Grace Place helps families realize the promise of a better life

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Naples has a reputation: beautiful beaches, bountiful money. But east of Interstate 75 lies Golden Gate City, where the working poor live — the women who clean the houses, the men who cut the grass.

Numbers from the 2013 U.S. Census give insights into what life looks like in Golden Gate City: 20 percent of the population lives in poverty; only 8 percent of adults have earned a bachelor’s degree; only 64 percent of students graduate high school.

But this is not just a story of need. It is also a story of promise. Rev. Stephanie Campbell saw this unseen community and stepped in. She founded Grace Place for Children & Families, a faith-based neighborhood center focused on helping the people of Golden Gate City rise above poverty by giving them the infinite gift of teaching them to read.

“We need to think about our community as a whole community,” Rev. Campbell says. “What happens in pieces of it impacts the other pieces, so all the children are our children.”

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Services expanding for neglected, battered children

BY DON MANLEY
Florida Weekly Correspondent

Youth Haven, Collier County’s sole emergency shelter for abandoned and abused children and young adults, has broadened its scope to more thoroughly treat the causes and effects of child abuse.

On a 25-acre campus in East Naples, Youth Haven has provided refuge for neglected and battered youths for 42 years. The nonprofit also works to heal the psychological wounds inflicted by these situations through a comprehensive slate of therapy programs for young children, teens and families.

It’s all about using its facilities and partnerships with other community organizations to create a continuum of care to mend young lives and help them avoid the judicial system, and to also strengthen at-risk families, Executive Director Jinx Liggett explains.

“We’ve expanded our programs and the way we do business to address the root causes of neglect and abuse,” Liggett said.

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I’ve decided to name the little upright piano that dominates one wall of our living room “Africa” because I have seen the stuff of which pianists are made. I think of them as very muscular — Scott Joplin’s “Maple Leaf Rag,” from St. Louis and New Orleans more than a century ago — and quick and nimble. Like Africa, I think.

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It was our first time with the child of a famous pianist, and Kiko’s first time in the house where they can, and because they are often generous. Music must be shared, like air. It reveals. It nourishes. It cannot be hoarded or kept close.

Perhaps not many are as generous in their playing as Mr. Lopez, however. We were asked to keep Kiko for the day as Mr. Lopez, born in Brooklyn and raised in Belize, took up piano at the relatively late age of 11. He is now in his mid-40s.

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What if you had Stage 4 lung cancer and couldn’t afford a babysitter to watch your children while you were receiving chemotherapy? What if your limited means meant transportation to and from cancer treatment was unaffordable?

Jackie Bearse, an advisory board member of the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation, has survived cancer twice. In the process, she witnessed fellow patients struggling to receive treatment and to meet the daily needs of their families.

Jackie was raised in Rhode Island, the middle child of seven, by a homemaking mom and entrepreneurial dad. She earned a bachelor’s degree and an MBA from the University of Rhode Island.

About 30 years ago, she and her husband, Dick, purchased their first manufacturing company with 500 employees, which they grew to 1,500 employees. As vice president, Jackie managed many levels of the company and was able to directly impact its operations. She enjoyed the lessons of a well-thought-out plan of action.

She never thought she would get breast cancer. As a very busy, healthy (or so she thought) woman, she didn’t have breast cancer. As a very busy, healthy (or so she thought) woman, she didn’t have breast cancer. As a very busy, healthy (or so she thought) woman, she didn’t have breast cancer. As a very busy, healthy (or so she thought) woman, she didn’t have breast cancer. As a very busy, healthy (or so she thought) woman, she didn’t have breast cancer. As a very busy, healthy (or so she thought) woman, she didn’t have breast cancer.

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“Seven weeks, every day, I sat in the waiting room and heard startling stories from patients who didn’t own a car and had no money for a taxi, so had to beg neighbors to take them for treatment,” she recalls. “One patient could consume only liquids through a stomach tube but couldn’t afford to buy the liquid food.

“I left my treatment regimen confident I was fine, but not so sure of the others — and not because of the disease, but because they didn’t have access or ability to access what they needed to regain their health.”

Once back on her feet, Jackie organized a Walk for Cancer event and collected money from various business connections.

“But I didn’t do much beyond that,” she allows. “I was young and thought I’d done what I could do. I resumed my life,” she says.

Ten years later, now living in Naples, she received a second cancer diagnosis, this time in a lung. (She had been a half-pack-a-day smoker but had given it up 20 years earlier.) Throughout treatment this time — gruesome surgery followed by 35 radiation treatments, on the same side as her breast cancer had been, and chemotherapy — she had a repeat experience in waiting rooms and treatment rooms.

“I was astounded to hear the same nightmare stories of need from cancer patients hadn’t changed,” she says. “I had to take action right away.”

With doctors and other health-care professionals are doing their part to heal cancer patients, everyday citizens of every community can do their part to help patients going through treatment, she believes.

Florida Cancer Specialists has established a foundation for cancer patients so they can fight their disease without having to worry about making their mortgage and utility payments or finding a ride to and from treatment and doctor appointment.

“As a grateful patient, and a grateful survivor, I got my message loud and clear that I have to help lighten the burden of the less fortunate, any way that I can,” Jackie says. Toward that end, she’s honored to serve a co-chair of the inaugural “fun-raising” event hosted by the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation. It takes place Saturday evening, April 5, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. It’s one of many charity events she has chaired, including the NCH Magnolia Ball and two events for the benefit of 21st Century C.A.R.E. Her good works have not gone unnoticed; Jackie was named a 2012 Woman of Initiative by the Community Foundation of Collier County.

— Bob Harden is the producer and host of “The Bob Harden Show,” airing from 7-8 a.m. weekdays at www.bobharden@outlook.com. For tickets or more information about the Florida Cancer Specialists Foundation “fun-raiser,” call 435-8235 or visit www.foundation冰淇淋.com. Jackie Bearse hopes to see you there.

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Talking points with Jackie Bearse

Something that's been on your mind: I worry that people will give up when diagnosed with a serious disease because they feel they have nowhere to turn.

Something your mother was always right about: She said give 'til it hurts, and when it hurts, give some more. Then it's time to stop.

Something that makes you laugh: Virtue of “Everybody Loves Raymond,” “Cheers” and “All in the Family.”

Guilty pleasure: A scoop of coconut gelato and a scoop of dark chocolate with almonds gelato. It tastes like an Almond Joy.

Skill or talent you wish you had: That I could draw something besides a stick figure.

Last book you read: “Wheat Belly” by William Davis, M.D. What an eye-opener!

Something you’ll never understand: Why red lights in Naples are so long.

Pet peeve: People talking on cell phones while driving.

Something people would be surprised to find out about you: I won a fastest typing contest — 120 words per minute — two years in a row and went on to nationals both years.

What the Paradise Coast really needs: Can’t think of a thing. I love everything about our beautiful Naples!
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Rev. Campbell believes that when the people of Collier County think of those who need the most help, they immediately think of Immokalee. They have heard of the plight of the migrant workers. They have seen the shack tents. They know Immokalee. The poverty there is visible. They do not know Golden Gate City. Here, the poverty is hidden. Two or three families often live together in a single-family home, she says. “You can’t see that from the road as you can see a broken-down trailer in Immokalee.”

Rev. Campbell feels Golden Gate City has yet to become part of the big Naples conversation. Grace Place is looking to change that.

“Our mission is clear: Education through teaching literacy, language and life skills,” she says. Six hundred and three children who cannot read proficiently by the fourth grade will end up in jail or on welfare. Studies of Grace Place families show that 85 percent live at or below the national poverty line; 99 percent are non-English speaking households; 88 percent of the parents in the households have less than a high school education; 20 percent of parents in the households have less than a fifth-grade education.

Grace Place has established programs to counter those statistics. Bright Beginnings teaches parents to teach their children. After-school programs help students advance in core academic subjects. The AP Leadership program aims to break the cycle of poverty by motivating high school students to graduate, matching them with mentors and compelling them to seek higher education. The Adult English Language and Literacy program builds self-esteem and nurtures assimilation.

“There was a time when Rev. Campbell could not have fathomed so many ambitious programs, for Grace Place had the simple beginnings of a homework club.

When Rev. Campbell was completing her graduate work and becoming ordained, she decided to explore: “What’s next in my life? Where can I be used? What’s the need? I am going to fill? How am I going to use my education and ordination?”

She knew there was a Methodist church in Golden Gate City, “right in the middle of the need.” She rented space there and started up a storm.

“From that moment on, I knew we could change the whole trajectory of a child’s life,” Rev. Campbell says.

A gifted tuba player, Keith now attends college on scholarship. When he came home from school, Rev. Campbell was sure to tell him, “We gave you a helping hand. You did the work.”

Keith started going to Grace Place, where volunteers fed him books and grew his home library. He called Rev. Campbell at the end of the summer program, wanting to know when the after-school program would start up again. He wanted to bring his friend. And oh, he added, the school tested him again, and he was moving up to fourth grade.

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A 17-month-old who was not walking or talking. His mom was distraught. On the bus, she shared her discontent with another woman. The woman told her she had to go to Grace Place. She got off the bus with her and walked the mom there.

It turned out that Mike’s family was one of those families living in one bed-room of someone else’s house. Rev. Campbell says the boy did not leave that bedroom. He did not interact with other children or with the world. He stayed in that room that had no books or toys, nothing that would help him learn and thrive.

Mike’s mom signed up for Bright Beginnings at Grace Place. Now he’s in kindergarten, running all around, talking up a storm.

“If no one had intervened,” Rev. Campbell says, “he would be your special-needs student, he’d be your dropout. He’d be one of those outcomes.” That’s what the studies show.

How it all began
To reach the children, Rev. Campbell knew, Grace Place had to reach families before the children were of school age. To do that, she had to reach the mothers.

Diane Ponton started the Bright Beginnings program and became a mom for the moms. She had taught elementary school for 12 years and had master’s degree in teaching English as a second language. When she read in her church bulletin what Rev. Campbell was looking to do, she started at Grace Place as a volunteer. Eventually she was hired as the first employee and now serves as the director of family literacy.

“Coming here changed my life for the better,” Mrs. Ponton says. “I really believe that our well-being isn’t just a physical thing but a spiritual thing. I feel like you have to be doing something good to really appreciate life … Here, every day I feel like I’m doing such great things and being surrounded by such great people, that it really puts my whole life in perspective.

“We can so get centered around ‘me, me, me’ and what we don’t have or all the negative. Come here and you realize, ‘Wow, we are so blessed’ … I just think that everybody in the world needs to come here and be a part of this,” as a student or a volunteer.

Mrs. Ponton has made it her mission to support the moms of Golden Gate City. A mother of two, she learned being a mom was the most important job she would ever have, but it was also the most difficult. She remembers sitting on the floor when her daughters were young, thinking, “I can handle a room full of fourth graders, but I can’t handle two little preschoolers!”

If being a mom was difficult for her, someone who spoke English and had an education and a good support network, she wondered, “How do these moms who don’t speak English, who don’t have a lot of support and are not educated, how do they do it? They must need help.”

Through the Mom & Tot program, an extension of the Bright Beginnings program, funded in part by a Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy grant, she tries to teach Golden Gate City moms to be their child’s first teacher. But oftentimes, Mrs. Ponton says, these moms feel like, “I’m not educated. How can I be a teacher?”

In 10 years, Grace Place has helped 600 mothers help 600 families. Moms learn the ABCs with their children, and songs such as “Heads, Shoulders, Knees and Toes.”

Mrs. Ponton remembers singing “The Wheels on the Bus” in one Mom & Tot circle. A Haitian mom was a little reluctant to sing to her twins in front of a full room. Mrs. Ponton knelt down and started singing to the twins. Their grandmother was there and, although she didn’t speak any English, when she saw her grandchildren giggling, she started singing, too.
Voices from Grace Place

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— Barbara Evans, development director

These are the greatest moments for Mrs. Ponton, the moments when she sees children dancing, moms beam- ing, everybody singing. When she sees moms learning English with their children, learning to read with their children, when she sees moms reading books to their children, she sees Grace Place working, she sees moms starting to believe they can be teachers.

A brighter future

Besides their parent and child togeth- er time, known as PAC time around Grace Place, Mom & Tot programs also sit in on two-hour intensive English classes, four days a week.

“And they walk here,” Mrs. Ponton says. “To see them working this hard humbles me. Moms push strollers for two miles in the rain and cold, whatever the conditions might be, just to be here.”

Grace Place mom Maria Ochoa has four children. She remembers the day she told them, “OK guys, I’m going to read you a book.” Her children were like, “But Mom, you don’t know Eng- lish.” She said, “Let me try.” By the end of the book, they were impressed. “Mom, you do know English!”

Mrs. Ochoa has lived in Golden Gate City for 11 years. She and her husband, who works in lawn care, came here from Mexico. At first, she says, she sat at home, alone. But when a friend brought her to Grace Place, she found friends and a sense of family. And she learned to be a better mom.

Mrs. Ochoa has been coming to Grace Place for seven years and jokes that she’s one of the veterans. She has gone through the Bright Beginnings and Mom & Tot programs.

Mothers who have received help are expected to volunteer, which in turn allows them to show their gratitude with dignity. Mrs. Ochoa volunteers. She’s also a mom mentor and an English student.

She understands English but can be self-conscious speaking it, especially to a reporter with a recorder, so she speaks through a translator. Her favorite word to say in English is “beautiful.”

When talking about Grace Place, she says you must emphasize the word “family.” According to what the center means to her, she keeps saying, “todo, todo,” the Spanish word for “everything.”

Mrs. Ochoa says she grew up “very, very poor” in a poor part of Mexico, where she only obtained a primary education. Liv- ing in Golden Gate City has surpassed her expec- tations.

“Coming here, seeing all the resources, all the opportunities, it’s almost like a paradise,” says the woman who walked here to talk to a reporter. She knows Golden Gate City moms might not be the ones to pick up the paper with her story, but other Naples Moms will and might see some ways where they are all the same.

Thinking of her chil- dren’s future, she takes a deep breath, looks up, her round cheeks like moons of gratitude, and says, “I want them to go to uni- versity, go to college and have a career. I want the best for them. My hus- band and I always tell them it’s a privilege to be born and raised here. We experience a huge shift. It’s like a paradise,” says Mrs. Ponton.

“A catalyst for kids”

Barbara Evans, Grace Place develop- ment director, sees a parallel between Grace Place families and immigrant grandparents and great grandparents who came to America on a boat in search of opportunity. She says many immigrants tried to hide their culture to be more American. Grace Place chil- dren do not hide their culture, she says, but they are sometimes embarrassed by it. They don’t see their bilingual skills as a benefit until they are filling out col- lege applications. Once they realize the inherent gift in their native tongue, they experience a huge shift.

Golden Gate High School has the lowest graduation rate in Collier Coun- ty. “If I were to set the vision for our school-age programs, it would be that in 10 years, Golden Gate High School would have the highest graduation rate with the highest percentage of students moving on to college or postsecondary education.” Mrs. Evans says. “There’s a lot to overcome in reaching that goal. Most of the students are and will be first-generation college students. That’s a huge obstacle to overcome.”

But she says Golden Gate High School teachers seek out Grace Place students because they are the kids who come to class prepared. They have their home- work done. They know what’s expected of them in the classroom.

Sounds like the Grace Place mission coming full circle: Grace Place serves as a catalyst for the child. The child becomes a catalyst for the classroom. As a daughter of an Italian mother who did not speak English as a pri- mary language, Mrs. Evans can relate to the children of Grace Place. She knows what it’s like to become discour- aged with your homework because your primary parent cannot help you. She knows what it’s like to constantly trans- late for a parent.

“Why did I come to Grace Place?” she asks, rhetorically. “I relate to the mission.”

Describing Grace Place, Mrs. Evans chooses the words “transformational space,” playing to the dual meanings of the word as most of the furniture has wheels to move easily and rooms have temporary dividing walls to make class- rooms larger or smaller for different purposes. She could argue the purpose of Grace Place as partly “preventative,” as it keeps kids off the streets and in school through educational programs and keeps people from going hungry through the Friday food pantry.

She says Grace Place hit its million- dollar threshold last year, which in the future will allow them to support the children and their families even more.”

Scene and faces from Grace Place.
minds of many put the organization on the map as a serious nonprofit. Giving a rundown of the history, she says, “We started off as a church — I should say, in a church,” though there’s truth in her slip of words, for the Grace Place campus feels like what a church should be: a place of no judgment, just love. It also feels like what a school should be: a place fixated not on grades, but on growth.

Linda DiGiorno likes to teach and was looking for someplace where she could be useful, so she volunteers at Grace Place as an English teacher two days a week. The adults in her class range from new mothers to white-haired men. “Their desire to learn and willingness to try is,” Mrs. DiGiorno pauses for the right word, “it’s inspiring, really,” she says.

“It gets a little frustrating sometimes when you hear people look down on them as if they’re such a burden and they don’t want to work and they don’t want to learn. I keep saying, ‘Oh, my gosh. You have to come and see’,”

This spurs Mrs. DiGiorno to share the story of a young man from Columbia. He spoke no English at all. He came to Grace Place nicely dressed, carrying a briefcase. “When class was over, we went outside. He rode in on a child’s bike,” Mrs. DiGiorno says.

“To see him on this little bike … I mean, that touched me very much. To see the commitment there. He just lands in this country and he’s willing to ride a child’s bike down the street with his briefcase … I think it shows the desire of a lot of people who come here,” wanting to learn English, wanting a better life.

Mrs. DiGiorno wants the community to know Grace Place covers a wide spectrum of needs, from preschoolers to moms, dads and grandparents. “Your child can come as a baby and be here all the way through high school,” she says. “The stories of those children are amazing, the things they’ve done, but that’s not my part of the story.”

That’s Rachelle Majuste’s part of the story to tell.

On her way up

When Rachelle started going to the after-school program at Grace Place, she was a young, struggling reader. Now a junior at Golden Gate High School, she recently won a Voice of Democracy award for an essay she wrote titled “Why I am Optimistic about our Nation’s Future.” An excerpt reads:

“If we support the people that surround us, we are helping out neighborhoods, creating better communities, progressing in our states and advancing our nation internationally.”

Further down, she writes:

“With the future comes a more diverse nation in thought, in spirit and in mind. A nation that is strong at the top of the pyramid and even stronger at the bottom.”

At the age of 16, Rachelle has a model’s beauty and a calm composure. She participates in the AP Leader program at Grace Place. She plans to go to college and study nursing. She is so articulate; it’s hard to imagine she ever struggled with words.

“I love books that have a lesson underneath,” she says.

Her favorite line from “The Great Gatsby” is when Daisy says, “And I hope she’ll be a fool — that’s the best thing a girl can be in this world, a beautiful little fool.” Sharing her interpretation of the line, Rachelle says, “A woman might know what she’s talking about, she might know what’s really going on, but because of her standing, she will act like a beautiful fool … I don’t know if it’s true for everyone, but I’ve seen it in myself … You know what’s going on, but you might act like a beautiful fool so you don’t put others in danger, or your life in danger, or your money in danger.”

Rachelle likes books that show the flaws but have somewhat of a happy ending. Born and raised in Golden Gate City, she says she knows what goes on in the world, which is good, because when she goes out into the world on her own, she will feel comfortable, not lost.

“I know about this,” she says of Golden Gate City poverty rates and dropout rates, “That’s why I’m going this way,” alluding to the up and up.

— For more information about Grace Place for Children & Families in Golden Gate City, including how to donate or volunteer, call 254-2400 or visit www.graceplacenaples.org. Volunteer mentors are always needed.
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Government in action

Florida’s second-most populous county, Broward, announced in December it was removing the agricultural tax break for 277 properties because it appeared their “farming” work was a sham. Broward’s property appraiser estimated the county had lost “hundreds of millions of dollars” over the years granting the bogus reductions — as landowners were blatanty housing just a few cows (in some cases, merely renting them) to graze and calling that “agricultural.” The appraiser’s office, after auditing only a few of the exemptions, found, for example, that land occupied by a government-contract prison was “agricultural” (with a rent-a-cow arrangement).

The Ontario College of Trades ministry, finally implementing a long-agreed reclassification of about 80,000 professionals, announced in November that barbers would immediately face fines if they had not acquired new licenses demonstrating proficiency with perms and highlighting and other aspects of women’s hairstyling. Even barbers who had cut men’s hair for decades and with no desire to accept female customers would probably need a costly study program for the upgrade, which one barber estimated at 2,000 hours and $5,000 or more.

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### Photo excursions focus on capturing finest scenes from the Fakahatchee

The Friends of Fakahatchee and Naples photographer Dennis Goodman have teamed up to offer a new series of photo excursions into Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. Each outing is limited to 12 participants and combines Mr. Goodman’s extensive photographic knowledge with the expertise of Park Ranger Mike Owen. The programs are designed for seasoned photographers who want to improve their skills.

“We’ll be photographing the best this amazing preserve has to offer,” Mr. Goodman says.

Photo excursions take place the second Wednesday of each month through April. Here’s the schedule:

- **Feb. 12**: Fakahatchee landscapes and swamps, 8-10 a.m. – Mr. Owen will lead participants into restricted park areas to capture the landscapes.
- **March 12**: Wildflower and macro-photography, 8-10 a.m. – Focus on capturing the Fakahatchee’s flowers, butterflies and insects.
- **April 9**: Catch the sunset, 6-8 p.m. – How to translate the swamp’s spectacular sunsets into equally striking photographs.

The fee for each excursion is $115. For reservations or more information, call Mr. Goodman at 825-4677 or go to www.dennis-goodmanphotography.com. Reservations are required.

### Where there’s smoke, there’s sometimes a controlled burn

Weather permitting, prescribed fires managed by Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve will commence each day Saturday through Wednesday, Jan. 18-22, around 9 a.m. in the following areas: along Collier Boulevard/SR 951, along Shell Island Road and in units west of Tower Road and Barefoot Williams Road south of Treviso Bay.

Rookery Bay staff coordinates burn prescriptions with the Florida Forestry Service and work with partnering land managers and local fire departments to get the job done safely and efficiently.

Residents of adjacent areas will see and possibly smell smoke from the fire, and fire activities may temporarily inconvenience motorists in affected areas. Fire personnel will contact visitors in the area to ensure their safety while traveling near activity areas and will carefully monitor the fire throughout the day until it extinguishes.

The main purpose of the burns is to reduce fuel loads and manage wildlife habitat.

Jeff Carter, Rookery Bay resource management coordinator, explains that a major portion of Collier County is comprised of plants that are dependent on fire to maintain species composition and diversity. These species are the same species that are prone to lightning strike wildfires, and the controlled reduction of those fuels helps to prevent catastrophic wildfire damage.

Fire-dependent plants include the South Florida slash pine, gallberry, saw palmetto and scrub oaks.

For more information, visit www.rookerybay.org.
The Genealogical Society of Collier County and the Collier County Public Library present "Researching Surnames in German-language Regions of Europe," a free program by Roger Minert, Ph.D., from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Headquarters Library on Orange Blossom Drive.

Mr. Minert earned a bachelor’s degree in German at Brigham Young University, a master’s in German literature and a doctorate in German language history and second language acquisition at Ohio State University. The author of more than 70 books and articles on German family history and German pedagogy, he has taught family history research, German family history research and German and Latin paleography. Beginning genealogy classes offered by the Genealogical Society of Collier County and the Collier County Public Library take place from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays, Feb. 4, 11 and 18, at Naples Regional Library, 650 Central Ave. Attendance is free.

Instructor Marie Overman is a former teacher and librarian. In the first class, she will discuss how to organize materials and where to find birth, baptism, marriage, death, burial, cemetery, land and probate records. Session two will be about census records and city and farm directories. The final class will focus on immigration, naturalization and military records and will offer a preview of a program for organizing genealogy material.

Beginners as well as those who have been involved in genealogy research are welcome. Registration is required and can be completed by visiting any Collier County library or calling the Naples Library reference desk at 263-7768. For more information about the Genealogical Society of Collier County, visit www.thegscc.org.

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Health-care expert, Heritage Foundation president to address Speakers Assembly

The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida welcomes Thomas Zenty III, president and CEO of University Hospitals Health Systems in Cleveland, as guest speaker on Saturday, Jan. 24, at Quail West Country Club.

Mr. Zenty will discuss the Affordable Care Act and new developments in health care and health-care economics. Under his leadership, University Hospitals Health Systems has achieved a financial turn-around, improved bond ratings, expanded community benefit contributions and increased patient volume. He previously was executive vice president for clinical care services and COO at Cedar-Sinai Health System in Los Angeles.

He is currently serving a three-year term as a member of the board of trustees of the American Hospital Association. He has also served on the boards of publicly traded and privately held corporations and has been acknowledged on numerous occasions for his community service contributions and professional accomplishments.

Coming next
James DeMint, president of The Heritage Foundation, will address the Speakers Assembly members and guests on Friday, Feb. 7, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort and Spa in Bonita Springs. He will discuss the foundation’s Index of Dependence on Government and its mission “to reverse America’s growing reliance on taxpayer-funded programs,” as well as the organization’s collaborations on reform to entitlements, health care, education and immigration.

Originally from South Carolina, Mr. DeMint began his career in the field of politics and governmental marketing where he worked to build and lead a resurgent conservative caucus in the United States Senate. After 10 years, he started the DeMint Group, a marketing research and strategic planning business. He ran the company from 1983-1998, when he was elected to serve as a Republican to the first three terms in the United States House of Representatives. In 2004, he was elected the 55th United States senator from South Carolina. During his time in Senate, he advocated for The Heritage Foundation’s public policy mission.

Both events featuring Mr. Zenty and Mr. DeMint begin with networking at 11 a.m., following by lunch and the program at 11:45 a.m. and a 30-minute question-and-answer session with the speaker. For tickets or more information about the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida, call 948-7909 or visit www.SpeakersAssembly.com. Several additional programs are planned this season, and new members are always welcome.

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In an effort to raise awareness of the fragility of the local water supply and threats to it posed by proposed oil exploration and drilling, Arnal Gallery in Crayton Cove hosts an art show featuring several renowned artists Jan. 22-31. The show is timed to coordinate with statewide actions focused on the preservation of clean water in Florida. A percentage of proceeds will benefit Preserve Our Paradise, a nonprofit dedicated to halting oil drilling in Collier and Lee counties.

Participating artists include Paul Arsenault, Connie Bransilver, Clyde Butcher, Nora Butler, Susan Forrest Castle, Phil Fisher, Natalie Guess, James Kerr, Carol McArdle, Donna Murphy, Gareth Rockcliffe, Karen Stone, Erin Strachan, Jerry Valdez and Lynne Wilcox.

An opening reception takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, and will include a brief presentation at 6 p.m. by Joe Mule, president of Preserve Our Paradise. From noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, a representative of POP will be at the gallery to meet the public.

The gallery is at 764 12th Ave. S. The public is welcome; reservations are requested and can be made by calling 263-1214.

For more information about POP, visit www.preserveourparadise.org.

Keep up with plans for new city park

The public is encouraged to learn more about and provide input regarding plans for the city of Naples’ Gordon River Park. All three proposals incorporate input received thus far from the public, the Naples Community Services Advisory Board and Naples City Council at a series of charrettes, workshops and public meetings.

Meetings are held in council chambers at Naples City Hall across the street from Cambier Park:

- Wednesday, Jan. 22: 9 a.m. – Preliminary design review board public hearing.
- Monday, Jan. 27: 9 a.m. – Community Services Advisory Board review of final plan.
- Wednesday, Feb. 12: 8:30 a.m. – Planning Advisory Board.
- Wednesday, March 5: 8:30 a.m. – City Council public hearing.
- Tuesday, March 11: 9 a.m. – Community Services Advisory Board.

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Antiques aficionados and collectors can have a sneak peek at two upcoming shows by attending pre-view parties to benefit the David Lawrence Center & Foundation. Both shows will bring Antiques dealers from around the country to display and sell their wares, from Victorian Majolica and Staffordshire pottery to Black Forrest sculptures, Asian and European antiques, Americana collectibles, fine art, silver, oriental carpets, vintage poster art and antique and estate jewelry. Several exhibitors will be showing in Naples for the first time.

First up is the Naples Antiques Show, with a preview reception from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, at the Hilton Naples. Admission is a suggested donation of $20. Hors d’oeuvres will be served, and there will be a cash bar. One guest will win a drawing for a Lalique vase.

Preview tickets are also valid for unlimited entry to the show on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Regular admission is $8.

Preview tickets can be purchased at the door and are also available at the David Lawrence Center and at www.naplesantiqueshow.com. For more information call Allman Promotions at 877-2830 or visit the website.

Next up is the 2014 Naples Art, Antique & Jewelry Show, with a preview set for 5-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6, at the Naples Exhibition Center on Goodlette-Frank Road near downtown. Admission is $75. Presented by the Palm Beach Show Group, the show with more than 75 exhibitors will remain up through Feb. 10. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Feb. 7-8, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Feb. 9-10. A $20 ticket will gain admission all four days. For more information, call (561) 822-5440 or visit www.NaplesShow.com.
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■ The eighth annual Naples Bike Branch to benefit the Naples Pathways Coalition set out from Lowdermilk Park on Sunday, Jan. 26. Riders can choose to pedal courses of 30, 40, 62 or 100 miles. Registration details are at www.naplespathways.org. NPC promotes a safe biking, walking and running infrastructure in Naples and Collier County. Volunteers are needed in numerous capacities to help ensure the success of the Naples Bike Branch. For details, call Deborah Johnson of the Gulf Coast Runners Association at 298-6940 or email gcrdeborah@hayoo.com.

■ Media day for the ACE Group Classic at TwinEagles takes place Thursday, Jan. 30, as a benefit for the Take Stock in Children scholarship and mentoring program run by the Education Foundation of Collier County. Volunteers are always welcome. For more information, call 643-4755 or visit www.ChampionsForLearning/MOD.

■ The 21st annual Boston Red Sox Children’s Hospital Celebrity Classic “Tee Party” takes place the evening of Thursday, Feb. 20, also at The Forest, with live and silent auctions. Tickets are $50. Tournament and “Tee Party” proceeds will be matched dollar for dollar to benefit construction of Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Florida.

■ Planning for the eighth annual Susan G. Komen Southwest Florida Race for the Cure is well underway, with the race set for Saturday, March 8, at Coconut Point in Estero. Several activities will be new to the 2014 event, including a “Pre-Pink Out Party” the night before the race and, on race day, a Kids for the Cure area with activities, games and prizes and a “Man Cave” where guys can relax. Local bands are signing up for “Bands for the Cure” to play along the route.

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The Naples Woman's Club is selling raffle tickets for four prize packages to raise money for its philanthropic causes. Tickets are $25 each, three for $50 or eight for $100. The prize packages are:

1. Jewelry & Art ($2,075 value): A custom pearl and coral necklace by Pierre and Harry, a ruby and diamond cocktail ring and an original Chinese brush painted framed watercolor.
2. Beauty & Spa ($1,275 value): Image consulting by Kay Bork, massage gift certificates and a cashmere shawl.
3. Food & Wine: Gift certificates from several local restaurants and six bottles of wine.
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The raffle drawing will be held the evening of Sunday, March 9, at the club’s sponsor appreciation reception. Winning evening of Sunday, March 9, at the club’s sponsor appreciation reception. Winning.

The Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples invites fellow Buckeyes to happy hour from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Bokemaker’s Sports Bar and Grill Naples, 8990 Fontana Del Sol Way. RSVP by calling Anne Knouse at 564-6023 or visit www.napleswomansclub.com.

The Everglades Astronomical Society holds its regular meeting from 7-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, at The Norris Center. Member John Barstiger will discuss “The Search for Alien Life.” Upcoming programs are Brian McGuffey on March 11 with a program on the Nutwood Observatory in Canada and Rick Piper on April 8 with a program about his experiences hunting comets. Seating is limited and although attendance is free, reservations are required two days in advance and can be made by emailing Charlie Paul at cpaul68@earthlink.net. Newcomers to astronomy and those experienced in stargazing are welcome.

The society also holds a monthly dark sky viewing at the Fakahatchee Strand. For more information, email Mike Usher, society president, at usher34005@earthlink.net.

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Luncheon meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at Naples area country clubs. An orientation coffee for prospective members takes place on the first Thursday of each month. For more information about the January meetings, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

Members and guests of Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae Chapter of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island will celebrate Founders Day with a luncheon Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Naples Yacht Club. Guest speaker Gwynne Young is a past president of the Florida Bar Association. Several 50-year Thetas and one 75-year member will be honored.

Cost is $30. RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 21, by calling Mary Lynn Myers at 431-5434 or emailing mlm2817@aol.com.

Southwest Florida Federated Republican Women meet at 11:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Arbor Trace, 15661 Vanderbilt Drive north of Wiggins Pass. The next meeting is Feb. 5. For more information, call Diane Van Parys at 431-5224.

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5. at Galerie du Soleil in Old Naples. All alumnae of Barnard, Bryn Mawr, Mount Holyoke, Radcliffe, Smith, Vassar and Wellesley colleges are invited to reconnect, renew old friendships and make new ones. Cost is $20, and reservations are required by Jan. 30.

For more information, call Karen Kayser Benson (Mount Holyoke) at 293-0354 or email kkbcouch@comcast.net.

■ The 275-plus members of Corvettes of Naples enjoy networking with other Corvette owners and clubs as well as their own monthly social functions including car shows, picnics, cross-country trips, home parties and dining at fine restaurants. Meetings take place at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church, 1325 Piper Blvd. in North Naples. The next meeting is Feb. 6. Visitors who own a Corvette are always welcome. For more information, visit www.corvettesofnaplesfl.com.

■ Zonta Club of Naples invites members and visiting Zontians to its monthly meetings at Brio at Waterside Shops at noon on the first Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Feb. 6. Cost is $12. For reservations or more information, call Erica Vanover at 434-1112.

■ The Naples Digital Photography Club meets from 7-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Edison State College-Collier Campus, Building J-Conference Center. The next meeting is Feb. 11. Guests are always welcome. For more information, visit www.dpi-sig.org.

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.
A campaign just launched by the National Institute of Nursing Research aims to increase the use of palliative care — comprehensive treatment of the discomform, symptoms, and stress of serious illness — for children with serious illness. Rather than being a means to cure an illness, palliative care aims to make patients more comfortable.

Palliative care can reduce a child’s pain, help manage other distressing symptoms, and provide important emotional support to the child and family throughout the course of an illness.

Research has shown that pediatric palliative care services may also increase overall satisfaction with care for patients and their families. Yet, many health-care providers hesitate to recommend palliative care for their youngest patients, and parents and caregivers are often unaware of its benefits.

“Initiating palliative care conversations is often hard for both providers and families, especially in the pediatric setting,” said Dr. Patricia A. Grady, NIH Director. “While it may not be an easy conversation, recommending palliative care to patients and families early can improve patient experiences with care. We hope this campaign and its resources will help ensure that palliative care is considered for every child and family navigating a serious illness.”

To develop the Palliative Care Conversations Matter campaign NINR, a component of the National Institutes of Health, brought together parents and palliative care clinicians, scientists, and professionals to give their input and expertise on what they felt was needed in the field.

The campaign emphasizes that palliative care works along with other treatments to enhance quality of life for children of any age living with a broad range of serious illnesses. In particular, the campaign strives to break the common association between palliative care and hospice care, stressing that palliative care is appropriate throughout illness — not only at the end of life.

The campaign’s evidence-based materials are designed to help providers initiate palliative care conversations with pediatric patients and their families as soon as possible following diagnosis and to continue these discussions throughout the illness to meet changing needs of the patient and family.

The Palliative Care: Conversations Matter campaign resources include:

- Informational video vignettes, which offer advice to providers about how to start palliative care discussions with patients and family members and features a mother’s perspective on palliative care after her daughter’s difficult diagnosis.
- Customizable tear-off pads of patient education sheets, in English and Spanish, which encourage providers to have discussions with patients and their families by providing answers to common questions about palliative care and resources to support conversations.
- To learn more about the palliative care campaign, or to download or order campaign materials, visit www.ninr.nih.gov/conversations-matter or call (800) 496-0207.

In last week’s column, I discussed three longer-term mega-trends that lie ahead in health care: alignment among health-care participants, consumerism and globalization. This week, I’ll drill down to four “micro-trend” predictions with more immediate impact and a shorter time horizon.

- Continued migration from volume to value – This is another way of saying that the traditional fee-for-service system will evolve into payment models focused on bundled services, centered on a surgical experience or medical condition.

  The chief medical officer of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services estimates about 11 percent of payment now is based on value. Nationally, integrated systems such as Mayo Clinic have been leaders in treating populations with the same complex diseases. Locally, Florida Blue and the NCH Physician Group have been on a similar path. We have restructured contracts with other major commercial insurers to continue this innovative system, to embrace patients as partners, to decrease per unit cost and waste, and to improve value.

- Medicare’s new value proposition is taking hold this year – In 2014, hospitals’ value-based purchasing program has added a new measure. Medicare spending per beneficiary (MSBP) — to the formula that determines how much each hospital is paid. What this means is that for the first time, hospitals are accountable for the costs of some outpatient and post-acute care, even if the providers are not affiliated with the hospital. Improving post-acute services — helping to create better value by improving quality and lowering costs after a hospitalization — could be key to improving the MSBP efficiency score.

  Presently, NCH comes in slightly better than the state average but not as good as the national average. Working together to integrate pre-and post-hospital care will become even more important as we migrate from a repair-shop mentality to a prevention mentality. The strong alignment among all the participants in health care discussed last week is necessary to lower MSBP.

- Transparency and innovation lead to organizational learning, change and improvement – Health care has officially gone digital, as we more effectively transform data into information and knowledge using analytics to focus on areas of concern, ways of improving and even preventing health risk. As we become smarter, we help individuals and whole populations live happier, healthier lives. We thus desire to become a designated “Blue Zone,” where residents live measurably longer lives.

- A relentless profit margin squeeze is accelerating – As resources for health-care payments dwindle, we need to do more with less. America still spends twice as much per person per year as other developed nations with the same or worse health-care outcomes. Over the past 25 years, hospital usage has dropped and more than 200,000 beds have been closed, but outpatient visits have risen by 200 percent. We can moderate the margin squeeze by repurposing in-patient facilities, shuttering floors and whole hospitals and developing technology to care for patients in their own homes. Additional ly, generous community support, which NCH enjoys, has made a vast difference for the good of the community.

  Sensing the changing environment and understanding the new forces around us, we adapt to the curve. At NCH, we intend to stay proactive with respect to these four micro-trends and whatever else lies ahead. So that the residents of our community continue to enjoy longer, happier and healthier lives.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is CEO and president of the NCH Healthcare System.
Three-part workshop will examine needs, options for continuing care

Ciccarelli Advisory Services presents “Better Care for Better Living,” a three-part workshop by McKenney Home Care co-founders Patrice Magrath and Michele McKenney.

Topics will include initiating conversations about care, exploring the continuum of care options, implementing care decisions as well as understanding who needs care and how they feel about it.

Ms. McKenney and Ms. Magrath are sisters who relocated to Naples after successful international careers in health care, law and business. They created McKenney Home Care inspired by their personal experience of caring for their aging mother.

Ms. McKenney graduated from Boston College and earned a master’s degree in public health from the University of Pittsburgh and a law degree from Duquesne University. She worked at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, ultimately serving as president of the system’s diversified services and international division, with overall responsibility for the UPMC Home Health Agency, senior living facilities and 21 other health-related businesses. She also developed and implemented a specialty transplant hospital in Palermo, Italy.

Ms. Magrath graduated from Boston College and earned a law degree from Catholic University, Columbus School of Law in Washington, D.C. She practiced commercial law in Washington with Swidler and Berlin (now Bingham McCutchen) then joined her sister in Italy to oversee the development and opening of a respite facility for patients and families going to Palermo for medical treatment. She returned to Washington to work for SmithBucklin Corp., a consulting firm that manages not-for-profit organizations, and then was recruited to Switzerland, to serve as CEO of the International Osteoporosis Foundation.

“Better Care for Better Living” sessions are at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22; Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamiami Trail N. Tuesday, Feb. 18; and Thursday, March 20. All take place at the offices of Ciccarelli Advisory Services, 9601 Tamami...
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our community partnerships. That’s the only way you’re going to provide that comprehensive circle of support,” she says.

Those services include:

- The Children & Family Counseling Center;
- Outreach services that provide in-home and community-based parenting education as well as child and substance abuse prevention programs;
- Brownie’s Emergency Shelter, a 23-bed residential home for children ages 7-17, primarily from Collier County, who are placed there by the courts after being removed from their homes due to allegations of physical and sexual abuse, neglect and abandonment.

A new, as yet un-named shelter will open in February to serve at-risk teens ages 13-17 years. There will be 12 beds initially, with the capacity for up to 23 beds.

At the heart of it all is a focus on therapy to produce positive change and break the cycle of despair.

Statistics on the Youth Have website indicate that:

- In 2011, the Collier school district reported that more than 1,000 school-age children experienced homelessness, up from 641 in 2010, and 1,300 experienced episodic homelessness.
- Of the 1,000 identified as home-
less, 122 were found to be as youth with no families or support system.

- Monthly, More than 400 children in Collier County are in foster care sys-
tem, but there are only 62 licensed fos-
ter homes for placement in the county.

- In 2012, 32 percent of children in Youth Haven’s shelter were readmitted due to failed foster home
placements.

- Youth Haven provides services to more than 2,400 children and family
members annually.

“The numbers are growing, and there is especially great need for shel-
ter space,” says Ms. Liggett. At press time, there were 23 children in the
Brownie’s Cottage emergency shelter — and a waiting list.

When she came to Youth Haven four years ago, she says, the campus was
underused and the facility functioned solely as an emergency shelter for dis-
placed children, from toddlers up to age 7.

When assessing Collier County’s needs for serving troubled youths and
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Kim Weisberg, Youth Haven’s senior
counselor, believes the partnerships have greatly enhanced Youth Haven’s ability
to assist the people it serves. “We rely
heavily on community partnerships because we know that we cannot do
deals for all things for an indi-

vidual — to meet that individual’s needs,” she says.

Ms. Liggett praises the contributions of Youth Haven’s therapists, whose
counseling sessions can include not just children, but their families as well. A
licensed clinical social worker provides clinical oversight because the children
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A picnic area on Youth Haven’s 25-acre campus.

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We know that several animal species align their bodies to the Earth’s magnetic field lines when performing certain behaviors such as grazing, hunting or migrating, but until now it wasn’t known whether dogs did the same thing. In a two-year study published in Frontiers in Zoology, European researchers proved magnetic sensitivity in dogs by measuring the direction faced by 70 dogs of 37 different breeds when defecating or urinating and comparing the data to geomagnetic conditions at the time. Turns out that when the Earth’s magnetic field is calm — only about 20 percent of the daylight period — dogs prefer to line up along the north-south axis.

Got dust? And dogs?

Good news — your child may have less risk of developing asthma and allergies. A new study suggests that exposure to dust from homes with dogs may change the immune response to allergens and other asthma triggers by affecting the makeup of the bugs that inhabit the gut: the microbiome. The findings, published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, show that dog-associated house dust can play a key role in preventing allergic inflammations. They help demonstrate how environmental exposures may protect against airway allergens and asthma.

**New research demonstrates the science behind how dogs help humans fend off allergies and asthma.**

**Food delivered for people, pets**

Seniors who receive food deliveries from Meals on Wheels have been known to share the meals with their beloved pets when nothing else is available, so the organization created WALOP (We All Love Our Pets), a national initiative to deliver pet food to clients who need help feeding their animals. Since 2006, WALOP has focused on serving the relationship between people and pets, building a financial and nutritional safety net for them through donations, volunteers and help from shelters, other pet groups and organizations such as Banfield Charitable Trust, which provides grants to member programs.

**Popular dog names**

According to a survey by website Rover.com, the most popular dog names of 2013 were Bella, Lucy, Bailey, Daisy, Lily, Molly, Lola, Maggie, Sadie and Bear for females, and Max, Charlie, Buddy, Jack, Cooper, Rocky, Toby, Bear and Harley for males. The names frequently overlap with those given to children, cementing dogs’ role as beloved family members.

**To adopt or foster a pet**

Dogs and cats adopted from Humane Society Naples come with vaccinations, sterilization surgery, 30 days of health insurance. Visit the animals ready for adoption at the main shelter at 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. (11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday), or at the satellite adoption center at Costalind Center during mall hours. Call 643-1555 or visit HSNaples.org for more information.
THE DIVA DIARIES

A bracing reminder of why snowbirds behave as they do

During the winter of 1978, when I was just a wee diva, we were living near Dayton, Ohio, when a series of three snowstorms hit the area. Wind gusts of 50-60 mph created snowdrifts as deep as 25 feet. Cars were buried up to their roofs, Interstate 75 was closed for days and the National Guard was called in to assist folks who were stranded in their cars and in their homes.

As a wide-eyed sixth-grader, all I saw was a winter wonderland of glistening, white, powdery snow — and no school! There was hot chocolate with marshmallows, a roaring fire and lots of TV.

So, you can imagine my surprise when as soon as the storms subsided and my mother was finally able to start her car and scrape all the snow and ice off of it, she announced that the day school was out in June, we’d be moving to Southwest Florida.

I remember very specifically, her looking at me pointedly and saying that winter, snow and icy temperatures were very different when one actually had to drive and go to work everyday — not to mention the hefty heating bills.

Indeed, on the last day of school a few months later, we had a garage sale and sold most everything. What wasn’t sold we packed into a U-Haul and, on a clear June day, set south on I-75. When we arrived here in the subtropics, we had no set plans. Mom had no job, and we lived in a little furnished rental until she did. My mother swore that she would never struggle through a northern winter again.

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So I’ve learned a few things …

First of all, your mother IS always right. The night I arrived, it was snowing and while my son did the chauffeuring from the airport, I couldn’t even look at the road without having a panic attack. Big, white, fat, wet flakes flowing onto the windshield. The snow sticking to already icy roads. The wind whipping. No wonder my mom moved.

Also, when it’s 70 degrees in Florida and we’re bundled up in silly boots and scarves, staring with wonder at the Midwesterners frolicking on the beach and skipping around in flip-flops and shorts — we need to just let them be. Their skin has not felt air in weeks, and they are SO happy and free. I will not make fun of them anymore.

The north has beautiful seasons, and while there’s even some beauty about winter, the bottom line is, if you’re an adult with a job and a car and bills to pay, winter is a lot of work.

I say, welcome snowbirds. Welcome! Enjoy our sun, our beaches and our pools — just be nice on our roads. Revel in the warmth, as there’s plenty to go around. After all, we were all new here once.

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

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The race is on to stop HLB before it destroys Florida’s signature crop

BY EVAN WILLIAMS
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Jim English has tended to citrus groves most of his adult life. His grandfather started the family business in the late 1800s. He and his three brothers run the operation, between 500 and 600 acres off the north bank of the Caloosahatchee River in Alva.

At 78, he still enjoys the work. But increasingly, the fruit is turning green and bitter and dropping prematurely; the trees slowly dying. A disease popularly called citrus greening disease, also known as huanglongbing, is the culprit. Since it first appeared in Miami-Dade County in 2005, it has spread to almost every commercial citrus grove in the state.

“I hope it’s going to continue and my family will continue in the citrus business,” Mr. English said. “If it doesn’t destroy the Florida citrus industry, it’s going to greatly reduce the size and production.”

In a 2008 Florida Weekly story, researchers and farmers predicted that greening could end up wiping out the industry between 2015 and 2020. That appears to be happening.

But many of them now also express optimism because of an aggressive anti-HLB effort, and not just in Florida. From researchers across the citrus-producing world to grove operators and University of Florida scientists, the citrus industry is scrambling to find a cure — or at least a long-term solution such as disease-resistant hybrids or even genetically engineered fruit.

So far, a long-term fix has been elusive, and for infected trees the clock is ticking. The Asian citrus psyllid eats citrus leaves, especially those of young trees, leaving a tree with a deadly bacterium that causes greening.

The race is on to stop HLB before it destroys Florida’s signature crop

Florida will produce 115 million boxes of oranges during the season that began Oct. 1 — that’s fewer than any season since 1989-90.
If new year’s resolutions were ever so easily accomplished, then there would be little need for the psychological uplift attached to Jan. 1. If they were so easy to stick with, the same resolutions would not appear year after year on our lists. And so, a few weeks after we’ve made (and possibly broken) our resolutions, I’m here to remind you why it’s so important to stick with them.

So what are the top new year’s resolutions? A recently conducted Harris poll identified them and, in Dave Letterman countdown style, they are:

10. Set aside time for yourself.
9. Stop procrastinating.
8. Improve a relationship.
7. Stop smoking.
6. Manage stress better.
5. Eat healthier.
3. Exercise.
2. Improve your finances.
1. Lose weight.

Not surprisingly, two and four are directly related to wealth or money (e.g., improved finances and a new job), which is more often than not a better-paying job. Exercise is also indirectly tied to physical health and a seventh (improving a relationship) is indirectly tied to mental, physical and emotional health but, in actuality, these health-related goals are indirectly tied to saving money and better finances.

For example, weight loss can improve finances. A person who is obese has annual medical costs $4,249 higher than someone of a normal weight, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. As there are some 72 million obese people in the U.S., just do the simple math: 72 million people each saving on average of $4,249 equals $302,888,000,000. Yep, you read that number correctly. Eliminating obesity could create $303 billion in savings per year.

Collectively, as a nation, we would begin to experience these hefty savings from fewer hospitalizations, fewer doctor visits, lower insurance payments and copayments. But because the effects of obesity are primarily made manifest in later years of life, many obese individuals might not fully and immediately benefit financially.

“The problem with being obese is that it leads to lower health outcomes later in life,” says Jay Zagorsky, an economist at Ohio State University. “If you put on an extra 30 or 40 pounds right now, there is no reason to believe that for the next decade you will have more doctor visits than if you keep the extra weight off.”

Insurers have reported decreasing other savings. For instance, “Eliminate a $10 a day smoking or junk food habit… and you can save $3,650 annually. And that’s just the immediate savings. There are also savings over the long-term for the rest of someone’s life. The Centers for Disease Control estimates that just a 10 percent weight loss could reduce an overweight person’s lifetime medical costs by $2,200 to $5,800. Not only do we as citizens need to take responsibility for many aspects of our health, but we also need to encourage and help those who are floundering with poorer health and excess weight. Your help might be as simply accomplished as forwarding this column to others.”

— Jeannette Showalter, CFA is a commodities broker with Worldwide Futures Systems. Find her on Facebook at Jeannette Showalter, CFA.

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Chocolatier, jewelry design share Business Hall of Fame honor

Junior Achievement of Southwest Florida will induct chocolatier Norman Love and jewelry designer Mark Loren into the 2014 Business Hall of Fame, Lee County, on Thursday evening, April 17, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa.

The award recognizes entrepreneurs who serve as role models for youth through their professional accomplishments and commitment to the community.

For tickets or sponsorship information about the Hall of Fame evening, call 225-2590, email info@jasilw.org or visit www.jasilw.org.

About the laureates

After learning the craft of pastry making in France, Mr. Love served as executive pastry chef for luxury resorts including The Beverly Hills Hotel and The Ritz-Carlton. During his career with The Ritz-Carlton he was appointed to the position of corporate executive pastry chef where he oversees his own pastry and baking operations. In 13 years, he opened 30 hotels and resort pastry kitchens in international and domestic locales such as Boston, Dubai and Bali. International acclaim also followed Mr. Love. Chocolatier and Pastry Art and Design magazine named him one of the country’s top 10 pastry chefs in 1996 and 1997. In 1999, he led the U.S. team to a bronze medal in the biennial Coup du Monde de la Patisserie (World Cup of Pastry) competition in Lyons, France. He was among 18 chefs chosen to make a birthday cake at the 150th Smithsonian Anniversary Celebration in Washington, D.C., and one of 26 chefs selected to appear on the 39-part series “Baking with Julia” on public television. In 2009, he was named one of the Top 10 Chocolatiers in North America by Dessert Magazine. He is also co-founder of the National Pastry Team Championship and is a regular guest judge on the Food Network Challenge series.

He left the corporate world in 2001 and entered into private enterprise with Norman Love Confections, with a kitchen and chocolate salon in south Fort Myers. A decade later, he opened a second chocolate salon in Naples.

Mr. Love and his chocolates have been featured by USA Today, “The Today Show,” Robb Report, InStyle, Stewart Living, Forbes and 0, The Oprah Magazine. He also ensures that Norman Love Confections shares its sweet success by supporting more than 250 charitable causes every year.

Born and raised in Chicago, Mr. Loren attended Gem City College in Quincy, Ill., for advanced jewelry design, watch making and jewelry repair. He continued that with a jewelry apprenticeship with Frederick Prete Goldsmiths in Highland Park, Ill. In 1982, Mr. Loren started his own jewelry trade shop in Fort Myers, providing jewelry repair and design for many stores in Southwest Florida. He opened his retail design gallery, Mark Loren Designs, in 1985 and won his first of four International Spectrum Design Awards in 1991. The gallery was recently featured in the jewelry industry magazine INSTORE as a national finalist in its annual Coolest Jewelry Stores in America competition. In 2012, a second Mark Loren Designs gallery opened at the Mercato in Naples.

The talents of the studio are often utilized to create and donate pieces to local charities including the Golisano Children’s Hospital of Southwest Flor- ida, Southwest Florida Symphony, the American Heart Association, Florida Gulf Coast University and the American Cancer Society.

Interested in the home-watch business?

Your Home Watch Professionals, a Naples-based home-watch training company, offers two free seminars this month for those interested in learning more about becoming a home watch professional. One-hour sessions are at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at 5405 Taylor Road. The next fee-based “Home Watch Start-Up” workshop/training course begins on Jan. 29.

In the fee-based course, Your Home Watch Professionals founder Diane Pisani provides training along with the tools and materials to help new business owners get started in the industry. The free informational seminars are geared to introduce the home-watch industry to semi-retired and transitional professionals, as well as those looking to become new entrepreneurs. Reser- vations are required. Call Ms. Pisani at 707-4296 or email Diane@YourH- WProf.com. More information about Your Home Watch Professionals, visit www.YourHWProf.com.

SCORE counselors offer free help

SCORE, a nonprofit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses, presents its quarterly free business mentoring event from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 25, at SCORE headquarters, 900 Goodlette-Frank Road, behind the Fifth Third Bank building.

Experienced business mentors give one hour of their time at no charge to discuss any business issues of the attendee’s choice. Registration is required in advance. The counselors and their areas of expertise are:

Bob Anderson – Business planning, sales management, marketing plans, social media, email and website marketing.

Bob Jones – Strategic branding: “designing the real or perceived unique- ness essential to compete with other businesses marketing the same or simi- lar products and services.

Vin Izzo – Business planning, business consulting, operations management, executive education, marketing, strategic alliances and financial management.

To reserve a time to meet with the counselor of your choice, visit www.scorenaples.org/localworkshops. For more information, call the SCORE office at 438-0081 from 9 a.m. to noon Mon- day-Friday.
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Hurley Travel Experts received several awards at the 2013 Sandals Star Awards held at Beaches Turks & Caicos. The firm received the Best of the Best in travel awards, as well as giving agencies making 50 travel bookings or more in one year with Sandals or Beaches Resorts. Beth Spycket received an invitation for the third year to join Sandals’ Chairman’s Royal Club, for which a minimum of 50 bookings are required. Ms. Spycket also received a Sandals Spirit Award in recognition of her work on behalf of Sandals’ Foundation, the organization’s philanthropic arm.

Line technician Jack Tuers was named 2013 Employee of The Year by the Naples Airport Authority, Brendan Canavan, Jeff Gifford, Maria Perez and Lee Rисinger received the authori ty’s Above and Beyond awards for the year. Mr. Tuers was honored for being a team player and looking for ways to help without being asked. He continually improves and diversifies his skills, and develops ways to improve logistics and better organize workspaces.

Joseph Stone, Anthony Fiore and Dale Hall are the newest board members for the Greater Naples YMCA. Mr. Stone is president and portfolio manager for Bank of America; Mr. Fiore is senior vice president of the Herz Corp., and Mr. Hall is district manager for Wells Fargo.

Greg Ulrich of KGT Remodeling has been elected president of the Col lier Building Industry Association for 2014. Other executive committee mem bers installed in December for the new year are: Past president, Ray Allain, Build LLC; president elect, Terry Kelly, Sonax Construction; past associate vice president, Robyn Bonaquist, B-Squared Advertising; associate vice president, Eleanor Taff, Woodward, Pires & Lombardo; secretary, Kevin Deardorff, Hill, Barth & King; treasurer, Bill Campos, Monument Builders & Remodelers. Also elected to the board of directors are: Laura Johnston, WCI Communities; Tammy Tovell, Golf Homes; Dave Dun navant, Peninsula Engineering; Shane Klepko, Harwick Homes; Dave Arter, Prime Insurance Agency; Sashi Rusty, Alliance Financial Group; David Graham, Pule Group; Mike McLeod, Greenleaf Homes; Curtis Hancock, Hancock Plumbing; Ron Waldrop, Waldrop Engineering; and Jessica Schnei der, Robb & Stucky International.
It takes four to six years for HLB to reach its latter stages in a mature orange tree.

Florida has close to 500,000 citrus-bearing acres; that’s down from 679,000 in 2004, U.S. Department of Agriculture records show. The state has lost about 18 million orange trees since 2004, the largest portion to greening, leaving roughly 7.5 million.

“One of the good things it’s done, it’s unified the industry like no other disease or challenge has,” said Ron Hamel, director of the Gulf Citrus Growers Association, the group represents between 500 and 600 farmers on 125,000 acres in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades counties. They produce roughly a quarter of the state’s citrus.

“We have not had to face a disease as threatening to our entire industry as this,” Mr. Hamel said. “But we’re still keepin’ on keepin’ on. So whether or not it’s going to totally take the industry out remains to be seen.”

Fresh from Florida

Florida’s identity is linked to its oranges and the staple of American breakfasts derived from them. Its farmers produce more citrus than any other entity except Brazil. More citrus comes from the Sunshine State than the rest of the United States.

A bacterium that acts like a virus is what all that sprawling crop is. It’s carried and spread by a tiny, speck-like insect, the Asian citrus psyllid, which feeds on trees’ leaves.

The disease is called citrus huanglongbing, which refers to one of its symptoms, the yellow shoots it produces on trees. HLB is believed to have originated in China at least a century ago. Infected trees eventually produce misshapen fruit with green, bitter, commercially worthless juice. The fruit also falls to the ground with green, bitter, commercially worthless juice. The fruit also falls to the ground without ever ripening. 

It takes four to six years for HLB to appear in Florida to more than $7 a gallon. The price of not-from-concentrate orange juice rose steadily from about $5 a gallon before HLB appeared in Florida to more than $7 a gallon.

“If this continues to go like this, you can’t raise the price much more,” Mr. Edwards said. “Already consumers are revolting against that price.”

Race for the cure

Farmers are doing what they can to control the progress of greening themselves — and with some success. They aren’t strangers to adversity, of course, having weathered freezes, drought, hurricanes and other pests. Just prior to HLB, the industry lost a significant portion of trees to canker, a disease that effects the tree’s roots.

“I think a better explanation would be that we aren’t looking at total devastation as much as we’re cautiously optimistic we’re going to find better ways of dealing with this disease,” said Mr. Hamel of Gulf Citrus Growers.

The Boyd Method is the most widely used strategy so far to combat greening. Named after its creator, the Florida farmer Maury Boyd, it’s known for being effective but expensive.

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Trees infected with HLB produce fruit that is green, bitter and worthless.

It requires a cocktail of pesticides and nutrients that has in some cases effectively halted the progress of HLB, even though most don’t consider it a long-term solution. It almost doubled the cost per acre of producing citrus from eight years ago to around $2,000, Mr. Hamel said, but it’s partly based on common sense.

“If you’re fighting a disease, if you can eat better and exercise and try to keep yourself in better shape, then the chances of you fighting off or warding off some of these diseases is better than if you’re not in good health,” he said.

Science seeks answers

Some farmers believe genetically engineered fruit is the future of the industry.

“The solution to the problem as I see it is genetic,” said Mr. English of Alva. “At some point, we’re going to have to come up with varieties of citrus that aren’t susceptible to it. We’ve got a wonderful agricultural department in this country and in this state. They do a good work. I think they’re capable of ultimately resolving it but it’s going to take a lot of money and probably a considerable amount of time.”

Researchers and scientists waging the fight against HLB haven’t ruled anything out, said Dr. Harold W. Browning, Ph.D. Widely cited as a leading expert on HLB, he is chief operations officer of the Citrus Research and Development Foundation in Lake Alfred. Formed to combat greening, it helps funnel financial resources to research efforts.

Without a silver bullet cure for HLB, researchers are casting a wide net, testing a variety of short-, middle- and long-term solutions. The efforts are directed toward three areas: the insect that spreads the disease, the bacteria it carries and the trees themselves. Dr. Browning has not ruled out any options. Researchers have already been able to breed trees that appear to be more HLB tolerant.

“We’re trying to work on all fronts,” Dr. Browning said. “I don’t think most of us feel it will have to be genetic engineering. We’re investing widely in all the options because it’s essentially a race where you have to bet on all the horses, because any horses that cross the finish line are winners.”

One stopgap strategy is thermal therapy. A plastic tent is put over a tree and the raised temperature debilitating bacteria at least above ground. Pest growth has been reduced through pesticides and methods designed to disrupt their breeding progress.

If the treatments work, that would reduce the amount of bacteria in a tree so it could recover and maintain its health. But if the treatments fail, it may be economically viable to replant even though many are reluctant to do that for fear those trees will become infected, too. It’s not clear yet what total percentage of the state’s trees are infected because HLB takes time to show its progress. However, a small tree it may take up to a year to see the first symptoms; in a larger tree, two or three years. The earliest symptoms include browning of the foliage, and unhealthy-looking branches.

Scientists are ultimately because such a high percentage of the trees are affected, some growers are abandoning the whole grove once the decline reaches a point where it isn’t economically viable,” Dr. Browning said.
My Dumbest Investment

Speculating and Penny Stocks

My all-time worst investment was when I bought 100 shares of Braniff Airway. I based my decision not on the company’s financials, but on the fact that their routes flew over ocean and they had the hottest flight attendants. I rode it to zero. It wasn’t a big loss, but it was a lot of my investment for a lot of time. More recently, I bought a penny stock last year and lost about 80 percent of my speculation. At least I gave up when I did, or I’d be down more than 95 percent now. Fortunately, I was able to reduce my tax bill with the loss. My purpose in life really seems to be to serve as a warning to others.

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The Fool Responds:

Be careful with the airline industry, as few airlines have managed to be good long-term investments. And, of course, avoid basing investment decisions on hotness. Ronald McDonald, for example, isn’t exactly a looker, but his stock has done well over decades.

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“The Will Make You Smarter: New Science on Decision-Mak- ing” by John Brockman (Harper Perennial, $16). Short concepts are presented by some 150 philosophers, biologists, psychologists, technology, negotiation and more.


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“It’s Getting Better All the Time” by Stephen Moore and Julian Simon (Cato Institute, $30). Published in 2000 but still quite relevant, this book is a good reminder that despite the challenges we face, many aspects of modern life have been getting better over time.

“Life Without Lawyers” by Philip Howard (W.W. Norton, $16). Howard per- suasively argues against the profession with suing everyone in sight has suffocated people’s ability to do what is right. He offers practical solutions to the laws that both protect society yet are flexible enough to let people make rea- sonable decisions.

“Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)” by Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson (Mari- ner Books, $15). Everyone makes bad deci- sions and terrible forecasts. The authors show how we systematically delude our- selves into believing our decisions are smart even when they obviously weren’t. This can be costly in investing and in life.

PACCAR (Nasdaq: PACC) may not be a household name, but it’s more than 100 years old, and you see its wares all over the roads. The company makes light-, medium- and heavy-duty trucks under the Kenworth, Peterbilt and DAF names.

The company is not afraid to innovate, recently offering a new engine that uses less fuel when idling and also adding hybrid vehicles to its lineup. These fuel-efficient technological advancements are extremely important in securing new clients.

Using clean-diesel and natural-gas-fueled truck market, too. It dominates the U.S. market for natural-gas-heavy-duty trucks, with 40 percent market share. With engine-maker Cummins, it’s develop- ing a “Super Truck” that has posted a 54 percent increase in fuel efficiency. That will be attractive to operators of large fleets, such as FedEx, UPS and many manufacturers, which are working to lower their transportation costs.

The company offers international diversification, too. More than half of its sales come from outside the U.S. PACC- CAR has ventured into Brazil this year with a new plant, and is eyeing the Indian market next. Europe accounts for nearly a quarter of its revenue.

PACCAR stock has surged more than 30 percent over the past year and has averaged annual growth of more than 15 percent over the past 20 years. (The Mot- ley Fool owns shares of PACCAR and has recommended it.)

The Collier Building Industry Asso- ciation holds a business mixer from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at Executive Elec- tronics of Southwest Florida, 2874 S. Diesel Drive in Bonita Springs. SI5 for members, $25 for others. Sign up by calling 436-6000 or visiting at www.cbi.com (no walk-ins).

Business (Business) Five members and guests of the Greater Naples Cham- ber of Commerce take place from 5:30- 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Hotel Estero, 27550 U.S. 41, Estero. $25 for mem- bers, $25 for others. Sign up at www. napleschamber.org/events.

The 2014 East Naples Business Expo and Taste of the Expo takes place from 2-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, at new Hope Ministries on Davis Boule- vard. Sponsors are Minto Communities, the Arlington and Windstar on Naples Bay. The association’s next regular net- working meeting is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 13, at Physicians Regional- al-Collier Boulevard. For more informa- tion, call Shirley Calhoun at 435-9410 or visit www.gulfcoastprsa.org.

Bonita Springs Area Young Professionals hosts a networking social from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Matanzas Beach Resort, 25271 Channel of Commerce Drive, Bonita Springs. The evening’s sponsor is William Banfield of the Wolf, Merger, Mazzurolli & Banfield Wealth Management Group of Wells Fargo Advisors. For more information, call 992-2943 or visit www. facebook.com/BAYoungProfessionals.

The Collier County Medical Soci- ety’s 2014 Women Physicians Winter Luncheon is set for noon Friday, Feb. 21, at Bri’s Tuscan Grille at Waterside Shops. $25 per person, with each mem- ber allowed one guest. Call 435-7727 or visit www.ccmonsline.org.
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4BR+Den ~ 5 Full & 2 Half Baths
Golf & Lake View

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4BR+Den ~ 5-1/2 Baths
Golf & Lake View

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4BR+Den ~ 4-1/2 Baths
Golf & Lake View

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■ A spring opening is planned for the new Bonita National Golf & Country Club, a Lennar Homes community east of Interstate 75 at the end of Bonita Beach Road. The development will have 18-hole championship golf course designed by Gordon Lewis along with a community clubhouse and fitness center, swimming pool and more than 200 acres of lakes, conservation area and walking trails. Lennar purchased the property, known as the Lee-Hendry Holdings, in September. For pre-sales information, call Michelle May at 707-2938 or email swflorida@len­nar.com.

■ Designers Chad Elkins and Kelley Bridwell of Clive Daniel Home have been selected by The Langert Companies to provide interior furnishings and accessories for a new condominium residence in the Tavira high-rise at Bonita Bay. The three-bedroom, four-bath home will be done in a transitional/coastal style with a palette of whites, grays and touches of black and royal blue. When completed this spring, it will be offered fully furnished for $2.289 million.

■ Daniels & Classics has added a model home called the Surfside to the Peninsula single-family home site community. Only six lots remain as the community currently offers floor plans from 2,200 to 4,000 square feet and homes priced from $321,500 to $1.2 million.

■ Piedmont Place offers Value Add Home Packages. This month’s special features a new three-bedroom/two-bath ranch home at 10801 Daniels Parkway for $264,900.

■ Stock Signature Homes has opened the four-bedroom, 3½ bath Muirfield III, a fully furnished model home in the village of Mahogany Bend at Fiddler’s Creek. The home has 3,255 square feet of air-conditioned living space and 4,823 total square feet.

■ Interior design by KVS Interiors includes upgraded kitchen cabinets and granite countertops, plus wood shelving in the pantry. The kitchen also boasts natural stone floors as do the great room areas. Hardwood flooring is featured in the den, dining room, and master suite. The model home also incorporates custom wood detailed ceilings and impact glass throughout as well as 10-foot sliding glass doors.

■ The Muirfield III is available for purchase fully furnished on a leaseback option for $1,291,745.

■ The village of Mahogany Bend has 53 single-family home sites with golf or water views. Homes range from 1,574 square feet under air to 3,525 square feet under air. Each residence has a three-car garage and three front elevations from which to choose.

■ The entrance to Fiddler’s Creek is off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. For more information, call 732-9300, visit the sales center or go to www.fidderscreek.com.

■ Site work has begun on Estero Place, a gated community by Neal Communities on 53 acres at the southwest corner of Three Oaks Parkway and Corkscrew Road in Estero. The development will consist of 100 single-family homes ranging in size from 1,870 square feet to 2,600 square feet, with prices starting in the high $200,000s. For more information, visit www.nealcommunities.com.

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‘The Wolf of Wall Street’ penthouse becomes star of Manhattan real estate

Quickly becoming Midtown Manhattan’s iconic statement of wealth and glamour since the release of the Martin Scorsese-Leonardo DiCaprio autobiographical film of Wall Street power broker Jordan Belfort’s financial demise, this penthouse is a movie star in its own right. The lobby of the Milan Condominium has been seen many times in TV’s “Gossip Girl” and “Curb Your Enthusiasm,” but who knew that just upstairs was a penthouse so breathtaking it was chosen as the fictional home of a man who could buy anything with an income of $1 million a day? Though the movie “The Wolf of Wall Street” portrays everything the newly wealthy shouldn’t do, the real life Mt. Belfort’s book of the same name also gives the four-point formula of how to achieve peak success. After being set free from his eventual four-year prison sentence after only 22 months, he is now giving motivational lectures worldwide to explain his four-point success formula and what not to do once that success is attained.

When the official movie trailer, known to pick the most spectacular scenes, chooses interior scenes from the penthouse with its stunning Manhattan-Hudson River views, one knows immediately that this is a residence to be envied. Now on the market and 32 floors high, this 2,500-square-foot, three-bedroom, four-bath terraced apartment is awaiting its next owner. Ten-foot glass walls fill the home with light by day and city lights by night, making it an elegant venue for daily living and dramatic entertaining. Included are wide plank bleached oak flooring, two fireplaces, a chef’s island kitchen with top-of-the-line appliances and wine storage. Bedrooms are en suite and the master suite, with its own fireplace and terrace has a bath with 6-foot soaking tub and large glass steam shower. The luxury building has a 24-hour doorman, concierge, residents’ garden, fitness center and garage. Located only steps from world-class restaurants, Whole Foods and shopping, there is also the 421 Tax Abatement in place through June 2017. The asking price for “the Leonardo DiCaprio penthouse” is $6.495 million.
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- **Forest Lakes** | 163 Forest Lakes Blvd., #101
  - 2 Bedroom, 2.5 Baths. 1,189 sq. ft. with detached garage, courtyard home.
  - Great investment opportunity. Centrally located within Naples. **$178,500**
## Value Selections

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## New Developments

- **AQUA NAPLES**: Luxury waterfront condos on the bay. 2+Den/2 (C9877)
- **SARASOTA**: New luxury homes on the bay. 3+Den/3 (C9878)

## New Open Houses

- **HILTON HEAD**: New luxury homes on the bay. 4+Den/4 (C9879)
- **CHARLOTTE**: New luxury homes on the bay. 5+Den/5 (C9880)
Karyn Capozzo, Catherine Day, Frank Gillette, Connie Minett, Tony Nicoletta, Jennifer Thompson and Steve Wolfson have joined the sales team at The Isles of Collier Preserve, a Minto Communities development on U.S. 41 East. Four miles from downtown Naples. Four single-family models and three coach home models are scheduled to open this month.

Steve Wolfson has been promoted to sales manager at Vanderbilt Realtors in North Naples. Four single-family models and three coach home models are scheduled to open this month.

The following agents have joined the Royal Shell Real Estate in the agency’s offices throughout Southwest Florida: Jean Baer, Ed Biddison, Jan and James Boeiglin, Don and Nancy Borden, Fred Cuthbertson, Mindi Goldberg, James Griffith, Starr Mier, Stacy Shed, Vivienne Sinkow, David Steele and Loretta and Clara Young.

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Art show celebrates the natural Florida
The 16th annual Wildlife and Wildlands Art Show at DeHoar-Wiggins Pass State Park brings more than 20 painters, photographers and other artists to the park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18.
Attendees will be able to meet the artists as they walk through the maritime hammock picnic area along the beach.
The annual show is a presentation of the Friends of DeHoar-Wiggins Pass State Park.
The park's resident artist for 2014, Ann Ponicsan, has enjoyed painting flowers, weeds and all things natural since she was a child. After obtaining a degree in art with a major in textile design, she pursued a career in the textile industry for 17 years. During this time, she worked on designs for fabric used on women's wear and home furnishings. Since moving to Naples from Pennsylvania 10 years ago, she has focused her painting on the natural environment, working primarily in watercolor and also experimenting with mixed media.
The Friends of DeHoar-Wiggins Pass State Park is funded solely by public contributions and does not receive federal grants. Entrance to the park is at 11135 Gulf Shore Drive. For more information, call 593-2658 or visit www.DelnorWiggins.org.

Best wishes, Jim
A retirement party at the Sugden, and more Society photos. C30-33

Another high note
Book critic Phil Jason finds a lot to like in the newest Matt Royal Mystery novel. C14

Reinventing brunch
Food critic Karen Feldman enjoys every bite and sip at Agave's Sunday brunch. C35

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INSIDE

Butterfly painting by Ann Ponicsan

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Last year for my birthday my mother gave me a voodoo doll that she bought from a one-legged priestess in New Orleans. The doll arrived at my apartment wearing a pink satin dress and smelling like perfumed oil. A pamphlet tucked into the box promised she would bring me love with an “80-90% success rate.”

So I shouldn’t have been surprised when suitors started materializing: the best friend of my first boyfriend who was handsome but had a lisp; a French philosopher whose erotic emails in English, his second language, made me wince; a man on a plane who pretended not to know the wife and three children who sat next to him and then laughed self-consciously at the end of the flight and said, “My wife probably thinks I’m hitting on you.”

It was an embarrassment of romantic riches. Or just an embarrassment. The love doll seemed to work on whoever came into her orbit with the same unwieldy results.

My roommate, dateless for almost a year, met a man at a wedding. We pretended to ignore his quirks. When I left town for a month, a perpetually single friend came to stay in my apartment. She claimed the love doll made her nervous, but she met a man as soon as she returned home to the Midwest. So what if on their first night together he pulled out a set of leather restraints and asked, “Are you into this?”

For a while, these encounters were fun. But after a time they became exhausting. The men were all wrong in some important way.

I wondered if perhaps my mother had made a mistake when she bought the doll. Voodoo is tricky; you have to get the spell just right. Better not to wish at all than to wish for the wrong thing.

I asked Mom specifically what she had said to the one-legged priestess, and she gave an uncertain shrug. “I asked for a variety of men,” she said.

A variety? We were doomed.

When I finally tired of the love doll’s tricks, I researched ways to deactivate her. I found the website for the store where she had been purchased and came across a set of instructions that were not included in the initial package.

“Tell her your wishes, desires and needs,” the instructions said. “Ask her to bring these needs, wishes and desires into reality.”

Here was the problem. In order for the magic to work, I first needed to make a wish. But I couldn’t begin to imagine where to start.

My husband was killed in Iraq seven years ago, and since then I seem to have lost the ability for wishing. Wishing for love, anyway. I’ve wished for other things, like to become a writer.

To my great surprise and delight, my first book was published this month, a memoir about my husband’s death. I’ll be doing readings around town — Copperfish in Punta Gorda on Jan. 22, Barnes & Noble in Fort Myers on Jan. 30, Sunshine Booksellers on Marco Island on Feb. 4, and MacIntosh Books on Sanibel on Feb. 6. I would be honored to see you there.

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"The Wizard of Oz" was like meeting a modern and a little funnier. Mr. MacDougall, though the dialogue is more musical production of "The Wizard of Oz" that, on its premiere North American tour, comes to the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall in Fort Myers from Jan. 21-26. Before the tour began, it ran in Toronto for eight months. While it follows the film version faithfully, including the Harold Arlen/Yip Harburg songs, the production incorporates four new songs from Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice. "The Wicked Witch or the flying monkeys, he laughs. "The monkeys are scary, but it's interesting how they've done them. We have two kinds: real live action monkeys and animated monkeys. They're not that frightening, not like in the film. It winds up being funny." When asked which is scarier, the Wicked Witch or the flying monkeys, he laughs. "The Wicked Witch is very funny but also very scary," he says. "The monkeys are scary, but it's interesting how they've done them. We have two kinds: real live action monkeys and animated monkeys. They're not that frightening, not like in the film. Those things were creepy!"

Dorothy's a winner The casting of Dorothy was the basis of the Canadian TV reality show, "Over the Rainbow," where women competed for the part. Danielle Wade eventually won the role. "She was voted on by the Canadian public," Mr. MacDougall says. "We're very lucky she wound up getting the part. She's an amazing singer, but also a wonderful actress. We're so lucky that all of the hundreds and hundreds that entered, she was the one that was voted in. She's a star... Even through the TV screen, people could see that she's the one." Choosing a singer through a reality TV show makes the dialogue more of a traditional musical.

Now Prof. Marvel has a song, as does Glinda the Good Witch, the Wicked Witch and the people of Kansas. While the show was running in Toronto, the Lord Lloyd-Webber came to see it and worked with the orchestra, holding separate rehearsals with them. Meeting him, Mr. MacDougall says, "was like meeting a legend." Bringing something new Actors auditioning for parts in the show were told not to impersonate the film actors. "We were asked to bring something new," Mr. MacDougall says. So he asked himself: "If I'd never seen this before, what would I do? That's how you come up with something fresh that's not a Bert Lake impersonation." The Lion is "all bluster and bravado" when audiences first meet him. "But for the rest of the musical, he's dealing with being afraid... He's nervous, anxious, it's comedy fear... exaggerated fear, big fear. It winds up being funny!" When asked which is scarier, the Wicked Witch or the flying monkeys, he laughs. "The Wicked Witch is very funny but also very scary," he says. "The monkeys are scary, but it's interesting how they've done them. We have two kinds: real live action monkeys and animated monkeys. They're not that frightening, not like in the film. Those things were creepy!"

Universal appeal But even without a reality star, "The Wizard of Oz" would likely be successful. The movie, celebrating its 75th anniversary, is so well known that it's woven into the fabric of our popular culture. Mr. MacDougall notes how, as they're touring, the cast sees businesses that refer to the film. "It's everywhere you look," he says, listing some of the names they've seen: Over the Rainbow Productions, the Yellow Brick Road Fudge and Candy Store, There's No Place Like Home Realty Company. The story, which began as a series of books by L. Frank Baum in 1900, became a movie in 1939. According to the Library of Congress, it's the most viewed motion picture in television syndication in history. There have been numerous other adaptations, including "The Wiz," which was a stage musical, then a movie. And the musical "Wicked," based on Gregory Maguire's 1995 novel about what happened before Dorothy came to Oz, is an overwhelming success, still playing since opening in 2003. "It does appeal to everybody," Mr. MacDougall says. "It appeals to children and to adults and to seniors. It is multi-generational. People find things in it. Kids like the idea of a young person on a challenge, struggling their way to a goal, and struggling to find their way back home. Audiences also like that the trio of the Lion, the Tin Man and the Scarecrow each lacks something (bravery, a heart, a brain), and they that the Wicked Witch gets her just reward, he says. "It's an iconic fairy-tale kind of story — but a little scary. "The Wizard of Oz" also has a large gay following. Gay people have always connected with Judy Garland, who played Dorothy in the movie. And the story of a young girl going and finding her own family is a universal story for gay people, he says. "Your friends become your new family," he explains. "At the end, Dorothy says, 'I realize that home was in my heart. It was in my heart all along.' I think that's something gay people can connect with as well, that they can make their own home, that home is in your heart."

Some of the connections are possibly subconscious. "It's hard to define," he says. "There's just something magical about it."

It's also a tale of self-empowerment. The Wizard tells Dorothy and friends: "All the things you wanted, you had them all along." And Glinda the Good Witch says, "You could have gone home. You had what you needed." "That's in the story already," he says. "It's realizing you had it within yourself all along."

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**Stage 2 Improv** – By The Naples Players through Jan. 26 in the Toby Studio at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or www.stage2improv.net.

**Black Tie** – By The Naples Players through Feb. 8 in Blackburn Hall at the Sugden Community Theatre. 701 Fifth Ave. S. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org.


**The Fox on the Fairway** – By the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.floridarep.org.

**Theater Conspiracy** through Jan. 25 at the Alliance of the Arts, Fort Myers. 936-3329 or www.theaterrzone-florida.com.

**South Pacific** – Through Feb. 15 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 332-4488 or www.broadwaypalm.com.


**Relatively Speaking** – By Theatre Conspiracy through Jan. 25 at the Alliance of the Arts, Ft Myers. 936-3329 or www.theaterrzone-florida.com.

**The Naples Doll Club** holds its annual doll show and sale from 1-5 p.m. Jan. 17 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 18 at Moorings Park. Free. 262-0625 or www.naplesdollclub.com.

**Dreamers & Schemers** – The Florida Humanities Council presents “Dreamers & Schemers: An Evening with Great Floridians” at 7 p.m. at the Marco Island Historical Museum. $10. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. 642-1440.

**Smooth Moves** – Take a tai chi class from 10-11 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. $10 for Garden members, $15 for others. 634-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

**Travel Enrichment** – Get Out of Town Travel hosts a presentation about Silverisse Cruises’ Silver Discoverer and World Cruise 2015 at 11 a.m. at The Artist’s Gallery on Marco Island, and 3 p.m. at The von Liebig Art Center. Reservations required. 596-4142 or www.getoutoftowntravel.net.

**Organic Market** – The Good Life and Rabbit Run Farm Produce host an organic market from 12-2 p.m. www.goodlifenaples.com.

**Gardner Colby Gallery** – Gardner Colby Gallery hosts an opening reception for “Figures and Fantasy,” from 5:30-7:30 p.m. 386 Broad Ave. S. 430-7783 or www.gardnercolbygallery.com. See story on page C18.

**Ultimate Wine Throwdown** – Wine lovers taste and evaluate wines from 5:30-7:30 p.m. $25 in advance, $35 at door. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 431-7928 or www.decantedwines.com.

**Sweet Art Gallery** hosts an opening reception for the new exhibit “Women of Abstract Art” from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 17. The show features works by Jill Segal, whose “Sacred Spaces #10” is shown above, along with Betty Newman and Nancy Wolfs. 2064 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or www.sweetartgallery.com.

**Flea Market** – The United Church of Marco Island hosts a flea market and bake sale sponsored by the Italian-American Society and the Marco Island Kiwanis Club from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. 320 N. Barfield, Marco Island. 677-2846.

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**Look Who’s Laughing** – David Snyah takes the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club tonight through Jan. 18. 1100 Sixth Ave. S. $15. 455-2844 or www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

**Stand Up Guy** – Donnell Rawlings takes the stage tonight through Jan. 18 at the Off The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island. 389-6931 or www.offthehookcomedy.com.

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**Naples Art Center** – The Naples Art Center presents a screening of “The Pianist” at 7 p.m. at the GPCC Naples Center. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu/acadcine. See story on page C13.

**Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening of the Chinese film “Tu ya’s Mar- riage” at 1:30 p.m. at the FGCU Naples Center. 434-4737 or www.fgcu.edu/acadcine. See story on page C13.

**Jewish Film** – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island presents a screening of its Jewish Film Festival featuring Hannah Arendt. Bagels and lox served at 1:30 p.m. before the film starts at 2:30 p.m. 590 Waterfront Drive. 642-0800.

**Strike Up the Band** – The Naples Concert Band performs at 2 p.m. under the band shell at Cambier Park. Free. 262-9521 or www.NaplesConcertBand.com.

**Chace Chardonnay** – Decanted Wines hosts a chardonnay tasting from 5-7 p.m. $10 in advance, $15 at door. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 434-1814 or www.decantedwines.com.

**Jazz Jam** – Fred’s Food, Fun, and Spirits hosts happy hour events for a jazz jam from 6-9 p.m. 431-7928.

**Film Lovers** – The Bonita Center for The Arts hosts a screening and dis- cussion of “The Pianist” at 7 p.m. $9. 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 405-9089 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

Sunday, Jan. 19

**Pets on Third** – Third Street South hosts Pets on Third Parade & PetFest from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to benefit the Naples Dog Park. 649-6207 or www.thirdeastsouth.com.

**Cool Cars** – The Cool Cruisers Car Club cruise is for Connoisseur Outlets from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Donations made will benefit local children’s charities. 948-7766 or www.coolcruisersofsouthwestflorida.com.

**Harbor Day** – The City of Marco Island Beautification Advisory Committee hosts an Arbor Day celebration at 10 a.m. at Veterans Community Park, with entertain- ment by students from Tommie Barfield Elementary School and Marco Island Char- ter Middle School. Free. 389-5035.

**Abstract Women** – Sweet Art Gallery hosts an opening reception for “Women of Abstract Art” from 5-8 p.m. 2064 Trade Center Way. 597-2110 or www.sweetartgallery.com.
WHAT TO DO

**Tuesday, Jan. 21**

- **More Vino** – Whole Foods at Mercato hosts a tasting of wines from Italy from 6-7:30 p.m. $10. www.wholefoodsonline.com/naples.

- **Movie on the Lawn** – Mercato hosts a free screening of “The Karate Kid” (PG) at 6:45 p.m. on the lawn across from Silverspot Cinema. www.mercatoshops.com.

- **Wine Dinner** – Artichoke and Company hosts a four-course dinner featuring wines from Raymond Vineyards starting at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment by Lois Kehoe on piano. Free. 3955 Forest Glen Blvd.

- **Wine Dinner** – Shula’s at the Hilton Naples hosts a four-course dinner featuring wines from Alexander Valley Vineyards starting at 6 p.m. $85. Reservations required. 239-533-1885.

- **Book Signing** – Authors Clint Hill & Lisa McCubbin will discuss and sign copies of “Five Days in November” at 7 p.m. Jan. 23 at Barnes & Noble at Waterside Shops. 598-5200.

- **Charity Concert** – The St. Finbarr Council Knights of Columbus’ annual concert for charity presents the Marco Island Strummers and the New Horizons Big Band at 7 p.m. Jan. 23. 239-775-2876.


- **Art in the Glen** – Forest Glen Golf & Country Club presents works by 25 local artists from 5-8 p.m. Entertainment by Loin Kehoe on piano. Free. 3955 Forest Glen Blvd.


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- **Winter Festival** – The 2014 St. Agnes Winter Festival takes place Jan. 23-26 and includes pony rides, themed dinners, live entertainment and evening bingo. 592-9249 or www.stagnesnaples.org.

- **A Stand-Up Guy** – Michael Penzeca takes the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club Jan. 23, 24, 28, 100 Sixth Ave. S. 239-455-2844 or www.oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

- **Cook’s Corner** – Chef Kristina San Filippo of The Good Life leads a cooking class featuring heirloom tomatoes from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 23, 26. 235 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 514-4463 or www.goodlifeneaples.com.

- **Artistic Technique** – Gallery on Fifth a Mercato presents Giovanni DeCunto with a live painting demonstration from 6-8 p.m. Jan. 23. The artist’s works are part of the permanent collections at the Smithsonian, Harvard’s Fogg Museum, MIT Historical Collection and the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Free. 220-2703 or galleryonfifth@artorg.net.

- **Plaza Suite** – Jan. 23-26 at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs. 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8898 or www.artcenterbonita.org.

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Florida Rep founder and producing artistic director Robert Stock has a small role in the end. (His name is spelled backwards in the cast list.) This is the first time he’s acted on stage in 29 years, and it’s a role that makes good use of his exuberance and native New York accent.

The opening night audience was also treated to a special curtain call. After the cast took their bows, the 12 dead men in the basement (up to now, unseen) walked out and took their bows as well. Incidental music aside, Mr. Parrish gets everything right with this production. The pacing is fast and the tone is perfect. There’s also great physical humor, whether it’s Mortimer twisting with anxiety or Dr. Einstein wrestling with uncooperative corpse, Jonathan clomping stiffly up the stairs or Martha rapidly tip-toeing across the room as though she’s being pulled by her ample bosom.

There is much to love about “Arsenic and Old Lace.” At Florida Rep, which will make you forget every bad high school or community production you’ve ever seen.

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Get Prepositioned

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don’t have to take them, at least consider suggestions from the experts in the travel business.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Daydreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Taking some time out of your usually busy social life could be just what you need to help you focus on putting those finishing touches on your plans for a possible career change.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A misunderstanding about a colleague’s suggestions could create a delay in moving on with your proposal. But by week’s end, all the confusing points should finally be cleared up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might feel overwhelmed by all the tasks you suddenly have to take care of. But just say the magic word — help! — and you’ll soon find others rushing to offer much-needed assistance.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Finishing a current project ahead of schedule leaves you free to deal with other upcoming situations, including a possible workplace change, as well as a demanding personal matter.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Turn that fine-tuned feline sensitivity radar up to high to help uncover any facts that could influence a decision you might be preparing to make. Devote the weekend to family activities.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A state of confusion is soon cleared up with explanations from the responsible parties. Don’t waste time chastising anyone. Instead, move forward with a new plan.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members. But this is one of those times when you should step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.

SCORPIUS (October 23 to November 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with possibly one exception. Take time to listen to the dissenters’ explanations. You could learn something important.

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In the annals of dysfunctional families in cinema, the Westons of “August: Osage County” rank near the top. Alcoholic patriarch Beverly (Sam Shepard) is so fed up with wife Violet’s (Meryl Streep) pill-popping nastiness that he runs away. Daughters Barbara (Juliette Lewis), Ivy (Julianne Nicholson) and Karen (Juliette Lewis) all have serious issues of their own. As for the unfortunate men attached to the girls, well, they’re not exactly dreamboats either.

After Beverly’s disappearance, the family convenes at Violet’s modest home in Osage County, Okla. The attempts of Violet’s sister Mattie Sue (Margo Martindale), her husband Charles (Chris Cooper) and their son Little Charles (Benedict Cumberbatch) to keep things peaceful are futile.

One would think this would be a time of mourning, but for Violet, having the family around provides targets for her venom. Barbara, who has a daughter (Abigail Breslin) and is in the process of separating from husband Bill (Ewan McGregor), is told Beverly would still be around if she didn’t move away because she was “daddy’s favorite.” Ivy is criticized for being single (as far as the family knows), having straight hair and not wearing makeup. Karen doesn’t absorb as much direct hatred, but her fiancé (Dermot Mulroney) might be the most unhinged. But to tee off on her family, Ms. Streep is excellent here (as usual), with Mr. Cooper, Ms. Martindale and Mr. Letts himself adapted it for the screen. Perhaps that’s why some scenes feel confined and stage-y, and a bit dialog heavy. One lengthy conversation in a movie is one thing; a series of them is both monotonous and tedious. Director John Wells (“the underrated “The Company Men””) has decided to do more to open this world up and make the story more cinematic.

By the end of 121 minutes of “August: Osage County,” you’ll be riveted by the actors and yet happy to get away from the despicable characters. Overall, though, this is a stirring drama about a family in constant turmoil and happiness nowhere to be found. With any luck, seeing it will allow you to appreciate the relative sanity of your own crazy family a bit more.

**Lone Survivor**

(Leonardo DiCaprio, Jonah Hill, Kyle Chandler) An amoral stockbroker (Mr. DiCaprio) and his right hand man (Mr. Hill) live it up in the late ‘80s before an FBI agent (Mr. Chandler) ruins their good times. The shameless heist movie is non-stop for nearly three hours, and it’s a real trip to watch. Directed by Martin Scorcese, the film has a rise-and-fall structure similar to “Goodfellas.” Rated R.

**August: Osage County**

(Meryl Streep,Juliette Lewis, Amy Adams) In the original Broadway production of “August: Osage County,” the show won a total of five Tonys, including Best Play.

**Her**

(Joaquin Phoenix, Amy Adams, voice of Scarlett Johansson) In the near future a loner (Mr. Phoenix) purchases and falls in love with a computer operating system (Ms. Johansson) designed with human emotions. With a great original screenplay from writer/director Spike Jonze (“Where the Wild Things Are”), this is a smart movie that offers a plausible look at the future and what it means to be in a relationship. Rated R.
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Jewish Film Fest starts with the story of iconic song

The Jewish Federation of Lee & Charlotte Counties presents its much anticipated 2014 Jewish Film Festival from Jan. 16 through Feb. II. The film festival offers a rare opportunity to view high caliber independent movies created by Jewish filmmakers, featuring Israeli or Jewish themes. The films historically play to sold-out audiences. Prior to the films on Thursday, Jan. 16 and Tuesday, Feb. 11, pre-film cocktail hours will be held at Citi in the Bell Tower from 5:45-6:45 p.m., featuring light appetizers and a cash bar.

All films will be shown at 7:45 p.m. at the Regal Cinema Bell Tower, 1449 Bell Tower Drive, Fort Myers. Festival subscriptions cost $68 for eight of the films; individual film tickets are $10. An additional family film, for children ages 9 and older, is being shown at 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 26. Children are admitted free and adult tickets will cost $5. Tickets can be purchased online at www.jewishfedera-
tionflc.org or by calling 481-4449, ext. 3.

The first film being shown is “Hava Nagila: The Movie.” The history of the eponymous Jewish celebratory song “Hava Nagila” is explored in this documentary featuring interviews with an entire host of renowned celebrities and musicians, including Leonard Nimoy, Regina Spektor, Harry Belafonte and Glen Campbell. A ubiquitous tune, it is played at bar mitzvahs, weddings and virtually anywhere people are having a good time. What where does it come from, and what role does it play in illuminating Jewish history? Filmmakers Grossman and Kaufman seek the answers to those questions and more as interview subjects share vivid memories of the joyous song.
Renaissance Academy film series begins

The winter foreign/documentary film series presented by the Renaissance Academy of Florida Gulf Coast University begins Sunday afternoon, Jan. 19, at the FGCU Naples Center, 1010 Fifth Ave. S. Screenings begin at 1 p.m. with a brief introduction and are followed by a discussion moderated by either Don Pomerantz or John Guerra.

The series continues for a total of 13 screenings through Sunday, April 13. Cost of the series is $55 for Renaissance Academy members and $66 for others; single screenings are $5 and $6, respectively.

Screenings are strongly suggested. Walk-ins will be permitted only as space is available. Here are the first few films:

■ Jan. 19: “Tuya’s Marriage” (China, 2006, romance/drama/domy) – When Tuya is diagnosed with a debilitating back injury, she enters into an agreement with her disabled husband to seek a divorce in order to find a new husband who will take care of the entire family. Not rated.

■ Jan. 26: “Cries and Whispers” (Sweden, 1972, drama) – In turn-of-the-century Sweden, a woman dying of cancer is visited by her two sisters, where long repressed feelings between the siblings rise to the surface. Rated R.

■ Feb. 2: “The Sea Inside” (Spain, 2004, biography/drama) – The real life story of Ramon Sampedro, who fought a 30-year campaign in favor of euthanasia and his own right to die. Rated PG-13 for intense depiction of mature thematic material.

■ Feb. 9: “The Rules of the Game” (France, 1939, comedy/drama) – A look at bourgeoisie life in France at the onset of World War II, as the rich and their poor servants meet up at a French chateau. Not rated.

For reservations or more information, call 434-4737 or visit www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

Free movies on Marco focus on ‘The Art of Stealing Art’

The Marco Island Center for the Arts presents “Art Flicks,” a series of Tuesday morning free movie presentations celebrating foreign, independent and art films. The theme for the inaugural series, “The Art of Stealing Art,” is a timely one, given the recent discovery in a Munich, Germany, apartment of $1.3 billion worth of stolen art.

The first film, “Rape of Europa,” is an award-winning documentary on the systematic looting of Jewish art by the Nazis leading up to and during WWII. Screenings being at 10 a.m. at the Marco Movie Theater and are followed by refreshments and a discussion.

■ Jan. 21: “Rape of Europa” (China, 2006, romance/drama/domy) – When Tuya is diagnosed with a debilitating back injury, she enters into an agreement with her disabled husband to seek a divorce in order to find a new husband who will take care of the entire family. Not rated.

■ Feb. 18: “Art of the Steal” (Sweden, 2006, drama) – In turn-of-the-century Sweden, a woman dying of cancer is visited by her two sisters, where long repressed feelings between the siblings rise to the surface. Rated R.

■ March 11: “Stolen” (Spain, 2004, biography/drama) – The real life story of Ramon Sampedro, who fought a 30-year campaign in favor of euthanasia and his own right to die. Rated PG-13 for intense depiction of mature thematic material.

■ March 25: Attendees at the first three films will have the chance to choose the film for the final screening.

For more information, call 394-4221 or visit www.marcoislandart.org.
FLORIDA WRITERS

No. 8 in the Matt Royal Mystery series hits another high note

H. Terrell Griffin’s eighth Matt Royal Mystery refines all of the pleasures his fans have come to expect. These include carefully shaded tough-guy investigators, brutal villains, witty banter among friends, robust romance, non-stop (it seems) eating and drinking in Sarasota area establishments, dogged investigation, constant threat and the enchantments of the Southwest Florida coastal setting.

Throw in some World War II history (shaped to the ends of the present day plot) and you’ve got a complex web of questions that won’t give up their answers without a fight.

Mystery No. 1: Matt’s girlfriend, J. D. Duncan, a detective in the Longboat Key Police Department, receives a text message from a friend who had supposedly died more than a year ago. It contains the woman’s photo and the name Jed. Katie Fredrickson’s private nickname for J.D. Is this a prank, or a call for help? Katie had disappeared when her husband was killed.

Mystery No. 2: A man in a stolen Jag-uar pulls up to a condo complex, shoots elderly Ken Goodlow point-blank and then drives onto a bridge that is opening and plunges with the Jaguar to his death. Witnesses reveal that Mr. Goodlow had served in WWII, moved to the nearby fishing community of Cortez soon after and had been president of the Cortez Historical Society.

He had come to the condo building to show a friend some old photographs taken shortly after the war.

Matt and J.D. soon interview Bud Jamison, another friend of Mr. Good- low, who identifies the two of them as “the last of the young men who came back from the war and went to work on the boats,” fishing for a living. It soon becomes clear that whatever led to the murder has Mr. Jamison spoooked. For he feels he might be next. But why?

Matt and J.D., with the assistance of Jock, Matt’s deep cover government opera-tive, pursue the two mysteries and the tried-and-true drudgery of question-ing, witness, relatives of victims and peo-ple with any connection to the deceased driver of the Jag.

About a third of the way into the novel, the writer introduces another timeline that he elaborates over several chapters.

— Anele Joffe, celebrated actress and singer
interspersed among those developing the present day timeline. This thread gives us a sense of the Sarasota area (Cortez in particular) in 1942 and details the happenings on a German U-boat patrolling the Gulf of Mexico with a clearly defined mission.

Because we have already had reference to several characters, like Mr. Goodlow and Mr. Jamison, who had come to the area about that time, we anticipate some connection with the submarine plot line. Even before this thread is introduced, another text message from Katie includes the cryptic message “U166.” Readers are allowed to understand this reference to a U-boat even before the investigators interpret the four-character clue.

As Matt, J.D. and their associates press forward, bringing other nearby law enforcement agencies into the cases and looking for links between those cases, readers enter a world of deadly narcotics turf wars, money-laundering operations and other criminal enterprises. The author allows his lead characters to ever so carefully place the puzzle pieces of potential evidence side by side, turning them around until they begin to fit. Eventually, the past and the present meet and the answers to the mystery’s questions are found.

Just as engaging as the fast-action, hard-driving and suspenseful plot is the maturing relationship between Matt and J.D. They have moved closer to the full trust that allows their deep love to flourish. Always happy to be with one another, they also know how to allow the much-needed “space” or independence needed for a healthy relationship. For all his desire to protect J.D., Matt recognizes and suffers through her need to meet her responsibilities and handle the risks of her profession.

H. Terrell Griffin’s craft reveals a relaxed sense of confidence. While most of the story unfolds through Matt’s first-person narration, there are occasional switches in point of view that enhance the reader’s insights and broaden the scope of sensibility. For all that is frightening and ugly in “Found,” for all of the pulsing energy, there is something comforting about the caring relationships and tonic humor that are hallmarks of Mr. Griffin’s vision.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.
Marco bookstore will welcome author Sue Monk Kidd in March

Sunshine Booksellers on Marco Island will welcome best-selling author Sue Monk Kidd (“The Mermaid Chair,” “The Secret Life of Bees”) for a discussion and signing of her newest novel at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, at the Marco Island Center for the Arts. “The Invention of Wings” was released earlier this month.

Tickets for $39 include a copy of the book and priority seating. A portion of ticket sales will benefit the center for the arts. Only 200 tickets will be sold initially. An additional 50 tickets will be made available for $10 each that will be standing room only and will not include a copy of the book.

An Oprah’s Book Club 2.0 selection, “The Invention of Wings” is described on Amazon.com as “a masterpiece of hope, daring, the quest for freedom and the desire to have a voice in the world … Hetty ‘Handful’ Grimke, an urban slave in early 19th century Charleston, yearns for life beyond the suffocating walls that enclose her within the wealthy Grimke household. The Grimke’s daughter, Sarah, has known from an early age she is meant to do something large in the world, but she is hemmed in by the limits imposed on women. (The novel) is set in motion on Sarah’s 11th birthday, when she is given ownership of 10-year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. We follow their remarkable journeys over the next 35 years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other’s destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement and the uneasy ways of love …”

“The exquisitely written novel is a triumph of story-telling that looks with unswerving eyes at a devastating wound in American history, through women whose struggles for liberation, empowerment and expression will leave no reader unmoved.”

To purchase tickets for Ms. Kidd’s appearance or for more information, call Sunshine Booksellers at 393-0353 or stop by the store at 677 S. Collier Blvd. on Marco.
BEACH READING

‘Vivien Leigh: An Intimate Portrait’

By Kendra Bean
(Running Press, $30)

REVIEWED BY LARRY COX

If Vivien Leigh had made only two films, “Gone with the Wind” and “Streetcar Named Desire,” she still would have managed to achieve film immortality. Her first love was the stage, but it was her luminous intensity in motion pictures that helped establish her lasting reputation. When Vivien Leigh walked into a room, her aura triggered a magnetism that drew people in and left them spellbound.

Kendra Bean’s biography of Ms. Leigh is the first to have utilized the Laurence Olivier Archives that feature an invaluable collection of personal letters and documents ranging from interview transcripts to film contracts and even medical records. Because of this access, Ms. Bean’s book is the first to examine in such intimate detail the fascinating, troubled and often misunderstood life of Ms. Leigh.

Vivien Mary Hartley was born in 1913 in India, the daughter of a British military officer. When the Hartley family returned to England in 1931, Vivien was enrolled at the Royal Academy Dramatic Arts in London. She married a barrister, Herbert Leigh Holman, a year later. The marriage didn’t last, but Vivien used his middle name professionally. After several minor roles, she was cast in a play, “Mark of Virtue,” in 1935, and it was during its run that Vivien met Laurence Olivier. The chemistry between them was especially evident in their first film together, “Fire Over England” in 1937. Mr. Olivier was at work in Hollywood on “Wuthering Heights.” It was during this period that Vivien came to the attention of David Selznick, who cast her in the role that made her an international star, Scarlett O’Hara in “Gone with the Wind.” Ms. Leigh’s manic depression and ill health marred her career and even ended her marriage to Mr. Olivier in 1961.

Ms. Bean documents the highs and lows of Ms. Leigh’s life and career with clarity and sensitivity. The incredible images — many published for the first time — add just the right touch.
**‘Figures and Fantasy’ exhibit opens at Gardner Colby Gallery**

“Figures and Fantasy,” an exhibit of figurative works by Kim English, Stan Moeller, Aaron Westerberg Jim Lewis and sculptress Claire McArdle along with fanciful pieces by Ran Adler and John Schuyler, opens with a reception for the artists from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the Gardner Colby Gallery.

The figurative and fantasy themes both invite the viewer “into” the painting, often prompting an emotional response. What is it that attracts us to the figurative genre? In our mind’s eye, we often put ourselves in the painting and have a “what-if?” moment. Fantasy can also be in the mind’s eye. One often sees a seascape in a John Schuyler abstracted canvas. Similarly, with a Ran Adler assemblage, the viewer’s mind is free to interpret the piece in a number of ways.

The gallery is at 386 Broad Ave. S. For more information, call 403-7787 or visit www.gardnercolbygallery.com.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Delight awaits for collectors of classic fortune tellers

BY KIM AND TERRY KOVEL
Special to Florida Weekly

Fortune tellers have been popular for centuries. In the United States, many 20th-century amusement parks had fortune teller machines that enticed customers. Put a coin in, or in later years, a dollar bill in the slot, and the life-size figure in the glass-fronted booth nodded and moved its mouth, hands and even eyes while giving you a card telling your future. The most famous fortune teller machine is the 100-year-old Zoltar, the exotic figure featured in the movie “Big.” He turned a boy into a grown-up Tom Hanks. But many machines featured female gypsy fortune tellers dressed in appropriate clothes. The most famous of these is Esmeralda, a machine that has been made by several manufacturers, many of them unknown, since the early 1900s. An Esmeralda even sits on Main Street in Disneyland. She moves, hands out a fortune card and then winks.

The rarest fortune-telling machine known today was discovered in a restaurant in Virginia City, Mont., about seven years ago. It’s about 100 years old and spoken to you in a 100-year-old voice if you inserted a coin. The machine is said to be worth more than $2 million. Vintage fortune teller machines sell for thousands of dollars. New ones are being made today and can cost $9,000 or more.

Q: I have a child’s rocking chair more than 40 years ago. I would like to know more about it and how old it is.

A: Gardner & Co. was in business from 1863 to 1888 in Clarksville (now Glen Gardner), N.J. The company made several types of plywood chairs. George Gardner held the patent for a plywood seat made of a layer of canvas and three layers of veneer running in opposite directions. Value of your child’s rocking chair is $250 to $320.

Q: I have eight place settings of Stangl Pottery’s Thistle pattern dishes, plus serving pieces. Can you tell me how old they are and what they’re worth?

A: Stangl Pottery of Flemington and Trenton, N.J., was originally named Fulper Pottery. The name of the pottery was changed to Stangl Pottery in 1905; three years after Johann Stangl became president of the company. The pottery was sold in 1972 and closed in 1978. Stangl made Thistle pattern from 1951 to 1967. Your set probably is worth about half of what similar new sets sell for today.

Q: I have an Aladdin lamp that has been in our family for generations. The knob on the burner is marked “Mantle Lamp Co., Nu-Type, Model B, Aladdin, patents pending. Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.” It has a green glass shade with a landscape design; din, patents pending, Made in U.S.A., Chicago, Ill.”

A: The Mantle Lamp Co. of America was founded by Victor Johnson in 1908. The company trade-marked the name “Aladdin” that same year. In 1926 Johnson bought a glass factory and began manufacturing glass lamps, shades and chimneys. His lamps were sold by traveling salesmen. Although electricity was common in cities, there were still many rural homes without it, and kerosene lamps continued to sell well. Nu-Type burners were first made in 1932. Model B burners were introduced in 1933 and were made until 1955. The Mantle Lamp Co. merged with Aladdin Industries, a subsidiary, in 1949. The lamp division was sold to a group of investors in 1999 and became the Aladdin Mantle Lamp Co., which still is in business in Clarksville, Tenn. Your lamp was made between 1933 and 1949, when the company merged with Aladdin Industries and moved to Tennessee. Aladdin Knights of the Mystic Light is a club for collectors of Aladdin lamps. The club’s website, AladdinKnights.org, can give you more information about Aladdin lamps.

Q: My father served in the British army in World War I. I have his camera and case in excellent condition. Please tell me what the camera is worth and any other information you might have.

A: The value of an old camera depends on the maker. You can find information by searching online or by going to your local library. If you don’t know the model number of your camera, look at photos of vintage cameras by that maker and try to find one like it. If you check values online, remember that the asking price may be higher than what the camera eventually sells for.

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■ Palm Beach Winter Antiques Show — See fine art and antiques in a new venue, as this show, open Jan. 16-19, moves to the West Palm Beach Marriott, 1001 Okeechobee Blvd., West Palm Beach. Hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Jan. 17-18 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 19. Special preview benefiting the Historical Society of Palm Beach County is 6-9 p.m. Jan. 16. Tickets: $15 (good for all three days). Preview tickets: $100 advance, $125 at the door; wine, champagne, hors d`oeuvres, complimentary valet parking and an opportunity for early buying. Info: dolphinfairs.com.

■ Naples Doll Club Annual Show & Sale — This show attracts everyone from national dealers to budding collectors. It’s 1 p.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 17 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 18, Mootings Presbyterian Church Moss Hall, 791 Harbour Drive, Naples.

■ Miami Antiques Extravaganza — Bill and Kay Puchstein, who run the West Palm Beach Antiques Festival, will launch a new, high-end show from noon-5 p.m. Jan. 24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 25 and 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Miami-Dade County Fairgrounds, 10901 SW 24th St., Miami. General admission: $10; early preview 9 a.m.-noon Jan. 24 is $25; (813) 597-9178.

■ Naples Antiques Show — 5 p.m.-9 p.m. Jan. 24, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Jan. 25 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 26, Naples Hilton, Royal Palm Ballroom, 511 Tamiami Trail, Naples; 877-2830 or www.antiquesshowsflorida.com.

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Donations are accepted at the gate, and proceeds from a silent auction of works donated by participating artists directly benefit the organization. For more information, call 992-4680, ext. 2703, or email Taire Malloy at TMalloy@fl.easterseals.com.

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Naples Masters Winter Art Fest coming
Underwater photographs promise to make a splash

SPECIAL TO FLORIDA WEEKLY

Underwater photographer Alicia Earle Renner, whose work has appeared in National Geographic and Scuba Diving Magazine, is the featured artist for the 2014 Naples Masters Winter Art Festival. Showcasing works in all media by 60 artists from around the country, the festival takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 18-19, at the Shoppes at Vanderbilt in North Naples. Admission is free, but donations at the gate are welcome and will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank.

Ms. Renner believes that through her lens she has become a steward of the earth, teaching people to love nature one photo at a time. She photographs wildlife, flora, landscapes and people, but is most notable for her underwater images of manatees, dolphins, fish, rays, shrimp, coral and other sea life.

She has been published three times by National Geographic, and her shot of a peppermint Goby titled “Hey You Up There” won First Place-Macro Shot in an underwater photography competition sponsored by Scuba Diving Magazine.

She considers her biggest accomplishment being selected by world-renowned photographer Moose Peterson to participate in his prestigious Master Light Program. Fewer than 20 people have graduated from this three-month program of wildlife photography mastery. Ms. Renner is now endorsed by MR. Peterson and was published in his magazine, BT Journal.

In 2010, Ms. Renner had a joint exhibition with Clyde Butcher at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center, where she has a permanent exhibit. She also owns and operates AER Photography and Art Gallery on Elizabeth Street in Key West.

For more information about the Naples Masters Winter Art Festival, call 293-9448 or visit www.boulderbrook.net.

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Seminole Casino brings on the comedians

The inaugural Comedian’s Ball, a three-part comedy contest featuring the region’s top comedians yukking it up for cash prizes, kicks off at Seminole Casino Immokalee on Wednesday, Jan. 22, and continues on Wednesdays, Feb. 5 and 19. A show starts at 8 p.m., and admission is free. A regional headline stand-up act will cap off each night’s competition, and the overall winner will open for a nationally known comedian in March at the casino.

Army vet Ken Miller, winner of the 2013 Florida’s Funniest Comedian competition, will appear as the regional headliner on Jan. 22. A Greensboro, N.C., native who now calls Orlando home, Mr. Miller has worked with touring headliners including John Henton, Patrice O’Neal, Guy Torry, Patrick Garrity, Dean Napolitano, Gilbert Gottfried, John Hefron, Arnez J and the legendary Paul Mooney, to name a few.

The Feb. 5 headliner is LA Hardy, followed on Feb. 19 by Frank Del Pizzo. Mr. Hardy has been seen and heard on BET’s Comicview, Comic’s Unleashed and XM Radio; Mr. Del Pizzo plays off his 10 years as an auto mechanic for his material.

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Screaming Orphans return to the Davis Center

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The Screaming Orphans are four talented, funny, high-spirited, musically-obsessed sisters who had the good fortune to be raised in the city of Bundoran in County Donegal, Ireland. The quartet has a big following across the United States and is popular in Fort Myers, having played here a number of times, including last year’s sold-out concert at the SBDAC. The band Kilt the Messenger will perform outside in front of the Sidney and Berne Davis Arts Center at 6 p.m. The Screaming Orphans will take to the indoor stage at 8 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Adonis Autism Assistance Foundation and the Rotary Trust Fund. Food will be provided by Reuben’s Catering. Pre-sale tickets are available for $60 until Feb 1. After Feb 1, the price will increase to $75. A ticket includes dinner and entertainment. For sponsorship information or to reserve a table, call 332-8128 or 980-1077. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.sbdac.com or onsite at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, 2301 First St., Fort Myers.
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Charlie Rose: The Week
A retrospective of the best stories and interviews from his nightly program that captures the defining moments in politics, science, business, culture, media and sports.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18, 9:30 P.M.
Keeping Up Appearances
Hyacinth Bucket is a character with few, if any, saving graces. Long-suffering husband Richard is at her mercy.

SUNDAY, JAN. 19
9 P.M. – Masterpiece Classic
Downton Abbey Season 4, Part 3
Love is in the air and so are darker emotions as Mary, Edithe, Tom and Anna each struggle with a dilemma.

10 P.M. – Masterpiece Mystery!
Sherlock, Season 3: The Empty Hearse
Benedict Cumberbatch and Martin Freeman return as Sherlock Holmes and John Watson in three new 90-min-ute episodes. The producers, perhaps fearing sleuths would solve the crimes before each episode aired, are withholding episode descriptions.

MONDAY, JAN. 20, 8 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow
Highlights from Boise include an 1822 letter from Thomas Jefferson that documents his reading suggestions for furthering one’s education; a rare Babe Ruth Candy Club membership; and a circa 1920 ruby and diamond necklace.

TUESDAY, JAN. 21, 9 P.M.
American Masters: Salinger
Discover J.D. Salinger’s childhood, painstaking work methods, marriages and secrets through interviews with friends, colleagues and members of his inner circle, as well as never-before-seen photographs and other materials.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22, 8 P.M.
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Unravel the mysteries that define the coywolf, a mixture of western coyote and eastern wolf, as wildlife biologist Roland Kays tracks and photographs the animals.
CELEBRITY EXTRA

Andie MacDowell returning to ‘Cedar Cove’

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Can you tell me if and when ‘Cedar Cove’ will return for another season?

A: The Hallmark Channel has renewed the phenomenally successful series, which is based on the book series of the same name by Debbie Macomber, for a second season. The show’s first season made Hallmark Channel the No. 1 cable channel for Saturday nights during the 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. time slot. With internationally renowned actress Andie MacDowell leading the cast—which includes Dylan Neal, Teryl Rothery, Bruce Boxleitner, Barbara Niven and Brennan Elliott—season two of ‘Cedar Cove’ promises more of the same drama, romance and fun. There is no word on the premiere date yet, but I’d start looking for it this summer. And of course, I’ll let you know as soon as I know exactly when it will return.

Q: Would you know anything about the fantastic TV series ‘24’ with Kiefer Sutherland? I thought they were bringing it back, or at least making a movie.

A: Fox is indeed airing a new version of ‘24,’ which is called ‘24: Live Another Day.’ This go ‘round, it will be a 12-part series but will still cover the requisite 24 hours. Kiefer will return, as will Mary Lynn Rajskub, William Devane and Kim Raver. Be on the lookout for ‘24: Live Another Day’ this May on Fox.

Q: Please tell me that Animal Planet will be airing another ‘Puppy Bowl’ this Super Bowl Sunday!

A: The cutest sporting event of the season is about to get even bigger when ‘Puppy Bowl’ returns to Animal Planet on Feb. 2 (first airing is from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.) for its 10th anniversary edition. There will be a Kitty Half-Time Show, penguin cheerleaders and viewers can participate in the Fantasy Puppy League (go to animalplanet.com/puppybowl to draft your team).

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Tickets to the ball are $65. Call 909-0205 or 999-0201 to make a dance lesson appointment and/or to purchase tickets to the ball or to reserve your free private dance lesson, for more information, visit www.johnnyandlissadance.com.

Actress and activist Ashley Judd brings her passion for women’s rights to Planned Parenthood of Collier County’s 10th annual Choice Affair on Saturday evening, Feb. 1, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club.

Judd, an international voice on humanitarian causes ranging from AIDS to birth control, military rape to comprehensive sex education, to equity and justice for women around the world, her mission and that of Planned Parenthood go hand-in-hand.

Past speakers at the Choice Affair include Gloria Steinem, Ellen Goodman, Jane Fonda, Kathleen Turner, Helen and Anna Quindlen. Tickets start at $300. For more information and to purchase tickets or sponsorships, call Linda Goldfield at 262-8923 or email linda.goldfield@ppcollier.org.

Opera Naples’ “Fete de Cirque” gala takes place Wednesday, Feb. 5, at The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort, two days by private philanthropy, the clinic delivers a professional volunteer staff and funded Clinic’s annual operating budget. Using Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Waldorf Astoria New York, the party generates approximately $300 per person.

For tickets or more information, visit www.naaccollincounty.com or email freedomfund@naaccollincounty.com.

The 11th annual Neighborhood Health Clinic Block Party takes place Saturday, Feb. 15, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples. The party generates approximately 25 percent of the Neighborhood Health Clinic’s annual operating budget. Using a professional volunteer staff and funded by private philanthropy, the clinic delivers medical and dental care to low-income, working but uninsured Collier County adults.

Invitations will be mailed in early January. Tickets are $300 per person.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Marilyn Stein at 259-2247 or email communications@neighborhoodhealthclinic.org.

The Children’s Advocacy Center of Collier County holds its 18th annual Beach Ball on Saturday evening, Feb. 15, at a private beach club in Naples. Leave the gown and tuxedo at home and have a ball on the beach. Tickets are $220 per person. Call 263-8838 or email info@cal-collier.org.

New York Times bestselling author and former Washington Post Magazine general editor Leslie Morgan Steiner will present the keynote address at The Shelter for Abused Women and Children’s 2014 Let the Light Shine Gala.

The gala will include an open bar, appetizers, plated dinner, deejay and silent auction. For more information, call Suzanne Todd at 784-7945 or visit www.charityforchange.org.

The 10th annual neighboring Sarasota. Items up for bid during the gala’s live auction include tickets to the Royal Enclosure during Britain’s Royal Ascot Week next June, the most prestigious event on the European horse-racing calendar invariably attended by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II; tickets to New York’s Fashion Week; a trip to Paris and French wine country; and a veranda suite on a luxury Seabourn cruise.

For tickets or more information, call Opera Naples at 963-9050 or visit www.OperaNaples.org.

Charity for Change holds its inaugural signature fundraising event, “The ‘Giver’ Challenge,” from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at The Ritz Carlton Golf Resort, taking place under the Pavilion tent. Taking advantage of the theme and the “Big Top” advantage of the theme and the “Big Top” setup, all proceeds from the event benefit the Charity for Change character education program. The safari-themed fundraiser will include an open bar, appetizers, plated dinner, deejay and silent auction.

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■ Opera Naples’ “Fete de Cirque”

■ The inaugural “Will Dance for Food and Hunger Ball” to benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank takes place Friday through Sunday, Feb. 7-9, at the Naples Performing Arts Center, 66-46 Willow Park Drive.

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Kosta Browne might not be a household name, even among wine lovers. But those who know this California boutique winery willingly wait as long as six years to purchase bottles of its single vineyard pinot noirs.

Should you wish to try them a bit sooner, consider attending the 2014 Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest, for which Kosta Browne is the signature vintner. The fundraiser takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 21-22.

Kosta Browne’s pinot noir was Wine Spectator’s Wine of the Year in 2011. “Their commitment to making world-class pinot noir and participating in charity events all over the country makes them a great partner for our charity,” says festival trustee Marshall Hanno. “Kosta Browne wine speaks for itself.”

Founder and winemaker Michael Browne came to town recently for a preview dinner at Angelina’s Ristorante in Naples, where he talked passionately about how he does and why he does it. Festival trustees sampled the acclaimed wines.

“When I enter the barrel room (where the wines ferment in oak barrels), it’s full of life and energy,” Mr. Browne told guests. “I get chills. It’s like having 500 horses. I put my barrels like the bellies of horses and say, ‘What are you going to do?’”

He and co-founders Dan Kosta and Chris Costello team up with grape farmers who are as committed to producing great grapes as Kosta Browne is to making superior wine. The result is intensely flavored and balanced pinot noirs and chardonnay wines from select regions in California, including the Russian River Valley, Sonoma Coast and Santa Lucia Highlands appellations.

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For those who might have missed my previous news column on this, Agave has changed concepts. Gone is the Southwestern cuisine, due to a less-than-enthusiastic response from the public.

The new concept features a range of American fare and includes a new Sunday brunch buffet that offers a choice assortment of flavorful dishes, each attractively plated and clearly prepared with attention to detail.

Customers can choose from seats in the lushly appointed dining room, which still looks much as it did in the Southwestern days (lots of texture, warm earth tones, upholstered booths and pottery and wall hangings that call to mind the American Southwest and Mexico). A lovely fountain provides a soothing shush-shush-shushing background track that enhances the cool, tranquil atmosphere. (The attention to detail and luxury is evident in the restrooms as well, where lights, water, soap, etc. are automatic and there are soft terrycloth towels for hand drying.)

For those who prefer to dine al fresco, there are tables right outside the restaurant, which still looks much as it did in the lushly appointed dining room, where lights, water, soap, etc. are automatic and there are soft terrycloth towels for hand drying.

Coffee and soft drinks are included in the brunch price; bloody Marys, mimosas or glasses of champagne are a reasonable $2 each. We opted for the bloody Marys and received two tall glasses, each with a generous pour of vodka and instructions to head to the bar where we could mix our own to our liking. There was a tall pitcher of bloody Mary mix as well as plain tomato and Clamato juices, olives with blue cheese or pimentos, marinated asparagus, tall stalks of celery, assorted black and green pepper, Worcestershire sauce, horseradish and Agave brand hot sauces.

We mixed and tasted, tasted and mixed until our drinks were just right. I really like this sort of set up for bloody Marys, as tastes vary so widely. I want an extra measure of Worcestershire sauce and horseradish, while my companion found the hot sauce more to his liking. In the end, we were both pleased with our drinks.

Then it was time to gather food, which was also arrayed in the bar. Trays filled with assorted fruits, cheeses and meats sat on one side station where a chef creates made-to-order omelets and pancakes. On the far side were rows of food, one containing hot lunch items in large silver chafing dishes, another with an assortment of salads, dessert and eggs Benedict.

It isn’t a vast display; but what’s there is fresh and appealing.

Eggs Benedict can be tricky. When left too long on a steam table, they can get rubbery and the Hollandaise sauce can congeal. These were just right: the English muffin firm, the egg soft but not runny, the sauce smooth and creamy. Another tray held thinly sliced smoked salmon arranged in the shape of a flower blossom. Little baskets containing the salmon contained capers, red onions, egg, tomato and creme fraiche. The salmon was tender, smoky and not too salty, and was delicious with all the accompaniments.

Small bowls held guacamole and chips, a throwback to the restaurant’s original concept. While the guacamole was fine — and our extremely personable and attentive server brought us a large basket a fresh chips to accompany it — I liked the avocado and tomato salad better. The avocadoes in the salad were chunkier, with crunchy onions and bright lemon flavor that paired well with red, ripe sections of tomatoes.

We arrived just before noon (brunch starts at 11:30 a.m.) and there were only a few other tables occupied, so there was no waiting at the omelet and pancake station. The agreeable young chef cooked the veggies we requested — tomato, spinach, red onion and mushrooms — then expertly poured the omelet into the pan, finishing it off with a mix of cheeses. Meanwhile, he’d made us two fluffy pancakes as well. Like the salmon, these had a variety of accompaniments available. We liked the orange marmalade and a concoction that looked like stone-ground mustard but was a delicious blend of cinnamon-tinged caramelized bananas. (Other options included vanilla-bean whipped cream and kid-pleasing chocolate chips.)

From the lunch items, we sampled well-seasoned black beans paired with rice studded with corn and poblano peppers. The presentation was thoroughly marinated and seasoned then served with shoestring potatoes, tender barbecued chicken in a savory sauce and mahi in a mild cream sauce.

We skipped the meat tray and went light on the cheeses and fruit, because there remained several tempting looking desserts to sample. The pecan pie and banana bread were unremarkable, but the cheese Danish, tres leches cake and pumpkin pie were excellent and well worth saving room for.

Throughout the meal, our dishes were whisked away promptly and silverware was replaced as needed. Despite the fact that this was a buffet and we were responsible for fetching our own food, our server checked in regularly, making sure we had enough to drink and that our meal was progressing smoothly.

While I will miss the Southwestern fare of the old Agave, the new incarnation retains some traces of that zesty cuisine along with a variety of other well-executed options and a staff that aims to please. It’s a great choice for a Sunday brunch that has an upscale feel but a moderate price.

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— Interior designer Jody Keene, Collins & DuPont

From too much to just right
Out with the clutter, in with the dazzle

INTERIOR DESIGNERS Sherri DuPont and Jody Keene of Collins & DuPont had their work cut out for them when they set out to remodel a house in Olde Cypress in Naples.

The new owners purchased the home fully furnished, and the designers say it suffered from too-much-stuff syndrome. For example, the foyer table held a lamp, two pelicans, a floral arrangement and two other knick-knacks. The décor was in the traditional style with lots of mauve tones, greens and dark colors, which made the house feel heavy. Every room had an artificial tree. Every space was filled with accents — there were items atop cabinets, and nothing was without an end table or matching piece of furniture.

“There were a lot of gilded frames on artwork, lots of heavy, big armoires and heavy Mediterranean-type touches, which is really going away,” Mrs. Keene says. She and Mrs. DuPont walked room-by-room through the

Before (inset) and after: This home in Olde Cypress went from drab and dated to cool and contemporary.

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House with the new owners and asked them to point out everything that fell into the “must-keep” category. The homeowners wanted to keep the guest-room furniture, and throughout the house the designers worked with new and existing pieces.

“We encourage homeowners to go into a remodel with a willingness to weed out things that need to go and keep the things that can be reinvented,” Mrs. Keene says.

The overall goal was to clean up and freshen every room. The owners are accountants who were open to changing the décor and letting the designers run with the concept.

“They came to us and said they’d bought this home, had seen our ads and wanted a house that felt like a vacation home,” Mrs. Keene says. “They have two sons, so they wanted something easy to maintain and that’s livable. They let us run with it, so we created a design scheme and presented it to them.”

Because the designers were given freedom, they had few challenges. Both say it was one of their favorite remodeling jobs.

“We are always looking to meet the homeowners’ taste, but it’s always fun to have this kind of creative freedom,” Mrs. Keene says.

One of the challenges they faced was in the master bedroom, where a window and doorway were different heights on two adjacent walls.

“When that happens, it creates unrest,” Mrs. Keene says. “When you walk into a room, your eye naturally wants to travel around the room to see what’s going on.” The designers solved the challenge by installing a false Roman shade in the master to make it look as if the window was as high as the door. This helped to create the unity they were seeking. They also removed panel molding and lightened up the window treatments, replacing draperies with simple side panels that softened the room but kept that uncluttered feeling. They changed the master bath by adding a new wall covering with built-in mirror frames to match the existing cabinetry, which gave the homeowners a larger space to work with.

Another change the designers made included switching out the oversized, heavy dining table for a smaller game table. Carpeting, painting and lighting changes also were necessary.

The overall result? A much more transitional house with clean lines. On the outside, they added a tile detail on the lanai wall. The 6-by-3-foot art piece with sea life elements that include fish, starfish, turtles and pebbles lends an organic feel to the outdoor living space.
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ROLLS WITH THE PUNCHES

BY KELLY MERRITT
Florida Weekly Correspondent

WHEN NORRIS HOME FURNISHINGS received the Collier Building Industry Association 2013 Sand Dollar Award for Interior Design of the Year for a single-family, detached home in the $1.25 million-to-$1.49 million category, it went to interior designer Mary Beth Binkley-Gill for her work on the Friedmann home in Mediterra.

The home remains a favorite project of Ms. Binkley-Gill, but the versatile designer has worked on several projects that would qualify as unique. She gave LUXE LIVING a peek into her world, including how she infused that wow factor into the Friedmann home, her least favorite design trend and what it’s like to design a Port Royal home with absentee homeowners.

Q: What’s your favorite design trend right now?
A: I like transitional with touches of sophisticated bling.

Q: What design trend are you glad to see has gone by the wayside?
A: Tuscan.

Q: If you could have a celebrity or local designer come decorate your house, who would it be?
A: I’d most like to have Candice Olson design it, with an unlimited budget.

Q: What decor would you most want to design in Port Royal with absentee homeowners.
A: My choices would be to have clean lines, lots of color and very inviting.

Q: We hear you’ve designed an entire home working with the homeowners remotely. Was that the most difficult project or home you’ve ever designed?
A: Yes. The homeowners were from England. I designed their 5,500-square-foot home in Port Royal doing everything over the phone and via email. I only met them after everything was installed.

Q: In the Friedmann home, built by Bordeaux Homes, you had 5,305 square feet under air to work with. Please share with us what made this project special.
A: In the informal dining room, transitional lines flow through and a custom built-in wall unit houses a climate-controlled wine cooler. Elements of warm wood tones, granite and glass are coupled with nature’s colors of bronze, green and ivory, which add harmony and excitement to the space. Antique white walls, shades of green, ivory and bronze and a sleek travertine floor juxtapose to the medium wood toned furnishings that add warmth to the interior.

Q: You mentioned the Friedmanns wanted that “wow” factor in their design. In addition to the metallic silver brick ceiling, how did you accomplish this?
A: There are soft geometric shapes in the oval chandelier and the geometric shapes continue with the multi-level, squared cocktail table base, front of media console and area rug. The clean lines of the furnishings and a mix of textures used in the upholstery and drapery panels add a level of sophistication, along with mosaic green, ivory and bronze glass-tiled columns. In the master suite, bronze and chrome mosaic glass tiles wrap around the tub base while a serene palette of green and bronze create a soothing effect.

Q: If a homeowner wants to go it alone, please share any advice you have for decorating resources.
A: I really don’t recommend homeowners go it alone. A designer’s years of experience and contacts with local trade contractors can eliminate costly mistakes.

Ms. Binkley-Gill used green and neutral tones to set the stage for a peaceful bedroom.

Even a large space can seem cozy with the right placement and furnishings.

BY KELLY MERRITT
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THE NAPLES WOMAN’S CLUB’S Naples Kitchen Club’s House & Garden Tour has been a highlight of the season. The perennially sold-out event showcases extraordinary homes and inspiring gardens to raise money for the club’s scholarships and grants.

The 2014 tour sold out in record time: less than four days. Four homes in Port Royal and Old Naples have been selected for the Saturday, Feb. 1, tour. A rambling 1951 home in Old Naples is a showcase of local and international art and outdoor garden sculpture. Another home transports visitors to Bali with its Balinese-inspired interior and Polynesian garden. A unique Port Royal home has a butterfly garden in the enclosed courtyard. The fourth home, an outstanding example of “Coastal Chic” style, is the 2014 Home & Design Signature House.

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Kitchen tour heats up in Port Royal

The Naples Woman’s Club’s annual Naples Kitchen Tour is high on the list of most-coveted events for design and culinary junkies. The tour showcases select kitchens in homes throughout Port Royal.

Attendees also get to partake of samples prepared by Naples’ top chefs and enjoy music, floral designs, gift boutiques and prize drawings featured at each home.

The 2014 tour takes place Wednesday, Jan. 22, with groups setting out from the Naples Woman’s Club at 10 and 11 a.m. and noon. Transportation is provided. Tickets include an open house from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at club headquarters with entertainment, a gift boutique and refreshments.

Tickets are $80 for general admission, $105 for patron level. Proceeds benefit Friends of Foster Children, the David Lawrence Center, Youth Haven and the Naples Woman’s Club philanthropic efforts.

Inquire about ticket availability by calling Ann Palmer at 262-2295.

These two kitchens on the Naples Woman’s Club’s 2014 Naples Kitchen Tour illustrate the range of “tastes” among Port Royal homeowners, from Old World charm (below) to contemporary elegance (above).

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ou don’t have to be a snowbird to love the warmth and romance of a fireplace. Despite winter’s oft-soaring temps in Southwest Florida, many here still love nothing more than stoking the fire on a chilly sub-70 degree night. Whether you’re settling down in front of a gas or electric model inside or cozying up to a fire pit on the lanai, here are a few ways to heat up the ambiance when cooler weather permits.

**Holding pattern ▲**
For matches or fatwood, this little holder from Plow & Hearth is an adorable bear who hugs a hoop barrel that keeps fireplace accents organized and accessible. It’s crafted from cast iron with painted black finish. www.PlowHearth.com

**Striking ▲**
Leave it to Arabesque to stock up on matches so pretty yet still functional. Even if your gas fireplace lights up with a click, you’ll want to accessorize the hearth with a couple of these eye-catching cylindrical containers by Michel Design Works. Each box contains 50 wooden matches.

**Over and under**
Part of decorating a fireplace is what goes above the mantle and on the floor around the hearth. Silver Eagle Gallery is filled with things that seem made for accenting fireplaces, including western and Native American headdresses and original art. We also liked the Zapotec wool rugs from Oaxaca, Mexico. They resist sparks, which makes them perfect for protecting hardwood floors.

**Pop to it ▲**
Sure, you can always get up from the cozy hearth and go into the kitchen to nuke popcorn in the microwave in a matter of seconds, but how much fun is that? Even if you don’t have kids or grandkids in the house to impress by showing them how it was done when you were a kid, you’ll get a kick out of popping some kernels the old-fashioned way, over the flame.

**Cushiony ▲**
Perfect for really important fireside chats, this hearth bench from Mackenzie-Childs comes in two sizes. The cushions are wrapped in an elegant tapestry of orange, chocolate, plum, gold and magenta tones, with coordinating hand-painted checks and copper leafing on the claw feet. Brass nailhead trim, checked piping and glass-beaded fringe add extra panache.

**Where the hearth is**
HomeGoods is always a great resource for useful yet stylish accessories for every room in the house at any time of the year. We found more than a few things that can contain kindling and firewood during the winter months and magazines, toys or just about anything else once the weather warms up. We especially liked the big basket woven of recycled newspapers.
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Eclectic style is alive and well in Old Naples

The informal dining area in Linda and Joe Sfara’s home, top, is an indoor version of a Tahitian hut. Above, the couple in the kitchen, where they often entertain.

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— Linda Sfara

At the home of Joseph and Linda Sfara in Old Naples, a taste of history and modern accents have turned a Tahitian-style stilt house into a welcoming place for friends and family to gather. It’s the perfect distance to walk to the beach and town.

“We were trying to get as close to the beach as possible and we liked the open floor plan. It felt like a vacation house,” Mrs. Sfara says. “I felt like if I moved here, I would be on vacation forever.”

The house is jovial and warm, and it has a famous resident. Rugby, the Sfaras’ Australian Labradoodle, has been painted, photographed and styled by numerous artists in town for his expressive face and sweet demeanor.

One of...
them is Po Po Flanagan, a well-known painter. The image of the Sfaras’ cat, Cricket, a regal rag doll feline, has also been captured on canvas.

But the house is perhaps best known for its original architect, the late Walter Keller, who lived in Port Royal and built five such stilt houses in the Tahitian style with a 1950s feel.

“The house, while a sound structure, was called ‘an abomination that nobody should buy at any price’ by the Realtor,” Mr. Sfara says. “This got us interested.”

These houses, including the Sfaras’ house, are no longer recognizable as related because homeowners have restored and redecorated them extensively through the years. But to the Sfaras’ knowledge, all five of Mr. Keller’s stilt houses are still standing.

“That’s one of the things that probably helped us get our permits — we didn’t want to tear it down,” Mr. Sfara says. “We wanted to remodel. We did it from them,” Mr. Sfara says. The Sfaras had a friend in New York who helped the Sfaras find many unique items for their home.

“There is a tremendous amount of great stuff if you know where to look or have someone who can show you where to look,” says Mr. Sfara. “The three of us worked as a team to collaborate, and we found a lot of items that no one else has, which is interesting to us.”

Guests instantly feel at home in the Sfaras’ house, and one of the highlights of a visit often includes Mr. Sfara’s cocktails. His Old Fashioneds and Manhattans have earned a following among their friends.

“We do parties every Fourth of July and every New Year’s Eve. Those are our standard parties before and after our parties before and after people walk to the beach to see the fireworks,” Mr. Sfara says. “We don’t even send out invitations anymore; friends just stop by.”

Island accents
Mrs. Sfara especially loves their inside island escape. It’s her favorite room. The room pays homage to the style of the original house. The roof was made by Zulus and the ceiling is African elephant grass.

“This room was the most fun,” she says. “We wanted something like a hut in the house where the lanai was, and they built this room in a day and a half. We were driving on 41 one night and they built this room in a day and a half. We were driving on 41 one night and there was a truck called Jungle Works in front of us. We literally flashed our lights until we got their attention, and it turned out they had done Gloria Estefan’s house and Mr. Sfara called her and said, ‘What about a hut already, so we were able to purchase it from them,” Mr. Sfara says. The Sfaras now use it to store beach furniture, but guests love to sit in the glider underneath on the first floor and rock to the breeze coming in off the gulf.

The downstairs bath is the place for rinsing off after a trip to the beach. The kitchen is party central inside the house, and Mr. Sfara says it’s hard to get people out of it into the other rooms. They tend to congregate around the massive island.

“In the kitchen, there was an existing island, but we needed to extend the tile to the backsplash to make sense of the island,” Ms. Feid says. “To redo the island and everything else in granite would have been too heavy.” They worked with a custom carpenter, Don Eyw Construction, which completed several other projects for the Sfaras.

“Linda is unusual because she knows exactly what she wants and does not waver. For example, we had to pick out the granite and it seemed overwhelming, but I told her you will know when you see it,” says Ms. Feid. “I read Linda and Joe and I heard them loud and clear — we all like warmth, charm and character.”

Mr. Sfara’s favorite part of the house is the wall behind the stairway. It’s a large, expansive wall and Ms. Feid suggested acquiring vintage paper. A day later, Mr. Sfara called her and said, “What about a
A desk from a public library in Boston tucks nicely into the space under the stairs.

The living room is a mix of traditional furnishings with a myriad of eclectic accent pieces, including statuary, animal prints and an art deco mirror.

"Each room is different, but it all works. There is a balance," Ms. Feid says.

Downstairs, Mr. Sfara constructed a “man cave” of sorts. On the way in from tennis or golf or from the beach, instead of tracking sand through the house, he can stop for a quick shower. It’s like a very luxurious mudroom and is adjacent to his “activity room.” An avid angler, he put an original ship captain’s desk in the room and uses it for tying flies.

The Sfaras even found a way to utilize the space under the stairs in a unique way: They acquired an actual library table from a Boston public library and stationed it under the staircase to serve as a platform for Mr. Sfara’s Naval Academy books, including yearbooks and reunion memorabilia.

The Sfaras’ home houses a mixture of old and new pieces that define the couple’s vast experiences and love of vacation living. They celebrate marrying the spirit of a property with modern conveniences. With accents that vary from modern to traditional, it’s one of a kind.

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Gulfshore Homes has new model in Miromar Lakes

Gulfshore Homes’ newest model at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club is in Ravenna on the Peninsula of the development’s 700-acre freshwater lake. The interior of the three-bedroom, three-bath home combines organic textures and patterns with clean transitional lines and contemporary finishes. Light and bright flooring and wall colors blend with rich blue-gray tones in the fabrics and furnishings with additional pops of color in the main living areas. Custom wood flooring and ceiling detail, inlaid tile and extensive finishing work throughout provide interest and warmth.

Each three-story condominium building in Ravenna offers residences with expansive great room designs, volume ceilings with crown molding and lanais with optional outdoor grill. Floor plans range from 2,166 square feet to 2,771 square feet under air. Private elevators access the second and penthouse floors. Prices start in the mid-$600,000s. For more information, visit www.MiromarLakes.com.

The Brighton nears completion in Quail West

London Bay Homes’ four-bedroom, five-bath Brighton model is nearing completion in Quail West. Overlooking the golf course, the estate home has two entry courtyards and multiple al fresco areas, including a private patio at the master bedroom, a great room loggia, and a large outdoor living room with summer kitchen.

In more than 6,300 square feet under air and a total of almost 10,000 square feet, the Brighton design includes a butler’s pantry, a study, formal and casual gathering areas, a mudroom and a combined tech and pet center. Interior design by Romanza Interior Design has a Ralph Lauren-inspired vibe with colors and collections reminiscent of the designer’s tailored and textural look. The color palette ranges from white-on-white in the master suite to the family room’s chocolate, crimson and sand, with guestrooms featuring combinations of camel and black, oatmeal and white, and nautical blue, cream and white.

On target for completion this month, the fully furnished model will be priced at approximately $4 million. For more information, call (866) 938-3354 or visit www.LondonBay.com.
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Old Naples | Aqualane Shores

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