THE REAL
COST
of a
DUI

Paying the price for driving drunk

BY NANCY THEORET
Florida Weekly Correspondent

It’s been called the $10,000 drink, the $10,000 drive home and the $10,000 mistake.

Get convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs in Florida, and the costs quickly rack up, well beyond the $500 to $1,000 fines outlined in state statutes for first-time offenders. Factor in everything from towing and bail fees, court-mandated classes and insurance hikes, and the staggering financial toll could become the ultimate panacea for those not getting the message from the constant bombardment of public service announcements and warnings from local law enforcement agencies.

Costs vary widely. Approximate figures do not include property damage or other fees and costs that may be incurred.

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A tale of two mothers: Same-sex couple fights to make a family

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Laura Cavin’s story with Sheri Green is simple on its surface: the story of mother love.

“I always wanted children,” says Ms. Cavin. “When we lost the twins, we didn’t give up. My goal was to be a great mom.”

That attitude bodes well for their year-old daughter, Brianna, and her three brothers, Derrick, Anthoni and Cason. All were born about Mother’s Day, last year. Those births turned tragedy to triumph. When Ms. Cavin, then 24 and a decade younger than her partner, tried to become a mother the first time, it cost both women heartbreak and sorrow.

In 2008, she lost two sons after an emergency Cesarean section 24 weeks into the pregnancy. The day it happened, she and Ms. Green were briefly able to comfort their boys, and each other, before the boys died.

Again the second time around, the partners sought the aid of endocrinologist Dr. Craig Sweet.

And now to their everlasting joy, they
COMMENTARY

Looking ahead to the East

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World War II, which trembles in the wind while veterans still breathe on each planet-spinning day, changed everything and nothing in China.

Brutalized by the Japanese during the war, the Chinese entered the modern world under Mao Tse-tung by brutalizing themselves and their neighbors.

Chairman Mao had fought the armies of the Rising Sun with a ferocity I doubt the Japanese could have anticipated. (The same was true of the United States Marines in the Pacific, whom the Japanese significantly underestimated.)

He also fought proponents of democracy in China.

Mao held little or no compunction about destroying any who disagreed with him — if he thought he could.

Although he died more than 35 years ago, Mao’s notion of living and leading, somewhat mutated, carries on in current Chinese policies.

Here is that notion, prominently evidenced in the stark and repeated punctuations of abuse scribbled out by recent Chinese leaders:

* Power is right. If you aren’t Chinese and if we were good friends.

* Leadership requires telling the enemy what to do and saying make him or her do it. Leaders must employ either arms or money (vinegar or honey) to achieve their ends.

It’s an unsentimental and pragmatic view, laced with a self-promoting dose of cynicism about the potential of “man,” not to mention woman.

Chinese officials historically and recently have killed, abused or ignored Chromosome X almost at will.

That’s changing, of course, as the Chinese recognize that half their talent pool has been sitting on the bench.

Even so, the Chinese do not appear to revere the individual spirit and soul in the fashion of Americans or, say, many Tibetans. But they do now revere prosperity and international influence.

I was reminded of all this last week while watching the favorite sporting event of my late great Kentucky-born aunts, the Kentucky Derby.

There, 165,000 American souls appeared in $20,000 hats and $20,000 dresses for the women, complete with square jaws and tanned, barbecue-jowls over blue blazers for the men.

The mint juleps my aunts used to sip were nowhere in evidence.

Only the horses, the jockeys and the sugar-itionally restored females looked sleek at the Derby. Everyone else was fat, unlike the gorgeous and gentle as those still led by Tibet’s Buddhist leader, the irrepressible champion of singular and eternal soul, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama.

Nowhere appeared a mention of Chen Guangcheng, the courageous lawyer held for the last seven years and periodically beaten along with his wife and children after protesting forced abortions and other crimes by Chinese officials.

Finally he escaped, making his way safely into U.S. hands last week, but we were tentative about embracing him.

We were careful, we were measured, we were calm. Fattened by trade and obligation, perhaps — two conditions I favor if they’re mutual, since they can harness a peace — we were mostly passive in our rescue.

About Tibet or Tiansanmen Square, meanwhile, we’ve done little but watch and doze.

We do applaud politely on occasion — but not when a Tibetan immolates himself in protest, an act we probably can’t understand.

We continue to borrow money and to trade for daily comforts with the Chinese as if we were good friends.

We are not friends, however, and that fact raises some uncomfortable questions.

What if our most dangerous enemy is our own comfort — our own greedy desire to get something more for something less?

It isn’t just a national question, either. It’s a Sunshine State question. How much do we like comfort at the expense of others?

“Florida’s overall trade (exports and imports) with China increased by 278 percent between 2009 and 2010, at a total of $74 billion last year,” according to a report from Enterprise Florida, the state’s economic development outfit.

“Of the nations ranking as Florida’s top merchandise trading partners in 2010, China was third. And among those from which the state received imports, China was first. Imports (range) from travel products to electronic parts. Exports (range) from civilian aircraft to still cameras and flash devices.”

How nice for everybody. But under all that prosperity and trade lies Chairman Mao. Still.

We can trade, but we must not forget.

Let me look back at Mao one more time.

He had a lot in common, perhaps, with Saint Louis of France — Louis IX — the great Catholic leader of two 13th Century Crusades to the Holy Land.

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An ancient anti-Semitism, he once offered this imperative for the treatment of non-Christians: Either convert them with “the word,” or/and a sword through their bodies as far as it will go and send them home to God (that’s a close paraphrase).

For the Chinese, “the word” now appears to come couched in a quivering flex of economic muscle, with the sword still sheathed but increasingly visible.
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The Left’s favorite bad statistic

Richard Lowry

Special to Florida Weekly

Archimedes didn’t say, “Give me a bad statistic, and I will move the Earth.” But that was only because the ancient Greek mathematician wasn’t familiar with the ways of Washington.

An entire movement has grown up around the factoid that American women make about 80 percent of the pay of men. It is a reliable talking point of Democrats who insist the country is riddled with a “War on Women.” A raft of proposed legislation purports to remedy the discrimination exposed by the damning number.

MSNBC host Rachel Maddow recently yielded the statistic on “Meet the Press,” and repeated with shocked disbelief that anyone would question such a cold, hard fact, as if it were incontestable as the circumference of the Earth.

Never mind that the figure is crude and misleading. The latest data from the Labor Department say that women made 82.2 percent of what men made in the first quarter of 2012. That’s a considerable gap, but comparing all women “versus men is not particularly telling when all sorts of variables — occupation, levels of experience, education, household make up — are in play.”

“We women, gravitate,” Carrie Lukas of the Independent Women’s Forum writes. “In jobs with fewer risks, more comfortable conditions, regular hours, more personal fulfillment and greater flexibility. Simply put, many women — all, but enough to have a big impact on statistics — trade higher pay for other desirable job characteristics.”

The Institute for Women’s Policy Research, a feminist outfit obsessed with the wage gap, published a study noting that twice as many women as men work in jobs with median earnings below the federal poverty line for a family of four. Unless all these women some $5.5 million were coerced into these positions, this fact alone shows how occupational choice influences the wage gap.

The slogan that invariably accompanies the 80 percent statistic is “equal pay for equal work.” But men and women get paid differently for different work. According to a recent Washington Post, Paul Farrell points out in his book “Why Men Earn More” that the 25 worst jobs in terms of stress and physical demands which are like sheet-metal worker and firefighter — are more than 90 percent male. In general, men who are employed full time work more hours a day than women employed full time (8.2 hours compared with 7.8, according to the Labor Department), and women are much more likely to interrupt their careers to have children, affecting their earning power over time.

With women now earning about 60 percent of bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and reaching parity with men in medical and law schools, it stands to reason that the wage gap will narrow, even if it doesn’t disappear.

A study by a research organization called Reach Advisors shows that single women in their 20s make 105 percent more than single men in their 30s in urban areas, and 120 percent “in certain cities with a heavily knowledge-driven employment base.” These women must not realize that they will never make their way in the workplace without Congress somehow acting to ensure “equal pay.”

In the end, the reality doesn’t matter. A bad statistic never dies.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

The real Mad Men:
Following the money behind TV political ads

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May Day, Murdoch and the murder of Milly Dowler. What do they have in common? They all relate to the 2011-12 election cycle. How Knelly was able to probe these details is crucial. The Federal Communications Commission maintains a database of U.S. Federal Communications Commission broadcast licenses he controls in Britain. The parliamentary committee released its report this week, saying the Murdoch-occupied company “stonewalled, obfuscated and misled” and (would) only now come clean, reluctantly, when no other course of action was possible.

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Wayne Smith was a POW, along with former presidential candidate John McCain, at the “Hanoi Hilton” in North Vietnam for more than five years (1,882 days) in the late 1960s-early 1970s. I have been mesmerized by his tales of the cruelty and inhumane treatment he and his fellow POWs suffered. I marvel at their capacity to endure and maintain hope, and I admire the fact that Wayne harbors no resentment or anger about his time in captivity.

I have been proud to have Wayne as a guest on my show numerous times. Wayne was born in Richmond, Ky., in 1943. He was 2 years old when his father deserted the family, forcing Wayne, his older sister and their mother to move in with his grandparents on their farm. His mother worked as a clerk at JC-Penney, scraping together the $20 per semester it took to send her children to Eastern Kentucky State Teacher's College (now Eastern Kentucky University) “training school” for grades 1-8. With financial help from the women’s club in town, Wayne took piano lessons and became an accomplished classical pianist. In high school, he excelled in varsity basketball and football.

Wayne graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1965. He and his wife of 45 years, Jean, were married just before he was sent to Southeast Asia (the first wedding anniversary they were able to spend together was their eighth).

On Jan. 18, 1968, while on his 90th mission, Wayne was shot down and captured. “We survived because we supported each other, even though communication was a huge challenge,” he says about his time in captivity. When failed attempts of escape led to fatalities, the senior ranking officers ordered no more attempts at escape. Instead, they set forth a vision for the POWs to follow: “We will return with honor. We will be released; first the sick and wounded, thereafter in order of shootdown.”

Wayne returned home on March 14, 1973, and left active duty in September that year. He served in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard for a year then in the reserves until 1976.

A successful business career followed Wayne’s distinguished service to our country. He retired in 1999 from MidAmerica Energy as executive vice president and chief operating officer. He had also been president and COO of BF Goodrich Chemicals and prior to that served as CEO of BOC Gases for the U.S., Canada and South America. Before entering corporate life, he piloted Boeing 727s for Eastern Airlines.

Wayne and Jean moved to Naples in 1999. They have two children, both living in Naples, and two grandchildren.

Talking points with Wayne Smith

Something that’s been on your mind:
The impossibility of balancing the national debt.

Something your mother was always right about:
Practice makes perfect (referring to my five hours each day on the piano).

As a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up?
A concert pianist or a cowboy movie star.

First job:
Loading hay bales on a trailer as a kid in Kentucky, usually in 100-degree heat, when I weighed around 80 pounds and the bales weighed about that, too.

What makes you laugh?
Sinking a putt after missing them all day.

Skill or talent you wish you had:
Hitting a golf ball long and straight.

Something people might be surprised to find out about you: As a 12-year-old, I played Mozart concertos on the piano.


What are you most proud of?
Being a part of producing two great kids.

What the Paradise Coast really needs:
October-May weather with some afternoon showers year ‘round.

Favorite thing about the Paradise Coast: Everything but the occasional hurricane threat.

What you miss about the Paradise Coast when you’re away: I don’t leave very often. Why would I?

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of “The Bob Harden Show,” airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden.com. The show is archived for listeners’ convenience.
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**DUI**

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The Florida Department of Motor Vehicles estimates a first-time offense costs $8,000 but the consensus among Southwest Florida experts who deal daily with DUI places the price tag at $30,000 — not including property damage and even more for multiple offenders.

Sound stiff? It’s meant to be. DUI is considered a serious offense in Florida.

And those are just the criminal charges. Fort Myers law firm Associates and Bruce L. Scheiner has won $300,000 and $43 million civil suits against drunk drivers, the latter on behalf of parents involved in an accident that seriously injured them and killed their two young sons.

“I always tell people it’s cheaper to hire a limousine to take them home than face a DUI,” says Scott Weinberg, an associate with the Punta Gorda office of Brown, Suarez & Rios and a former prosecutor.

Yes, there’s the public humiliation of being arrested for DUI and having your photo plastered on law enforcement and media websites, but the charge — one that carries a huge social stigma — is also accompanied by hefty fees for those convicted. Some — towing and bail for that go-to-jail-free ride in a patrol car — are incurred before the first court appearance.

Under Florida penalties, those convicted of a first offense are required to complete 50 hours of community service, face a minimum 180-day license revocation and must attend 12 hours of DUI school.

They also face up to six months in jail (nine if a minor was in the vehicle) and up to a year of probation. A DUI is also a conviction with staying power: It remainders your Florida driving record for 75 years.

“A DUI arrest today is a lot different than it was 30 years ago,” says Charlotte County Sheriff Bill Cameron. “It’s a life-altering charge. It effects your occupation, your employability. So many jobs require a valid driver’s license. There are also the sheer costs of court fees and penalties. It was very rare in the old days that someone would hire a high-priced attorney to try to get it pled down.”

Engaging the services of a lawyer is often less expensive — as long as the defendant wins his or her case or gets the charges reduced to reckless driving. With more than 3,000 arrests annually recorded by the Florida Highway Patrol and sheriff’s departments in Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties (not including arrests by city police departments), DUI is big business for defense attorneys. Law offices throughout Southwest Florida emphasize DUI as their forte.

The results can determine if mandated inpatient or outpatient counseling or treatment is needed, racking up additional expenses.

“We’re also seeing more cases of prescription medication abuse,” says Ms. Dundee. “It’s definitely a problem.”

Multiple offenders pay a $385 enrollment fee for the council’s 21-hour class and can work with the organization’s special supervision services program to acquire a restricted license. In addition to proving they’ve abstained from drugs or alcohol for a year, participants are required to attend 30- to 60-minute monthly sessions, pay more than $250 to enroll in the program and $55 a month for the duration of the restricted license — anywhere from two to five years, or $1,320 to $3,300.

Depending on the circumstances of a DUI — a minor was in the vehicle or blood alcohol was 0.20 — a judge might also order an ignition interlock for some first-time offenders. The device operates much like a breathalyzer, requiring drivers to blow into a tube before the car will start. The price tag? As much as $375 for the installation and initial deposit and a $67.50 monthly monitoring and calibration fee, the latter racking up another $405 for six months (the max-
imam for a first-time offender) and at least $1,620 for the two-year minimum mandated for some second- and third-time convictions. A judge may also require a DUI offender to attend Mothers Against Drunk Drivers’ victim impact panel. The program attracts about 80 to 100 people monthly and costs $20 to attend, according to Brenda Gellinger, the community action site leader and a senior services advocate with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office. They’ll watch a video chronicling the lives of victims impacted by drunk driving and have the opportunity to ask questions of the department’s deputy who trains the county’s DUI officers.

“He always tells people there are two types of impaired drivers: those with a medical problem or alcoholism, and the arrogant driver who thinks they will be fine or not get caught,” says Ms. Gellinger. “If you’re honest with yourself, you probably have driven impaired at some point. People just make bad choices.”

Many participants don’t come willingly. “A lot of them come in with a chip on their shoulders. They say it’s all about the money,” she says. “They don’t consider the cost to taxpayers. Annually, DUI-related crashes cost $80 billion to society. There’s the officer’s and court time and you can’t put a dollar amount on lives lost and the people left behind.”

Time is money

There’s also the time factor: Sgt. Stephanie Eiler with the Lee County Sheriff’s Office has worked DUI cases that have taken from one to four hours to process, depending on the cooperation of the arrestee, who may spend up to eight hours in a jail cell before being released. Court appearances, attending court-mandated classes and community service programs, and a 45-minute monthly recalcification for those with an

In the know

The cost of a DUI

- Court fines: $500 to more than $1,000 for first-time offenders; $1,000 to more than $5,000 for multiple offenders.
- Attorney fees: $1,500 or more depending on the complexities of the case.
- DUI classes: Enrollment is $425 for first-time offenders; $85 for those with two or more DUI convictions.
- Additional charges: Bail, vehicle towing, vehicle impoundment, physician vehicle registration, insurance hikes.
- Ignition interlock device: $170 for installation and deposit, another $405 for six months (the max for a first-time offender) and at least $1,620 for multiple offenders.
- Restricted license/supervised supervision services: $250 to enroll in the program, $355 a month for the duration of the restricted license — anywhere from two to five years, or $1,350 to $3,500.
- Restitution: Repaying the cost of damage to property.
- Civil action: Recent jury awards for drunk-driving cases filed by Associates and Bruce L. Schenker $10.1 million to $13 million.
- Time: A minimum of 62 hours for court-mandated DUI classes and community service, in addition to court appearance, jail time upon arrest, counseling or special services, if needed.
- Ignition interlock device — not counting the time to reach one’s destination — also amounts to a good chunk of time. And there’s always the lingering possibility of jail time. State statutes give a judge the power to order up to six months imprisonment for first-timers; nine for a higher blood-alcohol level (the legal limit is 0.08%) or if a child was in the vehicle.
- Add even more time if you’ve hired an attorney and plan to go to trial.
- “Ideally we try to get the charge reduced to reckless driving,” says Mr. Weinberg. “It takes money for a strong defense ... A lot of cases are pleaded down to willful wanton reckless driving for first-time offenders. It saves money involved in trials and courtroom theatrics by attorneys.” — Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott Weinberg. “The prosecutor’s office is reasonable; they realize everyone screws up sometimes.”

In the courtroom, the defense will poke holes in the arrest warrant and the validity of field sobriety tests, which Mr. Weinberg says are often skewed to failure. “It takes money for a strong defense,” says Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott. “Attorneys specialize in finding loopholes, contesting the calibration of the breathalyzer or even proving who was at the wheel if there are no witnesses. A lot of cases are pleaded down to willful wanton reckless driving for first-time offenders. It saves money involved in trials and court-room theatrics by attorneys.”

Big money cases

Mr. Weinberg says five of his office’s 100 annual cases go to trial, including one in April which the firm won. The defendant was charged with a second DUI after he was pulled over en route to taking a friend to the hospital following a bar fight. “The officer said my client stared into space,” he says. “He’s schizophrenic.”

Mr. Weinberg says many juries can relate to those accused of driving under the influence.

“When you try major cases like sex offenders, a jury can’t relate,” he says. “A jury is more favorable to someone charged with DUI almost everyone has had two to three drinks and driven.”

Not so for civil jury panels, according to Bruce L. Scheiner, whose firm has successfully represented a number of victims of drunk or drugged driving. “Jurors do not like drunk drivers,” he says. “They get angry at the fact that people drink and get into their car and cause harm to someone else. In the old days in the West, if you harmed someone you’d put on your guns and shot them. Today we’re a lot more civilized … bringing legal action to get compensated for a loss.”

One of the firm’s biggest cases was that $31 million it won in a Fort Myers drunk driving accident. It also recovered $30,000 for a Georgia woman who was injured by a drunk driver on Airport Pulling Road in Naples.

Civil cases are filed after a criminal conviction, continuing the convicted driver’s legal headaches years after the arrests. Plaintiffs have two years to sue in wrongful death cases; four in other DUI-related claims, says Mr. Scheiner. Civil cases are also less stringent; a defendant’s prior DUI convictions are admissible in court and the jury, says Mr. Scheiner, “works together. They deliberate and talk to award special damages for medical bills, lost wages, future lost wages and future medical bills and the intangible: pain, suffering, loss and the inability to enjoy life. “It’s really a shame but drinking and driving is built into our culture,” he continues. “It emanates not only from people having regular drinking habits but in Florida we don’t have good mass transit. Unfortunately drunk driving happens regularly. A lot of times it’s not just a mistake but the fact someone has a drinking problem and keeps drinking and driving.”

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Nocturia Q&A

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Memorial service and candlelight vigil will honor fallen Collier sheriff’s officers

A public memorial service and candlelight vigil honoring Collier County law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice takes place 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Memorial Wall in front of the Collier County Sheriff’s Office in the government complex at 319 U.S. 41 in East Naples. The public is welcome.


Sheriff Kevin Rambosk will deliver the memorial address and key remarks. Naples Police Chief Tom Weschler and Marco Island Police Chief Don Hunter will join him in the lighting of the vigil candles. Maj. Ruben Gonzalez of Barron Collier High School’s Junior ROTC program will be the guest speaker.

While the Harp and Thistle Pipe Band performs “Amazing Grace,” family members of fallen officers can light a candle and place flowers. Cpl. Sylee Gibson will sing “The Star-Spangled Banner” and Jamie Dandridge of Restoration Church will perform a musical tribute. A CCSO Honor Guard colors presentation, a flyover by the CCSO Aviation Bureau and a last radio call by the CCSO Communications Bureau will also take place.

The local service is one of many being held throughout the country during National Police Week, May 13-19, organized by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, Concerns of Police Survivors, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Fraternal Order of Police Auxiliary.

CCSO offers free car seat inspections

The Collier County Sheriff’s Office can help ensure your child is safely secured in your vehicle(s) through its free car seat inspection service.

Florida law requires parents to use a child restraint system. If children are not properly restrained while traveling in a vehicle, they could easily be injured in a collision or any other emergency situation.

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A Naples man as well as a Naples hotel and a Collier County agency are among those to be honored by Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida’s annual Breakthrough Awards luncheon on Thursday, May 10, at Harborside Event Center in Fort Myers. Matt Davis, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort and the Collier County Solid Waste Management Department will all be saluted for their accomplishments.

“Goodwill assists people in our communities overcome their barriers and become more independent,” explains Kirsten O’Donnell, Goodwill’s director of public relations. “This event allows us to honor people who have overcome their own barriers, and also gives us a chance to say thank you to the people who are involved in our programs and who support our mission.”

Matt Davis and The Ritz

Mr. Davis has Aspberger’s syndrome, a mild autism spectrum disorder that affects an individual’s social skills. When he had difficulty finding a job, he was referred to Goodwill employment consultant Enas Bendeck by the Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation. Ms. Bendeck met with The Ritz-Carlton human resources staff and together they determined the golf property in Naples would be a good employment environment for Mr. Davis.

“They weren’t concerned about his disability; instead they were concerned about what accommodations they could make for Matt to be successful on the job,” Ms. Bendeck says.

Mr. Davis began work as a steward, washing dishes and cookware at the resort. “It was hard at first, after going almost two years without a job,” he says. Everybody offered to give me help. I was actually taken aback because everyone’s so kind. Having a job completes your life,” he adds. “You’re a valued asset to society. When you have a job, you have something to look forward to every day. This is a job I look forward to getting up every day and going to.”

Along with being a top-rated golf resort offering luxury amenities and two Greg Norman-designed golf courses, the 260-employee staff of The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort prides itself on its closeness, spirit of teamwork and family work environment, which combine to make it an ideal employer for people with disabilities.

“We call it our ‘community footprint,’” Karen Hooper, director of human resources at the hotel, says. “It’s not about just providing a product for our guests. It’s also about giving back to areas that are not so fortunate, looking to ways we can help the environment and partnering with agencies like Goodwill.”

The resort values diversity in its employees, known throughout the community as “ladies and gentlemen,” who come from many cultures and backgrounds. Employees with disabilities also provide that same sense of diversity to the staff.

Collier solid waste management

While Goodwill Industries has been referred to as “the original recycler” because of its century-old practice of repurposing gently used goods, the Collier County Solid Waste Management Department is likewise committed to reusing and recycling to reach its goals.

The two organizations began partnering on America Recycles Day in November 2010. CCSWMD provided collections of recyclables and hazardous waste, while Goodwill collected textiles, electronics and other items for resale in its stores. More than 17,000 pounds of materials and items were donated during that first event, and the two agencies have since partnered many times with more collection events and the addition of Goodwill donation bins at three of Collier County’s recycling facilities.

“We’re both serving the community with essential services,” says Dan Rodriguez, department director at CCSWMD. “And we both strive to complete our missions through the reuse and recycling of materials.”

Other Breakthrough Award recipients being honored at the May 10 luncheon are Justin Winings of Cape Coral and Goodwill volunteer Janet Wilson, who has been involved in the agency’s annual Festival of Trees for several years and has also assisted with numerous other Goodwill events.

Special recognition will also be paid to the Florida Sled Hockey Association and Florida Eels sled hockey coach Ron Robichaud. Sled hockey is an adaptive sport designed to allow participants with physical disabilities to play ice hockey.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida Inc. helps people with disabilities and other disadvantages overcome their barriers to employment and independence through job placement programs, youth mentoring and education, vehicle assistance and affordable housing. Goodwill supports these programs through the resale of donated goods at its Retail & Donation Centers in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties. For more information, visit www.goodwillswfl.org.
Local ‘Seder-in-a-Box’ program earns national recognition

Naples-based Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida has received a national award for its “Seder-in-a-Box” program from the Association of Jewish Family and Children’s Agencies. The award was announced at the annual JFCA conference in Houston last month.

“Seder-in-a-Box” is a collaborative effort among Jewish Family and Community Services of Southwest Florida, a non-sectarian human service agency, and four congregations in Naples and Marco Island: Beth Tikvah Congregation, Jewish Congregation of Marco Island, Naples Jewish Congregation and Temple Shalom.

First implemented for Passover 2011 and generously supported by Publix at the Strand, the “Seder-in-a-Box” provides kosher-for-Passover meals to the 100 Jewish households in Collier County that receive support from the JFCS financial assistance program and food pantry.

“It is difficult to find words to express how JFCS has helped me. You are the key to surviving,” one of the recipients, an unemployed father of three, was quoted in a release from JFCS. “The Passover gift basket was phenomenal. We would not have had a proper Passover without it.”

BMO-Harris Bank sponsored a breakfast May 8 at the offices of JFCS to celebrate the national recognition. Guests included Publix management and representatives from all four participating congregations.

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CLUB NOTES

■ The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples holds its monthly happy hour social from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at The Pub in Mercato. RSVP by calling 248-7408 or e-mailing jimdebs@comcast.net.

■ The Southwest Florida chapter of the Kiwi Club, a social and charitable organization of present and former flight attendants of American Airlines, TWA and other airlines acquired by or merged with American Airlines, meets for its monthly luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, May 26, in a private home. For reservations or more information, call Eileen Martino at 956-9470 or e-mail elmartino@gmail.com.

The local chapter supports Peace Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee and the Collier County Hunger & Homeless Coalition. New members are always welcome. For membership information, call Jeanne Preston-Horvath at 956-0260 or e-mail jeanne.preston@yahoo.com.

■ The Naples chapter of Zonta International has a luncheon meeting on the first Tuesday of every month. Cost is $17 and reservations are required. For more information, call 572-4343, e-mail info@zonta-naples.org or visit www.zonta-naples.org.

■ In Inbetweener, a social group for singles ages 40-65, welcomes newcomers and regulars at gatherings from 4-7 p.m. every Wednesday. The May 16, 23 and 30 gatherings are set for Noodle’s Italian Café and Sushi Bar. For more information, visit www.meetup.com/inbetweener or e-mail naplesinbetweeners@gmail.com.

■ The Naples Newcomers Club welcomes women who have been permanent residents of Naples for no more than five years and who want to meet others who are new to the area.

The club meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of every month at country clubs throughout the area. In addition, groups within the club plan outings and dates to share varied interests, such as moh-jongg and duplicate bridge, gourmet cooking and discussions about philosophy.

Prospective members are invited to coffee at 10 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month. For meeting locations and more information, call 298-5983 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ Membership in the Social Butterflies, a new group for women, is open to all who want to cultivate friendships, support one another’s career and personal efforts and also help local charities. For more information, call Nicole Forbes at 784-7987 or look for Social Butterflies Naples on Facebook.

■ The Bonita Springs Newcomers Club welcomes women who have lived in Bonita for less than three years. Luncheons are held at area country clubs on the third Thursday of every month (December meeting is on the second Thursday). Members must attend five luncheons a year and pay annual dues of $40. For more information, e-mail bonitasnewcomers@gmail.com or visit www.bonitaspringsnewcomersclub.com.
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The Pelican Marsh Women’s League raised $5,000 at its spring fashion show and recently donated the proceeds to the Neighborhood Health Clinic. Shown here are league member Adele DiStefano with Nancy Lascheid of the Neighborhood Health Clinic and league members Natasha Lidow and Phoebe Caldwell.

A new Women’s Traveling Club is taking shape for women who want to learn about world destinations and tips for traveling and who want to make new friends with similar interests. Monthly meetings will take place at various locations around Naples.

For more information, contact Tracy Ball at MAD Travel by calling 961-3248 or e-mailing womenstravelclub@madtravel.com.

Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members share their skills, knowledge and ship-building techniques with one another at Saturday morning meetings twice a month and welcome new members.

For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or e-mail dcritchie@comcast.net.

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have quadruplets. “This is an amazing couple, a very courageous, very committed family who won our hearts, our minds and our souls,” says Dr. Sweet, speaking both for himself and the medical scientists and staffs at Specialists in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, his Fort Myers-based practice.

For the two aging mothers, by 2010 it had become a case of now or never. So they decided that both would try pregnancy using Ms. Green’s eggs and sperm from an anonymous donor.

As the mothers lay in adjoining rooms texting each other with their fears, hopes and love, Dr. Sweet placed the embryos in their wombs.

He and his patients were betting against the house.

“Even the best embryos in [Ms. Green’s] age bracket might not implant,” Dr. Sweet says. Statistically, only one in three transferred embryos successfully plant.

Add to that a higher miscarriage rate for women in their late 30s, and the chances of success go down even more.

Although each mother had a 27 percent chance of carrying a single embryo to delivery, statistically they had less than a 1 percent chance of bearing quadruplets, statistically he said. But theirs is a history with its own troubles.

Both native Floridians — Ms. Cavin hails from Naples and LaBelle, and Ms. Green grew up in Fort Lauderdale — they met and fell in love while studying to be doctors.

“Until September of 2010, case law and statute both said homosexuals could not have our hearts, our minds and our souls,” he says. “They’re just as healthy as those conceived in the back seat of a ’57 Chevy. And having two same-sex parents in no way affects the sexuality of children when they become adults.”

Now the biggest challenges to the family are legal.

The mothers have to maintain living wills and two health insurance policies, since Ms. Cavin is not legally a mother, even though she gave birth to two of her four children. “Sheri pays almost $1,700 every two months for her family plan and I pay about $900 for my group coverage,” she explains.

If conditions were equitable, Ms. Cavin could carry the entire family on her $900 plan. Instead, love, hard work and healthy babies are their mother lodes.
Hit the links for area charities

■ WCI will give a free round of golf at any of three of its golf clubs in Collier and Lee counties to those who donate at least $100 to United Way/Harry Chapin Food Bank (proceeds will be split equally). Participating clubs are the Colony Golf & Country Club and Raptor Bay Golf Club, both in Bonita Springs, and Pelican Preserve in Fort Myers.

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Donations will be accepted through Sept. 14 and can be made through PayPal at www.WCIGolf.com.  

■ T2 Aquatics holds its second annual golf tournament Saturday, June 9, at The Quarry in Naples. Registration for the four-person scramble begins at 7 a.m. and the shotgun start is set for 8:30 a.m.

The tournament will include an autograph reception with several USA Olympics Trials Qualifiers who train with T2 Aquatics, a year-round USA Swim Club and Racing Team based at the YMCA Norris Aquatic Center in Naples. Expected to appear are two-time Olympian and American record holder Elizabeth Pelton and PanAmerican Games medalist Erika Erndl. The complete T2 Aquatics Olympic Trials team will be in attendance.

Tournament proceeds will go toward capital improvements to the YMCA Norris Aquatic Center, the primary host for numerous Collier County swim teams, including Barron Collier High School, Gulf Coast High School and the Community School of Naples. The center also welcomes more than 400 collegiate swimmers, coaches and support staff during the winter holiday season.

Registration is $25 per person. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information or to register, visit www.T2aquatics.com.

■ First Baptist Academy tees up its 10th annual golf tournament Saturday morning, May 12, at Windstar on Naples Bay. Cost is $250 per person.

For more information, call 597-2233 or e-mail events@t2aquatics.com.

■ Royal Palm Country Club’s recent pro-am tournament to benefit Avow Hospice raised more than $40,000. The club has held the annual tournament since 1992 and to date has raised more than $850,000 to support end-of-life care in Collier County.

■ The inaugural “3 Sticks for Kicks” to benefit Charity for Change raised $10,000 to support the School “Giver” Program, which teaches elementary school students character development as they learn about and help 72 charities. Hosted by Vi at Bentley Village, the tournament invited golfers to use a putter and two other clubs on the par 3 course.

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A not-for-profit organization founded and still governed by community leaders, the David Lawrence Center is the behavioral health component of our community’s healthcare network. A true local resource, it relies on donations, fees and grants to invest in the health, safety and wellbeing of our community.

When you or someone you love needs help, call on the highly compassionate, committed and competent professionals of the David Lawrence Center to inspire you to move beyond the crisis towards life-changing wellness.
Have a peek-a-boo at baby’s view

Get a glimpse into the amazing visual world of infants when the Vision Sciences Society and the Renaissance Academy at Florida Gulf Coast University present “What Babies See,” a free lecture from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, May 12, at the Naples Center of FGCU.

Instructor Terri Lewis, a professor of psychology, neuroscience and behavior at McMaster University in Ontario, will dispel the myths and describe how to “ask” babies what they see. She will discuss how researchers use special eye charts to discern the finest detail that infants can see, how well they can discern color and detect motion, and even the age at which they might recognize their parents and grandparents.

Knowing what babies see satisfies more than an intellectual curiosity. Understanding vision and its underlying mechanisms is critical for advancement of techniques to identify, prevent and treat eye problems. Ms. Lewis is part of an international think tank on new approaches to improving poor vision in adults. She has lectured about her work around the world and is frequently featured in the international media, The New York Times and PBS television shows.

The Naples Center of FGCU is at 1010 Fifth Ave. S.

Lecture attendance is free, but seating is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 425-3272 or visit www.register@fgcu.edu.

Beach + sunset + yoga = bliss

Take a deep breath, bend, stretch and relax during a free yoga session at the incomparable setting of the Naples beach from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17. Instructor Christine Miles of Bala Vinyasa Yoga leads the all-levels gentle class. Bring your yoga mat, a towel, water and bug spray. Participants are welcome to linger after cool-down to enjoy the sunset together.

Parking at 11135 Gulfshore Drive is $4 per vehicle. For more information, e-mail coach@leapfrogrunning.com or follow Leapfrog Fitness Community on Facebook.

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Healthy living

Smoke gets in your eyes (and lungs)
Steps to stay healthy this wildfire season

As Floridians, we may be biased when we say that Florida is the hottest place to live, work and play. Because of drier and warmer weather patterns this year, the probability of wildfires is predisposed to be slightly higher than average, according to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

It’s vital to be conscious of the effects of smoke in case a wildfire affects areas near you. Smoke travels long distances quickly and can easily spread over a few hundred miles, depending on the severity of the fire. Wildfire smoke can cause a scratchy throat or other health issues, such as irritated eyes and nose.

People with lung disease, asthma, and children are generally most at risk, since their lungs are the most sensitive.

The Florida Department of Health encourages these simple tips to help Floridians to stay on top of their health around wildfires:

- Check your local Air Quality Index. This can help you determine how much time to spend outside if there is smoke in your area. Pay attention to local air quality reports by listening and watching for news or health warnings about smoke. Air cleaners or air purifiers can help, so if you are in an area prone to wildfires, you should consider using one. They can greatly assist in maintaining good indoor air quality.

- Take precautions to maintain good indoor air quality.

When the outdoor air quality is bad, it is especially important to keep your indoor environment clean. Avoid sweeping or using vacuum cleaners, gas stoves, candles, or anything else that burns. Keep doors and windows closed as well, and turn on your air conditioning. It is important to have air filters and to turn the fresh air intake off. Also avoid tobacco. This helps keep air particle levels lower inside.

- Make a plan. If you expect to evacuate your home, be sure to have a plan to bring your important family documents (birth certificates, wills, and insurance policies) and valuables as part of your family disaster supply kit. The kit should contain enough food, water and supplies to sustain your family for at least three to seven days. Do not forget to include any medications or special items such as a first aid kit.

Use common sense:

- If you smell smoke, see smoke or even the fire itself, steer clear and stay indoors in a safe place where you know the air quality will be good.

- Talk with your physician now.

If you know this season will be difficult for you, ask your doctor about a plan to keep yourself and family safe and healthy without any complications from smoke. Always follow your health care provider’s advice about taking medicines and following your asthma management plan if you have asthma or other lung disease. Call your health care provider if your symptoms worsen, and if you have a medical emergency, call 911 immediately.

Since La Niña weather patterns are expected to continue past springtime, it is more important than ever to be aware of the likelihood of more wildfires and to have a plan in place so you and your loved ones can breathe easier and live healthier.

To your health

Carried and faxed transmission of health care data facilitates and coordinates care among health-care providers. The result from incomplete or inaccurate service when clinical records are available at the point of care, other benefits for them include:

- Improved privacy and security of personal health and medical information.
- Reduced likelihood of medical errors resulting from incomplete or inaccurate information.
- Improved doctor-patient communication and coordination of care among providers.
- Elimination of the need for hand-carried and faxed transmission of health records.

Everyone wins when records go electronic

Health care has entered the digital age, and none of us in this field will ever be the same. Digitalization of health care brings with it improved quality, better safety, superior patient care, and enhanced clinical integration, population health management, provider alignment and enhanced value for insurance company payers.

So important is our participation in this new environment that I will devote two columns this month to this critical subject. This installment concerns electronic medical records.

Recently retired Chief Information Officer Susan Wolff helped to position NCH among the top 200 hospital systems in the country. We are now being advised by Helen Thompson, a fellow in the College of Healthcare Information Management Executives, as we continue with our robust partner, Cerner, the world’s largest health-care computer company.

Over the next year, NCH will facilitate an electronic Health Information Exchange for Southwest Florida. Having networks of electronic records communicating with each other will enable timely exchange of medical data among providers, and will save lives and increase cost effectiveness.

When health-care providers use electronic records to receive the right information on the right patient at the right location at the right moment, all of us — patients, physicians, employers and the community at large — reap the benefits.

In addition to patients receiving more accurate service when clinical records are available at the point of care, other benefits for them include:

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TO YOUR HEALTH

Continuing ed for nurses at Avow

Area RNs, LPNs and LCSWs can gain four continuing education credits when Avow Hospice offers a “Mandatory Marathon” session covering domestic violence and medical errors from 5:30-10 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays. Call 436-5455.

Instructors will be Vicki Jett of the Shelter for Abused Women & Children and Jill Peterson of Avow Hospice. Registration is $45 and includes a light dinner served at 5:30 p.m. Payment or check will be collected upon arrival.

To reserve a place, call 280-2299 or e-mail Mistzi Adams at madams@avowhospice.org.

Blood center needs all types of donations

After a busy winter/spring season, the Community Blood Center needs to replenish its supplies of all types of blood. Donors can visit the following Community Blood Center locations:

- Naples: 711 Ninth St. N., on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza. Complimentary valet parking for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday-Friday. Call 436-5455.
- Bonita Springs: 9700 Bonita Beach Road, in the Sunshine Plaza. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Thursdays and Fridays. Call 495-1138.

For a list of Community Blood Center bloodmobile locations and times, visit www.givebloodcbc.org.

Parkinson patients, caregivers support

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida Inc. holds exercise, speech, and art therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson’s disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFi headquarters. For more information about services and programs offered by PASFi, call Executive Director Ruth Hubing at 417-3465, e-mail pasfi@ aol.com or visit www.PASFi.org. The organization’s headquarters are at 1048 Goodlette Road, Suite 201, Naples.

Send stories, events, items of interest to allenweiss@nchmed.com or allenWEISS

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- Improved diagnosis and reduced orders for duplicate tests and procedures.
- Physicians, too, benefit from improved privacy and security of patient health information as a result of electronic medical records. Doctors also enjoy the benefits of:
  - Improved quality of care, timeliness, patient safety, outcomes, convenience and workflow efficiency.
  - Enhanced communication between hospitals, laboratories, pharmacies and referring providers.
  - Improved access to test results and referral consultations.
- Here are some of the ways employers benefit from the use of electronic medical records:
  - Reduced health-care costs through efficiencies and coordination of care.
  - Reduced absenteeism from online access to high quality medical professionals.
  - Improved community reporting and tracking of trends and health policy planning.
- Electronic medical records present enormous benefits to us all. And that's just the beginning of the story.

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— Dr. Allen Weiss is the president and CEO of Physicians Regional Healthcare System.
The call is out for instructors and course proposals for the coming summer (July-August) fall (October-November) and winter/spring 2013 (January-May) classes at the FGCU Renaissance Academy’s 12 locations throughout Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties. In Collier, classes meet at the FGCU Naples Center in downtown Naples, at Bentley Village or online at surgicalhealingarts.com.

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Committee issues report cards for elected officials

Each year, the Greater Naples Better Government Committee evaluates elected officials on their performance in public office the year after their election. The evaluation is based in large part on the effort made by the officials to carry out their campaign promises.

As a measure of this evaluation, the GNBGC has issued the following report cards for 2011:

- Fred Coyle - Re-elected to the Collier County Commission after campaigning on a platform focused heavily on economic development. The termination of the county-funded Economic Development Council, the failure to develop, finalize and implement a successor economic development plan and the inability of the county to attract new business fell heavily upon the shoulders of Mr. Coyle as commission chairman. Also of concern to the GNBGC board was the litigation with the Collier County Clerk of Court and tension among members of the board.
- Georgia Hiller - Elected to her first term as county commissioner. She was found to have failed in meeting her responsibilities as an elected official, especially when it came to publicly expressing her desire to not work with county staff, moving her office from the county administrative facility, and through her aggressive style and demeanor leading to divisiveness among the commission members. Ms. Hiller's grade is based upon her public actions and record alone, since she was the only candidate for office in 2010 who chose not to meet personally with the GNBGC board prior to the election and during the evaluation process.

Grade: Incomplete
- Barbara Berry - After having served in the past as a county commissioner, school board member and teacher, she returned to the school board at a time when major decisions need to be made. After having stressed her past experience during her campaign, Ms. Berry acknowledged the need to work together as a board while recognizing and listening to the concerns of the constituency served. The GNBGC board agreed that she proved herself to be a definite asset, especially when it came to her conservative approach to education.

Grade: A-minus
- Pat Carroll - Elected to her third term on the school board on a platform focused on the responsibility owed to the community by the school board and the importance of increased student achievement, partially through high school reform. Ms. Carroll expressed her concern about the school board budget and reserves but did not provide specifics as to how she would personally address the challenges and tough decisions needed in the future.

Grade: B-minus
- Ray Terry - Elected to his first term on the school board after having served many years in education as both a teacher and an administrator. His experience made Mr. Terry a productive member of the team; however, he appears to not recognize the role he, as a member of that team, can play in the decision-making process.

Grade: B-minus

Spring 2013 will see the issuance of report cards to public officials who were elected in 2011: Naples City Council members Bill Barnett, Teresa Heitmann, Dee Sulick and Mayor John Sorey.

Membership in GNBGC is open to any resident of Collier County. More details about the 2011 evaluation process and the committee can be obtained by visiting its Facebook page.

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Grade: A-minus
An evening of fashions and fun for PAWS at Avow Hospice

Pets Are Wonderful Souls, a program of Avow Hospice that provides friendly pet visits to hospice patients and grief support for those who have lost a pet, will benefit from a special fashion show sponsored by Distinctive Women Magazine on Thursday evening, June 7, at the Ispiri community center at Avow.

“Puttin’ on the Dog” from 6-9 p.m. will feature fashions for pets and people, cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction and a keynote presentation, “The Power of Love: Inspiration from Senior Dogs and Beings,” by Veronica McCullion. Women’s fashions will be by GlamourPuss and Queen Grace; men’s clothing will be from Joseph’s Custom Clothing; and pet fashions will be from Fergie’s Closet Doggie Boutique.

Tickets for $50 per person can be purchased at www.distinctivewomen-magazine.com/events. Well-behaved, leashed pets are welcome. For more information, call Deb Jonsson, PAWS coordinator and Avow Hospice public relations manager, at 649-3689.

Second Chance grads ready for adoption

The Second Chance Cell Dog program is a partnership between the Collier County Sheriff’s Office, Humane Society Naples and the Southwest Florida Professional Dog Trainers Alliance. Inmates are partnered with adoptable pups to train them obedience skills, after which the dogs are available for adoption.

The newest Second Chance graduates are:

- **Bonzai**, a 6-month-old American pit bull terrier mix
- **Gorda**, a 14-month-old Jack Russell terrier mix
- **Oreo**, an 18-month-old black mouth cur mix
- **Turk**, a 5-month-old St. Bernard, mastiff, Labrador retriever mix

To learn more about giving a Second Chance Cell Dog a forever home, contact Humane Society Naples at 643-1555.

Honoring Armed Forces Day... A Salute to You!

Veterans, Reservists, Active Duty Military—and their families—are cordially invited to an Armed Forces Day Appreciation Reception.

Join us in thanking those who have served in all branches of our military, giving of themselves for the protection of generations of Americans.

When: Saturday afternoon, May 19th 2 pm – 4 pm

Where: Ispiri Community Center, Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples (located just off of Pine Ridge near I-75 Exit)

Words of Welcome:
Captain Wayne O. Smith, U.S. Air Force (Ret.)

Invocation:
Chaplain (LTC) Michael Harper, U.S. Army (Ret.), Chaplain NCH

Surprise Guest vocalist!

Please bring your military stories and memorabilia to share with your fellow servicemen and women. This is your day of reflection, recognition and celebration!

- Drinks and hors d’oeuvres will be served

For any questions or to RSVP call: Lavigne Kirkpatrick at 239-595-0196 or email at akirkpatrick@avowhospice.org

About Armed Forces Day...

On August 31, 1949, then U.S. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of an Armed Forces Day to replace separate Army, Navy and Air Force Days. The event stemmed from the armed forces’ unification under one department – the Department of Defense. The Army, Navy and Air Force leagues adopted the newly formed day. The Marine Corps League declined to drop support for Marine Corps Day but supports Armed Forces Day too.

The first Armed Forces Day was celebrated on Saturday, May 20, 1950. The theme for that day was “Teamed for Defense”, which expressed the unification of all military forces under one government department. According to the U.S. Department of Defense, the day was designed to expand public understanding of what type of job was performed and the role of the military in civilian life.

Armed Forces Day was a day for the military to show “state-of-the-art” equipment to Americans. It was also a day to honor and acknowledge Americans in the armed forces. Parades, open houses, receptions and air shows were held at the inaugural Armed Forces Day. Armed Forces Day is still celebrated nationwide today and is part of Armed Forces Week.
PET TALES

Feed your feline
Check in with your veterinarian for cat's nutritional guidance

BY GINA SPADAFORI


Nearly everything about your cat’s anatomy suggests her genetic heritage to hunt, and hunt well. Her feet are designed for silent stalking; her claws can hook anything and won't let go; her teeth are long, pointed and razor-sharp.

So what do you feed a creature who is so obviously designed to fend for herself? And won't let go; her teeth are long, pointed and razor-sharp.

As a consumer, it's great to have choices. When I was a kid, we fed our cats in the barn from a 50-pound bag of generic, feed-stores kibble. Now, I go to the grocery store that sells my own food, and see row upon row of dry, canned and even refrigerated fresh foods for felines — something for every taste, dietary need and preference.

Choosing a cat food should be simple business, but with so many options available, it can be tricky to find the right diet for your cat's best health. Even after 30 years of practicing veterinary medicine, I have to admit I sometimes find myself a little staggered by today's pet food aisle.

When I was a kid, we fed our cats in the barn from a 50-pound bag of generic, feed-stores kibble. Now, I go to the grocery store that sells my own food, and see row upon row of dry, canned and even refrigerated fresh foods for felines — something for every taste, dietary need and preference. As a consumer, it's great to have choices. But you have to be able to sort through your options, weigh costs vs. benefits, and know how to compare to do your cat justice. After all, selecting a healthful, appropriate diet for your cat and feeding right-sized portions is one of the most important things you can do to ensure her good health and longevity.

Knowing how your cat's nutritional needs differ from your own may help put her very distinctive dietary requirements in perspective:

Must have meat. The feline system is designed to depend on the consumption of other animals to survive and thrive. Unlike humans and dogs, who are omnivores and can stay healthy on a variety of diets, cats are "strict" or "obligate" carnivores. Just like their distant cousins the lion, the tiger and the cheetah, house cats not only prefer meat, they can't maintain good health without it.

Pound for pound, cats need far more protein. A cat needs more than double the amount of protein per pound of body weight that a person requires. And even though we omnivores can meet our protein requirements with non-meat foods like dairy products, nuts and beans, cats don't have that luxury — animal protein in the only kind that fulfills their nutritional needs. If a cat doesn't get enough protein in his diet, his body will actually break down his own muscle tissue to get the nutrients he needs.

Cats sponge vitamins and amino acids from food that cats have from their prey. There are some nutrients that an omnivore can produce or convert from food that cats have to get ready-to-use from their diets. Unless your cat is dining on a whole, fresh vermin several days a week, you need to provide a diet that provides these nutrients in usable form.

Many cats don't get thirsty. Cats are descend- ed from desert hunters, and many scientists believe this is the reason they don't seem to have a strong thirst drive. In the wild, this isn't too much of an issue — any fresh prey a cat would catch is mostly made of water. In a world of indoor cats eating dry kibble, however, this can become a big problem. Cats need plenty of water, whether they drink it directly or get it from their food. Without enough water in their diets, cats are suscept- ible to urinary tract problems. To help pre- vent problems with dehydration, make sure your cat absolutely always has fresh water available. A better solution is a pet-sized water fountain — these encourage your cat to drink more, and more often.

Your cat's veterinarian is the best resource for advice on choosing a food that's best for your pet. Whether you shop for pet food in a grocery store, pet boutique or big-box retailer, your veterinarian will be able to point you in the right direction.

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PETS

Pets of the Week

>> Artie is a neutered, 2-year-old terrier mix who weighs about 35 pounds and has a wonderful temperament.

>> Bo Duke is a neutered, 2-year-old collie-mix who weighs about 40 pounds. He is a bit shy at first, but is happy to crawl into your lap when you sit on the floor with him. He is cute and loves trained and likes other dogs.

>> Gemini is a spayed American Staffordshire terrier mix who was born on Groundhog Day. She and her siblings are at the perfect age to start learning their potty manners. She is well socialized with children and other dogs, too.

>> Little Star is a neutered, 1-year-old labradoodle with gorgeous golden eyes. Meet him at the cat condos at Petco on Naples Boulevard.

To adopt or foster a pet
—This week's adoptable pets are from Brook's Legacy Animal Rescue, an all-volunteer, foster-home rescue organization. For more information, call 434-7480, email Adrian@BrookslegacyAnimalRescue.org or visit www.BrookslegacyAnimalRescue.com.
Musings

**Ort in a nine-story house**

Playbill:

“He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he kept him as the apple of his eye, he instructed him.”

— Deuteronomy 32:10

“(James) Joyce built a whole universe out of a grain of sand.”

— Salman Rushdie

“Teacher: Leave those kids alone... If u don’t eat ur meat u kan’t have ne pudding. How kan u have any pudding if u don’t eat ur meat... All in all it's just another brick in the wall.”

— Pink Floyd, “We Don’t Need No Education”

“As the lily among thorns, so is my love among the daughters.... As the apple tree among the trees of the wood, so is my beloved among the sons. I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste.”

— Song of Songs 2: 2-3

“His experiences included well-attested cases of levitation in ecstasy; and the Blessed Virgin appeared to him, comforting him with the welcome news that he would never be a Bishop.”

— G.K. Chesterton re Thomas Aquinas

“Only you, Lord, only you.”

— Thomas Aquinas’ response to a vision of Christ asking him what reward he would like for all his meritorious action

“All that I have written seems like straw to me.”

— Thomas Aquinas, “The Dumb Ox” re the Summa Theologica

“If you were to squeeze me like a lemon you would get nothing more out of me... Whereof one cannot speak, thereof one must be silent.”

— Ludwig Wittgenstein

“Out, out, brief candle. Life is nothing more than an illusion. It’s like a poor actor who struts and worries for his hour on the stage and then is never heard from again. Life is a story told by an idiot, full of noise and fury but devoid of meaning.”

— William Shakespeare, “Macbeth”

“Teacher: All right then. (Theeme clears throat.) As I was standing watch on the hill, I thought I saw the forest move. Punish me if it’s not true. (Theeme smiles and winks.)

Meme:

Liar and slave! (Meme takes a sip from the can of coke which has mysteriously appeared in the left hand. Then proceeds to chant poignantly.)

Dunkin’ the dough, the nuts, the witches. Hole-y in the mid-section, holy lower, wholey holy. Is there time to eat the golden rod, the spoiled child? Swallow hook line and sinker. Holy watered desert storm.

Theeme: Straw polls and lemon wax, Meme man! Your impersonalization of me is perfect. Apples to apples, as they say. You can’t tell the players without a pogrom.

Theatrical Review:

This clear work of genius does not mistake a map for a sign or a sign for a raft or a raft for a feather un-caged and caged, limitless and edgy. If it could be said, it would be said. To be or not to be continuous. Serviced with an olive twist: Please, sir, can I have some more? Lassie, come home. Your beauty is astonishing to meme. Deo gratias. ■

— Rx is the FloridaWeekly muse who hopes to inspire profound mutiny in all those who care to read. Our Rx may be wearing a pirate cloak of invisibility, but emanating from within this shadow is hope that readers will feel free to respond. Who knows: You may even inspire the muse. Make contact if you dare.
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Florida is bullish on beef as calves sell at record prices

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Florida cattle ranchers are enjoying the highest prices paid for their beef calves in recent history. The boom is being driven by shrunken herds and pastures in the Midwest, and an increase in demand for beef overseas, say ranchers and industry experts.

The state, which ranks 11th in the nation in total beef cow inventory, plays one of the country’s leading roles in “cow-calf” operations, or raising calves for beef. The live calves are sold when they reach 400 to 500 pounds on average, then shipped to states further west where they are “finished”: fattened for slaughter.

Some are then shipped in pieces back to Florida where the circle is complete when you fire up the grill and throw down some prime cuts and a few burgers.

SEE CATTLE, B5

Know how to work the opportunities that job fairs present

BY BRENT O’BRYAN
Special to Florida Weekly

Whether you have a job and are looking to make a change or are currently unemployed, job fairs can be a great way to meet with recruiters. But they can also be intimidating. With some job fairs attracting thousands of applicants, it’s important to arm yourself with a plan of action before you arrive.

As a veteran human resources professional who has been on point at many job fairs, I have witnessed the good, the bad and the ugly in job fair behavior. I offer these tips and techniques for ensuring a successful experience.

The good

Knowledge is power – Smart candidates research each job fair and decide in advance which companies are of interest to them. They then read as much as they can about those companies. When they arrive at the job fair, they have a short list of companies to connect with. A recruiter meeting with dozens of people in one day is much more likely to remember the applicant who took the time to do his or her research.

Demonstrate aptitude – Focus on how your experience can benefit a company, not necessarily how the company can benefit you.

Presentation counts – You want to stand out from the crowd in a positive, professional manner. Dress for the position you aspire to.

Manners matter – It’s best to be conservative when interacting with hiring personnel. Never assume that Mr. Fred Johnson wants to be called Fred. Reference him as “Mr. Johnson” until he says otherwise.

Link up – LinkedIn is an ideal online network for job hunters. Many companies are using LinkedIn to research and find candidates. Many successful job fair applicants connect with their recruiters on LinkedIn after their initial meeting.

Paper resumes rule – Most recruiters are still prefer a traditional paper resume they can read on the spot. Bring plenty of one-page, concise and informative resumes in a neat briefcase or portfolio.
Troubled Asset Relief Program, or TARP, at the doorstep. The remedial legislation was the result of Congress finally doing a gargantuan “something.” Until then, Congress was leaving the problem solely at the Fed’s doorstep. The Fed had been playing an interest rate accommodative role though out much of 2007 (…not really knowing when its endings will ultimately be….) caused actions by both Congress and the Federal Reserve Bank to undertake extreme and controversial measures to avoid an outright collapse of the U.S. banking system and a full-scale depression after the total and/or near collapses of: Bear Stearns, Lehman, AIG, General Motors and a host of large U.S. and international banking/financial institutions.

Acronyms describing elements of the very complex financial and economic world in which we live are becoming increasingly cryptic. In fact, casual coffee shop conversations about the topic might require an interpreter.

First, the U.S. Sub Prime Crisis/Great Recession which had its beginnings in 2007 and undertook a second round of unconventional easing, announced in August 2010. After the fact, this first round of quantitative easing was termed QE1. Size: agency debt securities, mortgage-backed securities and treasuries were bought until the Fed’s purchases were at a $2.3 trillion peak in 2010.

Now, on to QE, short form for Quantitative Easing: any of a variety of unconventional actions taken by a central bank to stimulate an economy. For the U.S., the conventional monetary measures failed; in 2007 to 2008, the Fed had been lowering rates and injecting liquidity into the markets, but such was deemed a few buckets bailing a sinking Titanic. So in 2008-2009, the Fed started buying all sorts of mort-gages, but such was deemed a few buckets bailing a sinking Titanic. So in 2008-2009, the Fed started buying all sorts of mort-gages and other assets to inject more capital into a system that was deep in recession. After the fact, this first round of quantita-tive easing was termed QE1.

TARP was sized at $700 billion with losses or non-repayments expected to total $300 billion. It was subsequently reduced in size to $431 billion out the Treasury door, of which $332 billion is the current loss estimate. TARP included assistance to U.S. banks ($205 billion in preferred stock bought by the Treasury and an additional $40 billion in loans to Bank of America and Citibank, combined); the automotive industry, mostly GM ($60 billion in all); and subprime poster child AIG ($68 billion individually). Those monies went out the door lickety split. And, as fair is fair, it is noted that the banks have repaid almost the entire $245 billion total: $226 billion has been repaid; $5 billion has been writ-ten off; and $17 billion is still outstanding. Good news beyond that, $25 billion in profit is expected to be ultimately earned on the bank assistance money. Not such good news for AIG or the automotive industry assistance. (For the Congressional Budget Office’s March 2012’s report on TARP, go to www.cbo.gov)

The Treasury's Home Affordable Modification Program has been largely ineffec-tive in preventing foreclosures. Treasury officials have suggested that several more effective, downstream, state-run programs that it funded were better at solving the problem. However, these state initiatives (including in Florida) have largely failed to get mortgage servicing support. Bottom line: Big government failed to help the small guy. Now, on to QE, short form for Quantitative Easing: any of a variety of unconventional actions taken by a central bank to stimulate an economy. For the U.S., the conventional monetary measures failed; in 2007 to 2008, the Fed had been lowering rates and injecting liquidity into the markets, but such was deemed a few buckets bailing a sinking Titanic. So in 2008-2009, the Fed started buying all sorts of mort-gages and other assets to inject more capital into a system that was deep in recession. After the fact, this first round of quantita-tive easing was termed QE1. Size: agency debt securities, mortgage-backed securities and treasuries were bought until the Fed’s purchases were at a $2.3 trillion peak in 2010.

Since then, the Federal Reserve has undertaken a second round of unconventional easing, announced in August 2010 after a rout in the U.S. equities market. As the Fed practices have morphed into “too complicated to be easily explained.”

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Port Royal - Fort Charles Drive

Incomparable views of Naples Bay and beyond. Attention to detail throughout with no expense spared in the use of warm woods and intricate stonework. A rare opportunity. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $8,500,000

Port Royal - Nelson’s Walk

Sensational vistas from this stunning residence situated on the Port Royal lots with expansive water frontage. Beautiful Southern exposure facing the confluence of Naples Bay and the picturesque inland waterways leading to Rookery Bay and the pristine coastal estuaries. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $10,900,000

Port Royal - Fort Charles Drive

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Port Royal - Cutlass Lane

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A charming Port Royal home with expansive water frontage and multi directional long water views over Biscayners Bay and Naples Bay. In the style of the islands, the home is artfully constructed with high ceilings, rich wood floors, and epitomizes comfortable elegance. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $7,600,000

Port Royal - Port Royal - Galleon Drive

This property has beautiful panoramic views overlooking Morgan’s Cove, which, allows a substantial building envelope, and is one of the most desired areas of Port Royal as evidenced by the extraordinary quality of the homes recently built around it. Port Royal Club membership eligibility. $5,295,000

Port Royal - Port Royal - Galleon Drive

Beachfront - Gordon Drive

This exceptional South Naples beachfront residence is the personalization of the much admired and beloved individual who commissioned its construction. The home is finished with engaging attention to detail. $14,000,000

Port Royal - Pipestone Road

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Sancerre, A Condominium - Unit 401

The turquoise Gulf waters, the crystalline palms, and the fresh white sand merge in the mind’s eye with the soft palette of interior finishes. Effortless living with available concierge services. $4,290,000

Sancerre, A Condominium - Unit 401

Aqualane Shores - 8th Street South

Wonderfully designed by Stofft Cooney Architects, this home captures the true essence of coastal living while providing the finest of modern day conveniences. The home is situated on an extraordinarily deep, Western exposure lot, which provides the owner with expansive green spaces and open vistas to the wide waters of Flamingo Cove. $4,990,000

Aqualane Shores - 8th Street South

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Aqualane Shores - 8th Street South

Aqualane Shores - 17th Avenue South

Beautiful south facing home with elevated pool that augments the wonderfully appointed first floor living area, thus creating a private indoor/outdoor entertainment environment. Soaring ceilings and carefully placed windows illuminate the interior spaces. Significant recessed boat slip with lift and no-bridge access to the Gulf of Mexico. $3,850,000

Aqualane Shores - 17th Avenue South

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Located in the Waldorf, one of the most sought-after condominium addresses in Naples, this first-floor living residence is directly proximate to the pool and the sugar sand beach of the Gulf of Mexico. West-facing living and dining rooms afford daily displays of dazzling sunsets. $1,790,000

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Employee Recognition

Susan Robinson, legal assistant to John Cardillo of the Naples law firm of Cardillo, Keith & Bonasquist, P.A., was recently honored on her 35th anniversary with the firm. The first legal secretary in Collier County to be certified as a paralegal and certified legal assistant, she has also served as president of the Collier County Legal Secretaries Association.

Board Appointments

Randy Smith, CEO of Naples Transportation, Tours & Event Planning, has joined the board of directors of the Collier County Lodging & Tourism Alliance. Mr. Smith has more than 25 years of experience in hospitality industry. He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Florida and started his career in sales with the Marriott Corp. and Motorola Communications. He has served two years as a board member for the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and Visit Naples, is an alumni of Leadership Collier, and serves on the advisory board for the Florida Gulf Coast University School of Resort and Hospitality Management.

Attorney Shawn Seliger has been named president of the board of directors of Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida, a nonprofit agency supporting Florida’s children in court, the child welfare system, and was later promoted to CFO. She holds bachelor’s degrees in accounting and business from Florida Gulf Coast University and earned her CPA designation in 1996. Her community involvement includes American Business Women’s Association and Girls Clubs of Collier County and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

New board members are: Debbie Curry, NCH Healthcare Systems; Lt. Col. Paul Garrah (Ret.), Golden Gate High School; Hon. Elizabeth Krier, circuit court judge; Kamela Patton, Collier County School District; Orlando Rosales, Men’s Group Avoceg of Tipum; Timun, Johnson School of Business, Hodges University; William Thomas, Collier Family Office; and Chris Vernon, Vernon-Healy Attorneys at Law.

Public Relations

Matt Mernin has joined Pushing the Envelope Inc. and is responsible for all web development, coding, design, and e-mail campaigns. Mr. Mernin has been working in graphic and web design for nearly 20 years and will soon graduate from Full Sail University with a bachelor’s degree in web design and development. Elle Young has been named program assistant for the Fifth Avenue South Business Improvement District. She will assist with event coordination, outreach and communication to business and property owners, along with other BID activities. She began volunteering for the BID last year and assisted with the organization’s visioning and focus group sessions and the execution of its Halloween and Christmas events. She was previously employed as the executive director of the Main Street Program for downtown revi-

Engineering

Jeremy Arnold, PE, has joined the civil engineering department of Bonita Springs-based Waldrop Engineering. A graduate of the University of Kentucky, he has more than 10 years of project management experience in Southwest Florida. Mr. Arnold joined Waldrop Engineering after several years at Barron Collier Companies, where he served as project manager for the Town of Ave Maria.

Job Fair

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The bad
■ How much does it pay? Think of a job fair as a way to market yourself to employers to get an interview. Few recruiters will want to move forward with an applicant whose initial questions revolve around salary, benefits and vacation day allotment.
■ Unprepared - “Typo and mis-
spellings on your resume will under-
mine your ability to get interviews and secure a job. The resume should be an error-free showcase of your experience, skills and capabilities.
The ugly
■ Gum chewing – There is no place for gum chewing or food con-
sumption on the job search circuit.
■ Hygiene matters – Meeting with recruiters is not the time to forget to brush your teeth, take out your contacts or forgo your nails. Enough said.
■ Employment stalkers – Some applicants fail to realize the social cues that the interview is over. They linger, or return to the recruiter again and again during the fair, or they send daily e-mails to the recruiter asking for progress reports. While follow up is appropriate, harassment is not. Follow up with recruiters you con-

On the Move

Mike Soper and Jayne Tappe have joined the board of directors for the Voices of Naples community chorus. Both will serve three-year terms. Ms. Tappe will serve as treasurer; Mr. Soper is a member-at-large. They join Mariel-

Interior Design

John Tweet has joined the design staff at Ficarra Design Associates Inc. He holds a degree in business administration from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn., and has more than 20 years of experience in the apparel industry. He launched a Boston-based interior design firm in 2007 and has designed home interiors from Marblehead to Nantucket.

Nonprofit Organizations

Joan Larson has been named chief operating officer of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Leader-

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CATTLE

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Ranchers, including those in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Manatee counties, say their calves are in some cases being sold for nearly $2 per pound at live or online auctions. “That would be a record,” said Steve Peterson, an agricultural statistician for the United States Department of Agriculture Florida Field Office.

Mike Taylor, vice president of agribusiness with Collier Enterprises Inc., which owns herds in Hendry and Collier counties, said cattle prices are “pretty much as high as they’ve ever been.”

Here’s the recipe for Florida ranchers’ good fortune: the cattle herd in the United States is at its smallest point since 1950, the USDA says, reportedly due to droughts and fires in Midwest states such as Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. At the same time, the state has allowed some foreign countries to be able to afford U.S. beef more easily than in the past, said University of Florida associate professor and extension beef cattle specialist Matt Hersom. Finally, combine those factors with a relatively stable demand for beef statewide, and a burgeoning appetite for juicy cuts of bison flesh in countries from growing economies — such as Turkey and China. (China) is like a bottomless pit,” when it comes to buying beef, said Renee Strickland, who is in charge of international livestock exporting for Strickland Ranch and Exports Inc., which has herds in Manatee County near Weston. China actually buys more cattle from Florida than the United States, she adds. Indirectly, though, that is helping boost prices here.

While ranchers for years have been concerned about selling cattle, their overhead costs for necessities such as cowboys, fuel, seed and fertilizer has also risen. And what China got in terms of calf prices it took away in terms of overhead costs. They purchase such vast amounts of fertilizer, Mrs. Strayhorn says, that the prices here jumped sharply. “I think seed and hay are the next ones I fear going up directly because of their consumption... all those costs take a big bite out of what we’d like to see as that profit.”

But it’s always been a “dicey” industry when it comes to making a profit, said Bruce Strayhorn. The Fort Myers attorney also heads his inter-generational cow operation on family land he owns in Lee, Charlotte and Hendry counties. The Strayhorn’s cattle brand is called Double Spade, and their ranch is "affectionately known" as “El Rancho Notorious.” Its history pre-dates the Civil War.

Even at current record sales prices — say you get $800 for a 400-pound calf — overhead costs for essentials such as cowboys, veterinary care and fertilizer make entering Florida’s cow-calf industry tough. Ranchers often produce citrus and other agricultural products because they sometimes would not take the cost of cattle operation. A rancher’s burden is eased if he is fortunate enough to have land and cattle passed down for generations, Mr. Strayhorn notes.

The business still has its downsides. “You talk about headaches, there’s nothing,” said Mrs. Strickland. “Sometimes when the price is good rather than selling you’re not selling; you’re thinking long term; you’re thinking, if these high prices continue for a few years I’m better off increasing my head size, not selling my inventory, and I’ll be better off in the long term,” said USDA statistician Mr. Peterson.

“We’re all trying to increase our numbers,” said rancher Mrs. Strickland. Both she and Mr. Strayhorn find reason to believe prices for their cattle will stay up, at least for two or three years. “One thing that bodes well is more and more land in Georgia, Alabama and Texas is coming out of livestock,” Mr. Strayhorn said, attributing the shrinkage in pastureland to subdivisions being built atop it, as well as because of an increase in corn grown for fuel.

A month for beef

As for the cows, they get eaten. And Mr. Strayhorn says the ones born and raised here in Florida haven’t changed too much since, many believe, Spanish conquistadors brought them here in the 16th century. “The typical Florida cow is a hearty beast which is very similar to what you would have seen the conquistadors bring over,” said Mr. Strayhorn, describing it as “a survivor… That little beast is what my grandfather used to call an eating machine because they’ve survived on not-great pasture. And you move them to West Texas and put ‘em in a feed lot (or) you show them Colorado and they explode and it’s almost like a kid in a candy store.”

Guy M. Strayhorn, grandfather of local attorney Bruce Strayhorn, and cowmen working cattle in Lee County in 1950. Florida was once the second leading producer of beef cows in the U.S., but now it’s not even in the top 10.

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Keep in mind, it’s not uncommon for a stock to have a lower price to earnings ratio (P/E ratio) than the long-term bond market. This may happen because the bond market is concerned about a company’s earnings in the long run, while the stock market can be overly concerned about earnings in the near term.

The Bond Market

Gain entry to the bond market from high-yield to high-grade. High-yield bonds are bonds that have been downgraded by rating agencies because of negative credit outlooks. A high-grade bond has a better long-term credit rating.

The Motley Fool Take

Cashing Western Union

Consider Western Union (NYSE: WU). It has durable competitive advantages based on network scale, brand and regulations. Increased global migration and a large percentage of the unbanked in emerging markets are creating significant demand for money transfers. The company meets this demand with convenient, flexible, cost-effective transfers.

Western Union’s network of more than 485,000 agents in 200 countries is the largest in the industry. To put that in perspective globally, for every McDonald’s restaurant, there are more than 15 Western Union vendors. Additionally, Western Union processes about four times the transactions of its closest competitor. The Western Union brand is most recognized in the industry.

Meanwhile, the United Nations estimates that there are 214 million migrant workers across the globe, an increase of about 37 percent in two decades. These folks usually need to send money home. According to World Bank reports, officially recorded remittance flows in 2010 totaled more than $440 billion worldwide. With a 20 percent market share of that, Western Union has significant room for growth.

Western Union can transfer $200 across the globe for a transaction fee of 3 percent to 6 percent. Compared to the alternatives, the fees are reasonable. Best of all, the stock seems attractively priced, and sports a dividend yield near 2.2 percent.

Ask the Fool

Market Cap Basics

What does “market cap” refer to?

— H.G., Hackensack, N.J.

A company’s market cap is its kind of price tag — it’s the current value placed on the firm by investors in the stock market.

Calculating it is simple. Just take the current stock price and multiply it by the number of shares outstanding. (Make sure you quote your source; quote providers list shares outstanding and often the market cap, too.)

Imagine Meteorite Insurance Inc. (ticker: HEDSUP). Let’s say it has 20 million shares outstanding and trades around $30 per share. Multiply 20 million by $30, and you’ll get a market cap of $600 million. That’s the current market value of Meteorite Insurance. If you wanted to buy the whole company, you’d probably have to come up with around $600 million — or more. (Buying options generally costs less than buying shares, though.)

Checking out the market cap of a company you’re interested in can be enlightening. For example, if you’re thinking of investing in online deal purveyor Groupon, note that its market cap was recently around $8 billion, much more than J.C. Penney, Sears Holdings, Netflix, and eBay's combined market caps, though.

What is this thing called the Motley Fool?

— M.L., Medford, Ore.

There’s no universal definition. It’s at CSJ on the Bay. For more information, e-mail katie@marcoislandchamber.org.
NETWORKING

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile Golf Classic at Quail West

1. The Arthrex team: Don Shuler, Phil O’Quinn, Steve Vandermeulen and Peter Dreyfuss
2. Jack Randall
3. Emily Walt, Sally Slnce, Barb Burger and Dee McClay
4. Nora Kolmer and Becky Kwedar
5. Mary Johnson, Willie Skeke and Susan O’Brien
6. Ed Colodny

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo at Agave

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Nick Lesniak and Melissa Maddox

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Harris Bank hosts veterans scholarship fundraiser for Hodges University

1. Lee Smith and veteran Rosa Arreguin
2. Kent and Lisa Anderson
3. Earl Hodges and Andy Hill
4. Scott Hansen
5. Scholarship recipient William Figlesthaler and his wife Karen
6. Mike Proietti and Kimberly Pitts
7. Lori Breyman
8. Veteran John Edling and Terry McMahan

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IberiaBank Marco hosts ‘Big Shred for Big Flag’

1. Richard Shanahan, Leo Sutera, David Rice, Keith Dameron and Lufa Berger
2. Front row: Mary Anastasia, Laura Burge, Don Guadorni, Barbara Dameron and Cathi Johnson. Back row: Keith Dameron, Patrick Hamlin and Sean Friend
3. Officer Frank Linkenberg and Chief William Carl
4. Mike and Jill Havey donated the cost of the Big Flag flagpole

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South Ft. Myers - Belle Lago
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The Colony - Bellagio
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2BR/2BA’s, within walking distance to beach. 2nd floor, unfurnished. $1,350

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Close to beach and shopping. 2BR/2BA’s, 2nd floor, unfurnished. REDUCED $1,275

Old Naples-Castleton Gardens
2BR/2BA’s, 2nd floor, furnished. Gated with community pool. $1,695

Esplanade on Park Shore Beach
Golf views! Updated, unfurnished 9th floor, 2nd floor 2/2. $1,990

Moorings Port-au-Villa
Bayside 1st floor 2/1 furnished. $1,800

Wyndemere
Gated community. 2BR-den, 2nd floor with elevator. Covered parking. $2,200

Pierre Club
Unfurnished. 2/2, 3rd floor walk to beach. $2,200

Park Shore-Horizon House
Directly on the beach. 2BR/2BA’s, 6th floor, with golf views. Furnished. $2,500

Park Shore-Vistas
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Beautiful detached villa. 2BR-den, 2-car garage. Furnished. $2,700

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Olde Cypress
Furnished pool home with 1BR/1BA. Golf transfer available for fee. $4,500

Bay Colony - Toscana
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House Hunting: 28280 Terrazza Lane

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Construction is set to begin June 1 on a new clubhouse, Vyne House, at Talis Park, the community off Livingston Road in North Naples formerly known as Tuscan Reserve.

A multi-purpose village center, Vyne House will embody the new spirit of Naples luxury that developer Kitson & Partners envisions for the 450-acre master-planned golf community centered on an acclaimed Norman & Dye golf course. Designed with breezy indoor and outdoor spaces, terraces, courtyards and open living areas, Vyne House will be home to a spa, racquet club, fitness center and café. The adjacent Great Lawn will offer a picturesque setting for events from wine festivals to concerts and movie screenings. Construction for Vyne House will encompass three phases. The initial phase will focus on the Vyne House Shops, inclusive of a deli, ice cream parlor, and café. The second phase will be construction of a free-standing building that will house the spa. A sports training facility featuring tennis and bocce will replace the community’s existing golf studio, and the creation of a business center and new home for the golf club will round out the construction process in its final stage.

Also this summer, Kitson & Partners will introduce three home collections for new neighborhoods in Talis Park. Prices will begin at $700,000. Sales will officially launch for Talis Park when its grand opening takes place in 2013. For more information, or to join a registry to follow the progress of Talis Park, call 261-6798 or visit www.talispark.com.

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Join the CBIA members, guests and industry panelists for networking at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Olde Cypress. Dinner and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 486-6000 or visit www.cbia.net.

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Join the CBIA members, guests and industry panelists for networking at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at Olde Cypress. Dinner and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m. For reservations or more information, call 486-6000 or visit www.cbia.net.
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The 36th annual Great Dock Canoe Race makes a splash

BY NANCY STETSON
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Dolores Fetters wants udders.
After all, she’s playing the part of Cow 2 in The Naples Players’ upcoming production of “Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type,” and cows have udders, don’t they?

First she laid down an ultimatum. “I said, ‘I want to be a cow, but only if I get to have udders,’” she recalls.

Then she tried persuasion.
“I’ve been trying to talk (director Megan McCombs) into it, but she won’t do it,” she says. “We decided we could not get into anatomical things,” Ms. McCombs explains. “As the actors stand upright, it would be right in your face. We chose to (make the

SEE MOO, C4 ▶

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The Naples Players prepare a moo-ving family production

Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type

Dolores Fetters (Cow #2) sparring with Hannah Killhour (Hen).

Not so hot
Book critic Phil Jason says Randy Wayne White’s latest Doc Ford adventure runs aground. C12 ▶

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A few years ago, a good friend introduced me to Julia Cameron’s “The Artist’s Way,” a New Age-y, pop-psychology guide to tapping into our creative spirit. Some of it I buy; some of it I don’t. Which is perhaps why I gave away my copy a couple of years ago. But the funny thing about the information we need is that it circulates back into our lives. I keep coming across “The Artist’s Way” in the strangest places, and after the last run-in, I decided to take some of Ms. Cameron’s advice.

One of her pillars for unleashing our creative potential is regular “artist dates,” mind-expanding expeditions meant to awaken our senses and help us reconnect with our inner child. (I know — all that’s missing are a lava lamp and rolling papers. But bear with me.) These outings are taken solo, so no one can distract us from our creative explorations. Ms. Cameron suggests visiting museums or browsing farmers markets or exploring bookstores. She says we can take a walk on the beach or collect leaves in the park — anything so long as it pushes us out of our routine.

For my part, I’ve given “artist dates” a shot for the last three months. I like the alone time, and I like what I discover on my adventures. But it turns out my weekly expeditions might have an unanticipated romantic upside.

My friend Mitch was the first to clue me in. When I told him where I’d been spending my time, he said he’d been hitting up the same places — to meet women.

“I always go by myself,” he said. “I check out the art, I listen to the music, I watch the show — whatever’s going on.”

“And then?”

“And then I see an attractive woman, I go up to her, I ask her something about the exhibit — and the next thing you know, I’m getting her number.”

I had to laugh. All that time I’d been expanding my mind on my “artist dates,” men were cruising for real dates.

In “Calling in the One: 7 Weeks to Attract the Love of Your Life,” author and psychologist Katherine Woodward Thomas tells the story of her friend Deanna, a lovely and bright woman who complained she wasn’t meeting anyone.

“(Deanna) has this idealistic notion that she should meet someone ‘naturally’ while going about her day-to-day life,” Mrs. Woodward Thomas writes. “From her perspective, ‘trying’ to meet someone felt ‘too contrived.’”

But eventually Deanna consented to attend a singles event and was pleasantly surprised by the bachelors she met there. This, Mrs. Woodward Thomas says in her book, is how you go about meeting a partner. Not by hoping he’ll magically appear, “at the dry-cleaner’s, in the market, at a traffic light.” But by going where other people go to find romance; by making yourself available.

“Love comes to us in many ways,” she writes. “We have no idea, really, how or when it will come.”

Perhaps, then, it might come at the museum, at the bookstore or at the concert. Wherever we take time to open up, to explore and, most importantly — to try something new.
Three summer musicals on tap for KidzAct

Aspiring actors ages 8-14 are encouraged to audition for The Naples Players’ summer KidzAct musical productions. Tryouts will take place at the Sugden Community Theatre from 3-6:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, and from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, May 12, for “Kokonut Kapers,” “Smoky Joe’s Café” and “Teens in Tinseltown.”

Performance dates are July 6-8 for “Kokonut Kapers,” Aug. 3-5 for “Smoky Joe’s Café” and Aug. 7-11 for “Teens in Tinseltown.”

Appointments are required for auditions. Call 434-7340, ext. 10.

Opera Naples will hold youth auditions for a production of Gilbert & Sullivan's operetta “Patience” beginning at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at ON headquarters.

Designed for ages 12 to 25, the summer youth program is conducted in cooperation with Pamela Leighton-Bilik, director of the Gilbert & Sullivan international youth program. Registration is $200 per person. The program takes place June 15-24, with two public performances scheduled for June 23 and 24. Applications can be downloaded at www.operanaples.org. For more information, contact Robin Frank at 963-9050.

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characters) like a Ken doll: neutered."

Ms. Fetters decided to play the part anyway. It was simply too good to pass up. Juicy roles like portraying a tap-dancing cow just don’t come along that often.

“If I didn’t get a part, I was going to stage manage it,” she says. “I was going to do this show one way or the other!”

“Click, Clack, Moo: Cows That Type” is based on the 2001 Caldecott Honor book written by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Betsy Lewin. It was adapted for the stage by writer James Grote and composer George Howe.

In “Click, Clack, Moo,” Farmer Brown’s cows discover an old manual typewriter he’s thrown on the junk heap. (He’s just gotten an electric type-writer.) The cows are cold, so they type a letter to Farmer Brown requesting electric blankets. (“How they learn to spell, I don’t know,” Ms. McCombs comments.) But he refuses. So they go on strike. Then the hens also request electric blankets, and Farmer Brown refuses them, too. So the hens also go on strike, and Farmer Brown is left without milk or eggs.

It isn’t until Duck gets involved that the matter is resolved peacefully.

“At the center of this, these are lovely little farm animals who are unhappy with their living conditions,” Ms. McCombs says. “They try to make this clear to Farmer Brown. He doesn’t get it, so they go on strike. That’s very prevalent in our society of late. Whether the Tea Party movement or the Occupy movement, people seem to want to protest right now. So we thought this was a timely spoof of all of that.”

So does this musical teach children to protest and go on strike?

Ms. McCombs laughs.

“We think the lesson is to learn how to communicate, which they do by typing, by writing,” she says. “They learn how hard people work when they do a musical. I’m appreciating the dancing they do a lot more now.”

“Tap-dancing cows! What could be funnier?” says a bemused Ms. Fetters. Ms. McCombs. It doesn’t bother her in the least if her actors don’t have a dance background or even consider themselves non-dancers.

“You’re a cow; you don’t have to be Fred Astaire,” she says. “If you’re not spectacular, it’s OK, because you’re a dancing cow.”

Ms. McCombs, who was recently seen onstage as Sister Aloysius in “Doubt,” is director of KidsAct for The Naples Players. “I have an innate understanding of silly jokes and schtick… so I was unanimously chosen to direct the Family Theatre shows (too),” she says.

It was the songs in “Click, Clack, Moo” that first drew Ms. Fetters’ attention. She works in The Naples Players’ administrative office and overheard the soundtrack when Ms. McCombs was listening to it.

“The songs are swingy, poppy… jazzy,” Ms. Fetters says, adding she and Cow 1 moo in the first number. “The duck quacks, the hen hawks.”

The songs are tattooed inside her brain now. “They won’t leave your head.” she says. “I go to sleep with the choruses in my head. I dream of them all night long. And I wake up humming them, they’re so catchy. They just won’t go away.”

Though Ms. Fetters has stage managed many shows at the Sugden Community Theatre, the last time she was on stage was in the fall of 2008, in “The Women of Lockerbie,” a drama about life after the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Bonnie Knapp, who recently played a Nazi official in “A Picassos,” was also in “The Women of Lockerbie” with Ms. Fetters. Her role as Duck in “Click, Clack, Moo” is testament to her vast improv. “I’ve never done a kids’ show before, so this will be fun,” Ms. Knapp says. “I didn’t know there was a lot of improv in this. I feel like I’m in a Christopher Guest movie. I hear he has an outline, and then everyone ad lib.”

“She won’t go away.”

To prepare for her role, Ms. Knapp has been going on YouTube and looking up videos with ducks in them. “I’m getting in touch with my inner duck,” she says. “My goal on stage is not to be Bonnie in a duck costume, but to be Duck.”

The videos help, she says, explaining. “I have to get that walk down, get those tail feathers a-shakin’, those wings a-flappin’.

“We’re not ineptus, we’re farm animals, so there’s always that sense of humor to the singing and the acting.”

The costumes will also help the actors feel more animal-like.

“We love the crazy costumes Dot (Auchmoody) is coming up with,” says the director. “There’s the crazy feather-like fabric that the fowl in the play are wearing, and the cows are in black-and-white overall things, and they have little ears that are suggestive of who they are.”

“The hen wears high heels. Duck wears yellow Crocs.”

Ms. Knapp describes her Duck costume as “a pair of feathered britches or pantaloons, and a bustle of more feathers on top of that.”

Apparently, the costume is so big, it would make even Kate Moss look obese.


But all in all, she concludes, “It’s fun being a duck. It’s something different. Actors like being different.”

“I’m going quackers,” she says. “I guess I’ll be seeing a shrink after this.”

Bonnie Knapp (Duck), Claire Skinner (Cow #1), Hannah Killhour (Hen), Dolores Fetters (Cow #2).
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**Art After Dark** – The Galleries Of Crayton Cove host Art After Dark from 6-9 p.m. 659-2787.

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**Live Music** – The Derek Trehorn Band performs at The Bay House beginning at 6:30 p.m. 799 Walkerblit Road. 591-8387 or www.drbband.com.

**More Music** – Frank Corso’s Spoonful performs its final show of the season from 7:30 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 437-7928 or www.fredsnaples.com.

**Tchaikovsky’s Fourth** – The Naples Philharmonic Orchestra presents the final classical concert of the season, at 8 p.m. tonight and Saturday at the Phil-harmonic Center for the Arts. Tickets start at $22. 397-9900, www.ThePhil.org.
Goodlette will be grand marshal. “This is one event that’s just for the fun of it,” says Mr. DePasquale. “People of all ages, resident and visitors alike, tell us what a good time they have here. The race will bestow a $5,000 grant to The Naples Zoo to help facilitate expansion of its interactive daily conservation education programs.

Event and race sponsors include the Dock Restaurant, the Riverwalk at Tin City, the Lutgert Companies/Lutgert Insurance, Peninsula Engineering, Zoom Tan, Renda Broadcasting (including Mix 104.7-FM and WGUF 98.9-FM), Naples Extreme Family Fun Spot and the city of Naples. Race winners and the top three Next Generation teams will receive awards.

The Broken Paddle Award for sportsmanship honors the late Chuck Bruce, first winner of the award and a loyal event contributor over the years. Winners’ names are hand-painted by artist Jerry Vallez onto a broken paddle, and added to the permanent collection at The Dock restaurant.

Trolley service from parking areas along Eighth Street South at Sixth Avenue South and Eighth Avenue South will be available. Spectator boats must stay within the designated area, and safe boating rules will be enforced. Spectators should not leave any litter in Naples Bay.

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Wonderfully bizarre and totally campy, it’s ‘Irma Vep’

The Beatles’ Albert Hall.
You want to know what the plot is? Take all the old movies that have ever existed — “Rebecca,” “The Mummy,” “The Curse of the Werewolf,” “Wuthering Heights,” “Nosferatu” and the lot — and throw them into a blender. There’s your plot.
And though this is a mystery, it’s the journey that’s more important, not finding out whodunit.
Not only do Mr. Chambers and Mr. DePlanche face the challenge of playing four distinct characters each, including women, but they can only be off-stage for mere seconds at a time, rapidly changing in and out of costume.
(The two are ably helped by a quartet of dressers who also assist with wig and dental changes: Keller Anderson and Hallie Wage for Mr. Chambers, and Judith Skyles and Julienne Avolio for Mr. DePlanche. Director Chris Clavelli wisely includes them in the curtain bows.)
Mr. DePlanche, who played Clarence the Angel in “It’s a Wonderful Life: A Radio Musical” for Florida Rep earlier this season, has completely changed his look by shaving most of his head and sporting a modified Mohawk for his role as Nicodemus, a swineherd who works for the manor (and also happens to have a wooden leg.)
The costumes, rented from the Actors’ Playhouse in Miami and designed by Mary Lynne Izzo, are as over-the-top as the acting, especially the lavish gowns for the female characters, complete with puff sleeves and big bowels. (Florida Rep’s costume designer, Roberta Malcolm, oversaw the altering of the costumes for the duo.)
The madcap craziness on stage might look slapdash and spontaneous, but it took the actors, under Mr. Clavelli’s insightful direction, many weeks to choreograph every movement and every second they’re on stage.
Mr. Chambers had me in stitches with his portrayal of Lord Edgar: the rabbit-y way he moves his mouth while sporting a modified Mohawk for his role as Nicodemus, a swineherd who works for the manor (and also happens to have a wooden leg.)
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The fake old-fashioned footlights are a nice touch, though. Mr. Chambers and Mr. DePlanche are a great cast of eight. Not only are they both highly skilled comedic actors, but they make a great team, playing off of each other. As Lord Edgar and Lady Enid, they have an entire page of dialogue that, a la that famous John and Mary sketch, consists entirely of each one saying the other’s name. They do so with great variation and passion.
“Irma Vep” turns Gothic melodrama on its ear. It begins by looking at the world slightly askew, and its viewpoint only grows more slanted as the play progresses. By the second act, as it careers along, you’re thinking: Surely the wheels will fly off of this thing!
“Irma Vep” is irreverent, zany and ludicrously funny, its tongue planted firmly in cheek as it sinks its vampiric teeth into your funny bone.

Mark Chambers and Brad DePlanche in “The Mystery of Irma Vep.”
Designer will share inspirations Behind her ‘Koastal Kollections’

Miromar Design Center presents Kira Krumm

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Guests are invited to take the entire Spring Dream Rooms Tour consisting of 16 designer showcases featuring products from showrooms and vendors at Miromar Design Center.

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HOROSCOPES

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
A relationship seems to be stuck in the same place. Now it’s up to you, dear Bovine, to decide how far you want it to go and how intense you want it to be. Choose well and choose soon.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
A relationship progresses more slowly than you would prefer. Best advice: Insist on a frank and open discussion. What is learned could change minds and, maybe, hearts.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
It’s all right to be grateful to a workplace colleague who has done you a good turn. But gratitude shouldn’t be a lifelong obligation. The time to break this cycle is now.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
It’s going to be especially nice to be the King of the Zodiac at this time. A recent money squeeze eases. Plans start to work out, and new friends enter Your Majesty’s domain.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Before you make a commitment on any level (personal, professional, legal), get all the facts. There might be hidden problems that could cause trouble later on.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Personal relationships improve. Professional prospects also brighten. A job offer could come through by month’s end. An old friend seeks to make contact.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Your senses detect that something is not quite right about a matter involving a workplace colleague. Best advice: Follow your keen instincts and don’t get involved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
A prospect offers rewards, but it also demands that you assume a great deal of responsibility. Knowing you, you’re up to the challenge, so go for it, and good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
A favor you did a long time ago is repaid, as a trusted colleague steps in to help you with a suddenly expanded workload. A family member has important news.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
A new job offer could require moving across the country. But before you let your doubts determine your decision, learn more about the potential involved.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your sense of fair play doesn’t allow you to rush to judgment about a friend who might have betrayed you. Good! Because all the facts are not yet in.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A stubborn refusal to go ahead on a project mystifies colleagues who expected more flexibility. But once you explain your position, they’ll understand and even applaud you.

BORN THIS WEEK:
You have a romantic nature that allows you to find the best in people. You would excel at poetry and drama.

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LATEST FILMS

The Avengers

In an age when superhero movies quickly come and go, Mr. Whedon brings a distinct visual flair. Sure, the 3D and visual effects look good, but not many directors could pull off a beautiful unbroken shot like the one in the finale that goes from one Avenger to the next, be they flying through the air or on the ground. In a comic book, these moments would be in separate boxes, but combining them brings dynamic energy to an already exhilarating sequence.

If any Avenger steals the movie, it's Hulk, who “smashes” his way through everything with great delight. Thor has the best arrival (much to Loki’s chagrin), and Iron Man, as expected, has the best one-liners. Mr. Whedon’s script does get a bit talky at times, but a flying aircraft carrier, appearances from Maria Hill (Cobie Smulders) and more will keep those who’ve read the “Avengers” comics happy.

“The Avengers” is the kind of movie that makes you love movies. It has great escapist energy, a sense of wonder, intrigue and suspense, and is an absolute blast to watch. Many movies strive for this, but few accomplish it.

★★★½

Is it worth $15(3D)? Yes

It’s all been leading up to this, and it’s paid off. Big time.

“The Avengers” is everything it should be: big, loud, long, full of funny lines, awesome fights and visual effects and crisp, clean 3D.

Marvel Studios has been building to this since “Iron Man” in 2008, and if this is indeed the manifestation of a grand vision of Marvel exec Kevin Feige, brave to him for having the foresight and wherewithal to make it happen with such success.

In the riveting opening scene, Thor’s brother Loki (Tom Hiddleston) returns to Earth and steals an all-powerful cosmic cube with which he plans to destroy Earth and claim it as his own. Enter S.H.I.E.L.D. Director Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson), who calls upon Agent Coulson (Clark Gregg) and Black Widow (Scarlett Johansson) to unite the only people capable of fighting such a battle. Their names are familiar: Iron Man (Robert Downey Jr.), Hulk (Mark Ruffalo), Thor (Chris Hemsworth), Captain America (Chris Evans) and newcomer Hawkeye (Jeremy Renner). Together they are “The Avengers.”

To my surprise, there’s plenty of infighting. It’s not just Loki vs. The Avengers; we also see Black Widow vs. Hawkeye, Iron Man vs. Thor, Hulk vs. Black Widow and Hulk vs. Thor (which is epic). Although this set-up has the potential to be annoying — because we know the end game is for them to band together vs. Loki — writer/director Joss Whedon gives each superhero ample screen time and moments of glory. It’s a tricky balancing act, but it allows Whedon to bring out the best in his characters without letting any overwhelm the story. And when the last half hour (which is the best part) arrives, you know you’re seeing something special.

Marvel founder Stan Lee has a cameo. And be sure to stay for the credits!

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Doc Ford’s adventure runs aground


Like some other recent novels in his Doc Ford canon, this latest thriller from Pine Islander Randy Wayne White deals in painstaking detail with a very brief time period and, almost literally, a ticking clock.

When environmental do-gooders, some of them crazed, manage to inject themselves into a secret meeting of kingpins in the beluga sturgeon (caviar) industry, Ford and his buddy Tomlinson discover there’s a plot to blow up the meeting and it might involve a large boat carrying a huge tank filled with a new sturgeon breed.

The explosion is set for midnight.

The kingpins holding the meeting are competitors, and one of them claims his new breed will revolutionize the caviar industry by replacing the threatened beluga that is nearing extinction from overfishing.

The ultra-extreme environmentalists, actually rank amateurs at terrorist doings, take control of the meeting and threaten to kill people off—one an hour—until their demands are met. At midnight, the time for capitulation runs out.

Ford and Tomlinson conceive a plan of investigation and counteraction that just about exhausts the clock—only to learn that the extremists had set their explosive on West Coast time. The adventure is then reset for three more hours of action-filled exploits and heart-pounding suspense.

For several reasons, the formula in “Chasing Midnight” produces a less exciting, less rewarding result than Mr. White’s readers have previously enjoyed. More has become less, as readers encounter excessive repetition of boat-driving maneuvers, employment of a heat-sensitive optical device, descriptions of weaponry and examples of Ford’s skills of improvisation and calculation. Every step shouts its importance in a way that levels them all so that, after awhile, none seems important.

In addition, Ford’s character—who he is and why we should care about him—is not sufficiently developed, especially for initiates to the series.

The cast of grotesques with whom Ford and Tomlinson are at war seems overdrawn. It’s hard not to want to laugh at the threat provided by the dwarfish, unstable Neinabor brothers and the dead brother who supposedly speaks through one of them. Their associates in do-gooder terrorism seem even less equipped to battle the wily Russian named Viktor Kazlov and the other menacing overlords who constitute the “big four” of the beluga caviar trade. Although they are interesting as individuals, there are just too many of them (along with bodyguards and other underlings) to focus and hold attention.

Randy Wayne White

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The same may be said of the constellation of female characters. More once again becomes less. Though there are four new female characters of potential interest in the novel, each remains little more than a plot element. This disappoints, because one of Mr. White’s strong points is his building of strong, nuanced and memorable women (something that’s exceptional in male-oriented genre fiction).

The author’s descriptions, especially of his beloved South-west Florida island domain, remain remarkable. However, the various story-telling ingredients just don’t add up to a complete, unified dish. If there were a writing cable channel that had competitions similar to those like “Chopped” on The Food Network, I think the judges would, with regrets and platitudinous praise, chop the meal Chef White has prepared while applauding his inventiveness, his skills and perhaps the appetizer and dessert courses.

I’m voicing these reservations as a devoted fan of Randy Wayne White. I’ve seen his craft mature, along with the challenges he has set for himself, over the long journey from fishing guide to best-selling and critically acclaimed author. This, his 19th novel featuring Doc Ford, is something of a dud in spite of many first-rate scenes. Its weaknesses are probably the result of the grinding “book-a-year-while-the-author-is-hot” race so many successful novelists have to run — or choose to run. I hope Mr. White returns to form soon.
COMING UP AT THE PHIL

The Philharmonic Center for the Arts is at 5833 Pelican Bay Blvd., Naples. For more information or to order tickets, call 597-1900 or visit www.thephil.org.

■ **ABBA and the NPO**
8 p.m. Friday, May 18
An acclaimed ABBA tribute band, with two original members of the ABBA rhythm section, joins the NPO for a concert of timeless ABBA hits, including “Dancing Queen,” “Waterloo,” “S.O.S.” and “The Winner Takes All.” Tickets start at $60.

■ **“Brahms to Bax”**
The Naples Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble
8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22
Judy Christy, oboe, joins the Naples Philharmonic Chamber Ensemble for “Brahms to Bax,” the final program in the season’s Chamber Series. On the program are classical masterworks from British, Russian and German composers, including Brahms’ String Sextet No. 1 and Sir Arnold Bax’s colorful Quintet for Oboe and Strings, known for its lively, rapturous folk-like melodies and rhythms. Tickets start at $34 for adults and $14 for students.

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Inaugural ArtsNaples World Festival celebrates Russian art and culture

Opening night of the inaugural ArtsNaples World Festival, a weeklong celebration of Russian culture, features the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra with Mei-Ann Chen, conductor, and guest violinist Augustin Hadelich at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts.

Ms. Chen is the recently named music director of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and the first woman to win the Malko International Conductors Competition. Mr. Hadelich is the 2009 winner of the Avery Fisher Career Grant award.

The ArtsNaples World Festival continues as follows:

￭ 2 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at The von Liebig Art Center: The Declassified, an instrumental ensemble of alumni from The Juilliard School, The Academy at Carnegie Hall and the Weill Music Institute, presents a concert/story based on a Russian folktale about a deserting soldier and the Devil who eventually possesses his soul.

￭ 7 p.m. Sunday, May 13: A Russian Imperial dinner at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples (by invitation only), hosted by His Excellency, Sergey Kislyak, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the United States of America.

￭ Noon Monday, May 14, at The von Liebig Art Center: Pianist Pavel Nersessian in recital.

￭ 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 15: The Declassified string quartet performs music by Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky. 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts: William Noll conducts the ArtsNaples World Festival Chamber Orchestra with guest pianists Philipp Kopatchevsky, Michael Berkovsky and Pavel Nersessian. Three Bosendorfer concert grand pianos will grace the stage.

￭ 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, at The von Liebig Art Center: Pianist Michael Berkovsky in recital.

￭ 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 16; 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17; and 8 p.m. Friday, May 18, at the Sugden Community Theatre: “The Government Inspector,” a witty satirical play by Nikolai Gogol and made famous in the U.S. through a film starring Danny Kaye.

￭ 2 p.m. Thursday, May 17 at The von Liebig Art Center: The Declassified chamber ensemble and guest pianist Pavel Nersessian play the Shostakovich Piano Quintet.

￭ 8 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts: A concert version of Tchaikovsky’s “Eugene Onegin” presented in association with Opera Naples and the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Vladimir Lande. Presented in Russian with English super-titles.

￭ 2 p.m. Friday, May 18, at The von Liebig Art Center: Pianist Philipp Kopatchevsky in recital.

For tickets and more information, call 390-2788 or visit www.ArtsNaplesWorldFestival.org.

Caption
Mother’s Day Brunch
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ArtsNaples World Festival includes screenings of four Russian films

The Naples International Film Festival presents a series of four Russian films as part of ArtsNaples World Festival. Sip a vodka cocktail, sample Russian treats and join NIFF for a unique film experience at the luxurious Silverspot Cinema.

■ 7 p.m. Monday, May 14: “Vysotsky: Thank God I Am Alive” – One of the highest-grossing films in Russian history, this movie takes a look at the life of the iconic actor, poet and prolific singer/songwriter Vladimir Vysotsky, one of the Soviet Union’s most influential artists.

■ 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 16: “The Vanished Empire” – Sergey is a cocky university student in 1973 Moscow who is more interested in British rock ’n’ roll, pawning his family’s prized books to buy blue jeans and courting the beautiful Lyuda than in his studies. Against a backdrop of the black market and disaffected youth, Sergey is forced to grow up and accept responsibility for his family, his future and, ultimately, himself.

■ 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 15: “Moscow Does Not Believe in Tears” – The 1980 Academy Award winner for Best Foreign Language Film, this movie follows three optimistic young women who leave the countryside in search of a better future in the big city. Each one has a different dream of life in Moscow: marriage, education, climbing up the social ladder. Though things don’t always go as planned, they support each other over the decades through the ups and downs of life, from love, marriage and motherhood to heartbreak and, when least expected, love once more.

■ 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17: “Elena” – The 2011 winner of a Special Jury Prize at the Cannes Film Festival, this film is about Vladimir and Elena, spouses in their 60s who uneasily share their palatial Moscow apartment: He’s virile, wealthy businessman; she’s his dowdy former nurse who has clearly “married up.” None of the above films has been rated. Tickets are available at the Silverspot Cinema box office or online at www.Silverspotcinema.com.
Furniture has been made from carved and joined pieces of wood for centuries, but in every century there are a few designers who are intrigued by the forms of nature and use them to create furniture. Chairs made of curved horns are one of these furniture forms. During the 19th century, horn chairs were made in many countries, perhaps because curved cow horns or strangely shaped antlers reminded some furniture makers of the curved and carved furniture popular during Victorian times. In the United States, most of these chairs were made in the Western states. It was possible to buy quantities of Texas longhorn horns at slaughterhouses in meat-packing cities. The horns were joined together to make a back, arms, legs and part of the upholstered seat. It took at least 12 horns to assemble a simple chair and almost 30 for a complicated chair. The horns had to be polished by hand. In other locations, furniture makers used antlers from local antelope, moose or elk. The chairs made in the West were large, Victorian in style and composed of many horns. Horn chairs from Europe, particularly Germany, were made to resemble traditional 19th-century chairs and included light-colored antlers with protruding points. Seats were upholstered with leather. All horn chairs are now described as “in the rustic taste.” There are a few firms making horn chairs today.

Q: I have several pieces of “old Lenox” china. Some are marked with a blue Lenox “L-in-wreath” logo, others with a brown or green logo. Did the company use marks of different colors during different years?
A: Walter Scott Lenox took control of the Ceramic Art Co. of Trenton, N.J., in the mid 1890s and changed the company’s name to Lenox, Inc., in 1906. That’s the year Lenox started using the L-in-wreath mark. Between 1906 and 1930, Lenox usually used a green wreath mark. But during the same time period, unfortunately, it also used wreath marks that were blue, red, black or gold. The gold wreath became Lenox’s standard mark in the early 1950s.

Q: We paid $2 for an 8-inch Wagner skillet at an auction. The molded words on the bottom are not like the wording on our other Wagner cookware. Our other Wagner pieces are marked “Wagner Ware, Sidney.” This one, in a different style of lettering, reads “Wagner’s 1891 Original Cast Iron Cookware.” Under that, there’s a list of “Seasoning Instructions.” What can you tell us?
A: Your skillet was made in the early 1990s by General Housewares Corp. of
Terre Haute, Ind., to promote Wagner’s 100th anniversary. Wagner Manufacturing Co. was founded in Sidney, Ohio, in 1897. Wagner became a division of the Randall Co. of Cincinnati in the early 1950s, and in 1999 Randall was acquired by Textron Inc. of Providence, R.I. Ten years later, Textron sold Wagner to General Housewares, which sold the Wagner factory in 1997. The factory closed in 1999, just a few years after making anniversary wares like your skilllet. If you paid only $2 for it, you did all right. We have seen Wagner anniversary skilllets selling for $30 to $20.

Q: I own close to 900 vinyl jazz records from the 1950s through the 1980s. Where can I sell them? The artists include Stan Kenton, Stan Getz, Count Basie, Phil Woods, Charlie Parker, Dave Brubeck and Paul Desmond. Many of the records have never been released on CD.

A: Vinyl records are tricky to sell. Most sell for very little. But some records, including some jazz records, sell for a lot. Do some research before you try selling. Visit a vintage record shop in your area and talk to the owner or knowledgeable salespeople. You also can consult collectors via the International Association of Jazz Record Collectors, JAJRC.org, which publishes a journal for collectors. Another publication for record collectors is Goldmine (GoldmineMag.org). Do some comparison shopping online, then contact stores and collectors in your area or online.

Q: Be careful about washing good crystal glasses in the dishwasher. The heat could crack them, especially glasses with cut decorations.

Tip: Be careful about washing good crystal glasses in the dishwasher. The heat could crack them, especially glasses with cut decorations.

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Antlers were put together to make this German chair in the early 1900s. A pair sold for $1,600 at New Orleans Auction Galleries in March 2012.
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Rambling and exuberant, Ms. Lawson’s memoir is like the paper equivalent of shooting the breeze with your Wittiest girlfriend over a pitcher or four of margaritas. With chapter titles like “And Then I Smacked a Dead Cuban Alligator on an Airplane” and “Just to Clarify: We Don’t Sleep With Goats,” you can bet that the stories are going to be pretty entertaining. For those who have not yet been introduced to Beyonce the Giant Metal Chicken, that tale alone is worth the cover price.

But beneath the humor, Ms. Lawson is unafraid to reveal the less-appealing aspects of her psyche. Her willingness to discuss her lifelong struggles with anxiety disorder and depression are brave in a culture that often stigmatizes mental illness, and highs and lows in her life are presented with equal weight and candor. Ironically, you could say that the moral of “Let’s Pretend This Never Happened” is the opposite of its title: Those moments you long to forget tend to be the ones that make you who you are.
CONTRACT BRIDGE

BY STEVE BECKER

Famous hand

This deal was played many years ago in a tournament in Vienna. It features an exceptional defensive play by West, who laid a clever trap for declarer and then had the satisfaction of watching him fall right into it.

After bidding all four suits at the one-level, North-South arrived at three notrump. West decided that the best hope to defeat the contract was to find his partner with strength behind dummy’s spades. So he led the spade ten, which declarer ducked to East’s queen. East then shifted to a low club, taken by dummy’s queen.

South had eight tricks — a spade, four diamonds and three clubs — and concluded that the best chance for a ninth lay in developing a heart trick. So at trick three, he led the ten of hearts from dummy, on which East played the three and South the five. But instead of taking the trick with the jack, West followed smoothly with the deuce!

This apparent stroke of good fortune had the desired effect on South. Convinced that East must have the jack of hearts, declarer led another heart toward his Q-9-8 in an attempt to score an overtrick.

The second heart lead met with a cordial reception from West, who proceeded to cash four heart tricks for down one. His brilliant duck of the first heart trick had lured a greedy South down the road to disaster.

Of course, declarer could have romped home with nine tricks after the ten of hearts held. But how many players would be able to resist the temptation to try for an extra trick once the heart jack was “proven” to be with East? As for West, had he taken the first heart trick, South could not have been stopped from making the contract.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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FRIDAY, MAY 11, 10 P.M.
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SUNDAY, MAY 13, 9:30 P.M.
Keeping up Appearances
Hyacinth Bucket (who insists it’s pronounced “Bouquet”) is a character with few, if any, saving graces. Her self-serving attitude makes life miserable for all around her.

MONDAY, MAY 14, 9 P.M.
American Masters
Johnny Carson: The King of Late Night
Johnny Carson was a fixture of national life, a piece of the cultural furniture, a part of the zeitgeist. In exploring the career and complexities of the biggest star television has ever produced, producers had the estate’s first-ever cooperation and permission — unrestricted entry into his personal archives and all episodes of “The Tonight Show” from 1970-1992. Clues about his life and his early days in the business can be found there — as well as in the expansive family memorabilia.

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 8 P.M.
American Experience
Clinton — Part 2
Explore the history of an American president who rose from a broken childhood to become one of the most successful politicians in modern American history.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 8 P.M.
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Ms. Bahati, who has performed at numerous New York City clubs, delivers family-friendly comedy with a unique blend of inspiration and motivation.

Tickets for $50 per person include a glass of champagne and hors d’oeuvres. Cash bar will be available. For reservations, call MHASWFL at 261-5405 or visit www.mhaswfl.org.

Put film fest in your fall plans

The third annual Naples International Film Festival is set for Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 1-4. The red carpet opening night gala and screening are at the Philharmonic Center for the Arts, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 2-4. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-3456.

‘Hats’ off to Michael Kors

Naples Botanical Garden and Marissa Collections welcome Michael Kors as the featured designer for the ninth annual “Hats in the Garden” luncheon Thursday, Nov. 15, at the Garden. Mr. Kors will present a runway show of his Spring 2013 ready-to-wear collection.

Patron tickets for “Hats in the Garden” are $200,000 and are available now; a limited number of single tickets for $500 each will go on sale in April. For more information, call the Garden at 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

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➤ Buffalo Chips, 26620 Old 41 Road N, Bonita Springs; 947-1000 – If you judge a restaurant by its cover, odds are you've never patronized Buffalo Chips. But what the "upscale dive," as its owner calls it, lacks in visual appeal it makes up for in homey hospitality and solid, well-executed food. The Buffalo wings are authentic (owner Al Greenwood hails from Buffalo) and exceptionally good, as are the fried green tomatoes. The grouper sandwich and buffalo burger were substantive and tasty. We preferred the fresh-tasting straight-cut French fries to the seasoned curly ones. The vast menu also includes pizza, barbecue, nachos, chilli and more. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★½
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★½
Reviewed August 2011

➤ Gordon's on the River, 475 North Road, Naples; 213-1441: Social dining clubs that which offer amenities such as themed dinners, wine tastings and special access to facilities are few and far between these days. The novelty alone makes the Naples Harbour Yacht Club worth checking out. Gordon's is the upstairs and upscale neighbor to the club's more casual Jack's River Bar, serving aged steaks, fresh seafood and fine wines. Both the food and the hospitality were noteworthy, but the level of attention we received might have been colored by the fact that we had the dining room completely to ourselves. All the better to take advantage of the sommelier's services, as Gordon's boasts an impressive wine list. Seafood and steak dishes were well prepared and accompanied by two vegetables — a rarity these days, especially at steakhouses. The house-made desserts show some creativity that will tempt you even if you've already had your fill. With or without dining club membership, Gordon's puts a fresh and flavorful spin on an old concept. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★½
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★
Reviewed March 2012

➤ Grouper & Chips, 338 Ninth St. N., Naples; 643-4577 — In an older strip plaza across U.S. 41 from NCH Hospital, Grouper & Chips is a self-described "small unpretentious hole-in-the-wall restaurant." It is indeed so small that you might find yourself rubbing elbows with other parties or waiting an hour for a table (reservations are not accepted). Takeout and delivery are options, but then you'll miss out on the warm hospitality of the staff. Besides, once you order, food is quickly delivered. The menu is heavy on fried foods, but the perch fritters and grouper did not suffer from greasy excess; the fried shrimp, however, were overwhelmed by batter. You wouldn't expect to find it in a place like this, but the bouillabaisse is loaded with lobster, sea scallops, mussels, shrimp and chunks of grouper and is worth trying. Dessert shooters — petite servings of Key lime pie and chocolate mousse — are the perfect way to end a meal here.

Food: ★★★★
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★
Reviewed October 2011

➤ O’mei Chinese Cuisine, 14700 Tamiami Trail; 254-8973 — Lovers of authentic Chinese food have a place in which to celebrate a widely misunderstood cuisine. Mark and Mary Cheng bring an elegant standard to the region with their exceptional food and service. You'll find no egg foo yung or crab Rangoon on this menu, just imaginative, artfully plated real Chinese food. Never mind the name: Order the salted pepper calamari, which consists of tender tubes of squid fried to perfection and topped with toasted garlic and onion. The Peking duck is always available and well worth ordering. Chilean sea bass with two sauces — hearty black bean and delicate garlic — was terrific, as were the mango prawns, with sweet mangoes and hot red peppers topped with pine nuts. Service was as polished as the cuisine. Full bar.

Food: ★★★★½
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★
Reviewed May 2010

➤ Seasons 52, 8930 Tamiami Trail N; 594-8852 — This small chain, now to South-west Florida, has a lot going for it. Start with the regularly changing menu that features seasonal ingredients at their peak of flavor in dishes that forswear indulgence without sacrificing flavor — nothing contains more than 250 calories. Consider the globe-spanning wine list that offers more than 100 selections — 52 or more by the glass. And the casual but plush atmosphere feels organic, with earthy colors, polished woods and stacked stone. Start with one of the flatbreads, cracker-thin pizzas carpeted with precisely arranged toppings and baked in a super-hot brick oven. The menu achieves a good balance of seafood and meats. An artichoke-topped shrimp dish was succulent and redolent of sage, while wood-grilled T-bone lamb chops were perfectly cooked and remarkably tender. Save room for dessert without guilt. Seasons 52’s “Mini Indulgences” are tiny treats — red velvet cake, pumpkin mousse and much more — served in shot glasses. They're the perfect way to end a meal without going over the edge.

Food: ★★★★½
Service: ★★★★
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Barbatella, translated from Italian, is a wine cutting used to establish a new plant. Such a fitting, musical name for the Italian trattoria that is an offshoot of Sea Salt, the extraordinary restaurant just a couple of blocks away on Third Street South in Naples.

Executive Chef Dario Leo presides in the kitchen, but Barbatella is the brainchild of Fabrizio and Ingrid Aielli, who opened Sea Salt four years ago at an actively imitating much acclaim in Washington, D.C. To complement their fine-dining establishment, they opened the more casual but still stylish Barbatella earlier this year.

A true trattoria, the sprawling restau-

rant serves family-style roasted and grilled meats, thin-crust pizzas baked in a wood-burning oven and freshly made pasta dishes that reflect the Northern regions of Emilia-Romagna, Veneto and Tuscany. There’s also a gelato counter for those simply looking for a sweet treat while strolling the boulevard and gallery district.

An inviting courtyard welcomes din-

ers and looks like it would be a divine place to dine under the stars. But the sun hadn’t set yet on the muggy evening we chose to visit, so we headed to the cooler indoors. The bar is a visu-

ally stunning room, lush green and decorated with myriad architectural medallions on the walls and ceilings. The extensive wine list offers elegant and classic gnocchi; $50, 1410 Pine Ridge Road, Naples; (800) 980-5766. Reservations required.

We settled on the signature Bar-

batella ($18), which contains egg-

plant, sausage, tomatoes and buffalo mozzarella. The eggplant was sliced in thin planks, which meant it cooked quickly, but there wasn’t enough “meat” to them. We missed the creamy, smoky flavor we expected of it. The spicy sausage added kick to the toppings, but overall the combination of flavors was lackluster. The pizza’s crust was crisp and chewy around the edges, but limp in the middle.

In contrast, the arancini ($9) couldn’t have been better. The baseball-sized rice balls were stuffed with beef rags and peas, rolled in breadcrumbs and fried to a delec-
table crispiness. We loved the contrast of the creamy rice and crunchy coating, as well as the steaming, garlicky tomato sauce that came with them.

The first course was served quickly, and dishes were promptly cleared away. The staff appears to be well trained; service throughout was efficient, knowledgeable but not obtrusive. After much debate, we settled on a gelato and a coffee version ($6 each). Both were creamy, with that slightly chewy tex-
ture you don’t get with ordinary ice cream. The gelato here is not to be missed.

While we weren’t thoroughly dazzled at Barbatella — the pizza, of all things, should be more reliable — it remains a fertile ground for its impressive forerunner to warrant further nurturing.
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