well as anxiety. In order to keep more kids in a stable relationship at home, Children's Network of SWFL and the United Way partnered to create a family mentoring program with advocates for mom and dad as soon as the state reunites them with their children.

If parents agree, the volunteers will typically meet with them, as well as kids, once a week at least for the first six months after the children get home, sometimes as a parenting coach or just a thoughtful ear.

For 23-year-old Fort Myers resident and single mom Tylaesia Jordon, her mentor, Lisa Blanton, has been a bright spot in a welfare system she has often found unreasonable.

"I love Ms. Lisa, she's very good, we talk about everything," said Ms. Jordon, who works at a call bank helping

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Children in Out-of-Home Care in Florida

Out-of-Home care are children who have been removed from their parents or primary caregiver and placed with friends or relatives, licensed foster care families, in group homes or in residential treatment centers.

Florida

>> 2018: 24,067
 Approved relative or friend: 13,577
 Group care: 2,052
 Licensed foster care: 7,210
 Residential treatment center or other: 1,228
 Children available for adoption: 791

>> 2013: 17,282
 Approved relative or friend: 9,221
 Group care: 1,845
 Licensed foster care: 5,494
 Residential treatment center or other: 892

Lee County

>> 2018: 845
 >> 2013: 552

Collier County

>> 2018: 242
 >> 2013: 170

Charlotte County

>> 2018: 323
 >> 2013: 140

Palm Beach County

>> 2018: 1,096
 >> 2013: 940

"When we put kids in foster homes, we look at the needs of the children and the strength of the family and try to make a match ... So in that respect, the more the merrier."

— Nadereh Salim, CEO of the nonprofit Children's Network of Southwest Florida, the lead agency for Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry and Glades counties

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process insurance claims. She hopes to go back to school to be trained as a medical assistant.

Her children — ages 1, 4, 5 and 8 — came back home to live with her in June. The older children had spent two years placed with their grandmother, taken by the state after she spent a day in jail on a domestic violence call.

“I felt like I gave up on them, that’s how I felt, like I left them,” she said. “I still do kind of feel like that to this day because you don’t know what they have to go through. Ain’t nobody’s going to love them like I’m going to love them. That was devastating for me and it still is to this day.”

“There’s like this rescue mentality: ‘We’re going to save these poor children from their evil parents.’ And you read in the paper about horrible cases of abuse, but most of the children come into care because of neglect, substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence. And under all that is poverty.”

— **Robin Rosenberg**, an attorney and deputy director of the statewide advocacy group Florida Children’s First.

As a single pregnant mom stringing together what income she could during the year after her children were placed with her mom, she said the state required her to pay \$35 per week to attend a group session in which they were taught things like “to not fight, walk away,” she said. “Don’t say bad words. Stuff like that.”

Her mentor Ms. Blanton, 40, lives in Lehigh Acres and is a medical assistant and receptionist.

“I think these men and women benefit the most because they may not have a support group or system nearby or at all so sometimes the mentors are the only people that are their support system,” she said.

“They have my number. They know they can always call me any time. And I feel that not only do they benefit from me, but I benefit from them. They teach me how things are, how rough it can be for them.”

Ms. Blanton started mentoring just a few days after Ms. Jordon’s kids returned.

“To be a young, single mom,” Ms. Blanton said, “I know it’s very stressful for her but she tries as best she can, she’s very motivated.”

Estero resident Laura Fagan has served as a Children’s Network family mentor for several years as well as a Guardian ad Litem, a court appointed child advocate.

“Basically you end up spending more time with them (the parents) than say a case manager would,” Ms. Fagan said. “You develop an understanding of the situation. You become a resource. Maybe you help them brainstorm about different issues.”

Each family is unique in their

needs, she found.

“It could be where can someone get more food, the food stamps aren’t stretching far enough. It could be diapers. There was a situation where it sounded like the child had behavioral issues, and I was able to find a contact person where that behavior could be assessed.

“There’s a lot of need and finding the right resources, you can kind of feel overwhelmed, especially some of these parents who have few resources. They struggle maintaining an income. They may or may not have transportation. There’s a lot working against some of these families.

“And another thing is to be a cheerleader, someone who observes mom and dad doing all the right things and helping them to see, you can do this.

“...One mom, I felt like one hour a week it was a chance for her to talk about what was going on, it was like her one hour. Sometimes we would brainstorm things but sometimes it just came down to listening.”

In another case, a landlord was going to raise the rent \$50 a month for one of her families, a significant expense.

They talked through the pluses and negatives of moving.

In the reunifications there may be great joy as well as anxiety. In one situation she recalls a baby and an only child for whose parents’ “reunification was just like way better than any Christmas you can imagine. It’s just so exciting.

“But maybe you have another situation where you have five or six kids, and they may not all come back at the same time. And then you deal with the interactions between siblings who may or may not have been living with each other.

“There’s bus schedules and after-



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school care and homework to be done and chores to be done. It’s a lot.”

Robin Rosenberg, an attorney and deputy director of the statewide advocacy group Florida Children’s First, believes the state should do more to work with parents to keep kids at home.

“So the state does not do a good job on that end,” she said. “There’s like this rescue mentality: ‘We’re going to save these poor children from their evil parents.’ And you read in the paper about horrible cases of abuse, but most of the children come into care because of neglect, substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence. And under all that is poverty.

“If the state and federal government incentivize helping families take care of their own, we would have less kids come into the child welfare system and the system could serve those who really need to be separated from their parents.” ■

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Naples teen makes a statement at New York Fashion Week

BY KRISTINE GILL

Florida Weekly Correspondent

She's just 15 years old, but local model Kaia Geissinger can already add New York Fashion Week to her resume. The Florida SouthWestern Collegiate High School student was chosen to walk in the September show this year among some of the most famous and recognizable models in the world.

She'll also be among the lineup at Scene to be Seen: A Runway Art Show this fall; the Naples Art Association event is Nov. 1. The second annual event fuses the arts and fashion to create a unique runway experience. Kaia dished on what it was like behind the scenes at the biggest fashion event in the country, and she talked about how it will help her local modeling career.

How did you get your start in modeling?

When I was younger I took a course at Southwest FL Modeling and Talent. My parents wanted me to wait until high school before I really pursued more modeling, however. I think they thought I'd forget about it. But when I turned 14 last year and started high school, we launched my public modeling Instagram and took the plunge.

What do you like about the job?

I've always loved fashion, so modeling is just an extension of that. I love getting to play dress up and become a different personality with every outfit. I really look at it like creating art.

How do you manage to balance school and your career at such a young age?

So far it hasn't really impacted school for me. Occasionally there are rehearsals and shows that take up my evenings, making homework hard... but I just work harder.

How did you get the job for the Naples fashion event, Scene to be Seen?

My mom told me about the show and I applied. I had been doing modeling for a few months at that point, but Scene To Be Seen was my first real runway.

How did you land a spot in New York Fashion Week?

I saw an open casting call and my mom submitted me. We had to send my measurements and photos. They selected me.



Kaia Geissinger walking the runway at New York Fashion Week.

What were you nervous about going into the event?

I just didn't want to fall. That was my biggest fear. Walking in NYFW was something I've been dreaming of for a long time. I just wanted it to live up to my expectations — which it did.

What does having a spot in New York Fashion Week mean for your career?

I hope it will give me more visibility and help me network. I am still freelance — which means I do not have an agency. I'd love to have a development agency that helps me gain the experi-

ence and clientele to build a career.

Can you tell us about what you were wearing and who you walked for?

I walked for Alexandra Bujan — a 12-year-old designer making her NY debut as well. Her designs were amazing and had a tribal feel. I wore a little white mini-dress that had to actually be sewn on. It was wild.

What will you remember about the experience?

Mostly the people that I met. My makeup artist was so funny and supportive (and talented)! The other models were so nice. Being part of the



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Naples resident Kaia Geissinger was selected to walk the runway at New York Fashion Week.

backstage of a big show was exactly like you would imagine — chaos, amazing designs, an entire room of makeup artists, professional photographers, and lots of nervous energy.

How do you think the experience prepared you for your upcoming show in Naples?

It definitely gave me more confidence. I am ready for any show now. The benefit for this year's Scene To Be Seen show is that the designer I met and walked for last year, Leeann Kroetsch, requested me again. I absolutely loved the dress she designed for me last year and I can't wait to see what she has in mind for this year's show.

What are you excited about for the upcoming Scene to be Seen event?

Scene To Be Seen is unique because you are truly wearing art. The dress Leeann made for me last year was all hand molded and had no stitching. It was insane! The whole event has a really fun vibe where art meets fashion. It reminds me of something you'd see in a larger city, so it's super cool that it's right here in Naples.

You can see Kaia walk in the Nov. 1 event. For ticket information, visit www.NaplesArt.org or call 262-6517. You can find Kaia on her Instagram account @official_kaiamarianne. ■

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"This is not amateur hour," notes Art Taylor, president and CEO of BBB Wise Giving Alliance. "We have seen crowd-funding posts from individuals claiming to raise funds so they can deliver and distribute water, food and flashlights to impacted areas," he says. "Even if sin-



cere, such efforts may risk lives, complicate access by professional efforts and potentially divert donations that could be directed in more helpful ways."

While we all want to help those in harm's way as soon as we can, donors

should watch out for newly created organizations that emerge that are either inexperienced in addressing disasters or may be seeking to deceive donors at a vulnerable time.

BBB also expects to see price gougers and storm chasers looking to make a quick buck off cleanup and recovery efforts. Consumers can report suspected scams to www.bbb.org/scamtracker or the office of the Attorney General in their state.

For tips on avoiding questionable appeals, as well as a list of national BBB-accredited charities providing hurricane relief, go to www.Give.org.

The emergency phase of a disaster is just the beginning. Full recovery from a disaster will be a long-term activity that can take many months or years to accomplish, depending on the extent of the damage. Those truly concerned about helping communities bounce back will have many opportunities to help in the future. Follow the link above for a list of BBB-accredited charities raising funds for Hurricane Florence relief assistance. This list will be updated as additional relief efforts come to the attention of the BBB and its Wise Giving Alliance. ■

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Rattlesnakes pose lesser threat to dogs thanks to vaccine

BY KRISTINE GILL
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Pet owners on the look out for Bufo toads this time of year should still be wary of venomous snakes. As a long-standing threat to dogs in Southwest Florida, rattlesnakes especially have been known to kill. But a relatively new vaccine is keeping some pets safe in Collier County.

Three dogs who received the vaccine were treated for bites over the past year at Big Cypress Animal Clinic. All three survived and required less antivenom than had they not been vaccinated, said veterinarian David Randall.

"It's lifesaving and cost effective," said Dr. Randall, who has 23 years of experience here in Naples.

Typically if a dog is bitten in the leg or on the nose, they recover with treatment. But in the past, Dr. Randall said dogs bitten in the chest always died. Until now.

One of the three bitten this past year made a full recovery thanks to the vaccine, which works much like the flu vaccine in humans.

For about \$40, the dog receives an injection. A month later, the dog receives a second injection. Dogs must be revaccinated each year.

That's a massive savings compared to the \$700 to \$7,000 a rattlesnake bite can cost to treat in dogs that have not received the vaccination.

"The one bit right in the chest survived with one dose of antivenom," said Dr. Randall, adding that a single dose starts at about \$400.

Dr. Erik Madison has worked at the Emergency Pet Hospital of Collier County since 1994. In that time, he's seen the



number of snake bites fall drastically, thanks in great part, he believes, to development in the area.

Since 2000, his pet hospital has seen a steady decrease in the number of bites to dogs from both rattlesnakes, and water moccasins. Water moccasins, while not as deadly, are much more common, Dr. Madison said.

In the year 2000, the vet hospital saw one snake bite for every 125 patients it treated. Today, that number is one out of 500. In other words, the annual count for the year 2000 was 45 snakebites while it was just 10 in 2017. Most, Dr. Madison added, are from water moccasins.

Dr. Madison said that while the vaccine might help the rare dog these days that encounters a deadly rattlesnake, it is important to note that the vaccine does

not help against water moccasin bites. Considering that dogs must receive the vaccination regularly for it to be effective, he urges pet owners to use caution even when their dogs have been treated, as the vaccine is most effective during a narrow one- to two-month window.

"It's still a problem and very life threatening if your dog tangles with a diamond back rattler," he said.

Denise Parker is a dog handler with SWFL K-9 Rescue, a local group that aids law enforcement in the search for missing people. While her dog and others in the group are constantly out in the elements, few have encountered snakes and none have been attacked.

"Knock on wood," Ms. Parker said, adding the group has been working in the area since 1994.

Ms. Parker attributes their track record to safety precautions. The group keeps an emergency vet on stand-by during searches, and each team member is trained in canine first aid. Anti-snake clinics teach handlers how to avoid bites, and all dogs are flanked by additional search teams, which means predators are easily spotted.

"Safety is our priority," Ms. Parker said, adding that she might consider the vaccine if it were suggested by a veterinarian. So far, she said, the steps already in place have kept the group's dogs safe.

While the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission does not track rattlesnake bites to pets, it does keep stats on the number of calls placed to its Wildlife Assistance Program. In Collier County, no bites have been reported the past five years. Statewide, that number was 27. Of those 27 bites, 17 animals died.

Carol Lyn Parrish, public information officer for the agency's South Region, said snakes are known to inhabit every corner of the county.

"Florida has a rich diversity of snakes," she said. "Our 44 species of snakes are found in every conceivable habitat, from coastal mangroves and saltmarshes to freshwater wetlands and dry uplands, and many species thrive in residential areas."

To avoid encountering one while with your pet, remove brush lumber and tall grass from around your homes. Snakes are often seen near their food source, so removing debris will eliminate rodent habitats. Similarly, birdseed should be swept from feeders to avoid drawing rats and mice.

Ms. Parrish said if a snake bites your pet, take it in for treatment immediately. ■

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New world order

Kimberel Eventide, 36, believes her purpose here on Earth is to help other humans become elves, just like herself. A resident of Illinois, Eventide identifies as a Pleiadian Starseed, an Otherkin who first realized she was an elf after reading and watching the “Lord of the Rings” series by J.R.R. Tolkien. She spends her time dressing as an elf in silk, velvet or nature-inspired clothing and pointed elf ears — but she doesn’t wear them all the time because “my own ears have a slight point to them.”

Eventide’s husband supports her elfdom but “he does not understand it and does not watch many of my videos,” she said. “I am an Elven spiritual teacher who offers personal Skype online sessions to help individual souls,” she explained to the Daily Mail. Her mission, called “Projectelvenstar,” is specifically to help humans transform themselves into High Elves — “ears are optional but can become a byproduct of becoming extra-sensory and hearing better over time.”

Easy marks

Three men in Westborough, Mass., are out \$306,000 after falling victim to a scam, MassLive.com reported on Aug. 29. Joseph Boakye, 31, of Worcester is one of two suspects wanted by Westborough police for allegedly selling 15 kilograms of counterfeit gold dust. In July, the victims met Boakye and his accomplice at an Extended Stay America hotel and tested the gold dust for authenticity. Apparently

satisfied, they paid \$26,000 in cash and transferred \$280,000 into a Bank of America account, after which they received a locked Sentry safe that supposedly held the gold dust. Boakye told them they would get the combination to the safe after the transfer cleared. But two days later, when they were unable to open the safe, the victims called a locksmith. Inside — shocking — was counterfeit gold.

Least-competent criminals

■ Thieves in Roanoke County, Virginia, hit the same shoe store twice in July and August, according to the Roanoke Times, stealing shirts, hoodies, jackets — and right shoes. Thirteen shoes meant for a right foot were taken from Clean Soles, where store operator Rob Wickham said he typically displays right shoes and keeps the mates behind the counter. They’re “not much good unless you have two right feet,” said Wickham. A 17-year-old suspect has been charged with the July break-in.

■ A homeowner in Toluca Lake, Calif., looked at video from his surveillance camera late on Aug. 29 and saw a person on the property, but it wasn’t until the next day, when he looked around for any damage, that a man was discovered stuck between a wall and a garage. KCAL TV reported that it took firefighters more than an hour to free the unnamed man, a suspect wanted in connection with a burglary the night before. Los Angeles police arrested him for trespassing as he was transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

Overreactions

■ Bryan Tucker of Sandston, Va., was FED UP TO HERE! with kids littering his lawn as they waited at the Henrico County school bus stop adjacent to his property. So on Sept. 4, he installed a battery-powered electric fence. “They don’t respect other people’s land,” Tucker told WTVR TV. “I pick up trash every day.” Officials informed him later that day that the fence was placed on county property, not his own, so Tucker took it down. But he still thinks the point was made: “The message has gotten across,” Tucker said. “Parents are posting and talking about it.”

■ Monica Walley of Holden Heights wrote a negative online review Aug. 20 about the Daybreak Diner in Orlando, accusing the restaurant of refusing service to her disabled mother. The negative review didn’t sit well with the diner owner’s son, Michael Johnson, or his housemates, Jesse Martin and Norman Auvil, reported WFTV. That evening, as the three sat drinking beer, Martin looked up Walley’s address, then they drove to her home, where Auvil, 42, shot three rounds into the house. “I actually could feel the air from the bullet as it passed by me,” said Ken Walley, Monica’s father. “I didn’t think anybody was crazy enough to do something like this over something so small,” Monica Walley said. Auvil was arrested Aug. 30 and charged with shooting into a dwelling, according to the Orange County Sheriff’s Office.

Oops

An Orlando home will need more than roof repairs after a crane parked outside tipped over on Sept. 4, splitting the house in half so cleanly daylight could be seen through it. United Press International reported the roof was under construction when the machinery fell over, likely

because the ground underneath it was wet, said Ivan Fogarty, corporate safety director for crane operator Beyel Brothers Crane & Rigging. No one was inside the home at the time, and no one on the roofing crew was injured, but the house has been declared unlivable.

Fooled ya

University of Houston student Jehv M. looked at a blank wall in his local McDonald’s and saw opportunity. Hoping to boost Asian representation in the burger chain’s advertising, Jehv created a poster featuring himself and a friend touting McDonald’s french fries. They bought used McDonald’s uniforms at a thrift store as disguises, then boldly

hung the poster in a Pearland, Texas, location as customers ordered and ate around them. United Press International reported that 51 days later, the poster still hung on the wall unnoticed, as shown in a photo on Jehv’s Twitter feed. As of Sept. 4, it was not clear whether management at McDonald’s knew of the poster’s origins. ■



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As a company, Jaguar Land Rover gets the most out of its engineering. After all, the same 575-horsepower supercharged V8 that brings the F-type to supercar levels is also available in a seven-passenger crossover. But the greatest sharing across JLR might just also be its most eco-friendly offering yet.

The company recently fired its first shot into the full-electric production car world with the Jaguar I-Pace — a 240-mile range crossover. A recent spy shot also suggests that Land Rover will get a version with the Range Rover Sport that will run purely on battery power. But the most exciting news in its electric vehicle world has nothing to do with new cars.

The classic Jaguar E-Type has often been awarded the most beautiful car in the world, and now it will be eligible for the most economic car in the world, too. JLR is offering full EV conversions for the Series I and Series II vehicles that were built between 1961 and 1971.

Jaguar has not yet released the final performance figures for the E-lectric E-Type, but with the instant torque EVs produce, JLR assures this will be quicker than the original cars. The technology will largely come from the I-Pace.

There is less space to retrofit the battery pack, so it will be less than half the size of the modern Jag. Still, the company expects to get an EV range of about 170 miles.

Electrifying this classic shouldn't be a complete surprise to Jaguar fans. It showed off the E-Type Zero concept last year, and it was even driven by Britain's Prince Harry during his wedding in May. What is extraordinary is the level of commitment Jaguar has put into the project.

E-Type owners can arrange to have their cars electrified at the company's official Classic Works restoration facility in Coventry, England. Because these are classic cars with older build dates, the modifications will be likely road-legal in most countries, including the U.S. (think of it in the same way hot-rodders modify their cars, but with a much greener goal). Those who don't already own a classic Jaguar can have the company locate one for them.

If sending a vehicle to England seems like a daunting task, Jaguar also recently announced a new Classic Works restoration site in Savannah, Ga., opening within a year.

JLR has not shared the price for



uar Classic Works will even offer preservation options for the gas-powered drivetrain.

None of the less expensive Series III convertibles are currently eligible for the EV conversion, but there are some options for those who want to go green on a tighter budget. Prime examples of the Series I and Series II coupe and 2+2 start at about \$30K.

the EV conversion. It means that this process is likely expensive, and no two conversions are going to be alike. After all, most E-Types are over a half-century old, and each one will likely need other individualized restoration work.

Even after knowing the price for the conversion, it doesn't take into account the value/cost of the donor car. Jaguar produced over 57,000 Series I and Series II E-types. Of those, about 17,300 are the extra-desirable convertibles. It has created an interesting place in the market where a roadster is not difficult to locate, but even the cheapest complete examples will be above \$50K. Furthermore, an iconic Series I with the sleekest lines and covered headlights cost well into six-figures. Because the E-Type is such a valuable car, the EV retrofit will be fully reversible, and Jag-

Since this package is designed to replace the 4.2-liter inline-six motor, other classic Jaguars can also be retrofitted with the electric motor. Fans of everything from the Mark X full-size sedan to the sporty XJ Coupes might take some interest in paying for an electric conversion. The drawback is the E-Type was conceived as a lightweight sports car. Anything else getting electrified will likely be heavier, and therefore, the range will be impacted.

In total, electrifying the iconic E-type feels like a very thoughtful execution from Jaguar. It has taken the time to come up with a solution where one of the world's most beautiful classics gets to find a productive home in modern times. It creates a new avenue for technology and admiration, and at the same time, it never irreversibly changes an enthusiast's established hero. ■

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Florida panther rescued by Naples Zoo has died

The Naples Zoo announced earlier this week that Uno, an adult male Florida panther rescued by the zoo, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Sept. 16.

“Uno was an ambassador for his species. He was a beloved panther and dear friend to our staff and volunteers, members and community,” said Jack Mulvena, CEO of the Naples Zoo. “We share the heartbreak of this event with the animal care professionals who knew him best and with our veterinary team, as well as our admiration for their outstanding commitment to Uno and to all the animals in our care.”

According to a press release, Naples Zoo’s veterinary staff diagnosed a painful ulcer in Uno’s left blue eye. Knowing the potential for complications to arise from his injured eyes, Uno had been trained to participate in his daily eye care. After eye drops failed to resolve the ulcer, the veterinary staff developed a plan of action that included consulting with veterinary ophthalmologists.

The removal of Uno’s eye was determined to be the best course of treatment for his health. Uno’s surgery was Friday, Sept. 14. During recovery, he had a reaction to a commonly prescribed pain medication. That issue appeared to resolve and Uno was regularly monitored over the weekend and he was recovering well.

Unexpectedly, Uno stopped breathing for unknown reasons on Sunday afternoon. Naples Zoo’s animal care team pulled together medical treatment, including performing CPR on him for 30 minutes. Despite the team’s best efforts, Uno did not respond. A necropsy will be conducted by the University of Florida — it is unknown if a decisive cause of death will be determined.

The Zoo rescued Uno from the side of the road in 2014 with a shotgun blast in the face, starving and blinded.

“We initially thought placing Uno was going to be difficult, but Naples Zoo accepted the challenge and turned a bad situation into one that provided teachable moments to the public about panther conservation,” said Dave Onorato of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Foundation. He is a research scientist for FWC’s Florida Panther Project. “The care and devotion to Uno by staff at Naples Zoo certainly increased his quality of life, especially in comparison to the inevitable outcome had he remained in the wild and never been found.”

With the loss of Uno, the zoo still has one female Florida panther and will continue to work with FWC and United States Fish and Wildlife Service to rescue and rehabilitate Florida panthers. ■

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PET TALES

50 years for Winn

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When you feed your cat; purchase a Maine coon or ragdoll kitten who doesn't have a mutation for hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, the most commonly diagnosed form of heart disease in cats; or have your cat's diabetes reversed through a change in diet, you're benefiting from research funded by the Winn Feline Foundation (winnfeline-foundation.org), which is celebrating its golden anniversary of helping cats.

The organization, founded in December 1968 with a \$125 donation from the Cat Fanciers Association, has grown into an internationally recognized force for feline health research and education. More than \$6 million later, Winn has supported scientists studying chronic kidney disease in cats, feline infectious peritonitis and stem cell therapy for managing inflammatory conditions such as chronic gingival stomatitis. Its successes are well-known to informed cat lovers.

"Their work on kidney atrophy and disease in Persians and exotics is important and gives me hope that there will be a cure someday for polycystic kidney disease," says Dee Dee Drake, executive director of Calaveras Humane Society in California.

Discoveries by Winn-funded researchers now allow cat breeders to test for PKD and breed away from it in their lines. Testing also allows the disease to be identified earlier in a cat's life. The disease can't be halted, but early identification means cats can be treated for loss of kidney function at an earlier stage of disease. And because



Cats are the No. 1 pet throughout the world, so feline health research is important to many people.

Persians have been used in breeding programs for other breeds, such as exotics — the Persian's shorthaired cousin — those breeds benefit as well.

Cat breeder Lorraine Shelton cites evidence-based research showing that early-age spay and neuter surgery is safe in cats. While there is evidence in dogs that early-age spay and neuter poses health risks, studies in cats have not uncovered negative side effects.

But for many cat owners, the word most associated with Winn is "taurine." In 1987, the organization took a chance on veterinary cardiologist Paul Pion's hypothesis that a deficiency of taurine in cat foods was linked to the high incidence of dilated cardiomyopathy and funded his research on an emergency basis. He was correct, and now cat foods are formulated to meet the feline need for taurine. Today, most veterinarians don't see cats with dilated cardiomyopathy except in unusual situations, says Vicki Thayer, DVM, Winn's executive

director.

Pain relief and the effects of stress on cats are also important to feline health and welfare. At Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine, Elena Contreras, DVM, and Michael Lappin, DVM, are studying whether concentrations of cortisol — one of the "stress" hormones — in fur and nails can provide veterinarians with a simple, accurate way to measure and diagnose chronic stress in cats.

And at North Carolina State University, Santosh Mishra, Ph.D., and Duncan Lascelles, Ph.D., MRCVS, are using a grant from Winn to study degenerative joint disease-associated pain and hypersensitivity in cats. Much of Dr. Lascelles' research focuses on ways veterinarians can recognize and manage pain in cats.

"These types of studies are critical to veterinarians who want to reduce the stress cats experience in the exam room as well as provide better pain relief for cats with osteoarthritis, which is a more common problem than people realize," says Marty Becker, DVM, founder of the Fear Free organization, which has the goal of reducing fear, anxiety and stress associated with pet health care.

Starting this month, Winn begins a focus on raising money for research into chronic kidney disease, a common problem in aging cats.

"A lot of people have shown that they are concerned about chronic kidney disease in cats, so we want to do a matching fund to see if we can support more kidney-disease research," Dr. Thayer says. ■

Pets of the Week



>> Asia is a 1.5-year-old female torbie domestic shorthair. She is a sweet, laid-back home-body. She is a lap cat who likes to be brushed and petted.



>> Cori is a 3-month-old male gray tabby and white domestic medium hair. He is adorable with his good looks and great personality. He loves to play, be cuddled, and petted.



>> Rosabella is a 5-year-old black and tan female dog. She is friendly, calm, quiet and weighs about 63 pounds. She lost some of her pigment and has a

cute pink nose. She knows the basics and is good on her leash



>> M&M and Boss Man are bonded brothers. They're 1-year-old males and weigh 26 pounds. They would like to be adopted together. They are friendly, affectionate, and love human attention.

This week's pets are from **Collier County Domestic Animal Services**. Adoption fees for cats range from \$20 to \$60 and dogs from \$30 to \$80. Fees include sterilization surgery, vaccinations, pet license, ID microchip and a bag of food. Visit DAS at 7610 Davis Blvd. from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Adoptable dogs and cats from DAS are also at For Footed Friends in Marquesa Plaza on Livingston Road from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. the first Saturday of every month. For information, call 252-7387 or www.colliergov.net/pets.

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HEALTHY LIVING

More patients survive sudden cardiac arrest with pre-hospital emergency breathing tube

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A new study shows a change in the type of breathing tube paramedics use to resuscitate patients with sudden cardiac arrest can significantly improve the odds of survival and save thousands of lives. More than 90 percent of Americans who experience sudden cardiac arrest die before, or soon after, reaching a hospital.

"During resuscitation, opening the airway and having proper access to it is a key factor for the survival of someone who goes into cardiac arrest outside of a hospital," said Dr. George Sopko, co-author of the study. Dr. Sopko is program director in the Division of Cardiovascular Sciences at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

"But one of the burning questions in pre-hospital emergency care has been, 'Which is the best airway device?'" he added.

Funded by the NHLBI, which is part of the National Institutes of Health, this study is the largest of its kind to test oxygen delivery methods used by firefighters, EMS providers and paramedics. It is the first to show that a particular airway intervention can positively affect patient survival rates. The findings were published online in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"This study demonstrated that just by managing the airway well in the early stage of resuscitation, we could save more than 10,000 lives every year," Dr. Sopko said.

EMS providers treat the majority of the 400,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests each year. For more than three decades, their standard-of-care technique for resuscitation has been endotracheal intubation — the insertion of a plastic tube into the trachea to maintain an open airway. They use this technique in hopes that mirroring the care given by in-hospital physicians will produce better patient outcomes.

"While identical to techniques used by doctors in the hospital, intubation in these severe and stressful pre-hospital settings is very difficult and fraught with errors," said Dr. Henry Wang, professor and vice chair for research in the Department of Emergency Medicine at McGovern Medical School at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. Dr. Wang is the study's lead author.

Today, however, new devices such as laryngeal tubes offer simpler alternatives



UTHealth's Henry Wang, M.D., displays an emergency breathing tube that could save thousands of lives. ROB CAHILL / UTHEALTH

ple survive, according to the American Heart Association.

Called the Pragmatic Airway Resuscitation Trial, the study compared survival rates among 3,000 adults with cardiac arrest who were treated by paramedic crews from 27 EMS agencies, in Birmingham, Ala.; Dallas-Fort Worth; Milwaukee; Pittsburgh; and Portland, Ore. Approximately half of the patients received the newer laryngeal tube treatment, while the other half received traditional endotracheal intubation.

Overall, patients in the laryngeal tube group had significantly better outcomes.

For instance, 18.3 percent of patients survived three days in the hospital and 10.8 percent survived to reach hospital discharge. For the group with traditional endotracheal intubation, the survival numbers were 15.4 and 8.1 percent, respectively. Also, the proportion of patients surviving with good brain function was higher in the laryngeal tube group.

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These objective, understandable measurements, although not currently perfect, do provide helpful information and are now available at www.medicare.gov/hospitalcompare/search.html. Using this tool has a dual benefit: assisting patients in choosing health care options and accelerating performance improvement because all can share best practices to improve their delivery. Better performance also equates to fewer complications, decreased waste, and lower costs. All of these attributes contribute to a healthier America and the ability to transfer resources previously regarded as "waste" in health care to other worthwhile endeavors such as education, infrastructure, safety, and environmental protection.

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Sheriff Kevin Rambosk

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ing to provide free mental health support services an programs to 16,000 people in Collier County. "My guiding principle in life has been a commitment to community, safety and service. Working with our community partners including NAMI of Collier County, we're able to help people in crisis get the mental health and support they need," said Sheriff Rambosk. The event will take place on Friday, Dec. 7, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Email events@NAMICollier.org for information on how to register. ■

The **Hope Shines Luncheon** announced that Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk will serve as honorary chair. The event, benefitting NAMI of Collier County, aims to raise critical fund-

TOURISM

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Sealfon and others touted the ways in which Collier can capture a piece of this multi-billion dollar industry. Wellness travelers spend, on average, 130 percent of what the average tourist spends on a getaway, Ms. Sealfon said.

"Naples is uniquely poised for this," Ms. Sealfon said.

With dozens of Blue Zone-approved restaurants, miles of walkable shoreline, the Gordon River Greenway, and outdoor activities such as biking, hiking and kayaking, the environment here in Naples just lends itself to an active lifestyle.

"We already have the infrastructure," Ms. Sealfon said.

That infrastructure, coupled with the offerings of local hotels and spas for a relaxing weekend away, is likely to draw first-time visitors and encourage regulars to stay a while longer.

"The target market is almost exactly what we're seeking now," said CVB Executive Director Jack Wert. "It's the 35 to 54 age group, and it's definitely a family and couples business that skews a little female, because women are often making holiday travel decisions."

"But it's not just a niche market that likes golf," Mr. Wert added. "It's almost mainstream."

Mr. Wert said western U.S. cities have picked up on the trend in recent years, drawing active individuals to areas that experience warm weather year round.



WERT

Trends that hit California first are often slower to reach Florida, he said.

In 2017, 1.8 million visitors came to Collier County and stayed in paid housing like a hotel or registered AirBnb rental. Mr. Wert

thinks wellness tourism would encourage those individuals to add a fourth night to their stay as they took advantage of new activities.

"The side benefit is our local population," Ms. Sealfon said. "This is a win-win for everyone."

Marco Perry is the managing director of the LaPlaya Beach & Gulf Resort. He said his hotel got a jump-start on wellness tourism over the past three years, as they began adding exercise classes, new spa packages and even a new bike rental station for visitors.

"We started the hashtag #LaPlayaLiving," Mr. Perry said. "Our wellness program is a state of mind. I hope to change the mentality even of our employees when it comes to making healthy choices daily."

Mr. Perry said that while Naples has always drawn tourists, those visitors don't yet think of the area as a wellness destination. But already he sees the task force working to change that. And he's done his part with organized beach walks, yoga classes and the Blue Zone approval of their food offerings.

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GUEST COMMENTARY

No time to take the easy way out

BY ALAN HORTON

It's easy to say "no" to any new tax — for example, Collier County's local-option one-cent infrastructure sales tax on the Nov. 6 general election ballot. But, as hard as it is to vote for a new tax, in this case it's harder to live with the consequences of a no vote.

For me, it's easier to say "yes" to what the proposed seven-year tax would address. My "yes" is a "no way" vote against:

■ Putting the entire burden on property taxpayers rather than requiring visitors, tourists and the 20,000 out-of-county commuters with jobs here to pay approximately 30 percent of the costs;

■ Postponing long-planned and desperately needed new bridges, roads and improved intersections to alleviate east-west rush-hour gridlock and dangerously long response times for emergency responders;

■ Delaying the long-awaited Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park in northeastern Collier County;

■ Depriving the county's three cities of roughly \$70 million over the next seven years for their backlog of infrastructure projects forcing city property owners to pay higher property taxes or do without needed capital improvements;

■ Incarcerating the mentally ill and substance abusers in the county jail for lack of an adequate treatment facility;

■ Refusing to take sensible, multi-faceted steps to encourage construction of affordable housing for teachers, nurses, young professionals, law enforcement

officers and for needy seniors and disabled citizens;

■ Turning down a new training center when employers are leaving the county or creating good jobs elsewhere because they can't hire enough skilled workers here; and

■ Playing expedient politics with the community's future by stymieing initiatives to diversify our local economy and create high-paying jobs.

Something has to give. We can't vote against the sales tax and still expect the \$490 million in improvements unless we are prepared to pay increased property taxes, or delete or postpone capital projects on the sales tax list, all of which are labeled "needs not wants" by county staff.

If the sales tax fails, county commissioners say they will sell bonds to raise the same amount of money the sales tax would have brought in. The debt would be paid off using property taxes, as would an estimated \$100 million to \$200 million in interest.

Worst case: If the sales tax loses, commissioners will say the voters have spoken and be leery of addressing some community needs for years to come. This is the "poison the well" phenomenon.

Specifically, politics being what they are, without the temporary sales tax, I would guess that at the end of the day the sheriff won't get the money he seeks for a treatment facility for mentally ill and substance abusing inmates. There will be no funding for a county land trust to provide a land incentive to developers willing to build affordable housing. Nor will the

county build a third training center to train our youth and adults for 21st century job opportunities.

It is my belief that a no vote on the sales tax could very well be a yes vote for traffic gridlock, unsafe police and fire response times, jailing the mentally ill, no funding for affordable housing, no direct contribution from visitors and tourists and other non-residents for infrastructure.

Last year, the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce — after years of study, consultants and collaboration with political, business, nonprofit and community leaders countywide — asked county commissioners to consider a sales tax referendum. Why? Economic diversity. Affordable housing and critical skills training. The two most important needs to create good jobs here. Crucial hurricane-hardening projects. Reduced pressure on property taxes. Of the state's 67 counties, 61 already have a local-option sales tax.

To make sure taxpayers get what the sales tax promises, Chamber leaders included caveats with their sales tax recommendation:

1) A pre-vote independent audit to test whether the money — \$420 million for the county — really is needed, the proposed projects make sense and the price is right.

2) A seven-year sunset clause stipulating the tax must end on Dec. 31, 2025, or sooner if the \$490 million is collected before that date.

3) A citizen oversight board to make sure the money goes where specified in

the ballot language.

4) A county website (www.CollierOneCentTax.com) detailing specifics of the plan before the vote.

5) All projects listed must be needs and not wants.

6) The plan must address three critical community issues — workforce housing, technical training and mental health. Commissioners added a fourth — \$30 million for a proposed VA Nursing Home.

The commission's majority supported these requests. Several commissioners pointed out that the Great Recession forced them to cut the county budget from \$1.3 billion in fiscal 2008 to \$865 million by 2011; many county jobs were eliminated. This year's budget is \$1.16 billion, still well short of 2008.

Recently a county needs assessment — conducted by the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation in conjunction with the Community Foundation of Collier County — confirmed all of the needs addressed by the sales tax.

Yes, some say a no vote on the so-called penny tax is easy, but that would be self-defeating, and foolish. Vote YES to say no to additional property taxes or debt. ■

— Alan M. Horton, 75, the retired head of The E. W. Scripps Company's Newspaper Division, is a former prize-winning investigative reporter, Washington correspondent, editor and publisher. During his tenure as editor of the Naples Daily News from 1987 through 1991, the paper was named one of the top ten small newspapers in the country. He resides in Naples.

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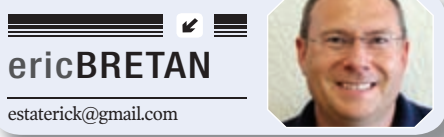
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There are lessons to learn from the economic collapse of Venezuela



With all of the positive economic news coming out of the U.S. in recent months, it is easy to forget that one of our neighbors to the south is not so fortunate. Venezuela is in the middle of one of the worst financial crises in modern history. The South American country is experiencing mind-blowing inflation, double-digit decreases in GDP, rampant unemployment and shortages of everything from food to medical equipment. How did Venezuela put itself in this position and what can its mistakes teach us about our economy going forward?

Most economic crises are like a fire; you need both a spark to start it but just as importantly you need the right fuel to ensure that the spark ignites, and the fire can feed itself. In this case, the fuel to feed the fire were the economic and social policies started in 2010 by Populist President Hugo Chavez. In order to help the poor, the president first nationalized many of the key industries — like oil production. He then used the income produced by these industries to build massive social programs that provided subsidized food and housing as well as free education and health clinics.

For a while, the economy of Venezuela flourished as poverty decreased and standards of living increased. President

Chavez became very popular with a large segment of the population and he used that popularity to eliminate presidential term limits and effectively took over the court system. He ruled as a virtual dictator until his death in 2013 when he was succeeded by President Nicolás Maduro, who carried on most of Chavez' policies. However, by this time, corruption within the government and out-of-control spending had brought rising inflation as well as basic shortages.

But it was the plunge in global oil prices in 2015 that was the spark that started the massive crisis Venezuela faces today. Oil accounted for approximately

95 percent of Venezuela's exports and was the major source of funding for the government. As petroleum prices fell, the country's income fell with it, yet the government would not cut spending. As a result, the government relied on massive deficit spending to fund its social programs. Inflation started to blossom.

To fight inflation, the Venezuelan government enacted dramatic price controls. It also artificially increased wages to cushion workers from the effects of higher prices. This just made the country's problems worse as companies just stopped producing goods and goods that were available were sold on the black market. Most companies also

laid off any non-essential employees. By this year, inflation had grown to over 200,000 percent. At the same time, the Venezuelan currency plummeted, making imports too expensive for anyone but the ultra-rich.

Currently, Venezuela is in a state of crisis that is shocking and sad. Health care is unavailable due to a complete lack of medicine and supplies, so citizens often die from very treatable diseases. Food is also in very short supply; many citizens are literally starving and looting garbage bins and dumpsters to find food. Crime is out of control within the country because many believe that they have no alternative in order to survive.

What economic lessons can be learned from this crisis? First, I believe this shows that no government can live beyond its means forever. While deficit spending to fund social programs worked for a while in Venezuela, these programs collapsed when income dried up. Second, the crisis shows how significant government intervention in an economy can lead to a disaster. And finally, I believe this terrible situation demonstrates how a country that strays from democracy almost always leads itself to disaster. ■

— 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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“I did 108 queries ... Got some encouragement from some of them but bottom line — all rejects. Various reasons. They seemed to like the book for the most part.”

— Glee Duff, self-published author

Doing *it* yourself

Local authors discover self-publishing no longer carries the stigma it once did

BY GLENN MILLER
Florida Weekly Correspondent

FROM THE BALCONY OF THE SOUTH Fort Myers condo he shares with Sally, his wife of 62 years, Glee Duff can see a great deal. Off to the northwest the top of the Barbara B. Mann Hall pokes into the sky and, virtually at his feet, Lakes Park spreads out west to Summerlin Road.

Mr. Duff, 85, could see something else just as clearly when he tried finding a publisher for his Cold War spy novel, “The Lethal Defector.”

“I did 108 queries,” Mr. Duff said. “Got some encouragement from some of them but bottom line — all rejects. Various rea-

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Glee Duff

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ **The Public Relations Society of America (PRSA), Gulf Coast Chapter** meets from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail N. Guest speaker Teresa M. Araque, associate vice president of marketing and public information officer for Hodges University, will discuss “The Thin Line Between Marketing and Public Relations.” Araque will address how public relations and marketing continue to blur; how shifting roles impact what PR professionals do for their businesses, organizations and clients; and how these changes impact how others perceive the PR profession. The cost is \$30 for PRSA members, \$38 for others (\$25 for students). Reservations required by September 21 at www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

■ **Hodges University and SCORE Naples** have partnered to offer a sequel to last year’s Collier 2020 panel discussion. Hodges will host the event from 8:15 to 10 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 21. Titled “Collier 2021, The secrets of growing a small business in Collier County,” the event will offer a speaker panel where each will share their story, including keys to success and overcoming challenges in launching and growing their businesses. The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce will moderate a panel discussion followed by a Q&A session with audience members. To register,



call SCORE Naples at 430-0081 and ask for Pam Russell.

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If you're thinking you should get around to buying life insurance, it may surprise you to learn that you may not need it. Here's a review of what you should know.

For starters, understand that life insurance is meant to protect an income stream. If anyone, such as your children or your parents, depends on your income, life insurance can protect it. If you're single or have no dependents, though, you probably don't need life insurance.

Next, know that there are two main types of life insurance: "term" and "cash value." With term insurance, your premium payments are applied entirely to the cost of the insurance, and coverage is easily stopped when it's no longer needed (such as when your kids are self-supporting). Term insurance is simple and effective.

Cash value insurance, meanwhile, encompasses whole life, universal life and variable life policies, among others. These combine term insurance with long-term, tax-sheltered savings plans. The most important thing to under-

stand about these policies is that they're designed to be held for life, and there are often significant upfront charges involved. These tax-sheltered savings can end up outperforming taxed investments, but that can take 10 to 20 years, and it isn't always worth it.

Never opt for cash value insurance without doing a lot of homework. Don't let an aggressive agent sway you with confusing presentations and emotional arguments. ("Think of your children!") Remember that term life can last as long as you want, via guaranteed renewable policies. If you're attracted to the investment portion of cash value insurance, know that you can always buy less-expensive term insurance and invest the difference on your own. You stand a good chance of outperforming the insurance company, too.

Don't buy more insurance than you need or the wrong kind of insurance. You want to protect and replace the income stream that would be lost if you die, but you needn't set up a lotterylike payout on your death. Learn more at bankrate.com/insurance.aspx. ■

My Dumbest Investment

Conventional Not-So-Wise-Dom

My biggest financial blunder was listening to conventional wisdom about diversification.

Many years ago, I was living in Austin, Texas, where Dell was based. Dell was growing like gangbusters and was about to go public. Meanwhile, my portfolio was already heavily weighted with shares of Compaq Computer, which was performing well for me. I heeded the old adage to not have too much money in a single industry, so I passed on the Dell shares. I could have made many times my initial investment in it, had I bought some shares.

I learned it's more important to invest in businesses you're very familiar with than to blindly follow conventional wisdom.

— J.R., Austin, Texas

The Fool Responds: The conventional wisdom isn't that silly, as plenty of industries have been hit hard at various times. The airline industry, for example, could get whacked by soaring fuel prices, while pharmaceutical companies might suffer if some reform limits how high they can set prices. If you were that excited about Dell and also wanted to remain invested in Compaq, you might have sold half your Compaq shares and put that money into Dell.

It's also worth noting that investing in initial public offerings (IPOs) can be tricky, and it's often best to wait a year or so for the stock to settle down. Usually only the most connected investors get the actual initial shares, with others buying at higher prices. ■

Last week's trivia answer

I trace my roots back to 1868, when my founder grew a crop of peppers on Avery Island in Louisiana from seeds he had been given. The next year, he produced 658 bottles of hot sauce bearing the label "Tabasco." Within a decade, the sauce was selling across the U.S. and in Europe. Today I offer several varieties of my sauce, such as green pepper, habanero, Sriracha and buffalo. My sauce has been included in ready-to-eat meals for the military since the 1980s. I'm a privately held company, so you can't buy shares of me. Who am I? (Answer: McIlhenny Company) ■



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Interesting Interest Rates

Q What makes interest rates go up and down?

— C.N., Worcester, Massachusetts

A Interest rates are strongly influenced by inflation and the debt market (think Treasury notes, bills, bonds, etc.). Inflation has been low in recent years, averaging about 3 percent annually over decades. Interest rates have started inching up, but are still below average. After all, the prime rate topped 20 percent in 1980.

When the economy appears to be growing too briskly, the Federal Reserve can slow growth and keep inflation in check by hiking short-term interest rates via the "federal funds" rate — the rate a bank can charge another bank for use of its excess money. The Fed also sets the "discount rate" — the rate banks pay it to borrow short-term funds. When the economy is sluggish, the Fed will often try to juice it by lowering rates, encouraging companies and people to borrow (and spend!) money.

The prime rate, mortgage interest rates and other interest rates are often directly or indirectly influenced by the federal funds rate or the discount rate. The money markets themselves (basic supply and demand for credit) also exert great influence over interest rates.

Q I've saved a little money, and I want to invest in stocks. What do I do?

— O.A., Shenandoah, Iowa

A First, pay off any high-interest-rate debt and fund an emergency account with at least several months' worth of living expenses. Meanwhile, read up on investing. Perhaps start with Joel Greenblatt's "The Little Book That Still Beats the Market" (Wiley, \$25) or John Bogle's "The Little Book of Common Sense Investing" (Wiley, \$25).

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Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a brewery William Bass opened in England in 1777; in 1876, its red triangle was the U.K.'s first registered trademark. Bass' company expanded into hotels with the 1988 purchase of Holiday Inn International (which excluded most U.S. hotels). A decade later, I bought a hotel company founded by Pan Am airline's founder, and later took its name. I jettisoned my brewery business in 2000, and today I'm a hos-



pitality giant, with names such as Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants, Crowne Plaza Hotels & Resorts, Holiday Inn, Staybridge Suites and Candlewood Suites. Who am I?

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

The Motley Fool Take

A Prescription for Profit

Shares of CVS Health (NYSE: CVS) have had a tough year, dropping in large part due to fears about Amazon's potential entry into the pharmacy business. Bears worry that Amazon will leverage its access to big data and its vast online retail network to essentially crush CVS Health's all-important pharmacy services segment, which generated a whopping \$33.2 billion in revenue during the second quarter of this year.

But this fear is almost certainly overblown. CVS Health has an entrenched competitive position that won't be easily overcome by any would-be competitor — even Amazon. Its latest quarter featured pharmacy prescription volume at stores open more than a year jumping 9.5 percent over the prior-year period, help-

ing drive overall revenue up 5.7 percent. Contributing factors include continued success for CVS Health's patient care programs, alliances with health plans and other pharmacy benefit managers, inclusion in more Medicare Part D networks and higher brand drug prices. Many investors also like the same-day drug delivery service that the company is rolling out in many cities and have high hopes for its planned merger with Aetna.

CVS Health's shares have recently been trading at attractive levels, with a forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio near 10. The stock also sports a dividend that recently yielded 2.6 percent. (The Motley Fool has recommended CVS Health.) ■



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sons. They seemed to like the book for the most part.”

Like countless authors over countless years, Mr. Duff received rejection after rejection after rejection.

A publisher saying he or she likes a book is one thing but agreeing to publish “The Lethal Defector” was something else entirely. In baseball terms, Mr. Duff was 0-for-108. But he didn’t give up. He didn’t slink back to the dug-out in his condo and bemoan all those rejections from all those publishers.

Mr. Duff knew he could do something else. He published it himself.

It’s a route many writers now take and where once a stigma may have been attached to the self-published label that has faded, according to Fort Myers author and retired Lee County librarian Bill Hoffman.

“I believe the prevailing view toward self-publishing has changed considerably over the years, as has mine,” said Mr. Hoffman, who writes novels under the name Henry Hoffman. “At one time it was almost considered a fallback or last-chance option looked upon in literary circles as evidence of an inferior product. However, with the coming of the digital age and subsequent advances in the technology of the industry, the process has opened up to a much greater degree.”

“It is now considered a viable option, especially in the independence it provides to the writer, from the writing, to the editing, to the marketing.”

No defects

Mr. Duff’s career in public relations helped prepare him for not only writing “The Lethal Defector” but also publishing it and then marketing the spy novel.

“I’ve written literally thousands of commercials and newspaper ads and so forth and so on,” said Mr. Duff, who added that he graduated from Philadelphia’s Temple University in 1958 with a degree in communications.

Mr. Duff even wrote a news release about the book. The book’s protagonist, Randy Young, is an Army disc jockey for the Armed Forces Network in what was then West Germany. When Mr. Duff was a young man he was also a disc jockey for the Armed Forces Network in what was then West Germany before the fall of the Berlin Wall and Germany’s reunification.

Mr. Duff put a droll headline on his news release: “Former Army disc jockey living in Fort Myers denies affair with KGB spy.”

The Florida poster boy for self-publishing may be Sanibel author Charlie Sobczak. The prolific Mr. Sobczak has published 12 titles that includes fiction and nonfiction and sold more than 100,000 books.

Like Mr. Hoffman, he knows the world of publishing has changed over the decades. Is there still a stigma attached to self-published books?

“I guess the answer for us is no,” said Mr. Sobczak.

Many of his books have gone through numerous printings because initial print runs sold out.

Gone are the days when authors published works through what were derisively referred to as “vanity presses.”

“That’s what they used to call it,” Mr. Sobczak said.

Times have changed.

“I think self-published books are more acceptable,” Mr. Sobczak said.

He has advice for self-published writers.

“A lot of the writers don’t take time for editors,” Mr. Sobczak.

By editing, he means two different types of editors — content editors and copy editors. A content editor will read novels to make sure stories hold together and there are smooth transitions between chapters and characters are developed. Copy editors scour books for grammatical mistakes.

Content editors can sometimes be merciless, according to Mr. Sobczak. But they can transform novels from something perhaps lacking cohesion into something much smoother and comprehensible.

Mr. Sobczak recalled his reaction to an edit on one of his early books.

“I got it back and wanted to cry,” Mr. Sobczak said. “I ate my pride and rewrote the thing.”

As Ernest Hemingway famously said long ago, “The only kind of writing is rewriting.”

That’s a concept Mr. Sobczak understands. It can be difficult for many writers or would-be writers to grasp.

“You got to leave your ego behind,” Mr. Sobczak said.

He then made another point about the editing process.

“It’s not about you,” Mr. Sobczak said. “It’s about the work itself.”

He added that the copy-editing should come after the content editing. Mr. Sobczak can’t emphasize enough the importance of getting qualified editors.

“You’re an idiot if you think you won’t make mistakes,” Mr. Sobczak said.

Mr. Duff’s book went through its own revisions over time.

“I started this book many years ago,” Mr. Duff said. “I can’t even tell you how many years ago and about the beginning of last year I decided to pull it out and look at it again and I thought, well, maybe it’s got some potential. So I rewrote the whole thing.”

“The Lethal Defector” is 452 pages but could be a bit shorter because of a decision Mr. Duff made about publishing. The book is published in 10-point type instead of the standard nine point and thus



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it lengthens the book a bit. He did that because he figures its audience is likely an older audience, many of whom have vision problems.

No fame, no fortune

For many if not most self-published authors, it’s not about money or fame. Something else drives them.

“Something inside you,” Mr. Sobczak said.

Mr. Duff knows that.

“I would love to sell a bunch of books,” Mr. Duff said.

He knows that is highly unlikely. Mr. Duff is not in it for the money.

“This is something I wanted to do for a long time,” Mr. Duff said. “I figured out how to do and found the time to do it.”

What if a fledgling writer dreams of penning the next great American novel or becoming a best-selling author?

“It depends on the fledgling writer’s motivations,” Mr. Hoffman said. “If it’s fame, fortune, or simply the goal of getting your book read by the greatest number of readers, I would recommend shooting for one of the large traditional publishers who have the publicity machines working in their favor.”

But cracking the door of one of the large traditional publishers is a long shot. Port Charlotte author Leah Griffith tried going a traditional route with her novel, “Cosette’s Tribe.”

“Although I never contacted a publisher directly, I did query about 100 agents,” Ms. Griffith said. “I paid top dollar for a professional to assist me with that process. Of the 100 agents that I queried, only one requested to read

my completed manuscript. That one agent later emailed me asking that I not send my manuscript as her husband had fallen ill and she wouldn’t be taking on any new projects.”

Ms. Griffith did not give up. She had spent a year writing “Cosette’s Tribe.”

“After exhausting the list of suitable agents, and having no success, I decided I needed to try something different,” Ms. Griffith said.

She created her own publishing company — Nonpareil Press. Her novel has been widely praised. Of the 54 reviews on Amazon, 89 percent gave it a 5-star rating out of five. Another 7 percent gave it four stars.

Praise for “Cosette’s Tribe” is also effusive on Goodreads.com. All this would not have been possible if Ms. Griffith had not set up her own publishing company.

“The benefits of becoming my own publishing company is that I am able to deal directly with other companies such as Ingram, who prints and drop ships my books to Amazon, and all other stores,” Ms. Griffith said. “It’s been fabulous.”

Her advice to would-be authors echoes that of Mr. Sobczak.

“Make sure your work is in order before submitting to agents or publishers,” Ms. Griffith said. “Hire an editor.”

There are countless details self-published authors must take care of, such as securing copyrights. Mr. Duff paid for the copyright to “The Lethal Defector.” The book’s publisher is listed as Columbus Publishing Lab.

“The publisher is a hybrid publisher,” Mr. Duff said. “What that means is that

they do not accept all books. They want me to participate financially, and they expect to make money with it as well. I don’t expect to make any money.”

Columbus Publishing is based in Zanesville, Ohio, and on its website describes itself as providing “professional publishing services for self-publishers and small presses.”

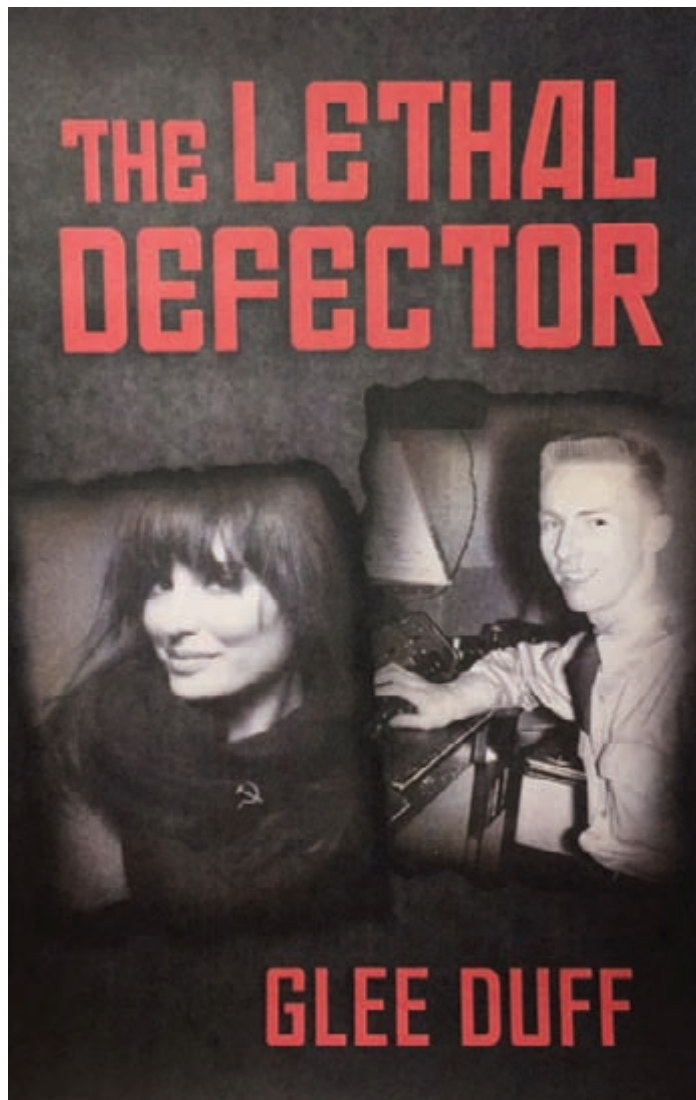
In the modern age of self-publishing, not every book is on the shelves of most bookstores or libraries. That’s the case with Mr. Duff’s book.

“This book is available anywhere you go,” Mr. Duff said. “It’s online.”

That means it can be ordered through Amazon and Barnes & Noble, Mr. Duff said.

Times have changed since the Cold War, which is when Mr. Duff’s novel is set. Ms. Griffith may not have been able to publish “Cosette’s Tribe” back then.

“Try not to get discouraged,” Ms. Griffith said. “After all, just a few years back, there was basically only one path to publication. The power to publish is now in your hands.” ■



BUSINESS MEETINGS

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Children’s Business Fair on Saturday, Oct. 20, at Gulf Coast High School. Local children ages 6-17 are invited to apply for a vendor space, where they can showcase and sell their original products and services. Visit www.napleschamber.org/childrensbusinessfair

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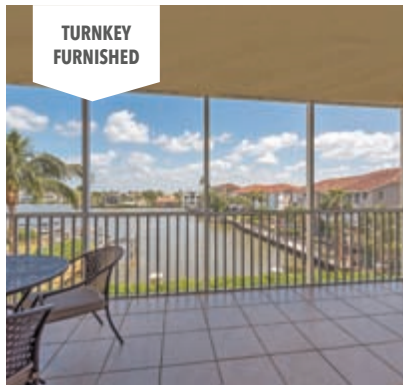
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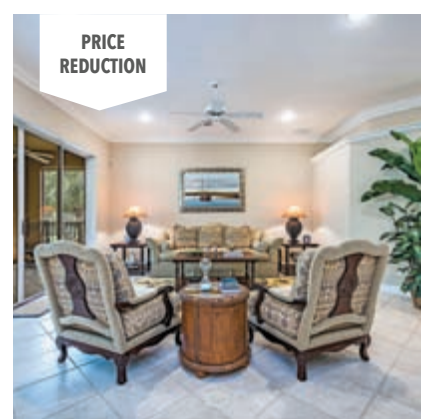
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Closed sales of properties during August increased 5 percent to 719 homes from 685 homes in August 2017, according to the August 2018 Market Report released by the Naples Area Board of REALTORS, which tracks home listings and sales within Collier County (excluding Marco Island).

Inventory during August also rose by two percent and was driven by a surge of 218 more properties added to the market in the two lowest price categories reported compared to August 2017.



“I’m really encouraged by activity in the lower end of the market during August,” said Mike Hughes, vice president for Downing-Frye Realty Inc.

Mr. Hughes, along with several broker analysts reviewing the August market report, thinks we’ll continue to see an uptick in inventory through the end of the year. “Historically, August is where we begin to see an increase in inventory as sellers get ready for our busy winter season.”

Mr. Hughes went on to point out

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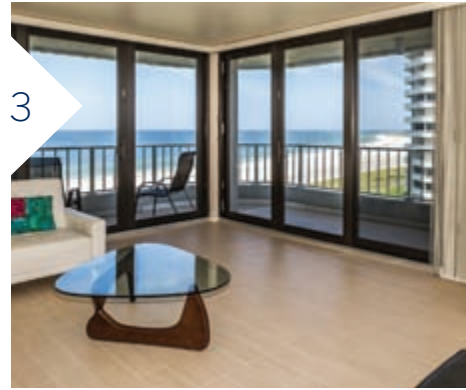
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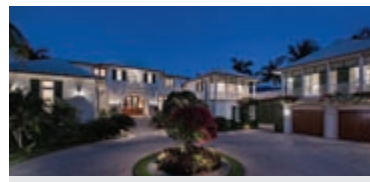
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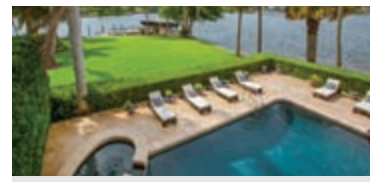
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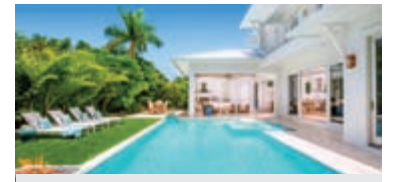
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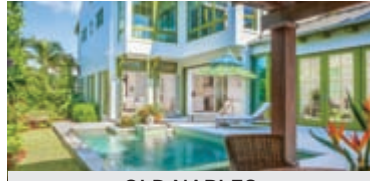
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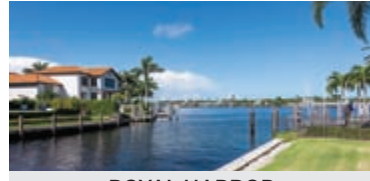
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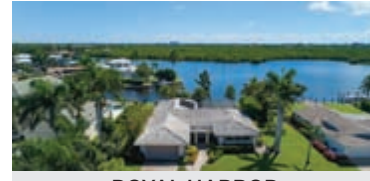
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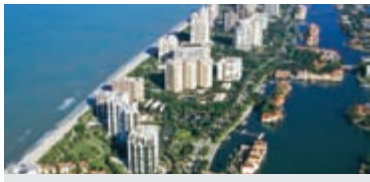
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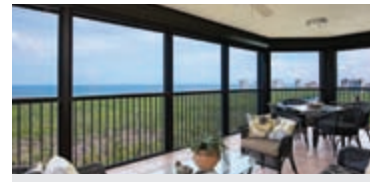
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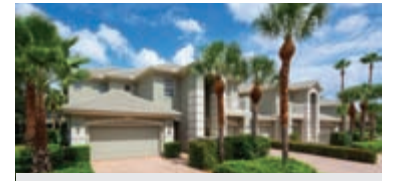
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Kalea Bay's second tower hits the \$138 million sales mark

Club Amenity Center popular with residents

The construction of the second tower in Kalea Bay, the gated, luxury high-rise community located in North Naples, is now well underway. Currently, three construction cranes are onsite as work continues on the lower floors.

As the footprint for Tower 200 begins to take shape, sales in the high-rise building have remained extremely strong.

"We originally launched our sales effort for our second tower in July 2017," sated Inga Lodge, Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Kalea Bay. "Since then, we have sold 65 of the tower's 120 residences. That represents a total sales volume of \$138 million."

Like its predecessor, Tower 200 is also 22-stories with 120 residences. Specifically, 20 floors of residences over two floors of parking.

Six floor plans are available in Tower 2. Residences 1 and 6 are 3-bedroom plus den/3.5 bath plans with 3,704 total square feet. Residences 2 and 5 are 4-bedroom/4.5 bath plans with 3,791 total square feet. Residences 3 and 4 are 4-bedroom/4.5-bath plans with 3,919 total square feet.

"Residents will revel in Gulf views, open floor plans, a private elevator leading directly into their residence and wood floors throughout," said Lodge.

The custom kitchens have Wolf and SubZero appliances, a natural gas range, luxury cabinetry, quartz countertops, a Butler's pantry and oversized island, all standard features.

"Our floor plans have an open design we call 'lifestyle designs' that blends the kitchen seamlessly into the living and dining rooms, perfect for the way people live today," said Lodge.

The master bedroom includes an oversized walk-in closet while the master bath has his and hers vanities, quartz countertops, luxury cabinetry, a soaking tub and separate glass-enclosed shower.

"Master suites, kitchens and main living areas in most units have direct views to the water and preserve. They are perfect vantage points to watch our spectacular sunsets," Lodge said.

Additional residential features include floor-to-ceiling windows and doors that open to large lanais with transparent glass rails.

"We take our outdoor living as seriously as our indoor living with oversized lanais on every residence," said Lodge. High-tech wiring and fully equipped laundry rooms round out the list of features.

Like the first tower, Tower 200 will also have rooftop amenities including a pool, open-air fitness center and a sky lounge.

Prices in Tower 200 begin at \$1.4 million. The residents of the first tower, along with their family members and friends, are already enjoying the community's Club amenity center. It opened in early January and is now the social and recreational centerpiece of the community.

"The 88,000-square-foot club amenity center is located on the north side of the large lake at the community's entrance," stated Lodge. "Not only is it a dramatic sight as residents and visitors drive into the community, but it's now the envy of every community in the Naples area."

She added, "Purchasers in Tower 200 can start using the club and its amenities the day they sign their contracts, affording them an unprecedented



Above: Kalea Bay's second tower is 22 stories and features 120 luxury residences. **Right:** The rooftop amenities include a negative-edge pool, open-air fitness center and a sky lounge. **Below Left:** All master bedrooms offer views of the Gulf of Mexico. **Below Right:** The custom kitchens feature Wolf and SubZero appliances and an oversized island. **Bottom:** Kalea Bay residences have very open floor plans.



opportunity to utilize this amazing \$25 million world-class amenity center."

The clubhouse itself features three individual pools, including a resort pool, an adults-only pool and a children's pool, plus an expansive pool deck, an open-air bar, an indoor/outdoor restaurant, bistro, a fitness center, and lakeside fire pit.

"All three pools overlook the lake and provide a multitude of recreational options for everyone who lives and visits here," said Lodge.

Expansive sun decks and lounge chairs separate each of the three pools for the ultimate in privacy.

If basking in the sun or taking a refreshing dip in the pool isn't on a resident's schedule, perhaps meeting friends for lunch, dinner or drinks is.

"We have the perfect place for all three," said Lodge. "The indoor/outdoor restaurant serves incredible meals throughout the day. And what better way to celebrate the good life in Florida than meeting family and friends for drinks while watching the sun set over the Gulf of Mexico. This is what living in Florida is supposed to be."

Adjacent to the clubhouse is the tennis pavilion with 4 Har-Tru tennis courts, as well as eight pickleball courts. Guest suites can be reserved by mem-



bers to accommodate overnight guests and are located on property.

Residents also have a shuttle service that originates from the clubhouse, and takes them to the beach.

For more information regarding Kalea Bay, visit the onsite sales center. It is located on Vanderbilt Drive, two-tenths of a mile north of Wiggins Pass Road. Call (239) 793-0110 or visit KaleaBay.com. ■

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*See your sales associate for Naples Grande Membership details.



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• 1st Floor Former Model, 3 BR, 3 BA, 2 Car Garage
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• Oak Hammock, Fabulous Views
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OPEN 9/23 1:00PM - 4:00PM

6820 STERLING GREENS PL. #2104, NAPLES
• 1st Floor, Unfurnished, 2 BR, 2 BA
• Serene Panoramic Views
\$199,000 MLS 218027340
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MARCO ISLAND



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1281 STONE CT., MARCO ISLAND
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4520 RIVERWATCH DR. #101, BONITA
• 1st Floor End Unit, Lake View
• 2 BR, 2 BA + Den, 1 Car Garage
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THE RESERVE



NEW PRICE

19660 VILLA ROSA LP, ESTERO
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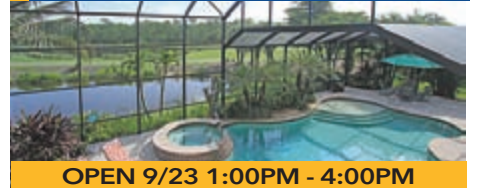
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22221 FAIRVIEW BEND DR., ESTERO
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Open house event planned at Moorings Park Grande Lake

Moorings Park Grande Lake, the new Life Plan (CCRC) community being developed by Moorings Park and London Bay Homes, is inviting the public to a special event.

A public Open House is being held Thursday, September 27, at the Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery. The event runs from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with light refreshments being served. Reservations are not required.

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is located on Premier Drive, on the south side of Golden Gate Parkway, between Airport-Pulling and Livingston roads, inside the entrance to Naples Grande Golf Club.

“Moorings Park Grande Lake is going to be a spectacular community,” stated Daniel Lavender, CEO of Moorings Park Institute, Inc. “We hope the public will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about London Bay Homes’ luxurious design and Moorings Park’s commitment to Simply the Best® qualities, services and amenities.”

Building upon the foundation that has made Moorings Park and Moorings Park at Grey Oaks the preferred choice for Life Plan communities in Southwest Florida, this third incredible neighborhood is planned for the next generation of residents.

Situated on 55 acres in the heart of Naples, Moorings Park Grande Lake will combine one-of-a-kind vistas of magnificent lakes and championship golf with luxury homes and exceptional healthcare.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is being created in partnership with esteemed luxury custom homebuilder and developer, London Bay Homes, long known for its award-winning architectural design and attention to detail.

“Future residents will be attracted to its natural beauty, classic design and total commitment to enabling them to live longer, healthier and happier lives,” said Lavender.

“For nearly three decades, the brand promise of ‘Private Label Living’ has reflected our commitment to building and developing the finest luxury homes in Southwest Florida,” said Mark Wilson, President of London Bay Homes. “It’s an honor for us to now extend our philosophy of choice in design to the area’s newest community.”

The community will consist of luxurious mid-rise residences, including spacious penthouses. Prices start at \$1.4 million with 70 percent refundable entrance fees.

Moorings Park Grande Lake is a pet-friendly campus and has been designed to take advantage of the views of a 28-acre lake and the picturesque golf course beyond.

The physical environment presents an innovative and resort-style blueprint that provides for seamless physical and visual experiences. It also maximizes the beauty and appeal of waterfront living combined with high-end materials and services.

Consistent with other Moorings Park campuses, Moorings Park Grande Lake will include common areas that promote social interaction, which will allow and encourage residents to choose from indoor and outdoor activities year-round.

A few of the planned outdoor activities or amenities include a yoga pavilion, walking paths, lakeside parkettes with boardwalks, gardens, fire pits and overlooks, several bird-watching posts, and bocce and pickleball courts.

The areas for social gatherings were designed so the family members and friends of our residents could join in the various activities, which could include events such as outdoor concerts.



Above: The resort-style pool with poolside cabanas overlooks the Life Plan community’s large lake. Right: Gorgeous golf course and lake views are available from nearly every residence. Below Left: The clubhouse includes casual and fine dining venues and a long curved bar. Below Right: The Moorings Park Grande Lake clubhouse lobby is warm and inviting. Bottom: Moorings Park Grande Lake consists of luxurious mid-rise residences, including spacious penthouses.



The clubhouse, as planned, will feature casual and fine dining venues, a private dining room, long curved bar, art studio, wellness center, state-of-the-art fitness center, strength and cardio area, salon and spa, golf simulator, and a resort-style pool with poolside cabanas.

Also located in the clubhouse will be The Center for Healthy Living. The center is home to rehabilitation services, as well as the Care 360 concierge healthcare program, which was developed in partnership with NCH Healthcare System.

The Care 360 program offers a higher level of personalized primary care. Services are available to residents of Moorings Park with no additional fees, other than typical co-pays. The Care 360 concierge physicians are accessible by appointment, plus 24/7 access via phone, text or email.

Assisted Living and Memory Care services are available with no increase in monthly fees.

Those who purchase a residence in Phase 1 will receive a social membership to Naples Grande Golf Club, which is within



walking distance of Moorings Park Grande Lake. The membership takes effect the moment residents take occupancy of their home and until such time as the community’s clubhouse is completed.

The membership includes golfing privileges on the Naples Grande Golf Club’s 18-hole championship golf course, and dining options in Naples Grande’s elegant clubhouse.

In addition, all Phase 1 residents will

have access to Naples Grande Beach Resort and its Har-Tru tennis courts, fitness center and spa, resort-style pool and beach, and preferred pricing on hotel rooms and dining.

The Moorings Park Grande Lake Sales Gallery is open Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and is closed Saturdays and Sundays. Visit MooringsParkGL.org or call 239-919-1620 for additional information. ■

ADVERTORIAL

Mangrove Bay

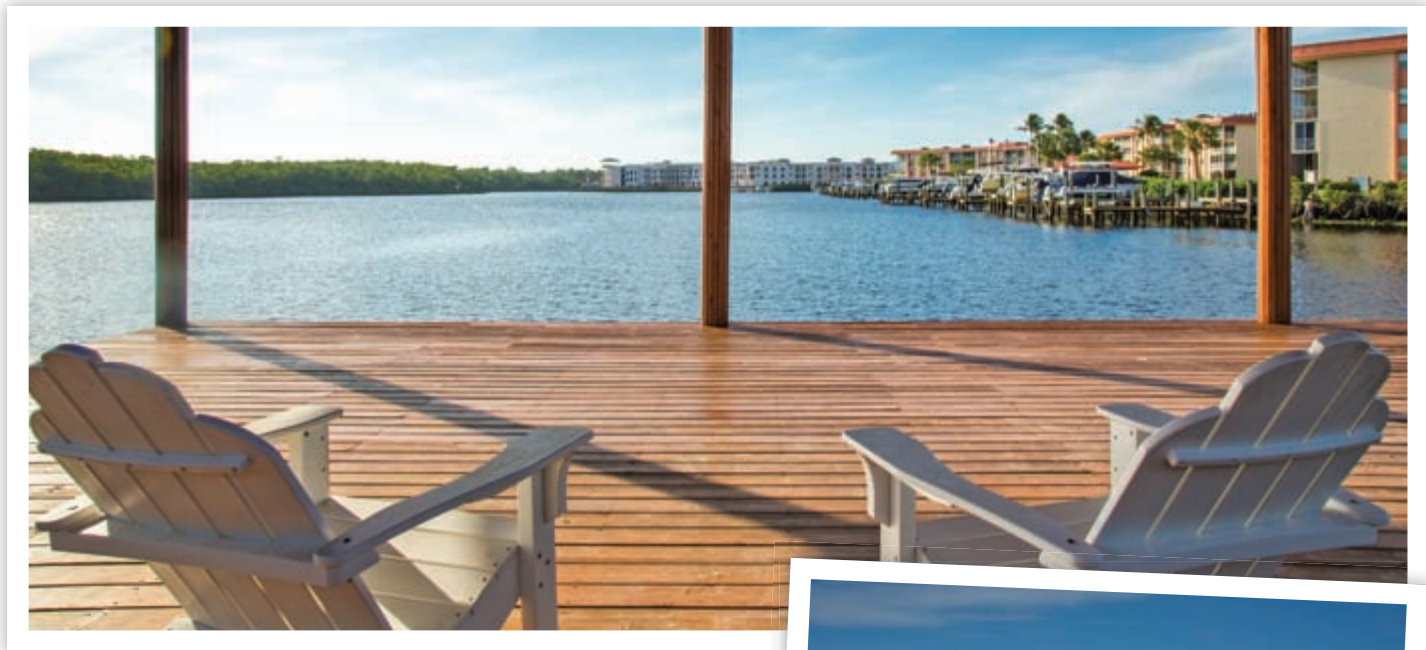
Mangrove Bay has exciting construction news that we are pleased to reveal! The Coquina I on Lot 7 at 1315 1st Avenue South is fully furnished and ready for immediate occupancy. With Old Florida inspired architecture, this residence is 2,664 square feet under roof and features a 3-bedroom, 3 1/2 bathroom floor plan including a loft area as well. With superior construction features and luxury appointments throughout, the home also enjoys Gulf access with private boat slip included with the purchase. This beautiful home is available for showings seven days a week.

An outstanding waterfront address close to Old Naples, Mangrove Bay provides a world-class lifestyle combining estuary views and Gulf of Mexico access with all the nearby shopping and entertainment venues of 5th Avenue South.

Time to take advantage of our SUMMER INCENTIVES is running out! Through the end of September, for each new home purchased, over \$100,000 in upgrades will be a complimentary inclusion. Upgrades include items such as outdoor kitchens, outdoor fireplaces and electric roll-down screens.

Lots 5, 6, 12, and 16 along with the Amenity Center are UNDER CONSTRUCTION! Additionally, construction is now completed on the seawall and boat ramp. Finished models are on the way and slated for completion in Fall 2018. These include Lots 13 and 25, both featuring Coquina II at 3,232 square feet; Lot 26, Amelia I at 3,098 square feet; and Lot 31, Useppa (modified) at 3,488 square feet.

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The Amenities Center has recently begun construction and will have a private on-site concierge to cater to every resident's needs which can include recommending and making arrangements

for comprehensive property management services. The center will also include state-of-the-art wellness/fitness equipment and ground level storage area for resident's kayas, paddle boards and jet-skis. Additionally, a multi-purpose room will be housed there which can be utilized for entertaining, fitness classes and much more. In addition, residents will enjoy easy access to the new 20+/- acre Baker Park and bridge accessing the 120+/- acre Gordon River Greenway Preserve with trails immediately adjacent to the

community.

Built by Lotus Construction, LLC the exclusive General Contractor for Mangrove Bay, these waterfront homes are available and won't last long. Come by our Sales Office to learn more about this exciting new construction waterfront community in the heart of Old Naples. ■

SUMMER INCENTIVES

July through September, over \$100,000 worth of upgrades will be a complementary inclusion in the purchase of a new home.



FEATURED MODEL COQUINA I

The Coquina I on Lot 7 at 1315 1st Avenue South is fully furnished and ready for immediate occupancy! With Old Florida inspired architecture, this residence is 2,664 square feet under roof and features a 3-bedroom, 3 1/2 bathroom floor plan including a loft area as well. With superior construction features and luxury appointments throughout, the home also enjoys Gulf access with private boat slip included with the purchase. This beautiful home is available for showings seven days a week.

- Living Area: 2,664 sq. ft.
- Bedrooms: 3 + Den
- Full Bath: 3
- Half Baths: 1
- 2-Car, Attached



FINISHED MODELS ON THE WAY!

Under Construction and Slated for Completion in Fall 2018.

- LOT 13: COQUINA II - 3,232 sq. ft.
- LOT 26: AMELIA I - 3,098 sq. ft.
- LOT 41: KEEWAYDIN I - 3,272 sq. ft.
- LOT 25: COQUINA II - 3,232 sq. ft.
- LOT 31: USEPPA I (Modified) - 3,488 sq. ft.



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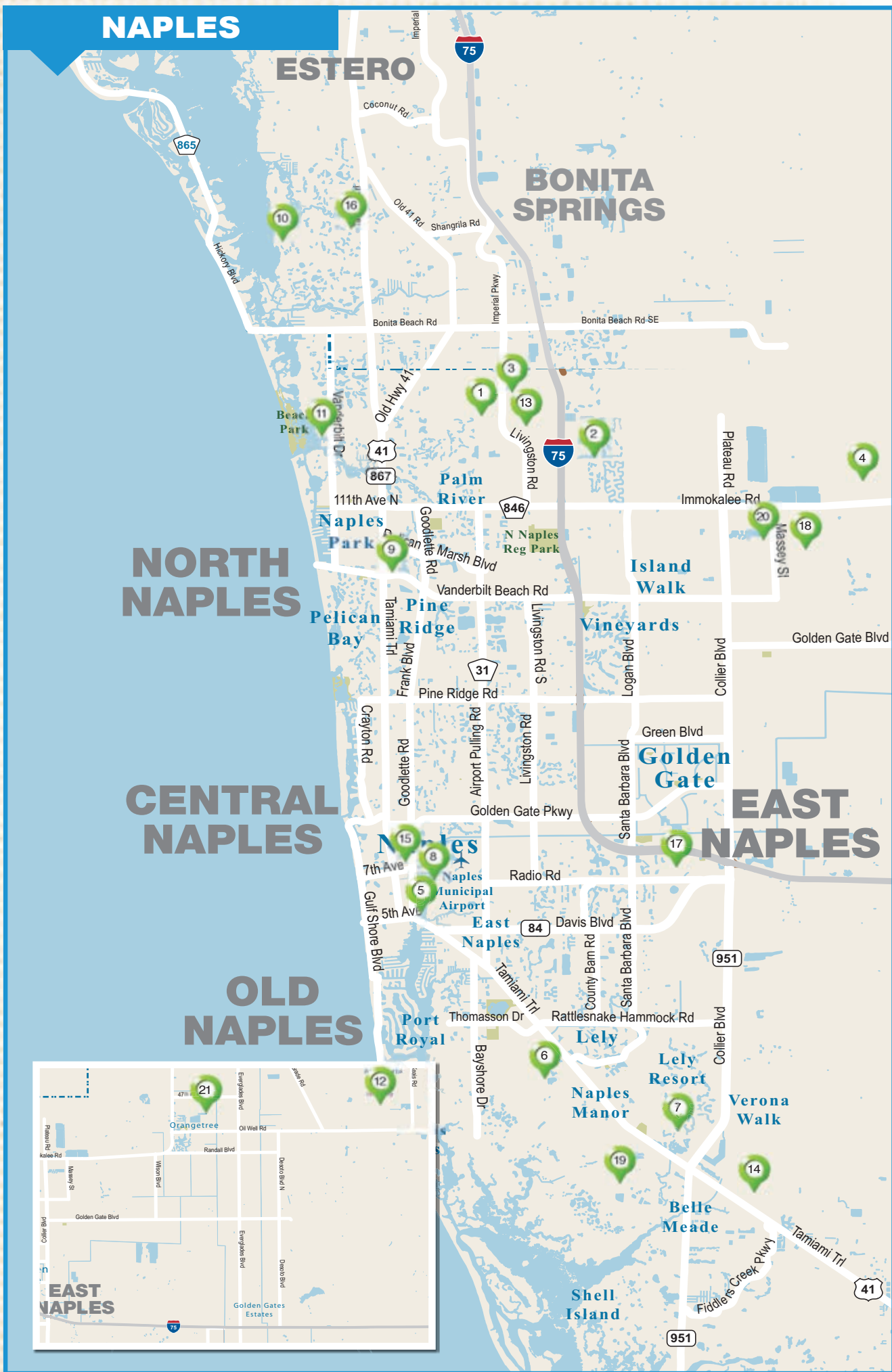
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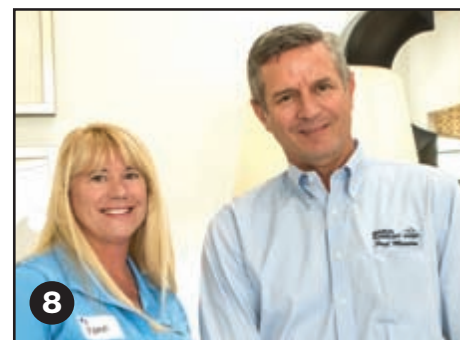
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that the majority of the new inventory in August appeared in the single-family home market for properties below \$500,000. Yet closed sales during August were driven by activity in the condominium market, which experienced a 21 percent increase.

According to Jeff Jones, managing broker for Engel & Völkers Naples and Bonita Springs offices, "If you look at year over year numbers, the upper end continues to drive our market." Pending and closed sales of properties above \$1 million increased by double digits year over year ending August 2018.

"There were only 14 fewer pending sales in August compared to last year. And remember, we are still working with only 11 months of data since Hurricane Irma essentially halted activity for nearly a month last year," said Bill Coffey of Amerivest Realty Naples, speaking on the possible affects of red tide on the housing market.

Overall pending sales in August fell three percent, but pending sales of condominiums in the \$500,000 to \$1 million price range soared 28 percent in August. And pending sales for single-family homes above \$300,000 increased as well, with an impressive 62 percent increase for single-family homes in the \$2 million and above price category.

Overall median closed prices fell three percent in August to \$319,000 from \$328,000 in August 2017, and it fell 13 percent for properties above \$300,000 to \$446,000 from \$510,000 in August 2017. The only place price increased was in the \$500,00 to \$1 million condominium market, which saw a 13 percent increase to \$672,000 from \$595,000 in August 2017.

Geographically, the median closed price increased 16 percent for homes in the South Naples area. This increase was reflected in a combined 37 percent increase in the single-family home market and 21 percent increase in the condominium market.

According to Adam Vellano of BEX Realty - Florida, "One indication that homeowners were pricing homes to sell in August was apparent in the MLS as 50 percent of the inventory that sold during the month had been on the market for over 100 days."

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BECOMING DR. RUTH.

One-woman show about pioneering sex therapist opens Florida Rep season

BY NANCY STETSON
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IT ALL STARTED WITH SIGMUND FREUD. Well, “Freud’s Last Session,” to be precise, a Mark St. Germain two-hander with Dr. Freud and the Christian theologian CS Lewis.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the popular sex therapist known to millions as Dr. Ruth, went to see the play.

She liked it so much, she returned a number of times and would go backstage afterward to talk with the actors.

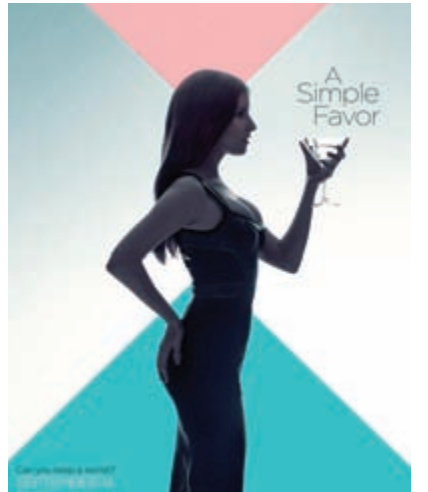


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Grammy-winner Rickie Lee Jones still improvising her music

BY L. KENT WOLGAMOTT

Special to Florida Weekly

If Rickie Lee Jones had her way, she’d never sing a song that had been written before she and her musical collaborators walk out on stage.

“To be honest, my best songs are probably improvised on the spot,” she said in an interview. “While I can do that, taking the other kids along is a challenge. If I stand up there and make up a song, when I’m done it will be a whole song, not a series of images. It’s a big deal to make up lyrics and a melody in front of people. It’s a risk emotionally. You’re not going to get stoned or shot. But you can fail.”

For that kind of performance to occur,



JONES

Jones said, she’d have to find the right people to play with, properly bill the performances and still be able to make some money from the shows — and that likely can’t ever happen.

“My goal in life is to have an ensemble of people so intimate we can go out and improvise music. I’m not talking about jazz guys improvising over the same old chords, but new songs, new music. I know I can do it.

“I enjoy the feeling of it as a dream,” Jones said. “It’s another thing with the

business. You’d have to market it as ‘you won’t hear any of those songs.’ When I’ve attempted to do that in the past, it’s been difficult, and I’ve lost money. I don’t have the money to lose now.”

Maybe, Jones said, she should try out the make-up-songs concept in a residency at a club somewhere in New Orleans, where she’s lived for the last few years.

For now, on tour, Jones will comb through her catalog for material. But it almost certainly won’t sound exactly like the record when it’s performed.

“It’s probably because I’m super creative, and I don’t say that as a compliment,” Jones said of her need to change the songs. “My mind won’t stop making

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Even the movies are political these days

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In the hopes of lightening things up in both my real life and my social media life, I recently decided to divert from politics, blue green algae, red tide and hurricane season — and instead, engage in conversations with friends about movies. So harmless, so light, and such a nice distraction from the doom and gloom — or at least one would think. Until you publicly admit to not being a fan of “The Princess Bride.”

Generation X loves “The Princess Bride” and I have no idea why. Also, all of my boyfriends throughout my life, and now my husband, love “The Princess Bride.”

Most fans of the 1987 fairy tale/adventure/comedy starring Robin Wright, Cary Elwes and Andre the Giant are ardent. When they’re scrolling through channels and they land on it, they immediately stop their scrolling and sit mesmerized, saying the lines with the characters (“My name is Inigo Montoya, you killed my father, prepare to die!” “You keep using that word. I do not think it means what you think it means,” “As you wish,” and so many more). And I admit, it’s a cute movie, but it’s just not my goblet of mead.

When I confessed that I did NOT think that “The Princess Bride” was the greatest film of all time, I was met with backlash:

Harold: “We can no longer be friends.”



Mark: “No way. You are wrong.”

John: “Inconceivable!”

The repercussions weren’t just online — my opposition to the movie reverberated throughout the community. Folks approached me at a luncheon, at a

happy hour and even in the Publix aisle asking, “How can you NOT like ‘The Princess Bride?’”

I guess I’ll keep the fact that I think “Caddy Shack” is idiotic just between you and the fencepost then ...

But instead of all the dire news of the past few weeks (or rather since a certain event which occurred on January 20, 2017 — Google it), it was enlightening to chat about movies. In fact, I learned that my incredibly smart, interesting friend Carla hates “The Godfather” trilogy. This news both shocked and saddened me — HOW could anyone hate the story of the Corleone familia? I mean, yes, “Godfather III” was pretty terrible, but the first two were masterpieces. Carla said they were like “soap operas.” Clearly, though I’ve known her for 20 years, she is now like a stranger to me.

These discussions revealed that my friend Janet dislikes “Grease,” which doesn’t even make sense. It almost feels un-American. My best friend Liz hates the movie “The Queen” with Helen Mirren (ironic, since her name is Liz) — her feelings personally offend me, as I’ve seen that brilliant film at least a dozen times.

And, strangely, my lovely friend Amy has never even SEEN “Gone with the Wind” or “Titanic” — two of the most romantic, epic and longest movies of all time.

To each their own, I suppose. It seems people feel very strongly about things these days and even our favorite, or not-so-favorite films, are dividing us.

But, I’m OK with that.

I stand by my opinion that “The Princess Bride” is dumb and that “The Godfather” is brilliant — but, mostly I’m tired of arguing over Donald Trump or Rick Scott — give me Michael Corleone or Princess Buttercup any day. ■




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FRIDAY SEPT. 21, 9 P.M.
In Irma's Wake

The locally produced film chronicles efforts to recover and rebuild after Hurricane Irma.



"Neil Diamond: Hot August Nights III," 8 p.m. Sept. 22

SATURDAY SEPT. 22, 8 P.M.
Neil Diamond: Hot August Nights III

In a 2012 performance at Los Angeles' Greek Theatre, Neil Diamond introduced his immigrant anthem, "America," by paying tribute to his grandmother who emigrated to the United States from Russia in the early 1900s.

SUNDAY SEPT. 23, 7:30 P.M.
Anne of Green Gables: Fire & Dew

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MONDAY SEPT. 24, 10 P.M.
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The Mayo Clinic: Faith - Hope - Science

Executive produced by Ken Burns, discover how one institution has met the changing demands of health care for 150 years — and what that can teach us about facing the challenges of patient care today.



"The Mayo Clinic: Faith - Hope - Science," 9 p.m. Sept. 25

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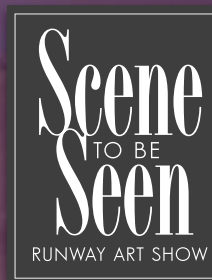
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RUTH

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"She just walked backstage, no matter what show," Mr. St. Germain says of the 90-year-old dynamo who 38 years ago began dispensing practical, plainspoken sex advice on the radio and then on cable television. "She and the actors hit it off."

Martin Rayner, who played Dr. Freud in "Freud's Last Session," suggested to Mr. St. Germain that he write a play about her. The actor said he had read her memoir and found it fascinating.

So Mr. St. Germain read Dr. Ruth's "All in a Lifetime."

There was so much about her history he hadn't known before, beginning with her birth name, Karola Ruth Siegel, and how she escaped Nazi Germany and the concentration camps as a young child, going to Switzerland on the Kindertransport with other youngsters.

He was intrigued by her complex story and wanted to write a play about her.

"It was just a matter of convincing Ruth," he says.

But she told him no, saying there had been enough written about her already.

"I got my nose out of joint," Mr. St. Germain recalls.

Even though Dr. Ruth is a public figure and could not stop him from writing a play about her, he called her and left a message saying, "I would never do something without your permission. You've done such good work. The idea is put to bed."

To his surprise, she called him back and invited him for coffee the next morning.

And within five minutes of their meeting, she was bringing out some of the 40-something books she'd written.

She had changed her mind.

"The core of the play, and the reason she wanted to do it, was to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive," Mr. St. Germain says. "The survivors and the people who were involved with the orphan train, their number decrease every year."

"Becoming Dr. Ruth" is a comedy, he reaffirms, but adds, "I think it is a touching show when she gets down to it with the family, and the idea that Hitler lost, and she won. It's a salute to her spirit."

Throughout the entire process, they had only one conflict, and she told him, "Don't analyze me."

"That's now become a joke between us, analyzing the analyst," Mr. St. Germain says. "She doesn't like introspection. She's very determined that she moves forward and doesn't do a lot of reflection."

It's also how she approaches sex therapy, he adds: "She focuses on a problem that's there and deals with it concretely."

She was "an absolute joy" to work with. "It's been wonderful knowing her," he says, adding the two recently saw the Yiddish "Fiddler on the Roof" together. "We've turned into friends, and she's an important person in my life."



GREENHILL



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"Becoming Dr. Ruth" is playing at Florida Rep. Theatre after its run at Florida Studio Theatre.

Mr. St. Germain's work is well known to Florida Rep audiences. His comedy "George Washington's Teeth" closed the company's 2017-18 season on the main stage, and his "Camping with Henry and Tom" inaugurated the ArtStage Studio Theatre in 2012. "Best of Enemies,"

based on a true story about a civil rights activist and a KKK Grand Cyclops who become friends, was also a big hit in the studio space.

The relatable Dr. Ruth

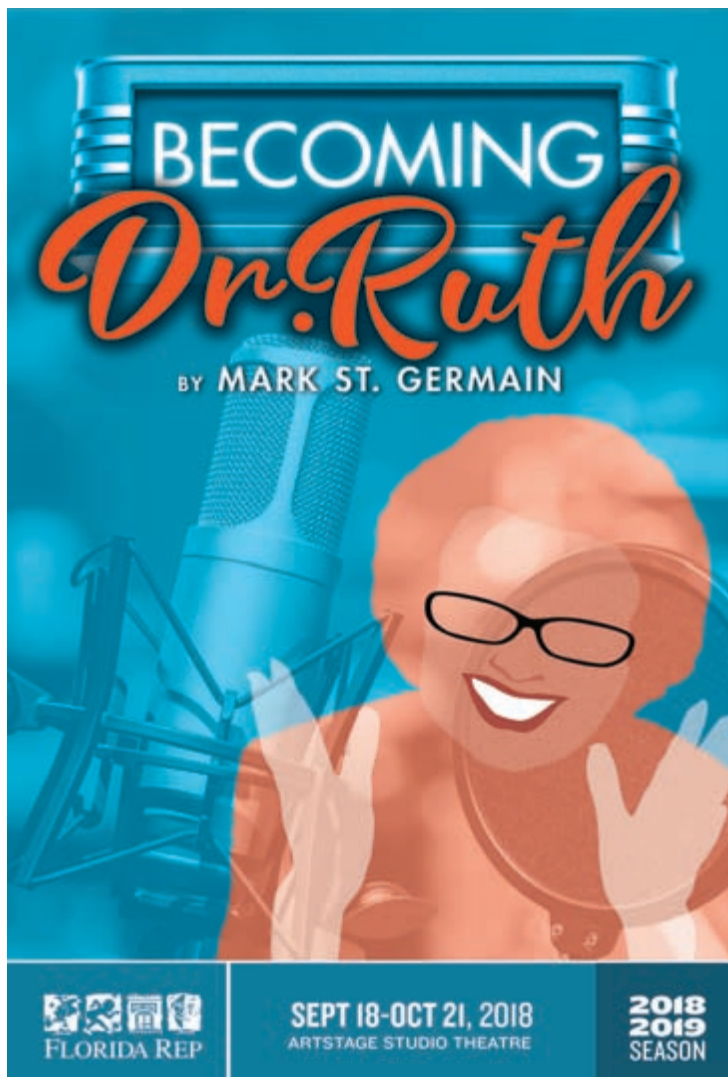
"Becoming Dr. Ruth" used to be called "Dr. Ruth All the Way," but then "All the Way," Robert Schenkkan's play about President Lyndon Johnson, which won the Tony Award and Drama Desk Award as well as other awards for Best Play, came out.

"So that title went by the wayside," Mr. St. Germain says.

Susan Greenhill, who portrays Dr. Ruth in the Florida Rep show, has played the therapist in previous Florida productions at the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts in West Palm Beach and at Florida Studio Theatre in Sarasota.

Florida Rep's ArtStage Studio Theatre, where the audience sits on three sides, is quite different from either of those venues, the actress says.

"It's a much smaller, much more intimate space. It's like they're in your living room. In the proscenium I was up there, and the audience is out there. Now they're visiting with me in my living room," she says. "It's fascinating and thrilling to do in this way."



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It's like discovering it again."

Ms. Greenhill, who is 5 feet 2 inches tall, also found herself "tall for the role — which never happens," she says. (Dr. Ruth is 4 feet 7 inches tall.)

As for Dr. Ruth's accent, which has been described as Henry-Kissinger-meets-Minnie-Mouse, Ms. Greenhill listened to recordings of the sex therapist to get the sounds down. Dr. Ruth told her she has "a German/French/Israeli/American accent," she says, "So anything I do is pretty much there."

The actress admires Dr. Ruth and her story. "She's gone through so much and come out such a lovely, wonderful, helpful person with so much love in her," she says.

Mr. St. Germain agrees.

"She's exactly who she is in the media," the playwright says. "There's no other side to her, which is really refreshing."

When he walks down the street with her, he says, people call out to her.

"She's well respected and loved," he says. "People feel a kinship with her, that she's their grandmother, aunt, mother. People relate to her."

Up to the challenge

Telescoping the sex therapist's life into a 90-minute, one-person play was a challenge for Mr. St. Germain, and performing the work is a challenge for the actor.

"I don't know if I would do it again," the playwright says. "It's such a strain on the actor."

You need to come up with a premise that allows the person to speak ... You need to find out who they're talking to. That to me is the biggest challenge. Then it's a matter of style: Is the person going to tell the stories? Dr. Ruth never in any way re-enacts a story or plays somebody else."

And there's also the problem of conflict, he adds. "There's no drama without conflict, and conflict usually means two people."

In "Becoming Dr. Ruth," she's contemplating moving out of her Washington Heights apartment in upper Manhattan.

"Will she move after the death of her husband and embrace that, or will she stay the person she is in the life that she has?" he says.

His play has the actress break the fourth wall and speak to the audience at the very beginning. Then she reacts to the different things around her in her apartment that incite memories.

Ms. Greenhill says that every time she performs the show, she finds new things in the material.

"Mark is such an excellent writer ... just the richness of his script and Dr. Ruth's story arouses so much emotion in me," she says. "My job is to go out there and inhabit (her) as best I can, and the person watching it can take their own journey."

The actress had no idea about Dr. Ruth's childhood and early adulthood until she read Mr. St. Germain's play.

"I was shocked," she says. "The first I knew of Dr. Ruth was hearing her on the radio, seeing her on TV. To me, she was a famous person who decided to make sex public and teach about it in a time when people didn't. She brought it out there. I am really grateful to her for that. She was a pioneer." ■

COLLECTOR'S CORNER

Vintage Seminole dolls smile across the decades

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My young childhood was a happy time.

Fort Myers was beginning to boom, and if I was lucky, someone would take me to the Southwest Florida Fair at Terry Park.

I loved the rides — Grandma, or my mother and dad, would take me on the merry-go-round, and once I was older, I could ride the Ferris wheel, from which you could see the Caloosahatchee River to the north and downtown Fort Myers to the west.

I have not been to the fair in decades, but back then, the agricultural exhibits were as important to attendees as the midway.

And amid the agricultural displays, the 4H exhibits, the children's artwork and displays by local merchants, you also saw Seminole and Miccosukee women selling their wares — colorful patchwork jackets and skirts and the charming dolls, made of palmetto fiber and dressed in tiny patchwork frocks.

To my 5-year-old eyes, the members of the tribes, who came over from Brighton and up from Immokalee, were monumental in stature. The only thing missing from the women's full skirts was hoops to make them appear even

larger. The dolls they made seemed like miniature versions of the women themselves.

The dolls were a tradition that began early in the 20th century, when tribal women first began making the dolls to sell to tourists traveling the newly built Tamiami Trail.

The earlier dolls made for the tourist trade are quite elaborate, with patchwork outfits and embroidered faces.

Some dolls have articulated arms and legs and sculpted, dimensional noses; most are a simple doll whose body is concealed by the fanciful dress.

The dolls themselves were simple affairs. The artists cut palmetto fiber and wrapped it and stitched it around a filling.

Then they embroidered the faces.

The eyes are two horizontal white stitches, intersected by black stitches that form pupils. The mouths are single red stitches, though sometimes, you'll see two red stitches separated by single white stitch to suggest a smile. Black cotton broadcloth forms their coifs; later dolls sport tresses of thread and floss.

The tribes began using patchwork on doll clothing in 1933, when Deaconess Harriet Bedell started working with the Seminole and Miccosukee at the Glade Cross Mission in Everglades City, according to the Florida Museum of Natural History.

The deaconess encouraged them to make patchwork and name their designs.

She thought this would make their work more appealing to tourists, with designs of "Fire," "Rain" and "Rain and Storm."

Rickrack, used later in the production of the dolls, was not allowed at first because Bedell thought it was unauthentic, according to the museum.

The tribal artists still make and sell

patchwork clothing and dolls.

Each time I see an example of their work, I am transported to 1960s Fort Myers and I remember that someone cared enough to take me to the fair.

And, like the dolls, I smile across the decades at the memory. ■

THE FIND: A collection of Seminole dolls

Bought: Wildwood Antique Mall, 5100 S. Cleveland Ave., Fort Myers; www.wildwoodantiquemalls.com or 703-7151.

The Price: \$3 apiece.

The Skinny: I literally jumped for joy when I saw a table packed with 15 Seminole dolls, ranging in size from about 3 inches to 8 inches tall. I was even more excited when I saw they were priced at \$3 apiece and marked as Peruvian dolls.

Many of the dolls I bought date from the 1930s. Their clothing is made of rudimentary patchwork and their jewelry is made of colorful cut-glass beads.

The Seminole and Miccosukee tribes still make and sell dolls, but it's fun to find older examples — one even

bears a faded cotton tag reading "Seminole."

Collectors place a premium on the older dolls, and I like that each one has its own story to tell.

If only the dolls could talk. ■

The tallest of these Seminole dolls measures 8 inches. It dates from the 1930s.



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Let's Go To The Movies - By Broadway Palm Theatre through Sept. 29. 1380 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers. 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Peter & The Starcatcher - By The Naples Players Oct. 3-28 at Sugden Community Theater. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.

I'll Eat You Last - By The Studio Players Oct. 5-21 at Golden Gate Community Center. 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

UrineTown: The Musical - By TheatreZone Oct. 11-14 at G&L Theatre. 13275 Livingston Road. (888) 966-3352 or www.theatre.zone.

In Flight: The Story of Sabine Van Dam - By Gulfshore Playhouse in collaboration with Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples at 11:15 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 14, at the church. 6340 Napa Woods Way. 455-6553 or www.uunaples.org.

An Iliad - By Gulfshore Playhouse Oct. 20-Nov. 4 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. (866) 811-4111 or www.gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Rehearsal for Murder - By The Marco Players Oct. 24-Nov. 11 at The Marco Players Theater. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 642-7270 or www.themarcoplayers.org.

THURSDAY 9.20

Pups in the Garden - Put your favorite pooch in the car (don't forget the leash) and head to Naples Botanical Garden for canine-friendly hours from 3-5 p.m. (also 9-11:30 a.m. Sunday and 8-11 a.m. Tuesday). Free for garden members and their dogs; regular admission for humans plus \$9.95 for their dogs. www.naplesgarden.org.

Lunch & Learn - NAMI of Collier County hosts lunch from California Pizza Kitchen and a presentation about holistic medicine for mental health from noon to 1 p.m. at the organization's headquarters. Free, reservations required by Sept. 17. 6216 Trail Blvd. 216-8218 or events@namicollier.org.

Third Thursday - Steve Fentimann performs from 6-9 p.m. at Third Street South's Fleischmann Courtyard. www.thirdstreetsouth.com.

I Got Rhythm - Silverspot Cinema screens a live performance from London's West End of "An American in Paris" at 7 p.m. \$21.20. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

FRIDAY 9.21

Fresh & Local - Golden Gate Community Center hosts a farmers market from 2-7 p.m. each Friday. 206-4339 or www.colliergov.net.

Where's Mickey? - Disney on Ice's "Mickey's Search Party" visits Germain Arena today through Sunday. 948-7825 or www.germainarena.com.

SATURDAY 9.22

To Market, To Market - Stock up on fresh produce and locally made goodies at the Third Street South farmers market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. 434-6533 or www.thirdstreetsouth.com.



Eight-piece funk rock band Here Come The Mummies bring terrifying rock from beyond the grave to Southwest Florida Event Center at 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23. www.swflevcenter.com

Sail Away - Naples Model Yacht Club hosts radio-control model sailboat racing at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday behind Dick's Sporting Goods. 5955 Naples Blvd. www.naplesmyc.org.

All Aboard - Volunteer docents from the Naples Train Museum are on hand at the Naples Depot Museum from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today to help visitors of all ages enjoy the outdoor and indoor trains. Corner of 10th St. S. and Fifth Ave. S. www.naplestrainmuseum.org.

Blues for You - Albert Castiglia performs at 8 p.m. at Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Funny Guy - Comedian James Johann performs at Off The Hook Comedy tonight and Sunday, Sept. 23. 2500 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

SUNDAY 9.23

Fresh Produce - Take your grocery list to the Naples Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the corner Pine Ridge and Livingston roads.

Foreign Film - FGCU's Renaissance Academy screens "The Sapphires" at 2 p.m. at the university's Naples campus. In 1968, at all-girl singing group of Aboriginal Australians learn of love and life while performing for U.S. troops in Vietnam. \$6 for members, \$8 for others. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu.

MONDAY 9.24

Films for Film Lovers - Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens "After Life" (2009) at 7 p.m. A young woman who is caught between life and death meets a funeral director who appears to have the gift of ushering the dead into the afterlife. \$10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

WEDNESDAY 9.26

Meditation Event - The Gypsy Sea Witch hosts a crystal bowl meditation from 7-7:30 p.m. each Wednesday at Koreshan State Park. \$20, registration required. 3800 Corkscrew Road. 754-444-9779 or www.thegypsiseawitch.com.

Terrifying Funk - Here Come The Mummies performs at 8 p.m. at Southwest Florida Event Center. \$32-\$55. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. 245-9910 or www.swflevcenter.com.

Mental - Mentalist Wayne Hoffman performs at 7 p.m. at Venue Naples. \$150, includes multi-course meal. 13240 Tamiami Trail N. 292-1529 or www.venue-naples.com.

COMING UP

Art Reception - Naples Art Association hosts an opening reception for its newest exhibition, "Morris Herstein: A Fusion of Photos," from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 28. The show runs through Oct. 27. \$10. 850 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Party in the Estuary - Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center celebrates the 40th annual National Estuary Day with guided tours, paddleboard demonstrations, presentations and much more from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. Free, \$25 for VIP. 300 Tower Road. 530-5940 or www.rookery-bay.org.

Bless You - Everglades City's Rod & Gun Club hosts its annual blessing of the stone crab fleet followed by arts & crafts vendors, family activities, live music and more from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29. 260-4577 or www.evergladeshistorical.com.

Laugh-In - Stage 2 Improv performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at Joan Jenks Auditorium at Golden Gate Community Park. \$15.4701 Golden Gate Pkwy. 398-9192 or www.thestudioplayers.org.

Wind Concert - FGCU's Wind Orchestra performs works at 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 30, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artisnaples.org.

Art Exhibition - Artist Michaela Castaldi hosts an exhibition of her newest watercolor paintings Oct. 1-31 at her gallery in Naples Art District. 6240 Shirley St. 272-6383 or www.artwork-bymichaela.com.

Meet The Artist - Artist Morris Herstein greets guests for an illustrated walk through of his photo exhibition at Naples Art Association at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. Free. 850 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Art ALIVE - The galleries and studios of Naples Art District, the area west of Airport-Pulling and north of Pine Ridge roads, open their doors to the public from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. Look for the magenta and white art flags to locate participating galleries. Free. 289-5070 or www.naplesartdistrict.com.

Free Concert - Rockin' Horse performs from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, on the lawn at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Om in the swamp - Spiritual guide Bethanny Gonzalez hosts an outdoor meditation session at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, in Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary's natural amphitheater. \$20. 349-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Met Live - Silverspot hosts a live viewing of the Metropolitan Opera's production of Verdi's "Aida" at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

Chamber Concert - The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra performs works by Haydn, Bach and Pergolesi at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artis-naples.org.

Cruisin' - Miromar Outlets hosts a display of antique, custom and exotic cars from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7. 948-3766 or www.miromaroutlets.com.

Meet the Authors - Authors Steve and Kathy Doocy present their newest book, "The Happy Cookbook: A Celebration of the Food That Makes America Smile" at noon on Sunday, Oct. 7, at Barnes & Noble. 598-5200 or www.bn.com.

Blues Concert - Damon Fowler performs at 8 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs. \$20-\$30. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Chamber Concert - The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra performs works by Leonarda, Hensel and Farrenc at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or www.artis-naples.org.

Art Reception - Marco Island Center of the Arts hosts a reception for its current exhibitions from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 9. \$10 donation suggested. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Meet the Curator - Jack O'Brien, curator at Naples Art Association, leads a discussion on current art trends at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 10. Free. 585 Park St. 262-6517 or www.naplesart.org.

Folk Concert - Penn Johnson performs from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11, at Marco Island center for the Arts. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4221 or www.marcoislandart.org.

Big Boats - Rose Marina hosts the Marco Island Boat Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Sunday, Oct. 12-14. 951 Bald Eagle Drive. 394-2502 or www.rosemarina.com.

Gross - Collier County Fairgrounds hosts its annual Halloween Gross House on select dates between Oct. 12-27, with a haunted house, hay rides and more. 455-1444 or www.colliercountyfair.com.

How Does Your Pumpkin Grow? - North Naples United Methodist Church hosts a special fall event with dunk tanks, mazes, live music, obstacle course and more on Saturday, Oct. 20., while its pumpkin patch is open each evening between Oct. 12-31. \$10-\$30. 6000 Goodlette-Road N. 593-7600 or www.nnumc.org.

Swamp After Hours - Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts an evening of live animals, discovery stations, crafts exhibitors and more from 5:30-9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 12. Free for children under 18 who are accompanied by an adult, \$14 for others. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Om on the Sand – David Lawrence Center’s Young Executives host a beach yoga session at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Lowdermilk Park. \$25, registration required. 455-8500 or www.davidlawrencecenter.org.

Early Birds – Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary hosts a birding walk from 8-11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16. \$10-\$25. 348-9151 or www.corkscrew.audubon.org.

Free Film – Mercato screens “The Nightmare before Christmas” at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16, on the lawn across from Silverspot. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

Live And Local – The Alex Lopez Express performs at 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, at Artis—Naples’ Daniels Pavilion. 597-1900 or www.artis-naples.org.

Movies That Matter – The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida screens “I Am Jane Doe” at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18, at Temple Shalom. Free, but offerings appreciated. Reservations required. 4630 Pine Ridge Road. 263-9200 or www.holocaustmuseumsfwl.org.

Art Show – Members of Naples Artcrafters host an arts and crafts show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20, at Cambier Park. www.naplesartcrafters.com.

Met Live – Silverspot hosts a live viewing of the Metropolitan Opera’s production of Saint-Saens’ “Samson et Dalila” at 12:55 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. 592-0300 or www.silverspot.net.

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Don’t Think Twice – Bob Dylan performs at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers. \$69-\$129.50. 481-4849 or www.bbmanpah.org.

Wine for You – Naples Gulf Shore Sunset Rotary hosts a wine walk through Mercato from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24, to benefit local charities. \$40 in advance, \$50 the day of the event. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

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Crabby Patties – Celebrate the opening of stone crab season with the annual Stone Crab Festival, which provides music, art, family activities and lots of claws Friday through Sunday, Oct. 26-28, at Old Naples Waterfront. www.stone-crabfestival.com. ■

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



SKATE IT

■ Disney on Ice’s “Mickey’s Search Party” visits Germain Arena Sept. 21-23. \$22-\$102. — germainarena.com



■ Here Come The Mummies performs at 8 p.m. Sept. 23 at the Southwest Florida Event Center. \$32-\$55. 11515 Bonita Beach Road. — swfliventcenter.com



JAM IT

■ Be sure you’re there when blues musician Albert Castiglia scorches the stage when he performs selections from his latest album, “Up All Night,” at 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 22, at Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs’ Hinman Auditorium. — www.artcenterbonita.org



STRUM IT

■ The fifth annual Island Hopper Songwriter Fest begins today and runs through Sept. 30. Featuring the songwriters behind the Nashville hits, festival events take place on Captiva Island the weekend of Sept. 21-23 before “hopping” to the next Lee County location.

— island-hopper.fortmyers-sanibel.com

JONES

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up new ways to do things. If I'm with super-creative people, that can be great. If they're not so creative, it can be difficult. I can't stop making something new out of things, except maybe 'The Last Chance Texaco.' I think I do that the same way."

"The Last Chance Texaco" comes from "Rickie Lee Jones," her 1979 debut album. But the imagery comes from Arizona, one of the places Jones lived while growing up. Moving to Los Angeles in the '70s, Jones fell in with Chuck E. Weiss and Tom Waits, with whom she was later romantically involved.

Powered by the jazz-inflected single "Chuck E's in Love," based on her friend's rumored romance, "Rickie Lee Jones" became a smash album, hitting number three on the Billboard albums charts, selling 1 million copies.

Nominated for four Grammys, Jones took the Best New Artist Award in 1980 — a time when punk/new wave was at its peak. But with her experimental mix of pop, jazz and rock, she didn't fit with the punkers any more than she did the mainstream.

"I've been a little too wild for the middle of the road and I'm a little too conservative for the punk rock edge. I feel like I'm an odd bird."

She won another Grammy for best jazz vocal for her 1990 version of "Makin' Whoopee" and crafted a masterpiece with 1997's "Ghostlyhead."

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Singer Rickie Lee Jones says, "I've been a little too wild for the middle of the road and I'm a little too conservative for the punk rock edge. I feel like I'm an odd bird."



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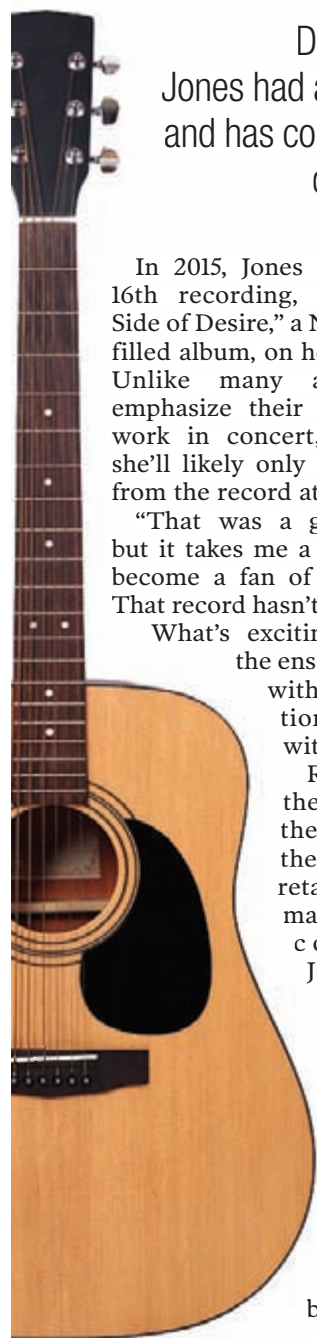
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Dubbed the “Duchess of Coolsville,” Jones had another top five album with 1981’s “Pirates” and has continued to regularly release albums and EPs over what is now nearly 40 years.

In 2015, Jones released her 16th recording, “The Other Side of Desire,” a New Orleans-filled album, on her own label. Unlike many artists who emphasize their most recent work in concert, Jones says she’ll likely only do one song from the record at her shows.

“That was a good record, but it takes me a long time to become a fan of my records. That record hasn’t fallen in yet.

What’s exciting to me is the ensemble I work with, the directions they go with the music.”

Regardless of the directions they will go, the music will retain the intimacy that has connected Jones with her listeners since “Rick- Lee Jones.”

“I don’t think I do that on purpose. I think I’m intimate. I draw you as a human being. That’s

the way I am with my improvisations. When I make things up, it’s very real to me. It’s work of emotion. Those buildings over there are made of sorrow, like that. When you traverse that emotional landscape, it’s a complex experience.”

Finding the emotion is one of the reasons that Jones continues to rework her songs, giving them new life for her as well as the audience each time she hits the stage.

“The first time I played it, the song was now alive,” she said. “I need to experience it that way. It has to be in front of me, a song I discover. As the decades go by, the challenge is to keep discovering them. The songs are like a house. The living room is there, the bedroom is there. They’re always in the same place ... When I sing, all of my emotions are engaged. That’s kind of cool.” ■

in the know

- >> **What:** Rickie Lee Jones with Anders Osborne
- >> **When:** 8 p.m. Sept. 28
- >> **Where:** Southwest Florida Event Center, 11515 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs
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Registration is open for the fifth annual **Docs and Duffers golf tournament** and raffle hosted by The Foundation of Collier County Medical Society. The tournament tees off at 8:45 a.m. Oct. 6, at Bonita Bay Club Naples. An awards luncheon will follow the game.

Registration is \$175 per person, \$650 per foursome. Proceeds will benefit scholarships for students pursuing degrees in health care will help fund local health-care programs in need. A limited number of sponsorship and underwriting packages are available starting at \$550. Golfers and all others can participate in tournament raffles to win TVs donated by Perfect Solutions and a variety of other prizes. For more information, call 435-7727 or visit www.ccmsfoundation.org.

Toss your team in the ring for **Hole Masters for Horses**, the inaugural cornhole tournament to benefit Naples Therapeutic Riding Center, set for noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 7, at the center, 206 Ridge Drive. Registration is limited to the first 32 two-person teams (all men, all women or co-ed). The competition will be double elimination format with each match consisting of a single game. Games will use "cancellation" scoring. First team to 21 wins; team must win by 2 points.

Sign up by Sept. 28 for \$35; after that, it's \$40 (four drink tickets for each team included). Registration closes Friday, Oct. 5. Spectators will pay \$5 for admission. Food trucks will be on hand. For more information, visit <https://one.bidpal.net/holemasters/welcome>.



Bend, stretch and find your center when the **David Lawrence Center Young Executives** hosts beach yoga from 8:30-10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 13, at Lowdermilk Park as part of its Elevate Wellness Series. The session will be led by Jennifer Khosla, founder and CEO of Lean and Green Body, which specializes in holistic nutrition, yoga and personal training. The class is open to all community members and all fitness levels.

Registration is \$25, with proceeds benefitting the various holistic services provided to adults residing in DLC's Crossroads inpatient detox and residential addiction treatment programs. To sign up or for information about sponsorship opportunities, call the DLC at 304-3505 or visit www.DLCYoungExecutives.com.

The inaugural **Pan-Florida Challenge for Hungry Kids** golf tournament tees off Saturday, Oct. 20, at the TPC Treviso Bay Golf Club with a shotgun at 8:30 a.m. Registration opens at 7:30 and includes a continental breakfast, greens fees and

cart, lunch, prizes, and silent auction. Registration is \$125, and numerous sponsorship packages are available.

The tournament is the newest event on the Pan-Florida calendar, joining its signature fundraising event, the Pan-Florida Challenge Ride for Hungry Kids, a bicycle ride that originates in Naples and gives riders the choice of routes from 10 to 200 miles long. PFC is a Naples-based nonprofit dedicated to ending childhood hunger by providing nutritious, kid-friendly meal packs to 2,500 elementary school children at 37 schools and aftercare sites in seven Florida counties. To register for the golf tournament or for more information, go to www.panfloridachallenge.org.



The fifth annual **Chip in for DLC golf tournament** to benefit the David Lawrence Center takes place Friday, Oct. 26, at Quail Creek Golf & Country Club. Lunch and registration begin at 11:30 a.m. Tee-off for the 18-hole scramble is at 1 p.m. Golfers will also be able to take part in raffles, skills challenges and a putting contest. Registration for

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Tolstoy y amor: 'Anna in the Tropics' sizzles at Lab Theater



David Pimental plays Juan Julian and Carmen Rivera plays Conchita in "Anna in the Tropics."

Books are wonderfully dangerous things.

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Books can make people ask questions.

In "Anna in the Tropics," a small group of Cuban-Americans find themselves changed by the words of Tolstoy's "Anna Karenina."

Though the classic novel is set in 19th century snow-covered Russia, its universal themes of love, jealousy and longing speak to the hearts of these Latinos living in 1929 in the sub-tropics of Ybor City in Tampa.

Playwright Nilo Cruz knits the two together in this Pulitzer Prize-winning play, which the Lab Theater is presenting bilingually. A screen above the stage translates all English to Spanish and vice versa. (A tip: If you're not bilingual enough to ignore the screen, don't sit in the front rows; otherwise, you'll have to crane your neck to see the words.)

"Anna in the Tropics" is the first play of the Lab's 10th season. It's also the first production with new seating, on risers, in the space.

The play opens with two scenarios: a group of loud, boisterous men betting on cock fights, with the owner of a cigar factory on a losing streak, and a trio of women—a mother and her daughters—at the docks, awaiting the arrival of the new lector, the man who will read to the cigar rollers as they toil in the factory.

When Juan Julian (David Pimental) shows up as the lector, the women are flustered. With his impeccable grooming and manners, Mr. Pimental's Juan Julian strikes a romantic figure. He's charming without being smarmy. Both sisters immediately fall in love with him. His very presence at the factory disturbs some of the men, especially Cheche

(Ronaldo Chico Guido) and Palomo (Miguel Cintron), both of whom already have their share of women problems.

Mr. Cintron's hapless Palomo is having an affair. His marriage to Conchita (Carmen Rivera), elder daughter of the factory owners, is falling apart, but he feels impotent to fix it. The actor's portrayal is a nuanced one, and he skillfully makes us feel empathy for his character.

Mr. Guido's Cheche is a half-brother to the factory owner patriarch but, like anyone with just a little bit of power or authority, he overreaches his role and struts around as if he owns the place. He is against having a lector in the factory, though the workers like it as it helps pass the time while they do their repetitive work of handrolling cigars.

Cheche is a hothead, but Mr. Guido plays him at full-blast throughout the play. I wish director Annette Trossbach had pulled him back a little. The later scenes would have been more powerful if we'd seen Cheche simmering and building to a boil, rather than full-volume angry all the time.

His character and, to a smaller extent, Mr. Cintron's, show the sad results of men destroying what they don't understand and can't control.

"Anna in the Tropics" not only deals with affairs of the heart but with change

in general: the old ways vs. the new ways, handmade versus machine-made.

Mr. Pimental caused the audience to laugh with his horror at the flatness of Florida. He also has some interesting comments about city life. He definitely believes in the old ways.

Santiago (Isaac Osin), the patriarch, is a comic figure, especially when he's nursing a hangover, but it's his wife, Ofelia (Grace Delvalle-Hernandez), who almost steals the show. Girlish and giddy, with a sparkle in her eyes, Ofelia provides much comic relief, especially when she gets a little tipsy. She lights up the stage every time she steps onto it, and I'd love to see her in more shows.

Their daughters are Conchita (Ms. Rivera), who's married to Palomo, and Marela (Chloe Tsai), a romantic teenager who's very taken with the stories she hears. Both characters have a crush on the new lector; both actors are very strong in their roles. They're trapped by their circumstances, but it's Conchita who has the strength to try to break out of them. Ms. Rivera presents us with a complex woman whose life and marriage has become mundane and boring.

Ms. Tsai's character falls in love with "Anna Karenina," who harbors the romantic fantasies of a young girl who has been shielded from the world.

These two are believable as sisters.

Abe Hernandez, Dan Hernandez and Dr. Ernesto Lasso de la Vega are also part of this cast.

The set—a brick-walled factory with oversized opaque windows and rows of tobacco leaves hanging from the back wall—is one of the Lab Theater's more adventurous ones. In a nice touch, the space becomes festive and colorful when paper lanterns are hung for a party.

The men wear Guayabera shirts, and the women wear floral patterned 1920s dresses. One woman even considers bobbing her hair, a very bold move.

Ms. Trossbach assembled a bilingual cast for this play and in doing so has also introduced us to some actors

we haven't previously seen on the Lab stage. She's chosen well, and with producing "Anna" has raised the bar for the types of plays her theater presents.

Sometimes the staging seems a little formal, with actors stepping forward and saying their lines to the audience, rather than to each other. I think some scenes would feel more natural if the actors would ignore the audience and interact among themselves, rather than stepping out of the action as if giving a speech.

Mr. Cruz's lyrical dialogue is like musical waves of words that wash over us. He cleverly weaves together Tolstoy with early 20th century Cuban-American culture and entwines them both with the secret longings of our own hearts. ■

in the know

Anna in the Tropics

- >> **When:** through Sept. 30
- >> **Where:** The Laboratory Theater of Florida, 1634 Woodford Ave., Fort Myers
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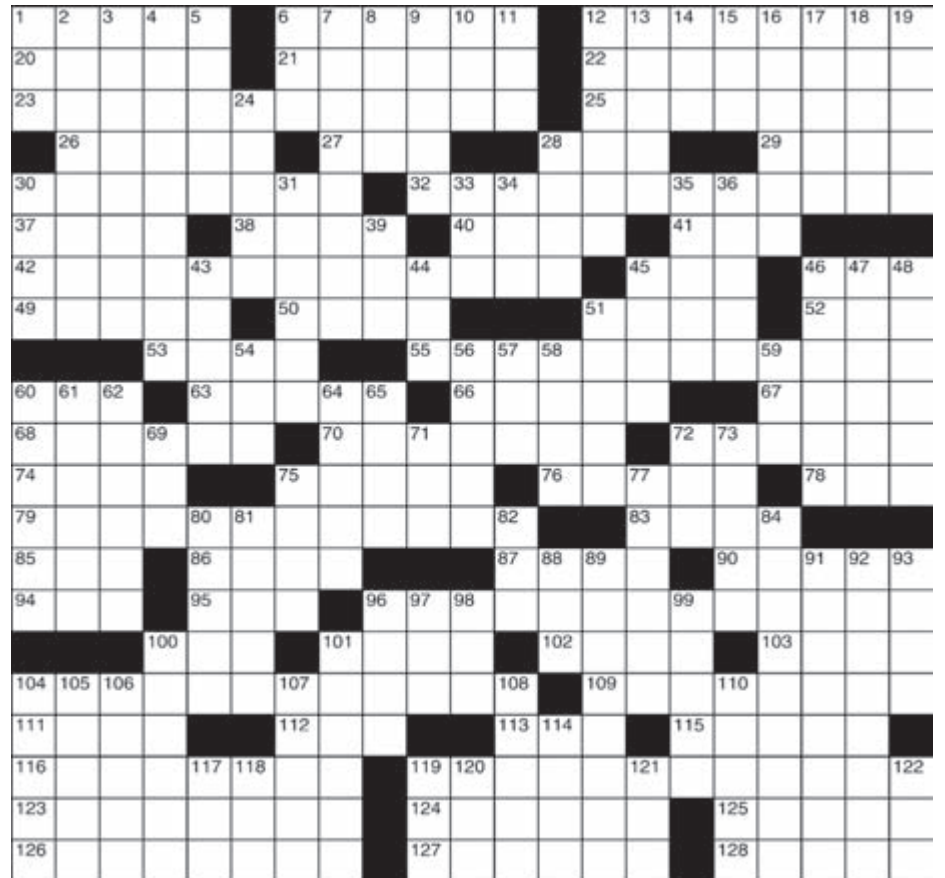
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Elite names in show biz
 - 6 Food-cooling chest
 - 12 Impetus
 - 20 Make allusion (to)
 - 21 Long rant
 - 22 Evenly paired
 - 23 French cabaret figure
 - 25 IRS probe
 - 26 Acey —
 - 27 All right
 - 28 Three-time Frazier foe
 - 29 Airport area
 - 30 Using a blast furnace for
 - 32 Mia Hamm, for one
 - 37 "— Rose" ("The Music Man" song)
 - 38 Old brand of hair remover
 - 40 Calhoun of old Westerns
 - 41 Get sour
 - 42 Bronco
 - 45 Singer Zadora
 - 46 Wear for nighty-night
 - 49 Movie units
 - 50 Suffix with truck
 - 51 Rant, maybe
 - 52 "That feels ni-ice!"
 - 53 Duncan toy
 - 55 Unborn child
 - 60 In the capacity of
 - 63 "Jay — Garage" (CNBC series)
 - 66 Seasonal tunes
 - 67 Hawaiian goose
 - 68 Boxers and briefs, briefly
 - 70 Something associated with eight answers in this puzzle
 - 72 Squirrels' cheekfuls
 - 74 Vast time stretch
 - 75 Dashing actor Flynn
 - 76 Proclaims, in the Bible
 - 78 Australian Open unit
 - 79 Fifth-degree black belt, say
 - 83 "The Daily Show" host
 - 85 Ending for Peking
 - 86 Graph line
 - 87 Island with Pearl Harbor
 - 90 Sporty 1980s Pontiac
 - 94 Rouge color
 - 95 Barber's job
 - 96 It's just been fired
 - 100 Yuletide tree
 - 101 Richard of "Chicago"
 - 102 Victim of Cain
 - 103 — Ana County, New Mexico
 - 104 One giving up gambling, maybe
 - 109 With all in agreement
 - 111 "Jenny" actor
 - 112 See 96-Down
 - 113 She clucks
 - 115 Associated with bribery
 - 116 Rolling Stone interviewee
 - 119 Laced holiday quaff
 - 123 String in a sneaker
 - 124 Family divisions, in taxonomy
 - 125 French for "queen"
 - 126 Donations
 - 127 Attached with rope, e.g.
 - 128 X-ray, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Pigskin path
 - 2 Source of element #82
 - 3 In case it's necessary
 - 4 In a way not related to religion
 - 5 Piece of land
 - 6 "— be my honor"
 - 7 What a U.S. spy may be
 - 8 "Cubesmith" Rubik
 - 9 Spine sites
 - 10 Lyric work
 - 11 Kid of a boomer
 - 12 Of varied character
 - 13 TV studio alert
 - 14 Oaxaca loc.
 - 15 Plato's "H"
 - 16 Nutty treat
 - 17 The present time
 - 18 Put together
 - 19 Taxi fixture
 - 24 TLC series about a tattoo studio
 - 28 Land division
 - 30 Bit of slander
 - 31 Liam of films
 - 33 Bobby of ice hockey
 - 34 Bus. entities
 - 35 Go to press
 - 36 Reluctant
 - 39 Over — top
 - 43 "— Mio" (Italian tune)
 - 44 Ball in space
 - 45 Bic buys
 - 46 Superheroes have them
 - 47 Actress Dru
 - 48 Most mousy
 - 51 Russian river
 - 54 "Of course"
 - 56 Low joint
 - 57 Young guy, in hip-hop
 - 58 Cravings
 - 59 Composer Brian
 - 60 Giant in oats
 - 61 Disquiet
 - 62 Truly loved
 - 64 Sticky pods
 - 65 Dated letter opener
 - 69 Win — walk
 - 71 Military bed
 - 72 From — Z
 - 73 Irritate
 - 75 Let out
 - 77 Hardens (to)
 - 80 Left unsaid
 - 81 Wealthy
 - 82 Mythical flier
 - 84 Secret treasure
 - 88 "I get it now!"
 - 89 Very hot pepper
 - 91 Self-esteem to a fault
 - 92 Skedaddle
 - 93 Put — act
 - 96 With 112-Across, blind alley
 - 97 Irritate
 - 98 Get the point
 - 99 Mitten's kin
 - 100 Snitched
 - 101 Sci-fi and mystery, e.g.
 - 104 Strident
 - 105 Lanai "Hi!"
 - 106 Brunch meat
 - 107 Jerk the knee, e.g.
 - 108 Ruhr's outlet
 - 110 Pola of silent films
 - 117 — -pitch softball
 - 118 Plato's "T"
 - 119 SFPD rank
 - 120 Architect
 - I.M. —
 - 121 Fouts of football
 - 122 "Hot diggity!"



◀ SEE ANSWERS, C13

HOROSCOPES

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A health problem should not be ignored. The sooner you check it out, the sooner you can deal with it and then move on. Some job advice comes from an unlikely source.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A relationship takes an unexpected shift that could leave you puzzled and hurt. Asking for an explanation could help uncover the reason for this sudden turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Your busy schedule has drawn down much of your energy levels. Restore them by spending a well-earned time out enjoying the arts — perhaps with that special someone.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make that presentation with confidence. Remember: When you show you believe in yourself, it helps persuade others that you truly know what you're doing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to

January 19) Although you usually prefer doing things on your own, a group effort might be advisable at this time. Try to keep an open mind about suggestions from colleagues.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This could be a good time to reassess some of your recent decisions and see if any adjustments should be made based on facts that you might have just uncovered.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An emotionally charged situation creates uncertainty about the future of your relationship. Best advice: Talk things out while there's still time to reach a new understanding.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might need to get more facts to help you work out those problems with your new project. As always, a friendly approach shows the charming Arian at his or her persuasive best.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Information is what energizes ambi-

tion, and this is a good time for the ambitious Bovine to expand his or her range of knowledge and to be ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is a good time to consider making some long-overdue decorating changes at home or in your workplace. A splash of color can help raise spirits, even on the grayest day.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Learn more. Earn more. That's the formula for Moon Children looking to expand their career horizons. Investigate the best places to get those training courses you'll need.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your creative side helps gain attention for many of your ideas. But don't neglect the practical aspects involved in implementing their move from paper to production. Good luck.

BORN THIS WEEK: You tend to act on matters of principle despite what others might advise. ■

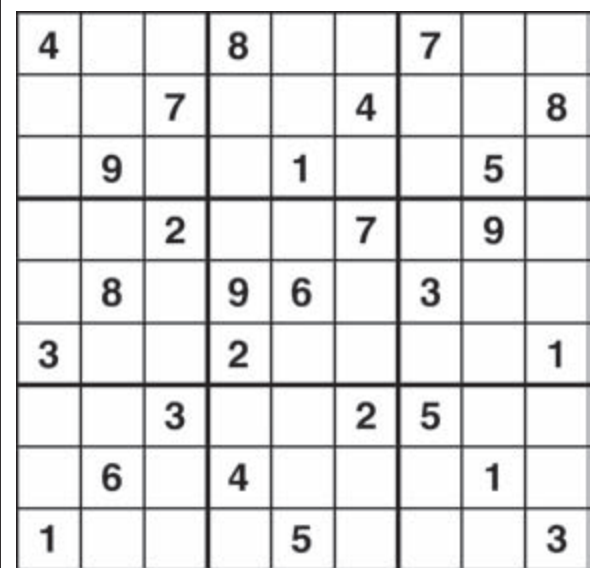
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Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the contest are closed.

Here are the rules:

- If you submitted something for Parts 1, 2 and 3, great. But please limit your output to one per prompt.

- Keep your narrative (no poetry) to 750 words. Only one offering per prompt, please.

- Give it a title and run it through Spellcheck.

- Put your full name, phone number and city/state you live in at the end of your masterpiece.

- Send it, either attached as a Word document or simply pasted into the body of the email, to writing@floridaweekly.com. Snail mail offerings will not be considered.

Our editors look forward to reviewing the entries and selecting one winner, whose author will receive a ticket to the 13th annual Sanibel Island Writers Conference (value: \$500). The conference is set for Nov. 8-11 on Sanibel Island.

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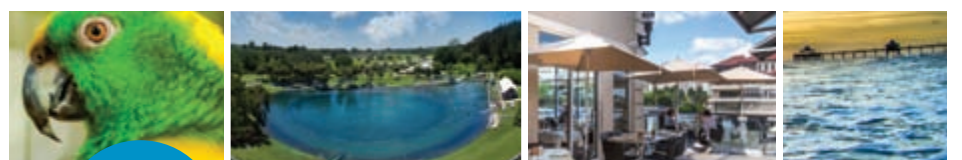
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LATEST FILMS

'A Simple Favor'

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Is it worth \$10? Yes

If it feels like good crime dramas are few and far between, it's because they are. Most movies of this genre try to be twisty and fun and keep us guessing, only to fail to hold up through the end. Not "A Simple Favor," though. The twists and turns of the clever story, along with strong performances from Anna Kendrick and Blake Lively, make it a definite winner, great for a date night or evening out with the girls.

"A Simple Favor" isn't a psychological thriller so much as it is a psychological drama. Widowed perfect mother Stephanie (Anna Kendrick) is loving and attentive to her young son Miles (Joshua Satine). She also has no friends. One day after school she meets Emily (Blake Lively), whose son Nicky (Ian Ho) is friends with Miles. After a few (strong) martinis — and in spite of Emily telling her "You don't want to be friends with me, trust me" — within a few weeks, they're best friends.

So when Emily asks her new BFF to pick up Nicky because she's overwhelmed at work, Stephanie readily accepts. But then Emily doesn't come to get Nicky, and with Emily's husband Sean (Henry Golding) out of town, Stephanie is left with the boy. For days. Days during which Emily doesn't pick up her phone. She's disappeared, which prompts Stephanie to conduct her own investigation.

What happens, how and why is wonderfully intriguing, admittedly not in a nail-biter fashion, but in a way that will keep you thoroughly engaged throughout.

It comes as a surprise that "A Simple Favor" was directed by Paul Feig, heretofore best known as the man who made "Bridesmaids," "The Heat" and "Spy." He's doing more than dipping his toe in another genre here; he's also succeeding in an impressive way. The shocks are

nicely paced throughout the 117-minute running time, and he nicely punctures the veneer of perfection that Stephanie and Emily (and no doubt, by extension, many suburban mothers) try to maintain in view of others. For example, after their first meeting, Stephanie goes to Emily's house. Emily appears to be in a business suit, but at home we learn the shirt around her collars and wrists is fake, i.e., there are only pieces of clothing that make it look like she's wearing a suit, and are not part of a full shirt. Symbolically, she's showing that she's not all she appears to be.



Reports are that fans of the book by Darcey Bell upon which the movie is based are in for quite a surprise with a new ending. I haven't read the book and therefore can't comment, but I can say the ending of the movie works. The pieces of the puzzle add up, and again to Mr. Feig's credit, no notable plot points are left unattended. It'd be nice if more crime dramas were this well told. ■

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3. Jaci Smith
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5. Nicholas Caccese and Lisa Lefkow
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BY STEVE BECKER

Zia Mahmood, one of the world's top players, is especially noted for his ability to guess the location of missing key cards.

In this deal from the 1984 World Team Olympiad, Zia demonstrated that there often is more to a successful "guess" than at first meets the eye.

Zia, then a member of the Pakistani team, got to four hearts as shown, and West started with the K-A-Q of spades, dummy ruffing the third spade with the heart four. Zia could see that a successful trump finesse would greatly aid his cause, and he also realized that West did not have to have the queen of hearts for his opening bid.

Nevertheless, at trick four Zia crossed to the club queen, led a low heart and finessed the ten. The heart ace was followed by a club to the ace and the heart king, felling West's queen and giving South 10 tricks — four hearts, four clubs, the diamond ace and a spade ruff in dummy.

How did Zia know West had the heart queen? The answer is that he didn't, but he had good reasons for playing as he did.

First, West's spade continuation at trick three, forcing dummy to ruff, made it seem that he was trying to protect a potential trump trick.

Second, finessing against West was the better technical play. It would bring in the entire suit if West had started with Q-x or Q-x-x, while a finesse against

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 5
♥ A 10 4
♦ A Q 10 2
♣ K 7 6 2

WEST

♠ A K Q 9 6
♥ Q 5 2
♦ 9 6 4
♣ 10 4

EAST

♠ 4 3 2
♥ 9 7 6
♦ K J 8
♣ 9 8 5 3

SOUTH

♠ 10 8 7
♥ K J 8 3
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A Q J

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
Pass	1 ♠	Pass	Pass
Dble	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	

Opening lead — king of spades.

East would pick up the suit without loss only if he had started with Q-x-x.

Third, if the finesse lost to East, West would then become marked with the diamond king for his opening bid, giving declarer his contract with the aid of a subsequent diamond finesse.

And so, a lot more thought went into Zia's successful "guess" than might appear at first glance, which is usually the case when a player of his caliber "guesses" correctly. ■



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11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 15
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noon on Monday, Oct. 15
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Jesse Housman -
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16
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Tony Ridgway -
11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17
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1300 Third St. S.

Seth Berman -
1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17
Noodles Italian Café & Sushi Bar

Lisa Boet -
11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18
Chez Boet
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Justin Carlisi -
11 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
Barbatella
1290 Third St. S.

Jeanne Harvey -
1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23
The Real Macaw
3275 Bayshore Drive

Adam Nardis -
11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 24
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To honor National Bee's Knees Week, a celebration initiated by **Caledonia Spirits** to recognize the significance of bees in local food systems and support the next generation of beekeepers, Agave will serve up a specialty cocktail highlighting the company's Bar Hill Signature Honey Gin from Tuesday through Sunday, Sept. 25-30. Proceeds from sales of The Honey Badger (honey gin, cinnamon-raisin honey syrup, lemon and lime) will support The Bee Cause Project's initiative to install beehives in schools. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 598-3473 or www.agavenaples.com.

Dagny's Spirits hosts a free wine and liquor tasting from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27. 15205 Collier Blvd. 384-9241 or www.dagnyspirits.com.

Starting Saturday, Sept. 22, **The French** will offer a week of French cider specials to showcase Normandy's second highest export, apples. On the menu are apple salad (bacon, candied walnuts, truffle cheese with cider-brown butter vinaigrette), roasted pork tenderloin (Brussel sprouts, cauliflower crème and cider gastrique), apple-currant bundt cake with bourbon-cider glaze and the Buffalo Soldier cocktail (Buffalo Trace bourbon, apple, mint, Peychaud and strawberry syrup.) 365 Fifth Ave. S. 315-4019 or www.thefrenchnaples.com.

Barbatella hosts a four-course wine dinner featuring vintages from the Piedmont region of Italy at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26. Dishes include citrus-cured trout, chocolate agnolotti with braised rabbit, lamb lollipops with sage-pine nut crust, grilled filet mignon, and raspberry-ricotta cheesecake. \$95, reservations required. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955 or www.barbatellanaples.com.

21 Spices hosts a three-course dinner with a raffle and henna artist to raise money to support flood victims in Kerala at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4. \$32, reservations required. 4270 Tamiami Trail E. 919-8830 or www.21spicesdining.com.

Bonefish Grill at Naples Bay Resort offers a four-course, prix-fixe Ocean Mixed Grill dinner through Sunday, Sept. 30 featuring entrees like wood-grilled Atlantic salmon, Caribbean cobia and shrimp and scallop skewers. \$49. 1500 Fifth Ave. S. 417-1212 or www.bonefishgrill.com. ■

Take Note:

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CUISINE REVIEW

Asif vs. Flay: Naples chef battles a legend

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Local chef and owner of 21 Spices, Asif Syed, will be featured in Beat Bobby Flay's 17th season episode titled "Chop of the Mornin' to Ya" on the Food Network. Scheduled to air at 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 20, and 1 a.m. Friday, Sept. 21, Syed will compete with another competitor and the international acclaimed Chef Bobby Flay.

"This is definitely a highlight of my career. Being featured on national TV and competing with one of the best chefs was a great challenge and feels like recognition of the hard work my team and I have done in the past years," Chef Syed said. "I feel honored that I was able to not only represent Southwest Florida but also my hometown Hyderabad, India, on such a large stage."

Chef Syed is not able to reveal too much about the show though he believes that his appearance has left quite an impression on Chef Flay. "I know that it was quite a challenge for him as well. He was forced to get out of his comfort zone and I am sure it was not the curry which made him sweat," said Chef Syed jokingly.

After opening 21 Spices in 2015, Chef Syed's profile in Naples has only grown, and now the largest dining scene in the country has taken notice of his native cuisine. Touted by The Food Network as "one of the top Indian chefs in the U.S. due to his knowledge and skills in advanced Indian cuisine," Chef Syed participated in the network's NYC Wine & Food Festival Grand Tasting in October 2017, but it wasn't the first time he was recognized as a master Indian chef — he was also named "Curry King" at the 2013 and 2015 Tampa Bay International Curry Festivals when he took the top spot twice. Previous appearances on the Food Network include a 2015 episode of "Guy's Grocery Games" and a 2016 appearance on "Cutthroat Kitchen." Read on to discover everything that went in to creating this all-star chef Neapolitans have the privilege to call their own.

What is your culinary background?

I started working in the famous Dum Pukht restaurant as a trainee at Sheraton Hotel in Hyderabad, India after graduating bachelor's degree in hotel management and catering technology. This is where I learnt the art of Indian cooking with the best chef in India, Imtiaz



Qureshi. Later I moved to Cyprus to do my advanced degree in culinary arts and while studying I was also working at the famous Shalimar Indian Restaurant in Nicosia. After two years, I came to Marco Island to do my culinary internship at Marriott Marco Island. After two years, I was hired by Hilton Marco Island as their sous chef and after two years I became the executive chef and that journey lasted for 12 years.

How were you inspired to become a chef?

My Mom and Dad inspired me to be chef, I learned Mom's recipes in the kitchen and dad inspired me to go culinary school.

What brought you to Naples?

I was on Marco Island for 16 years

and my dream of opening an Indian restaurant brought me to Naples.

Your bio says that you learned to bridge the gap between classic techniques of European cuisine and the exotic flavors of your home cuisine. Was it difficult? What was the biggest challenge?

It was not difficult. I consider the classic techniques of European cuisine to be very useful for my basic career foundation. I love the Indian techniques of incorporating spices.

What kind of food were you cooking at the Hilton?

Modern American and International Food, but I had lot Indian influence on my menus. I did many traditional Indian weddings at Hilton for many years and I

was also famous for my Indian cooking classes and Indian-themed dinners.

Why did you decide to open an innovative Indian restaurant instead of sticking with traditional preparations and presentations?

I have not seen innovative Indian restaurant in Florida. I wanted to keep the traditional recipes as they are, but present them with a modern, fresh look in a contemporary setup.

Naples never had a go-to Indian restaurant. Why do you think that was the case and how did you decide to fill the gap?

Yes, I agree. Part of the problem is people are not aware of Indian cuisine like people are in big cities. I always had a dream of owning my own restaurant and my love for Indian food made me fill the vacuum we had in Naples restaurants.

Which dishes are you particularly proud of?

I'm very proud of all my Tandoori barbecues and naan breads, which comes from authentic Indian Clay oven. I'm also proud of biryani rice, which comes from my city in India.

What do you find challenging?

My main challenge is choosing exactly the right spices for every individual's palate and taste.

Who or what are your greatest culinary influences?

The legendary Indian chef called Imtiaz Qureshi, who is a very well-known chef in India.

What has been one of your favorite culinary experiences?

My favorite culinary experience was cooking at Fairmont Mayakoba in Mexico for an Indian wedding. It lasted four days and was very challenging because it was a new country with language barrier. But we did great and served many high dignitaries from around the world.

What are your favorite culinary resources (books, blogs, etc.)? How do you keep your dishes relevant?

I have a very old, ancient cookbook that was passed down from my grandfather to my father. My dad has given me that recipe book. It has very old recipes and techniques for blending spices. ■

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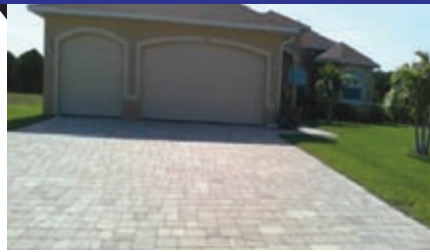


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Stunning 4 bedroom home with great room, formal dining room, laundry room, spacious kitchen, and screened lanai. **\$235,000**
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LABELLE



Single Family Home
Very well maintained 3/2/2 built in 2006, fenced with 2 storage sheds. Windows and sliders have manual shutters. **\$230,000**
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Investor Special
Gulf access southern exposure 3 bed 2 bath home. Need some TLC and it can be yours! **\$219,999**
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FORT MYERS



Whiskey Creek Villa, Located on a Beautiful Corner Lot
This spacious villa has been well maintained and features an oversized tiled screen lanai. **\$219,900**
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Beautiful End Unit Town Home with NO HOA Fees
2 story, waterfront townhome with your own private dock and access to most of the fresh water lakes in SE Cape. **\$219,000**
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FORT MYERS



3 Bed/2 Bath w/Pool Great Price
Perfect find for a family, first time home buyer or investor. Open Lanai w/pool is perfect spot for entertaining. **\$212,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM040750.

CAPE CORAL



Spacious NW Cape Home
Split floor plan with over 1600 sqft under air. Newer a/c and screened lanai under truss. Carpet and tile floors. **\$209,000**
1-866-657-2300 800CC046573.

FORT MYERS



Lake and Golf Views
Great views from this 1st floor carriage home in Colonial Country Club. Many upgrades including tile throughout. **\$205,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM051858.

CAPE CORAL



Good Square Footage and a Huge Lanai
Great floor plan with over 1800 sqft of living. A monster large Lanai. Fire pit for outdoor entertaining. **\$204,900**
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FORT MYERS



Ultra Modern Beachwalk Condo
Completely remodeled condo close to the beach in prime location. **\$199,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC052814.

CAPE CORAL



Beautiful 3 Bed/2 Bath in Quiet NE Cape Coral Location
Great for first time home buyer or investment property. Priced to sell fast! Make your appointment today! **\$199,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC048435.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Great Buy on River Access Home
Don't miss this opportunity to own a river access home with no bridges. **\$189,200**
1-866-657-2300 800LE049887.

NORTH FORT MYERS



2 Bed/2 Bath 1382 sqft Bay Harbor Club Condo
Splendid sunset views from this immaculately maintained condo! No other unit in this 55+ community has that WOW factor! **\$185,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM048950.

LEHIGH ACRES



Best Buy in Lehigh - House Has it All - Corner Lot
Charming kitchen w/stainless steel appliances & pantry, laminate floor & fully tiled screened lanai is a bonus. **\$185,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM053100.

LEHIGH ACRES



The Seller Has Priced to Sell
A beautiful well designed Adams home Built in 2006, a new roof was installed in April of 2018. **\$184,500**
1-866-657-2300 800LE052690.

LEHIGH ACRES



3 Bed/2 Bath, Conveniently Located & Move In Ready
Split bedroom floor plan, laminated floors, Granite counter tops, Lanai, plus a small office, with water softener system. **\$182,000**
1-866-657-2300 800FM049934.

FORT MYERS



Kelly Greens Lake View Condo with Garage
Well maintained condo in Kelly Greens with all new paint outside and new plants rocks in all courtyard-all assessments. **\$179,950**
1-866-657-2300 800FM067627.

CAPE CORAL



Make it Yours
Located in popular neighborhood conveniently located between the Cape and MidPoint bridges. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CC049360.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Beautiful 3/2 in the Heart of Charlotte
Great family home, 3 bed 2 bath. 2 car garage. fenced in yard. Lot's of room to entertain. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH401022.

NORTH FORT MYERS



Beautiful View Close to Downtown Fort Myers
Stunning view and great location. Spacious 2 bed/2 bath condo is located in North Fort Myers and minutes from downtown. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800FM001355.

LEHIGH ACRES



One of a Kind, Don't Let this One Pass You By
This beautiful home boast 10ft ceilings, crown molding, solid counter tops, upgraded cabinets, wood floors. **\$179,900**
1-866-657-2300 800LE053782.

PORT CHARLOTTE



Gulf Access 10 Minutes to the Harbor
Very cozy 2 bedroom 1 bath home with concrete seawall and 6,000 boat lift. **\$169,900**
1-866-657-2300 800CH249459.

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LEHIGH ACRES



Villa on the 9th Fairway of King's Green Majestic Golf Course. This Villa of Cypress Pines Association located in King's Green Majestic Golf Club Community has open floor plan. \$169,000

PORT CHARLOTTE



Updated and Ready for New Owners. This adorable 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom 1 car garage home features freshly painted interior, tile flooring throughout!! \$165,000

PORT CHARLOTTE



Great Pool Home in the Heart of Charlotte County. Two bedroom two bath with open floor plan. Pool was installed in 2004. New roof in 2014. Large living and family rooms!! \$164,900

PORT CHARLOTTE



2/2/Carport Home with a Den on a Saltwater Canal. Put this home on your must see list! 2/2 w/carport and den located on a saltwater Canal! Welcome to paradise! \$159,900

LEHIGH ACRES



Location! Location! Location! Solid opportunity to own in Lehigh Acres, west of Sunshine Blvd and north of State Route 82, CBS, built in 2007. \$158,900

FORT MYERS



2 Bed/2.5 Bath Condo - Caloosa Bayview. Location is everything! This beautiful 2 bed/2.5 bath condo is located in Caloosa Bayview with convenient access to shops. \$154,900

PORT CHARLOTTE



Welcome Home. Welcome home! Turn key, move in ready Port Charlotte home. Central AC, and new roof! All furnishings included. \$149,900

NAPLES



Location Location Location. 2/2 condo with low HOA fees! Don't miss out on your own little piece of paradise! \$144,900

NAPLES



Cute 55 and over Manufactured Home. Cute 55+ and over manufactured 2/1.5 home. \$139,900

FORT MYERS



Beautiful Gated Hideaway Greenbriar Country Club. Wonderful views of golf course & lake from this spacious turnkey condo, Open 2/2 floor plan in pet friendly community! \$139,900

LEHIGH ACRES



Ready to Move In. Ready to move in. Location with easy access on main blvd. \$135,000

FORT MYERS



Villas at Venezia 3 Bed/2 Bath. Well maintained, gated condo with pool and play area, living room & bedrooms have laminate floors and a screened lanai. \$135,000

PUNTA GORDA



Great Doublewide on Private Canal Front Lot. Redone mobile with 3 bed, 1-1/2 baths, on private canal front half acre lot! new floors kitchen, deck, bath, lighting etc. \$129,900

PUNTA GORDA



3/2 in SPGH. This 3 bedroom 2 bath modular home is on it's own land. Driveway parking for 4 cars. Home has carpet & linoleum thru-out. \$119,900

NORTH FORT MYERS



2 Bedroom 1 Bathroom in North Fort Myers. 2 Bedroom 1 bathroom in North Fort Myers. \$119,900

FORT MYERS



2 Bed/1 Bath Condo at Tuscany Gardens - Priced to Sell. Want to live in Tuscany Gardens Community? Here is your chance! This is 2 bedrooms 1 bathroom just under 1000 sqft. \$119,500

LABELLE



Residential Single Family. Opportunity to purchase a home, very well maintained, recently painted with tile throughout the house, move in ready. \$110,000

PORT CHARLOTTE



Updated 3/1 Home in Charlotte County. Awesome Port Charlotte ranch/bungalow ideal for seasonal occupants, first-timers, and investors! Everything is updated! \$109,900

CAPE CORAL



Location! Location! Under 100K 2/2. Capeway Condo - great location. \$92,500

VENICE



Affordable 2 Bed 2 Bath Condo - Venice. First floor 2 bedroom 2 bathroom condo featuring split bedroom floor plan. Located minutes from historic downtown. \$89,000



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