Florida Bound

Children are crossing deserts, crossing rivers, running from gangs, running from drugs, running to the arms of their mothers.

No one knows how many children, perhaps thousands, reunite with their families in the Sunshine State.

Dixons, Wynns named Junior Achievement business laureates

Jim and Laura Dixon of the Haynes Corporation and the Wyn family of the Wynn Companies will be inducted into the Junior Achievement Hall of Fame, Collier County, at an awards ceremony Oct. 30 at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.

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

Founded by Laura Dixon's father, Laurence Haynes, in 1960 in Jackson, Mich., the Haynes Corporation has grown from a manufacturer's representative to a world-class manufacturer of industrial fuel-injection systems and power precision components. Headquartered in Naples since 1989, the company today is one of a handful of companies manufacturing fuel injection systems for large railroad companies throughout the United States.
COMMENTARY

Topo map, Independence Day

In the hilly topography of American life, history hardly lends itself to the chatter of jingoists — the love-is-blind fatherland flag wavers and chest thumpers.

That’s because our national story creates deceptively rough terrain. As a people, we aren’t clansmen or tribesmen. We don’t come from the same blood or geography. We don’t look alike. We don’t all hold the same notion of god or gods. You can’t take us to a prayer meeting or a party, either one, and expect all of us to know the manners or the music.

For everyman and everywoman and by far its people, the most ambitious in its hope isn’t good enough. We were once the most racist large nation on earth. Now we’re the least racist. Sometimes the split is iffy.

I know these individuals. I photographed them because I admire them. Since he is, to all. Yet the enduring notion of independence wrapped in the long muscle of memory — to the men and women you see on this page.

Each of these people offers that gift to all of us. They’ve starved, fought, suffered wounds in battle, tolerated dire mistreatment from fellow citizens, endured privation, raised children, lost children to war, cared for neighbors unasked, raised cows, raised crops and insisted on good cheer.

None would fail to give you food if you were hungry, or defense if you were besieged, or solace if you were sad. You will know others like them, breathing or not — but each still a living part of us.

So help me offer them each a grand thanks, and a glorious Independence Day to all.

— Note: This column, which first appeared in 2010, has become an Independence week tradition. Mr. Lee and Mr. Scheneman are deceased.

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office’s contribution to the Washington Redskins debate is petty-blogging absurdity in the service of rank politically correct bullying.

A panel of the office’s Trademark Trial and Appeal Board ruled in favor of plaintiffs claiming that the Redskins name “may disparage persons or bring them into contempt, or disrepute,” and therefore stripped the team of six trademarks. In theory, the ruling will hurt the team’s bottom line by making it impossible for it to stop others from selling its merchandise.

Exercising his constitutional power as arbiter of tastefulness in sports, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid rallied almost all of his Democratic colleagues a few months ago to implore the NFL to change the offending name, and hailed the panel ruling as the beginning of the end of the profound historical injustice perpetuated by the football franchise that dare not speak its name.

The patent board ruled this way once before. In response to a complaint in the 1990s, the board in its decision, as it noted this time around, “after seven years of litigation, involving multiple discovery and pre-trial motions.” Then, the ruling was reversed in court — after about another 10 years.

Certainly, opinions differ about the appropriateness of “Redskins” as a nickname. But some perspective: There is: No time in American history when Native Americans have been held in higher regard. Their nobility is celebrated in our popular culture, and their unjust treatment recounted in our schools. The existence of a professional football franchise with the same name that it has had for 80 years — no matter how anachronistic — has self-evidently not caused Native Americans to be held in contempt and disrepute.

The Washington Post called the panel decision “a victory for tolerance.” A bureaucratic body seeking to harm a sports team because some people don’t like its nickname is a strange exercise in governance. The paper went on to note that the tide is running against the Redskins since so many people have spoken out against them, “including the president of the United States and half of the United States Senate, which controls the tax breaks enjoyed by the NFL.” Get it? It would be too bad if something happened to your nice football league. How tolerant of us.

But in the 21st century, this isn’t the American way. If something offends you, it must be crusaded against and crushed underfoot, using whatever instrument of power is available. That the franchise is holding firm against this assault is reason to say a hearty “Hail to the Redskins!” — while we still can.

— Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.

OPINION

Hail to the Redskins

For more than 50 years, Edison State College has been an integral part of the Southwest Florida community. Beginning July 1, we are Florida SouthWestern State College. While our name is new, it’s important for you to know that our mission, our vision and our dedication to the students, businesses and communities we serve remains the same. Simply stated, this is a name change, not a mission change.

In the past few years, we have been undergoing an evolution. In order to continue serving our students, we need to be sure that our academic offerings, and the manner in which we deliver them, are designed to meet the demands of today and tomorrow. We now have five schools that help us do that: the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; the School of Business and Technology; the School of Education; the School of Health Professions; and the School of Pure and Applied Sciences.

We have impressive facilities to help our students prepare for their careers, including state-of-the-art nursing simulation labs, a dental hygiene clinic and crime scene investigation software and equipment, for starters. Did you know that we are home to world-class arts icons the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, the Bob Rauschenberg Gallery and the Rush Gallery? Historically, while called a junior college and a community college, we have more closely resembled a liberal arts college and a great place for our students and the community at large to come and cheer our teams. We have plans to bring back women’s volleyball and men’s and women’s basketball in the fall of 2016. Athletics are a new addition and part of our desire to offer a complete college experience. We have a 407-bed residential facility on our Fort Myers campus that opened two years ago. When you look back on your college days, you’re going to remember the friends you’ve made both in and out of the classroom. We continue to have strong academic offerings. Now, by having student clubs, intramural sports and now intercollegiate competition, FSW becomes the full college experience.

Looking ahead, we will continue to evolve as Florida SouthWestern State College. We are working on offering international studies and experiences and continuing to build key partnerships with area businesses and our sister institutions. We already have many exceptional partnerships that benefit our students and the community, including the University of Florida, Florida Gulf Coast University, Rookery Bay Estuary, Naples Community Hospital, Lee Memorial Hospital and more. This time is truly is an exciting one for everyone. Join us any time at Florida SouthWestern State College, and Go Bucs!
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The Naples Fourth of July Parade sets out at 10 a.m. Friday, July 4, at the corner of Third Street South and Broad Avenue South, turning onto Fifth Avenue and ending near City Hall on Eighth Street South.

From 1-3 p.m. stop by the Naples Municipal Airport to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the Naples Airport Authority. View patriotic displays and enjoy refreshments at the Museum of Military Memorabilia. Free admission.

Head to Sugden Regional Park at 4 p.m. for an old-fashioned ice-cream social followed by big band music from 7-8:30 p.m. and fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. No parking on site, but shuttles will run from various locations. For more information, call 793-4414 or visit www.collierparks.com.

The city of Naples’ annual fireworks display starts at 9 p.m. at the Naples Pier. The 20-minute show will include special effects choreographed to patriotic music from 7-8 p.m. and fireworks at 9:15 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets and pick a spot along the shore from Lowdermilk Park to south of the pier for the best viewing spots in town. Personal use of sparklers or any fireworks is prohibited.

On Marco Island, fireworks will fill the skies over Residents Beach starting at 9 p.m.

Jeanette Brock, Ph.D., president of Hodges University, has a career in higher education that spans more than 30 years, starting as a teacher and ending with her current position. She earned a law degree from Rutgers University and although she has never practiced law, she has found her legal training to be invaluable in all of her positions in higher education, particularly as it relates to accreditation criteria, contracts and administrative policies and procedures.

Ms. Brock became involved with Hodges University (then known as International College) through her colleague and friend Don Jones, who was a founding trustee. She has been with the school for 19 years, having served for 18 years as executive vice president of academic affairs and almost one year as president.

Her father, Harvard Weatherbee, was from Maine, and her mother, Clarice Hen- son, was from Missouri. They met during World War II at a USO dance in St. Louis. Her father graduated from the University of Denver and eventually ended up working for General Electric in Philadelphia testing coils. She then worked at National Data, a credit card checking service. While completing her education, she did substitute teaching and then taught legal secretaries and paralegals at business schools in New Jersey.

Upon moving to the Sunshine State, Ms. Brock took a position with Bay Area Legal Academy in Tampa, eventually becoming director of that school. She subsequently became director of studies at Schiller International University in Dunedin, before moving to Fort Myers to begin her position at International College/Hodges University.

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With campuses in Naples and Fort Myers, Hodges University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate, bachelor’s and master’s degrees. Current academic programs within its Johnson School of Business, the School of Allied Health, the Nichols School of Professional Studies and the Fisher School of Technology include 12 associate degrees, 17 bachelor’s degrees, seven graduate degrees and two certificate programs. Providing students with programs that prepare them for careers, Hodges provides support in flexible class scheduling, allowing students to attend weekly classes that suit their busy lifestyles. The University also meets the needs of today’s students by offering a wide variety of academic delivery methods and student services, both on campus and in the online learning arena.

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IMMIGRANTS

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The Department of Homeland Security will not say how many of the 52,000 Central American children who crossed the border unaccompanied have made their way to Florida. Neither will the Office of Refugee Resettlement, responsible for ushering the children to the care of a relative or guardian while their immigration cases play out. A 2012 report from the Pew Research Center, however, shows more than half of all Central American immigrants live in three states: California, Texas and Florida.

More than 343,300 Central American immigrants, naturalized citizens and non-citizens live in Florida. Children crossing the border say they are leaving Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador because they do not want to die, they want to go to school, they want to see their moms. Most likely, many of their moms live in Florida. Many dads, many aunts, many relatives.

Meet Oscar, a 14-year-old boy from Honduras, one of the elusive children of exponential numbers who has made his way to Florida. The first time Oscar tried to cross the border, Mexican police caught him, detained him for a month, then sent him back to Honduras. Two weeks later, Oscar tried again. He collapsed at the border. That was six months ago, or so. He does not remember the day. He was 13.

Oscar watches World Cup highlights in his bedroom, trying to assimilate to his new American countries. People are spread by word of mouth around Central America: “Do not send your children to the border.”

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That’s when Oscar collapsed. He has diabetes. Without insulin, he remembers feeling achy for days, stomachaches, headaches. Border Patrol agents took him into custody. Oscar woke up in a cold room.

“I woke up and I laughed. After everything was still alive, I opened my eyes and smiled because I couldn’t believe I went through all that and I woke up, I made it.”

Oscar describes his life in Honduras as being shaded by death and drugs. His father was a drug dealer. So many members of his family were in so much trouble, he saw them being killed, dying off, one by one, disappearing.

The murder rate in Honduras has doubled since 2005, giving the country what’s believed to be the highest peacetime murder rate in the world.

Oscar wants to erase his past. He wants people to understand why children are leaving their home country, “to understand the need of being here... They are running from violence, there are no opportunities, there are so many drugs.”

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Oscar looks out the window of the trailer where he now lives with his mother, his Dorito-stained fingers fidgeting with a remote control, Oscar opens up and tells his story.

He rode buses for days, he waited for hours, he hid from authorities in the forest as it rained. He spent a week in a hotel room with 13 other people — he was the only child — as coyotes waited for money to smuggle them across. He was moved to a house on the river. He could not sleep. He saw so many snakes. “I would see things moving in the water, but I didn’t want to know what it was,” Oscar says through a translator. That was the river he would have to cross, the Rio Bravo. Oscar does not know how to swim. He made his way on some sort of raft or canoe; he does not know the word.

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He says he has had people tell him, “If it was up to us, you would have died crossing.”

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Ms. Hanson says, “I can’t imagine how the U.S. government could deport a 5-year-old or 12-year-old child.” As a caveat, the attorney adds, “I know of no law that says they can’t be deported.”

She describes such a law as a myth passed by word of mouth around Central American countries. People are spread-
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pregnant, 16-year-old cousin in November. Belinda stands 3-feet 2½-inches tall. She weighs 28 pounds. She remembers walking across the desert. She remembers being thirsty. At 4, she knows the word “immigra- tion,” literally translating to “immigration,” but used colloquially by immigrants to refer to Border Patrol agents.

Belinda’s parents paid a coyote $4,000 to bring her here. Her father works in roofing. He makes $80 to $90 a day. They saved and somehow ate.

Belinda’s parents crossed two years ago. They left her with her grandmother. She was not yet 2 years old. “I really didn’t want to leave her there, I wanted to have her here … We did not have enough money,” Belinda’s mother, Bernarda, says through a translator. “We had to come, figure it out here, find work, save money.”

Bernarda could not sleep as her daughter

What Florida statesmen are saying

Gov. Rick Scott

“Sen. Bill Nelson is aware of the situation involving unaccompanied children. In my opinion, the administration for details on its plan of action and has been told they are working to locate families and find temporary hous- ing. He’s also been told the recent influx stems in part from a dra- matic increase in gang violence in Honduras, Guatemala and El Salva- dor. The senator is continuing to closely monitor the situation.”

— Ryan Brown, press secretary

Sen. Marco Rubio

The ongoing situation involving unaccompanied children crossing our southwest border is a serious humanitarian and national secu- rity crisis. Florida and other states receiving them should certainly treat them with care, as the U.S. does with all those who come here seeking refuge, but ultimately these children are here illegally and must return to their country. The Obama Administration must enforce cur- rent immigration laws to discourage others from illegally crossing the border and I hope we can send a clear message that what they are doing is illegal and end these chil- dren in great danger.”

— Sen. Marco Rubio

More young ones

Meet Belinda, a 4-year-old Guate- mana girl who crossed the border with her

The Guatemalan-Maya Center in Lake Worth has expanded English classes to ready the influx of child immigrants for school. Above, Hugo, 15, writes his name. He crossed the border in May with his 18-year-old brother, who is still being held in a detention shelter.

more young ones

the myth and children are coming to reunite with their parents, who left them in the care of their grandparents as they came to the United States in search of a better life. Their parents are aging, no longer able to care for the chil- dren, now adolescents, who perceive the dream of living in the U.S. as America as unattainable as they hear the promise of it slip from more and more lips.

“It’s a tragedy,” Ms. Hanson says. “It’s been a tragedy in the making … as the years have passed with no action taken to reform immigration law.”

Ms. Hanson has not seen a single child deported. She foresees them staying here, going to school here, working here. “Ten years from now, people will still be talking about all the children who came over 10 years ago, asking, ‘What are we going to do about them?’”

The Department of Homeland Security will not disclose the number of children deported or the cost to deport them. A quick Orbitz search shows one-way flights from Miami to Honduras for $375. One-way flights from Houston to El Salvador for $325. Flights from Houston to Guatemala cost over $400. Multiply by 2,000 children, each of which is simple projection, but neither Immigration and Customs Enforce- ment nor Customs and Border Protection are giving out any numbers.

Nonprofits and faith-based organiz- ations seem to be the ones stepping up. These groups are focused on education and health care, trying to teach the chil- dren English, trying to keep them healthy. A number of nonprofits would not speak on the record, not wanting to lose funding from donors, who oftentimes, when they hear of child immigrants, immediately ask, “Are they here illegally?”

Priests see the migration as a chance for the U.S. to be civilized and care for the children, or be ignorant and hope the chil- dren go away.

U.S. responsibility has become part of the conversation, as immigrant advocates argue the country’s appetite for drugs fuels the drug cartels, and the rearing and deport- ation of criminals has amplified gangs.

Throw in a non-committal Congress, no immigration reform, and Florida Immi- grant Coalition Deputy Director Isabel Vincent says, “The United States must look at our role in this. What are we doing wrong? We are doing something wrong.”

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Gov. Rick Scott, Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Orlando, and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Miami Lakes, were asked: How do you feel about the children who have crossed the border unaccompanied and made their way to Florida? Is Florida ready to receive them? From your perspective, what is this crisis today? What do you want Floridians to know most? What do you want immigrant families to know? What has not been said? What’s going to happen to these kids?

Here’s how they responded...

Gov. Rick Scott

The images of these children are truly heartfelt wrenching and magnify the federal government’s ineptitude in dealing with our bor- der in a safe and secure manner. Congress should move promptly to find an immediate solution to our defunct immigration system.

— John Taggart, press secretary

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was crossing borders, reliving the eight days she walked across the desert, every possible scenario playing out relentlessly in her head.

The coyote was supposed to deliver Belinda on a Friday. Saturday morning came and went. Sunday morning, nothing. She remembers the time and day she got the call from Border Patrol: 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3. She thanked God. She felt relief. She saw her daughter a month later.

Belinda shares her story because she wants people to know it’s real. “A real struggle,” she says. “Kids want to be with their parents. Their parents are here.”

In Guatemala, Bernarda says women are treated as minorities and stuck in a poverty cycle. “You learn to write a little, to count a little bit, then you’re done. You go off with your husband and have kids. That’s all you do.”

She came to the U.S. because she wanted her daughters to have an education.

The Rev. Frank O’Loughlin, a Catholic priest, worries the school system has not stood up to meet the rise of child immigrants. He says providing summer school for the children would have been the obvious thing to do.

Executive director of the Guatemalan-Maya Center in Lake Worth, the Irishman has a head full of children. Eager to help those new to the land, he asks the children at his side, “How do we reach them? Who has a head full of children? Eager to help the children would have been the obvious thing to do.

Father Frank.

Focusing on education and healthcare, the center has been expanding its English classes and lining up appointments with doctors.

“There’s the invitation for all of us to step up and be civilized,” Father Frank says of the children-crossing-border crisis. “It’s well within our happy capacity to look after them. And without doing all the politics of why they are coming, or what economies we broke with the trade agreements, without doing all that, without being mean about the fact that their communities are being destroyed supplying our drug needs, without doing any of that wacky stuff, the fact is, they’re ours to look after.”

Like a shepherd giving a sermon, he goes into the freezing of the Rhine, immigrants from the north walking across the frozen river, the Romans killing 1 million to stop them from coming, their perseverance, the creation of Europe.

“What’s happening here is so much bigger than any of our imaginations,” he says. “The romancing we do about America as the land of the immigrant, this revives it all for me.”

Thinking of the resilience of the children, everything they have done, everything they could do, all the places they could go, all the obstacles they could overcome,” Father Frank says. “Nothing in my life ever required me to do anything like they have done.

“Whatever would be the matter with me if I couldn’t see what’s before me? The heroism of the moment isn’t San Antonio beating Miami, the heroism of the moment isn’t La Cops, the heroism of the moment, it’s these children.”

— Florida Weekly did not print the last names of the child immigrants or immigrant families.
Under Laura and Jim Dixon’s leadership, Haynes Corporation has acquired numerous businesses and continues to expand its product lines, invest heavily in state-of-the-art machinery and add patents to the company’s portfolio. The Dixons contribute generously in time and funds to the Naples Children and Education Foundation, which organizes and runs the Naples Winter Wine Festival. Both are trustees within the foundation, and Mr. Dixon serves as chairman of the NCEF grant committee. Mrs. Dixon is a past member of the board of directors for Youth Haven, and the couple contribute to organizations including Friends of Foster Children, Naples Botanical Garden, American Red Cross, Wounded Warriors, Conservancy of Southwest Florida, Auc- tion Napa Valley, Hope for Haiti, Collier County Sheriff’s Youth Programs and the American Cancer Society.

As Laurance Haynes did for Jim and Laura, the Dixons have given their two children the opportunity to grow the family business. Haynes Corporation will remain in the hands of the Dixon family for years to come.

As one of the few family businesses in Southwest Florida to span four generations, the Wynn Companies’ innovative business approach has allowed it to prosper despite competition in each of its businesses. In 1938, Peter Parley Wynn and his wife, Vida, opened the Bay Dock Hotel, which included a small grocery store. Their son, Don Wynn, founded Sunshine Ace Hardware in 1948 (later known as Wynn’s Family Market), which has since grown to 270 employ- ees and recently received the 2014 Business Ethics Award from the Uncommon Friends Foundation.

In addition to Wynn’s Family Market and Sunshine Ace Hardware, the Wynn Companies includes Wynn Properties (founded in 1982), a full-service commercial real estate, development and property leasing and management company; and Wynn’s Catering (founded in 1992). Upon Don Wynn’s retirement in 1985, the companies passed to the second generation Wynn family: Larry Wynn, presi- dent, and TJ Wynn, vice president, of Wynn Properties; Tim Wynn, president of Wynn’s Family Market and Wynn’s Catering; Jerry Wynn, CEO, and Michael Wynn, board chairman and president, of Sunshine Ace Hardware; and Linda Wynn Smith, corporate secretary and treasurer of Wynn Companies. In 2012, Jeff Wynn took over as president of Wynn Properties.

Through the decades, the Wynn family name has become synonymous with business excellence and community service. Michael Wynn was recognized in 2009 as one of Gulfshore Business’s “Forty Under Forty,” and in 2010 he received the Volunteer of the Year award from both the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the YMCA. He is the immediate past-chairman of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, founding co-chair of the Partnership for Collier’s Future Economy and past trustee of the YMCA of the Palms from 2008-11. He is also a 2014 recipient of the National Retail Hardware Association’s Top Gun award and a proud member of Vistage, a 2008 graduate of Leadership Collier and a 2012 graduate of Leadership Florida.

Larry Wynn has served the Gulfshore Rotary Club as president from 1980-82 and the YMCA as a board member from 1980-82 and president in 1982. In 1989, he helped found Naples First National Bank, where he served as a director until 2006. TJ Wynn, in addition to his involvement with the Golden Gate Business Association, has served as president from 1984-85, has been active with Barron Collier High School and was named Band Parent of the Year for 1996-97.

Jeff Wynn is a past-president of the Naples Rotary Club and has received the Four Avenues of Service Citation Award (2000), the Four Way Test Award (2005), Rotarian of the Year (2002) and is a multiple-year Paul Harris Fellow.

Tim Wynn is involved in a wide range of community and professional organizations, including serving on the board of directors for Associated Grocers and past board member of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. In 2002, he was named a “Man of Distinction” by Gulfshore Life Magazine. Since 2005, Linda Anne (Wynn) Smith has served the First Baptist Academy of Naples as a school board member and remains a volunteer in the First Baptist Church pre-school department.

The Dixons and the Wynn family will join a distinguished group of individuals who have been inducted into the Business Hall of Fame since it was founded in 1987. Mutual of Omaha and Mutual of Omaha Bank are this year’s event title sponsors. For more information including sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets for the awards evening, call 225-2990 or visit www.jasfl.org.
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- **Monday, July 7**
  - Livingston and Immokalee roads: Red-light running
  - Goodlette-Frank and Solana roads: Speeding
  - Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard: Red-light running

- **Tuesday, July 8**
  - Naples Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road: Aggressive driving
  - Vanderbilt Beach Road and Collier Boulevard: Speeding
  - U.S. 41 North and Gulf Park Drive: Speeding

- **Wednesday, July 9**
  - Pine Ridge Road and Vineyards Boulevard: Aggressive driving
  - Santa Barbara and Davis boulevards: Red-light running
  - Immokalee and Livingston roads: Red-light running

- **Thursday, July 10**
  - Coronado Parkway: Speeding
  - Radio Road and Donna Street: Speeding
  - Bayshore Drive and U.S. 41 East: Aggressive driving

- **Friday, July 11**
  - Collier Boulevard and I-75 south-bound exit: Aggressive driving
  - U.S. 41 North and Pine Ridge Road: Red-light running
  - Airport-Pulling Road and Golden Gate Parkway: Red-light running

**MADD seeks volunteers**

Mothers Against Drunk Driving is seeking volunteers to serve on monthly court-ordered victim impact panels in Collier and Lee counties. Drunk driving crash victims or their families are needed to share their experience. Volunteers are needed to help with administrative duties associated with the panels.

MADD is also looking for individuals interested in serving on the steering committee for the second annual Drive the Lane celebrity basketball game in which sports celebrities and local heroes compete and spread the message of youth making good choices.

"Become a volunteer and be part of the solution to end drunk driving and prevent underage drinking in our community," local program specialist Lori Burke says.

For more information, contact Ms. Burke by calling 791-7560 or emailing lori.burke@madd.org.

**MADD Southwest Florida**
Holocaust museum welcomes children’s book author

The Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida presents Margareta Cardillo, the author of “Just Being Audrey,” on Monday evening, July 7, as part of its summer exhibit focusing on “Holocaust’s Who’s Who in World War II.” The exhibit highlights the often little known World War II contributions and experiences of many popular personalities. Audrey Hepburn is one of the iconic figures featured.

“Just Being Audrey” is a popular children’s book about the famous actress and humanitarian. Ms. Cardillo will discuss information discovered during her research about the young Ms. Hepburn’s wartime experiences and their impact on her later life.

Before the start of the war, Ms. Hepburn and her mother were living in England. When Great Britain declared war on Germany, her mother decided it would be safer for them in her native country, Holland, and they moved to live near her family.

When Germany invaded Holland, Ms. Hepburn and her family were then trapped in a Nazi-occupied country until the end of the war.

Ms. Cardillo’s presentation begins at 6:30 p.m. Afterward, she will welcome questions from the audience and will also autograph copies of her book, which will be available for purchase. Proceeds from book sales will benefit education programs at the museum. Attendance is free and open to the public. Reservations are required, however, as seating is limited. RSVP by calling the Holocaust Museum & Education Center of Southwest Florida at 263-9200 or emailing Danielle@holocaustmuseumswfl.org.

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AARP has driver safety classes

The AARP offers driver safety classes to help drivers refresh their skills behind the wheel and reduce their risk for tickets and accidents. Participants older than 55 might be eligible for a discount on auto insurance.

Cost is $15 for AARP members, $20 for others. Classes take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 269-6050. Here’s what’s coming up:

- **Tuesday, July 8**, at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami Trail.
- **Tuesday, July 15**, at Christus Victor Lutheran Church, 15600 Tamiami Trail.
- **Thursday, July 17**, at Germain Toyota, 13315 Tamiami Trail.

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- Dizziness
- Cold Sweat
Double check before you donate ‘Mystery man’ placing fraudulent Humane Society collection boxes

Someone posing as a volunteer for Humane Society Naples is approaching local business owners asking to place a candy donation box in their retail location as a way to raise funds for lost pets. Over the course of a few days recently, HSN received several calls from businesses that a mystery man dropped off the collection boxes and left without giving any contact information.

“We think they’re playing off people’s emotions for lost pets. It’s devastating when someone loses a pet. People feel for them so they want to donate to help find it,” says Michael Simonik, HSN executive director.

HSN has more than 100 legitimate collection boxes at retail establishments that generate $50,000 a year in support of the no-kill pet shelter and adoption center. However, the legitimate donation boxes contain the agency’s logo and name and also have a staff member’s business card attached if there is any question about its authenticity of support of orphaned pets in need.

Eric Brix, owner of Four Footed Friends in Naples, says a mystery man stopped by his business Monday, June 23.

“He advised me he was working for the humane society,” Mr. Brix says. “It didn’t seem like something they would do, and the fact that I already have a donation box from Humane Society Naples made it seem suspicious.”

On the collection boxes in question, there is fine print to let the donor know that it is not for a specific charity. Any profits go to the box’s owner. The fraudulent boxes offer candy for sale in exchange for a suggested donation.

“It’s very frustrating because we feel for the people who think they’re donating to a certain cause and that’s not where the money’s going,” Mr. Simonik says. “It’s just going in someone’s pocket.”

A check of the website listed on the fraudulent boxes showed none of the pets on the main page were from Southwest Florida and some had been found safe weeks ago.

To make a donation in confidence to Humane Society Naples, call Andy Reed, director of development, at 643-1555, ext. 21, or visit www.hsnaples.org.

Shy Wolf seeks foster caretakers for abused, rescued wolf dogs

Cubby is a wolf dog who loves people, in spite of being rescued from starvation and severe cuts in her neck from a chain and choke collar.

Dingo is a wolf dog whose owner is dying of cancer.

These are just two examples of several animals that Shy Wolf Sanctuary Education & Experience Center has recently rescued or been asked to re-home. These daily requests highlight an increasing need for foster families to care for abused, abandoned and neglected animals in Southwest Florida.

“Our need for foster caretakers is more critical now than ever,” says Leila Deppen, vice president of Shy Wolf Sanctuary. “Our most recent requests put us at our maximum capacity, and we are looking for foster families or adopters.

“We won’t be able to help any more animals until we find other housing options for them.”

To ensure that potential foster families can manage the wolf dogs’ unique needs, Shy Wolf volunteers arrange a home visit, check references, assess the home’s fencing and containment and help train the caretakers.

Animals that are available for foster care are carefully screened by temperament and needs and are matched with appropriate families.

“It takes a special type of individual to care for wolf dogs,” Ms. Deppen says. “But for those who are dedicated to doing so, they will discover a strong, loving bond that leads to the most rewarding experience.”

Shy Wolf is home to more than 50 animals including wolves, wolf dogs, Florida panthers, felines, prairie dogs and tortoises. Fundraising is underway for a new facility where the sanctuary can reopen to the public and continue to care for and feed the animals.

For more information on fostering or adopting a wolf dog, donating or volunteering, call 455-1698 or visit www.shywolfsanctuary.com.
Troop leader wins Girl Scouts award

Deputy Laura Woof of the Collier County Sheriff’s Office has received the national Volunteer of Excellence award for Girl Scouts of Gulfcoast Florida. She is a Girl Scout troop leader and also serves as a regional volunteer manager to 50 troops and more than 500 girls.

Ms. Woof says she volunteers with Girl Scouts because she strives for her children to have more opportunities than she ever had. “I volunteer my time and knowledge to girls who I hope will take the things I have been able to teach them in their life to leadership. I volunteer because it makes me better, too.”

The Girl Scout Volunteer of Excellence Award recognizes those volunteers who have contributed outstanding service while partnering directly with girls. The recipient performance has been beyond the expectations of the position and the recipient actively recognizes, understands and practices the values of inclusive behavior.

Girl Scouts is a volunteer-led organization and is in the need of new volunteers for the upcoming school year. The Gulfcoast Florida council serves more than 7,500 girls in Collier, Hendry, Lee, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Sarasota, DeSoto, Charlotte and Glades counties. For more information, call Yvonne Bras at 232-4475 or visit www.gsgcf.org/volunteers.

Make-A-Wish honors retired educator as Volunteer of the Year

Naples resident Fred Talbott has been named Volunteer of the Year for Make-A-Wish Southern Florida.

Mr. Talbott began his volunteer journey with Make-A-Wish 18 months ago. Local staff and event chairs say he is always willing to respond to any and every volunteer request, from playing a major role on the Walk For Wishes committee to obtaining more school participation with the event itself. He has also conducted many community presentations sharing the mission of Make-A-Wish.

A native Virginian, Talbott moved to Naples in 2009 from Nashville, where he taught in the MBA program at Vanderbilt University. He is an award-winning educator and journalist, professional speaker, trainer and author.

“I like helping in any way I can,” he says. “I try to be available when needed and am happy to do the ‘busy work’ that is so vital to the organization — things that others may not have time to do. This volunteer position has allowed me to help children and their families and to meet really good people throughout the area. Plus, I really enjoy working with the wonderful Make-A-Wish staff and volunteers.”

He says he was drawn to Make-A-Wish because when he was 4 years old, long before Make-A-Wish began, he was a child who could have been eligible for a wish. He suffered a terrible fall and was hospitalized for several weeks and in great danger, requiring round-the-clock injections and full-time medical care. He had to learn to walk and run again, which took several years, always realizing his physical limitations could return at any time.

“I recall how, for so many years, I felt as if I was being left behind by the world and my generation due to my illness and its resulting impact,” he recalls. “I also now know my family never let me or my siblings know the great financial challenges my illness brought; they simply shared courage, joy and hope with us always.

“When I realized Make-A-Wish touches families and children in such a positive way, I knew I would always be honored to volunteer and help in any way possible.”

Mr. Talbott adds that he celebrates the Volunteer of the Year award not for himself but because it symbolizes the good all volunteers do and says that this is the greatest honor of all.

Celebrating 30 years of wishes this year, Make-A-Wish Southern Florida grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

The Southern Florida chapter grants a wish every 10 hours and has granted more than 9,000 wishes since its inception in 1983. The chapter’s mission is to make every eligible child’s wish come true. For more information, visit www.sflawish.org.

Hodges U. hosts workshop for nonprofits

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University presents “How to Find the Perfect Corporate Partner” from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 10, in the White Community Room at the school, 2647 Northbrooke Drive.

An effective partnership is critical in building momentum for funding and brand awareness, for both the nonprofit organization and the corporation. Like dating, a nonprofit needs to find a corporate partner that is the perfect match for the organization (and the partnering company). Participants will learn what “true love” looks like between a nonprofit organization and a corporation — and how to find it.

Presenter is Debra Faulk, vice president-community affairs with Wells Fargo Bank.

Registration is $35. Sign up by calling Marisa Klink at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 513-1122, or emailing mce@hodges.edu.

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Man of the people?
Scott Fitzler, twice a loser for electoral office in Phoenix, Ariz., as a Republican, decided in November 2013 that his luck might improve as a Democrat with a name change, and legally became “Cesar Chavez.” Expecting to poll better in a heavily Hispanic, Democratic congressional district. (“Cesar Chavez” is, of course, the name of the legendary labor organizer.) Furthermore, according to a June report in the Arizona Capitol Times, “Mr. Chavez’s” campaign website features photographs of frenzied supporters holding “Mr. Chavez” signs, but which are obviously scenes from the streets of Venezuela at rallies for its late president Hugo Chavez. (At press time for News of the Weird, a judge had removed “Mr. Chavez” from the ballot, but only because some qualifying signatures were invalid. “Mr. Chavez” promised to appeal.)

Compelling explanations
■ U.S. District Judge Richard Kopf of Omaha, Neb., trying to be helpful, he advised female lawyers appearing in his courtroom to lower their hemlines and cover their cleavage because males, the lifetime-tenured judge later said he regretted any harm to the judiciary that his remarks might have caused.
■ Almond Upton, 60, charged with murder for “intentionally” striking a New York state trooper in May with his pickup truck, denied everything. He told reporters following his first court appearance that he is bewildered by the accusation; “I was (close to) the Connecticut border, and all of a sudden, I’m in Binghamton, N.Y. (about 140 miles from Connecticut), and this cop got killed, I don’t know how it happened. It had to be a time warp.”
■ The National Security Agency admitted in a June court filing that it had disobeyed two judicial orders to stop deleting accusatory evidence in its databases (which judges had ordered preserved to help determine if the NSA was illegally violating privacy laws). The NSA’s reasoning for its chutzpah: Its data-gathering systems, it claims, are “too complex” to prevent the automatic deletions routinely programmed into its data, and it cannot reprogram to preserve the data without shutting down its entire intelligence-gathering mission. The challenging party (the Electronic Frontier Foundation) called the NSA’s explanation disingenuous and, in fact, further proof that the NSA is incapable of properly managing such massive data-gathering.
■ Michael Adrian, 26, was arrested in Lakeville, Minn., in June for frightening officials at Lakeville North High School by skateboarding in front of the school, in military dress, face covered by a ban-dana, with an arrow strapped to his arm, and concealing knives, a box-cutter, a sling-shot and pepper spray. Mr. Adrian told police he was merely “testing” the school’s security system by “looking like a**hole.” (A judge ordered a mental evaluation.)

Karma
■ At an April press conference on a train station platform in Milford, Conn., to cri-ticize the allegedly dodgy safety record of the Metro-North rail line, U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal of Connecticut set up a chart on an easel to illustrate the problem. Suddenly, a train roared through the station and, according to news reports, “nearly” clipped Sen. Blumenthal, who was standing on the yellow platform line that passengers are admonished to stand behind.
■ In June, a jury in Fresno, Calif., decided that Bobby Lee Pearson, 37, was guilty of burglary — but they acciden-tally signed the “not-guilty” form, instead, and by the time Judge W. Kent Hamlin caught the error, he could not change it (because of “double jeopardy”). Mr. Pearson walked out a free man, went to his sister’s home, got into a fight hours later, and was stabbed to death by the sister’s boyfriend.

Sounds like a joke
The animosity between Brevard Coun-ty (Florida) judge John Murphy and pub-lic defender Andrew Weinstock festered over the lawyer’s refusal to waive his client’s right to a speedy trial, but came to a head on June 2, when the judge told Mr. Weinstock, “Stop pissing me off. Just sit down.” Mr. Weinstock persisted: “I have a right to stand and represent my client.” The judge responded: “If you want to fight, let’s go out back, and I’ll just beat your a**.” And to a back hallway they went, with the lawyer allegedly just intending to talk out their differences. However, according to Mr. Weinstock’s supervisor, Judge Murphy immediate-ly grabbed Mr. Weinstock and began punching him. Mr. Weinstock was not seriously hurt, but vowed to the incident to the Florida Bar.
■ Robert Wallace, 32, a Houston soft-ware developer, filed a lawsuit in May to get back some items after a failed romance. According to Mr. Wallace, he had loaned a laptop computer, $2,000 cash and his Harry Potter DVDs to his sweetheart, Ms. Nomi Mims, a local strip-club dancer, who was standing on the yellow platform line that passengers are admonished to stand behind.
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American conundrums
■ Authorities somehow could not prevent an inmate serving life at a North Carolina prison from arranging, via a contraband cellphone, to have the 63-year-old father of his prosecutor kid-napped and tortured.
■ The U.S. State Department somehow cannot arrange safe haven for Afghan interpreters who risked their lives daily serving U.S. combat troops and who face almost certain retaliation by militants once Americans have departed. Even the coordinator of the interpreter program, who applied for a U.S. visa in 2012, has not been approved (according to a March 2014 New York Times dispatch).
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■ The Naples American Sprint Duathlon and Triathlon takes place Sunday morning, July 6, at Sugden Regional Park. The race is a USA Triathlon-sanctioned event. Swimmers will start on the sandy beach in the swimming area and swim ¼ mile across to the foot race. The Margaret A. Sugden Amphitheater, where they will transition to their bicycles and then to the foot race.

Registration begins at 7 a.m. Call 252-4000 or visit www.eliteevents.org/naples-american.

■ The Naples Cyclery and T2 Multisport present junior triathlons on Saturdays, July 12 and Aug. 16, at North Collier Regional Park. The race is a USA Triathlon-sanctioned event. Swimmers will start on the sandy beach in the swim area and swim ¼ mile across to the foot race.

The Franklin Templeton Shoot-out summer series of golf tournaments continues on the following Saturdays: 9 a.m. July 12, The Colony; 9 a.m. Aug. 16, Raptor Bay; 9 a.m. Sept. 27, Hammock Bay; and 1 p.m. Oct. 18, Tiburon.

Each tournament features each team playing six holes of modified alternate shot, six holes of better ball and six holes of scramble, in a format modeled after the PGA Tour’s Franklin Templeton Shoot-out, which is played in December at Tiburon Golf Club. Points are awarded after each event. The entry fee is $59 per player, per event. A portion of entry fees will benefit CureSearch for Children’s Cancer, which funds the Children’s Oncology Group.

Each participant receives a $20 gift card and a 45-minute practice certificate at the PGA Tour Superstore in Naples. A portion of entry fees will benefit CureSearch for Children’s Cancer, which funds the Children’s Oncology Group.

■ The Naples Pathways Coalition hosts the annual NPC Liberty Ride from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 5. The starting point, along with burgers and hot dogs, will be at The Bike Route.

Cyclists can choose from 10- and 20-mile rides (starting at 9:30 a.m.) and a 50-mile ride (starting at 7:30 a.m.). Registration for $30 starts at 7 a.m. on race day. Sign up in advance for $25. Call 777-7718 or visit www.naplespathways.org or www.cyclingacrossamerica.com for more information.

Other NPC rides coming up include the 10th annual Iron Joe Turkey Ride on Sunday morning of Sunday, Nov. 30, and the ninth annual Naples Bike Brunch on Sunday morning, Jan. 25, at Lowdermilk Park. Call the number above or visit the NPC website for more information as the dates draw near.

■ The Collier Building Industry Association hosts its summer golf tournament Friday, Aug. 1, at Tiburon Golf Club. The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m., and the game will be followed by lunch and an awards ceremony. Raffle prizes are being solicited, and sponsorship opportunities are available. To register or for more information, call 436-6800 or visit www.cbia.net.

■ Florida Gulf Coast University’s 23rd annual Founder’s Cup, a fundraiser for the FGCU Foundation, tees off with a buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 10, at Pelican’s Nest Golf Club in Bonita Springs. Awards and a buffet dinner follow the competition.

Major sponsors this year include Service Painting of Florida, Arborox and Estero Bay Chevrolet. Sponsorship opportunities at several levels are still available, and donations are being accepted for the silent auction.

For more information on sponsorships, donations or registration, call Lindsey Touchette at 590-1016.

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TO YOUR HEALTH

■ The Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America holds a support group meeting from 5-6 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the Naples Regional Library on Central Avenue. The next meetings are July 3 and Aug. 7. Gastroenterologist Raymond Phillips will be the guest speaker in July. A Q&A session follows every presentation. For more information, call 649-1336.

■ Donations of blood slow to a trickle during the summer months in Southwest Florida, but the need for blood of all types does not. Donors are urged to take the time to donate at the Community Blood Center or its bloodmobile.

The center is on the first floor of the NCH Medical Plaza Building at 31 Ninth St. N., next to the NCH parking garage. Complimentary valet parking is offered for all blood donors. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

In Bonita Springs, the CBC bloodmobile makes a regular visit to the parking lot at Sundial Plaza on the second Monday of the month. Look for it next from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. July 14.

Here are some additional stops for the bloodmobile coming up:

- Thursday, July 3: 8:30 a.m. to noon at Marco Healthcare Center, 4038 Bald Eagle Drive (free movie ticket to donors).

- Saturday and Sunday, July 5-6: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. near Panera Bread and Naples Flatbread at Sembler Plaza, Naples Boulevard and Airport-Pulling Road (free movie ticket to donors).

- Monday, July 7: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Bed, Bath & Beyond plaza at Pine Ridge and Airport-Pulling roads (free movie ticket to donors).

Tuesday, July 8: 8:30 a.m. at Suncoast Credit Union, 2728 Horsehoe Drive.

Tuesday, July 8: 1-6 p.m. at NCH in North Naples, 1100 Health Park Blvd.

Thursday, July 10: 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Collier County Government Complex, 335 Tamiami Trail E.

Donors can safely give blood every 56 days. The minimum age to give blood is 16 (parental consent required). Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds, should eat and be well hydrated prior to giving blood and must present photo-ID.

For the complete bloodmobile schedule, call 624-4120 or visit www.givebloodbc.org.

■ IberiaBank and Physicians Regional Healthcare System continue the Health Plus Lecture series with “Step Wise Collier: Injury Prevention” on Tuesday evening, July 15, at the Marco Island branch of IberiaBank, 605 Bald Eagle Drive. Doors open for a welcome reception at 5:30 p.m. and the program begins at 6 p.m.

Injuries resulting from falls are one of the most common issues facing seniors in Southwest Florida. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, one out of three adults 65 years and older falls each year. Falls are also the leading cause of both fatal and non-fatal injuries, and the fear of falling often holds many seniors back from completing their daily routines.

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Guest speaker for the Health Plus program will be Mark Tesoro, an analyst with the Lee Memorial Trauma Center, where he tracks injury trends and develops and delivers injury prevention programming throughout the five-county Southwest Florida region. For more than a decade, Mr. Tesoro has coordinated clinical, research and grant activities for the neuroscience department of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He has also worked with international behavioral health experts in Washington, D.C., and developed national quality assurance standards for managed care.

Dr. Natasha Choya and members of the physical therapy team of Physicians Regional Healthcare System will also attend the lecture to conduct balance screenings for interested individuals and provide information about the different health services offered at the Physicians Regional Marco Island clinic. Medical registration cards will also be distributed at the lecture along with information on how to create a private and secure safety profile on www.smart911.com. Admission is $3, and all are welcome. Seating is limited. Call 403-5360 to make a reservation.

The Parkinson Association of Southwest Florida holds exercise, speech, dance and art-therapy classes at locations in Naples and Bonita Springs for those who suffer from Parkinson’s disease. Support programs for families and caregivers are also offered, and various opportunities are available for volunteers at PASFI headquarters.

For more information about services and programs offered by PASFI, call Executive Director Anne Marchetti at 417-3465, e-mail pasfied@aol.com or visit www.PASFI.org. The organization’s headquarters are at 1048 Goodlette-Frank Road, Suite 201, Naples.

The School of Allied Health at Hodges University will add a graduate certificate in health informatics to its offerings of healthcare-related disciplines this fall. Health informatics is the applied research and practice of managing, analyzing, interpreting and transforming data to help clinicians, administrators and consumers improve quality of and access to care and to reduce costs.

“Healthcare today requires administrators and managers who can talk with IT folks as well as surgeons,” says Dr. Carlene Harrison, dean of the School of Allied Health at Hodges U. “Health informatics looks not just at the information produced in a database, but makes it meaningful for a variety of users for a variety of purposes,” she adds.

The new Hodges program has been designed for those with an undergraduate or graduate degree in a clinical area who seek knowledge of health informatics principles, methods and applications. Students enrolled in the program will complete a total of five courses that will lead to the certificate.

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Bonnie and Kevin Bee know about needing a bone-marrow donor. Their 10-year-old son, Timmy, was recently diagnosed with aplastic anemia, which, simply described, is bone marrow failure. Timmy’s only hope is a life-saving bone marrow transplant.

Bonnie Bee is a Collier County Sheriff’s Office corporal assigned to the agency’s Youth Relations Bureau. Kevin Bee is a firefighter/EMT with North Naples Fire Control and Rescue District. They are no longer together as a couple, but they are both doing everything they can to help their son and raise awareness to the need for bone-marrow donors.

“You just don’t realize how important all this is until it’s yours,” Ms. Bee says. Mr. Bee echoes those sentiments. “This has been an eye-opener for me. It has made me see the tremendous need out there,” he says. “It’s heartbreaking to see these children and adults at the hospital and the only treatment that can help them is a bone-marrow transplant.”

Each year, more than 20,000 people in the United States from birth to age 74 are diagnosed with life-threatening illnesses in which a bone marrow transplant from a matched donor is their best treatment option, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A bone-marrow transplant replaces a patient’s diseased blood-forming cells with healthy cells.

While a related matched donor — a sibling — has been found for Timmy’s upcoming transplant, other children and adults in need aren’t as fortunate. Ms. Bee says she had no idea how great the need is for bone-marrow donors until Timmy was diagnosed and they were spending all of their time at the hospital. “You walk in there and you see all these kids who have the ports and they’re constantly being medicated and they have no hair,” she said. “It’s heart wrenching. All I could think of was, ‘How could I help them?’” The community will get an opportunity to help kids and adults who need a bone-marrow transplant or blood at two upcoming Community Blood Center bloodmobile donor drives:

**Tuesday, July 8:** 8:30-11 a.m. at Collier County Growth Management at Suncoast School for the Deaf and the Blind, 1728 N. Horseshoe Drive. To sign up, call Mike Bosi at 252-6819 or email michaelbossi@collierboces.net.

**Thursday, July 10:** 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Collier County Government Center, U.S. 41 East and Airport-Pulling Road. The bloodmobile will be parked near the Collier County Courthouse and the parking garage. To sign up, call 734-0707.

At either blood drive, the public can donate blood, join the Be The Match bone-marrow registry or both. Blood donors can walk in but are encouraged to sign up. Appointments are not needed to join the bone-marrow registry. Joining the registry is easy and quick, involving a simple cheek swab.

Those who join the registry become part of every patient’s search for a bone marrow donor. Thousands of patients with blood cancers such as leukemia and lymphoma, sickle cell and other life-threatening diseases need a bone-marrow transplant. Finding a donor is their only hope.

Bone-marrow registration is focused on individuals between the ages of 18 and 44, because researchers think that younger donors lead to more successful transplants. There are very few medical restrictions.

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The Florida Hospital Association works to improve the state of our state’s health by sharing best practices, advocating for patients with state legislators, developing policies that are beneficial for all and generally encouraging change for the better. Here’s a recap of what we discussed at a recent FHA board meeting.

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We moved next to ongoing improvements in quality and safety. The heartening news was that 54 percent of the 145 hospitals participating in Florida’s Hospital Engagement Network achieved the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services’ goal of 40 percent reduction in patient harm (infections and complications) and a 20 percent reduction in 30-day readmissions. This is good news, but we still have fewer than than 50 percent of all hospitals in Florida enrolled in HEN.

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Engaging the leadership teams and boards of healthcare systems to move forward and focus their attention on quality was a major motion of the FHA board. Moving Florida from the bottom quartile upward in the next five years is a challenge, but one that we can accomplish. Other states are improving at rates faster than Florida, which makes the challenge even more critical.

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Many types of dogs have been known to employ distractions and deception to get what they want.

When my dog Harper was a puppy, she wanted up in my lap one day. The problem was, my lap was already occupied by Twyla, our black-and-tan cava- lier. Harper knew that Twyla would “give her what for” if she dared to jump up there, too. Harper paced back and forth, watching us. You could practically see the wheels spinning in her head.

Suddenly, Harper sprinted for the stairs, barking loudly. Twyla immediately jumped out of my lap and ran down the stairs to lead the charge against whatever danger threatened us. Harper, still at the top of the stairs, stopped barking, trotted back to my chair and hopped in my lap. Problem solved.

I never cease to be entertained and impressed by dogs’ thought processes. In her book “Inside of a Dog,” Alex- andra Horwitz writes that “dogs are quite capable of concealing behavior, acting to deflect attention from their true motives.” In other words, they practice deception.

In a 2009 address to the Ameri- can Psychological Association, canine researcher Stanley Coren, author of “The Intelligence of Dogs,” said, “During play, dogs are capable of deliberately trying to deceive other dogs and people in order to get rewards.”

My husband has experienced this in nosework class with Gemma, our Pomer- anian/Chihuahua mix. Inside her tiny head is a brain worthy of Machiavelli — or at least Machiavelli’s dog, Gemma knows that she is rewarded with treats when she finds a particular odor, and at first she wasn’t above giving a false alert in the hope that she might get rewarded anyway. She has learned, though, that it doesn’t work, and last time she rocked all her searches, including sweeping by the boxes containing tasty distractors such as pasta, popcorn and Cheetos.

Anna McDole, a veterinarian in San Jose, Calif., says her dog pretends to walk away from the cat food. When McDole thinks it’s safe to drop her guard, he sneaks behind her to get back to it.

Glennie Oakford of Lexington, Ky., says her beagle, Eider, knows how to lie when the pressure’s on. “He will sometimes find a forbidden object, like one of our baseball caps, and grab it. In his excitement, he’ll fly around at top speed carrying the item in his mouth. When we spot him and yell ‘Eider!’ he runs behind a piece of furniture and emerges on the other side with nothing in his mouth and keeps on running, as if to say, ‘You must have been mistaken because I’m just running around here having fun.’”

Dogs don’t always trick other dogs (people) with the intent of getting something out of it. Sometimes they do it just for fun. Kim Schive of Carlisle, Mass., still laughs when she remembers this story about two of her Shetland sheepdogs.

Kia lived to keep the yard free of squirrels. Whenever she saw one, she ran at the fence, jumped at it, hitting it with all four feet, did a quick half-turn in the air and another quick half-turn on landing. Then she stamped her feet five times, all the while barking furiously with hackles raised.

Penny could mimic Kia’s routine per- fectly, right down to the number of foot stamps and barks. During the dead of winter, while all the squirrels were hiber- nating, Penny would periodically launch into Kia’s squirrel dance. “I think she did it just for fun,” says Schive. The trick worked whenever Kia saw it. Kia would dash around the yard madly for 15 minutes, then she stamped her feet five times, and Penny would start running, as if to say, ‘You must have been mistaken because I’m just running around here having fun.’”

Dogs may deceive other dogs (and people) to gain benefits for themselves or just for fun.
THE DIVA DIARIES

The Diva’s dilemma: Snapping a fabulous selfie

There are plenty of things that I can do well: I can drive a stick shift. I can walk into Ross Dress for Less and immediately locate the perfect black top to add to my extensive collection of black tops. And I can make the perfect margarita (a double shot of Silver Patron, fresh lime juice, a splash of orange juice poured over ice in a tall sub-rimmed glass — plus, a Grand Marnier floater — trust me). But, there’s something that seems to be an incredibly relevant skill these days and, for the life of me, I can’t master it: I take terrible selfies.

This is bothersome because selfies are important, apparently. We don’t just use them for our Facebook profile pictures, we text them, we Instagram them, we use them for our LinkedIn pages (some people take very professional looking selfies). And we all know that Ellen DeGeneres, Jennifer Lawrence, Bradley Cooper and company earlier this year. But, when it comes to selfies, alas, I would never encourage anyone to turn to Kim Kardashian for advice on any-thing, ever, last year she contributed her selfie tips to Cosmopolitan magazine, and they seem to make sense. Kim’s No. 1 rule is to hold the phone “higher rather than lower”; also, “know your angle” (I think this takes practice, and Kim has more time than I do); make sure the “lighting is good”; and finally, make a duck face because “it gives you cheekbones.”

OK, that last one, indeed, must be an age thing. Although someday I might actually master the art of the selfie, I will always say no to duck face.

— Ciao for now, my lovelies! Stay tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week …
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Many simply need money, said survey participants along with Golden Age-workers in Naples, Bonita Springs, Fort Myers and Port Charlotte. But even more cited health and social connections as the top reasons to find meaningful work as they age.
Finance and investing are sufficiently complex but made even more so by the abbreviations and acronyms woven into the fabric of financial columns and cable discussions. Often the reader/viewer is struggling to connect the conceptual dots when suddenly a monkey wrench of an unfamiliar abbreviation or acronym is tossed into the discussion.

In fact, these word shortcuts are so complex that readers have written to me asking what some of them mean. Some-times the word context needs to be provided because no off-the-cuff guessing, no head scratching and no Internet searching provide an answer.

Here are a few abbreviation or acronym zingers that you should know if reading financial publications:

- **AUM** is the amount of money managers have under management (i.e., assets under management) stated in dollars. These assets were once most commonly illiquid and the price is often set by the company in conjunction with the company's investment banker. RE means real estate. REIT is real estate held in a legal form (such as an investment trust) as this form allows favorable taxation. HF represents hedge funds, funds that can take long and short positions in a variety of asset classes (not just equities) and HY refers to high yield bonds.

- **Recent years have brought into question formerly well-accepted academic theory about markets and asset pricing. The CAPM is the capital asset pricing model (i.e., how assets are priced relative to risk-free and equity market risks); a corollary acronym is EMH, the Efficient Markets Hypothesis, which theorizes that the equity market prices reflect all known information and, therefore, excess returns cannot be realized. There is also the DDM, Dividend Discount Model, that postulates that equity prices are determined by discounting their respective stream of expected dividends. (And we can only wonder how the DDM figures where Amazon shares.)**

- **After 2008-09, the world of academic theory started to pay more respect to BF, or Behavioral Finance; it was the only theory started to pay more respect to BF, or Behavioral Finance; it was the only theory started to pay more respect to BF, or Behavioral Finance; it was the only theory started to pay more respect to BF, or Behavioral Finance.**

- **A stock can also be valued using the earnings OR projected estimated earnings. It can be calculated for a stock, for a sector of the market or the market as a whole. For instance, the S&P has recently been trading at a PE of 16 if estimated next year earnings consensus is used. So PE differs if the earnings are most recent or forward-looking. A stock can also be described by its E/P or DY ratio. Whilst the DY, or dividend yield, is the actual cash distribution divided by the price of the stock, the E/P takes reported earnings and divides it by price. Some investors are focused solely on earnings yield, some on dividend yield and some actually peek under the covers and figure out what the whole picture is.**

- **There’s a cluster of acronyms that pertain to options. ATM does not relate to dispensing cash from your bank. ATM in the world of investing means an “at the money” option, i.e. the strike price on the option (put or call) is the price at which the stock is currently trading. But there are myriad option strike prices (priced above or below the current price of the stock). Both call and put options can be ITM (in the money) or OTM (out of the money).**

- **Partnership terms well understood are GP (general partner) and LP (limited partner), but recent years have put MLPs, or master limited partnerships (that are publicly traded and have favorable taxation), on the radar screen of most investors. Who would know all these different acronyms and abbreviations? Not the typical individual investor, not even the HNWI. Sorry … not telling… you go figure. HNWI, it's your homework.**

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Global energy production is booming, and one of the best ways to profit without being hurt by commodity-price volatility is to invest in the companies servicing and supplying the oil and gas industry.

Global oil and gas production is booming, with the largest growth expected in the US and in the Middle East. This means that companies providing rig technology equipment hitting an all-time high of $64 billion (up 27 percent over-year-over-year), revenue rising 9 percent and net income jumping 18 percent.

The company isn't perfect, as it does face risks such as competition, and its profit margins have been shrinking a bit in recent years. It expects a modest near-term slowdown, too. Still, National Oilwell Varco has a more than $250 billion market value and is busy expanding its production infrastructure. It also plans to standardize its equipment and infrastructure, which will help customers keep costs down without sacrificing timeliness when replacing parts.

National Oilwell Varco's first-quarter 2014 results featured its backlog of orders increasing by 90 percent of all rigs carry some of its products, and it plans to standardize its equipment to meet the needs of its customers.

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How can I invest in socially responsible companies?

- T.R., Palm Beach, Florida

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Philip Wilson is 60 but neither he nor his wife, Linda, plan to quit working anytime soon. For now, both find themselves blessed with health and a burnout-resistant practice in Fort Charlotte, and enjoy the work.

Mr. Wilson's father was a World War II veteran who ran a farm supply store for four decades in Missouri, working six days a week. But after his father retired in his early 60s, Mr. Wilson recalled, "it just seemed like he lost purpose, he lost direction, and I don't want to do that.”

At the same time, Mr. Wilson hopes to make some changes to his schedule in later years. “My vision of retirement is to continue to work every day and be productive but at the same time having the liberty that when I want to take off and when I want to go somewhere and do something I would have the money to do it,” he said.

Will work for happiness

At 70, Chris Fenwick became a new employee of the Lee County Sheriff’s Office. He was hired to work full-time, four 10-hour days per week, performing background checks on potential new LCSO hires.

After a career in law enforcement in Baltimore and northern Florida, he and his wife, Mary Ann Maguire, moved to Shell Point Retirement Community in Fort Myers. The following year he became a LCSO volunteer, leading to his current position.

Looking back at his younger self, Mr. Fenwick recalls being out of shape in his 40s. Now he regularly combines a longer walk at work with keeping up with technology. "I just think it’s a sin for a healthy person to stay at home and do nothing when he can continue being productive. Even if you don’t need the money per se you’ll live a longer life if you have something to look forward to and a reason to jump out of bed and go do what you’re supposed to do.”

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Booming business

If Social Security, created during the Great Depression, institutionalized retirement for many older workers, retirees are deinstitutionalizing it, suggested Ms. Erb. They are expected to live longer than past generations, requiring more cash to live on, and also more time to fill.

The Boomers are healthier. We know we’re going to live longer and we’re going to change things like we always have," Ms. Erb said. "Nobody wants to retire and stay more "youthful.” They are also more time having the liberty that when I want to go do what you’re supposed to do.”

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Christopher Adams and Laura Adams have joined John R. Wood Properties as the Adams Real Estate Team. Both are originally from Chicago. Mr. Adams attended Northern Illinois University and studied accounting. Prior to joining the real estate industry in 1998 with Marco Beach Realty, he worked in the construction industry. He is a member of the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors and the Naples Area Board of Realtors. Mrs. Adams attended Prairie State College and studied interior design and worked as a flight attendant for the United Airlines prior to joining the real estate industry. She is a member of the Marco Island Chamber of Commerce, the Marco Island Area Association of Realtors and the Naples Area Board of Realtors.

Tade Bua Bell of the Bua Bell Group of John R. Wood Properties has completed a two-day continuing education course at North American Title Company. The coursework focused on developing business-building skills and resources, expanding knowledge on how life stages impact real estate choices, connecting with resources and working with clients ages 50-plus.

Jennifer Nicholson has joined Fiddler’s Creek as vice president-marketing communications and will be responsible for overseeing all marketing, public relations and strategic communications for the community off Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. Ms. Nicholson has more than 15 years of professional marketing experience, specializing in residential development. Prior to joining Fiddler’s Creek, she was vice president-marketing communications for The Cliffs Communities in Greenville, S.C., and before that an account director at Jackson Marketing Group. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Washington and Lee University.

William Cary II has joined Land Solutions as a commercial land sales association. Mr. Cary has 10 years of experience in the real estate industry and holds licenses in Florida, Maryland and West Virginia.

C. Adams
L. Adams

Pulte opens models in Corkscrew Shores

Pulte Homes holds a grand opening for five new models at Corkscrew Shores from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, July 12. The entrance to the gated community is on Corkscrew Road three miles east of I-75 in Estero.

With two to five bedrooms, the new models — the Clubview, the Stonewater, the Pinnacle, the Martin Ray and the Taft Street — range from 1,289 square feet of living area to more than 3,925 square feet of living area. Prices start in the mid-$200,000s.

Kaye opens new model center in Naples

Kaye Lifestyle Homes has opened a new model center on White Boulevard in Naples. The builder’s collection of homes has 18 designs that have three to five bedrooms and range from 1,082 square feet to more than 3,200 square feet of living area. Prices are from the mid-$150,000s to the $500,000s.

The featured model open for visitors is the Windjammer, a three-bedroom, two-bath design with 1,773 square feet of air-conditioned living space and a total of 2,438 square feet. The Windjammer has an open floor plan with vaulted ceilings, granite countertops, a breakfast nook and formal living and dining rooms. The design is priced from the mid-$250,000s.

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The family had owned the land, which had been settled as early as the 1600s, since 1913. Today, it is a community of 83 homes and well known for its golf, swimming and boating.

This is the home where Ms. Hepburn spent her summers and where she lived fulltime for seven years until her death at the age of 96 in 2003. The 8,368-square-foot home has 15 nautically inspired room, including six bedrooms, eight baths, seven fireplaces and expansive porches and verandas. It was completely renovated in 2005 by New York builder Frank Sciame.

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New in Business

Susan Jones, RN, BSN, has opened Attentive Nursing Care, a private nursing service offering customized care to clients in their homes, as well as nursing support for individuals undergoing surgical procedures. A registered nurse diploma graduate of Christ Hospital/University of Cincinnati, Ms. Jones also holds a bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of South Florida in Tampa. She has more than 20 years of diverse nursing experience, working in home health and on renal/cardiac, medical/surgical and rehabilitation floors. She volunteers with the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Youth Haven and the Neighborhood Health Clinic.

Robert Kleinknecht has opened Oakstone Law, P.L., an estate planning and estate settlement legal services firm, at 5137 Castello Drive, Naples. Mr. Kleinknecht has 15 years of experience, including most recently more than eight years serving as a personal, in-house estate, tax and charitable planning attorney for a Forbes 400 family in New York and Florida. Prior to that, he was an estate planning and estate settlement attorney with firms in Boston and Washington, D.C. He started his career with a boutique firm in Naples.

Coconut Point Ford has been awarded the President’s Award in recognition of exceptional customer service. Ford dealers become eligible to receive the President’s Award through survey responses from customers related to their sales and service satisfaction.

Jack Wert, JoNell Mody and Debi DeBenedetto of the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau, have been appointed to VISIT FLORIDA marketing committees to provide industry input in the areas of international travel, communications and meetings and travel trade. VISIT FLORIDA is the official tourism marketing corporation for the state of Florida. Mr. Wert, executive director of the CVB, was reappointed to VISIT FLORIDA’s International Committee. Ms. Mody, PR and communications manager, was reappointed to the Communications Committee. Ms. DeBenedetto, group sales manager, was newly appointed to the Meetings & Travel Trade Committee.

Board Appointments

Laurence Hultberg, senior vice president with BB&T, and Dr. Jeffrey Panozzo, chair of emergency medicine at NCH, have joined the board of directors for Drug Free Collier.

The United Arts Council of Collier County has elected the following officers for 2014: Beth Mehlner, president; JR Philp, president-elect; Robin Hamilton, treasurer; and Barbara Sigel, secretary. Sandi Moran is immediate past president.

Keith Dameron, vice president and Marco Island branch manager for IBE-RIABANK, has been appointed chairman of the Bayshore CAPA Leadership Council. Members serve as advisors to CAPA’s board of directors as well as ambassadors for the organization to the community at large. Mr. Dameron is also a member of the advisory council for the Marco Island Center for the Arts, the Naples AARP Identity Theft Task Force and the Marco Police Foundation Board of Directors.

The Urban Land Institute’s South Florida District Council introduces the following members of its inaugural regional advisory board: Tim Byul, vice president of finance, Miramar Development Corp.; Tim Allen, Alico chair and eminent scholar of finance, Florida Gulf Coast University; Frederick Barber III, CEO of Agnoli, Barber & Brundage Inc.; Wayne Falvey, managing member, Capital Four Advisors LLC; Neale Montgomery, partner, Pavese Law Firm; Al Reynolds, vice president, Santuci; and Margaret Wuerstle, executive director, Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council.

New officers for the Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation are as follows: Miller Coase, chairman and CEO of First Bank of Clewiston, chairman of the board; David Call, president and CEO of Fifth Third Bank (South Florida), vice chairman; Laura Holquist, president, LAGH, governor; Steve Magiera, vice president for administrative services at FGCU, assistant treasurer; and Kimberly Johnson, firm chair at Quarles & Brady, Naples, secretary.

New board members elected for four-year terms are: Derek Jones, regional president for Wells Fargo; Dean Fjestad, a former financial executive; Joseph Gammons, principal of Office Furniture & Design Concepts; and Lee Seidler, former managing director for Bear Stearns in New York City.

Brian Jordan has been named principal percussionist of the Naples Philharmonic. Mr. Jordan, who previously was principal percussionist of the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, has performed with orchestras across the country, including the Florida Orchestra, Jacksonville Symphony, Brevard Symphony, Philadelphia Orchestra, the Delaware Symphony and the National Repertory Orchestra in Colorado. He holds a bachelor’s degree in music from Northwestern University and a master’s from Temple University. He first performed with the Naples Philharmonic at its 2013 Percussion Summit.

Walter Schacht, CFP, has joined BMO Private Bank in Naples as a wealth advisor. Mr. Schacht has more than 16 years of experience in the financial industry. He serves as an advisor to high net worth individuals, families and organizations, including closely held and family-owned businesses, endowments and foundations. He earned an MBA from Hodges University and a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of North Texas. He serves on the board of the foundation for the Collier County Bar Association and is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Presidents Council of Hodges University, American Military Veterans Education Fund Cabinet of Hodges University and the Estate Planning Council of Naples.

Primary Education

Marrie McLaughlin has been named principal of St. Elizabeth Seton Elementary School. She most recently served as the assistant principal of both St. John Neumann Catholic High School and St. Elizabeth Seton elementary and middle schools. She is writing her dissertation to complete a doctorate in education from the University of Florida.

Hospitatly

Joseph Fisher has been named general manager at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort. Mr. Fisher most recently served as director of food and beverage at the Waldorf Astoria in Park City, Utah. Prior to that, he was executive assistant manager for the Conrad Miami Hotel. He has also held leadership positions at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66 in Fort Lauderdale, the 2,500-room Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas, the Delano Hotel in South Beach and the Four Seasons Hotel & Resorts in both Atlanta and Miami.

Law

Tamela Eady has joined the real estate department at Cheffy Pastidomo, P.A. Board certified as a specialist in real estate law by The Florida Bar Board of Legal Specialization and Education, Ms. Eady earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Tulane University and her law degree from the University of Florida. She served on the Naples City Council from 2000-06 and held the office of vice mayor from 2004-06. Ms. Eady is a graduate of the University of Florida College of Law and earned her law degree from Stetson University College of Law. She is a member of the Florida Bar, the Collier County Bar Association and Florida Association of Mortgage Bankers. She is also a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Naples Bar Association and the Collier County Bar Association. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Naples Bar Association and the Collier County Bar Association. She is a member of the Naples Area Board of Realtors, the Naples Bar Association and the Collier County Bar Association.

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NAPLES FLORIDA WEEKLY
Mr. Gardner has joined the law firm of Lyons & Lyons, P.A. in Bonita Springs to focus on estate planning, probate and asset protection. Mr. Gardner graduated from George Wythe University and received his juris doctorate from Ave Maria School of Law where he served as a senior editor of the law review and as the director of the Ave Maria chapter of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program helping low- to moderate-income families file their federal income tax returns. He serves on the board of directors for the Entrepreneur Society of Naples.

John Paulich III and Casey Wolff have joined the Naples office of Gray Robinson, both coming from the firm of Paulich, Slack & Wolff, P.A., a full service law firm focusing on real estate, estate planning, corporate law, international law and litigation.

Mr. Paulich, a founder and shareholder of Paulich, Slack & Wolff, P.A., attended Kent State University for his undergraduate and MBA degrees and graduated from Florida State University with his juris doctorate. He was admitted to the Florida Bar and the Supreme Court of Florida in 1981.

Mr. Wolff, a shareholder and partner of Paulich, Slack & Wolff, P.A., has extensive experience in immigration and naturalization, business organizations and international transactions. He earned a bachelor’s degree in biology from Princeton University and his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He was admitted to the Pennsylvania Bar in 1978, the Florida Bar in 1990 and the Bar of the U.S. Supreme Court in 2006.

Bill Griffin has joined Norris Home Furnishings as director of retail planning and visual merchandising. A Texas native, Mr. Griffin has worked in retail design and home furnishings for more than 30 years. His design consulting company handled both domestic and international clients, remodeling major retail stores in the U.S. and abroad, designing and launching two furniture lines and presenting design seminars at national home furnishings trade expos.

John Tabar has joined Naples Harley-Davidson as partner and general manager. Mr. Tabar has more than 25 years of retail experience encompassing all positions in dealership sales, management and training. He previously was global vice president of product development and training with Assurant Solutions. He will take on a variety of projects and be part of the strategic planning for Naples Harley-Davidson moving forward.

Patrice Cunningham has joined CONRIC PR & Marketing as marketing director. Ms. Cunningham has more than 23 years of experience in sales, marketing, operations and management in Southwest Florida. She earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and marketing from Hofstra University in New York.

Telecommunications

John Turdel has joined Listream, a Florida-based telecommunications provider focused on delivering Internet, cable television and voice services to private communities, as construction manager in the Sterling Oaks community in Naples.

Marketing

Connie Ramos-Williams, CEO and president of CONRIC PR & Marketing, has received her social media business marketing certification from Florida Gulf Coast University.

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Diners can help area restaurants take a bite out of cancer

Restaurants throughout Southwest Florida have signed up for a daylong feasting crusade to benefit the American Cancer Society. On Tuesday, July 8, participating restaurants will help “Stick a Fork in Cancer” by donating 10-20 percent of each check to ACS to help fund support programs, education efforts and research.

Pizza’s at the Marco Island Marriott; Barbatella, 1290 Third St. S.; Café Alfredo, 2389 Vanderbilt Beach Road; Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits, 2700 Immokalee Road; Il Primo Pizza & Wings, 5248 Golden Gate Parkway; Jason’s Deli, 2700 Immokalee Road; Menchie’s, 6055 Naples Blvd; Naples Flatbread (three locations), 6434 Naples Blvd., Miromar Outlets and Mercato; Norman Love Confections, 3747 Tamiami Trail N.; Sam Snead’s Tavern, 8004 Lely Resort Blvd.; Sand Bar, 826 E. Elkhorn Circle, Marco Island; Sea Salt, 1186 Third St. S.; Seminole Casino Immokalee; Shady Palm, 210 Ninth St. N.; Sophia’s Ristorante Italiano, 3545 Pine Ridge Road; and Tacos and Tequila Cantina, 4834 Davis Blvd.

In Bonita Springs, the following restaurants are participating: Island House Café, 3801 Bonita Beach Road; Old 41 Restaurant, 2599 Bernwood Drive; and Sneaky Pete’s, 3645 Bonita Beach Road.

In Southwest Florida, a total of 56 restaurants from Marco Island to North Port are taking part. “We are thrilled to have even more restaurants from the South Gulf Coast area participating in the fifth annual ‘Stick a Fork in Cancer,’” says Lisa Honig of the ACS. “It shows the dedication we all have to putting an end to cancer.”

Last year, 35 restaurants participated and raised more than $10,000 to support cancer patients and their families in Southwest Florida.

For more information about the local ACS and its programs, call (800) 227-2345 or visit www.cancer.org. There is also a Facebook page for the local Stick a Fork in Cancer campaign.
There’s a lot of talk these days about synchronicity, the way small moments converge to deliver exactly the thing we’ve been thinking about. You might consider it a load of BS, but personally I believe. How else to explain my recent run-in with a pair of French men on a tiny puddle jumper in the rural South?

If you know anything about me, you know I’ve been obsessed with France as long as I can remember. When other kids requested Happy Meals, I stomped an angry foot and demanded French cuisine (this in a family that’s three-generations Floridian, and not the winters-in-Boca kind).

I studied French as soon as it was offered and got to Paris as fast as I could. The way some kids take up soccer or the violin, I took up France. I never looked back.

It was only later, in college, that I discovered what true Francophiles know: that half the appeal of la France comes from French men. They are depraved, immoral, condescending — and utterly intoxicating, which makes them perfectly positioned to torment the female ego.

Because along with that infuriating superiority comes a highly skilled flattery. How else to explain the ubiquitous French compliment, “Vous êtes charmante,” a phrase that translates literally as “You are charming” but more loosely as “I’d like to sleep together but I’m just now meeting you on the Metro or this street corner and I haven’t yet figured out the exact right compliment to get you to bed.”

For French women, who’ve been exposed to the way of the French man since infancy, this sort of cheap flattery has no effect. American women, however, are not accustomed to compliments from strangers. For us, a line like this can be knee-wobbling. And when such compliments come frequently and from many types of men — the fishmonger, the street sweeper, the banker — is it any wonder that one would get so wrapped up in the place?

Like a junkie, I’ve been taking hits for more than a decade. And I’m headed back again. Soon. Which brings me to the puddle jumper, the airport waiting room and the two French men sitting beside me. They were youngish, mid-20s, handsome and slight in the way of European men. While they waited for their flight, they spoke openly, loudly and without inhibition, as Americans do abroad, sure that no one understands. But I did.

I listened as they critiqued every woman who walked by, young and old. I overheard their snide laughter and offensive snickers. When an older, heavier woman in a bright Hawaiian shirt took a seat in the next row, one of the young men elbowed the other.

“I call dibs,” he said.

His friend looked over and they both laughed. I had forgotten how French men can be so cruel.

A voice on the loudspeaker announced boarding for our rows, and the three of us queued up together. I stood in line behind the two young men, reimagining my trip to France, suddenly not as certain. But those two young men were very cute, and so self-consciously cool, that even with their naughty behavior I was frankly captivated. As for my upcoming trip? I’m in trouble.

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.
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MARRIAGE
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So far in the United States, same-sex marriage is legal in 19 states and in Washington, D.C.
Mr. Carpenter would love to marry his partner of 13½ years, but they’re waiting until it’s legal in Florida. “We met in New Jersey,” he says. “We could’ve gotten married there. Who would’ve thought?”

As for same-sex marriage in Flori-
da, “I think it’s going to happen,” he says.

Conceived by Brian Shnipper, “Standing on Ceremony” is a collection of short plays revolving around marriage between gay couples. There is the mister who sees motherhood as a competition and, thinking it will make her look better, is anxious for her gay son to marry. There are the two men who want to get their self-penned wedding vows just right. And the two women dealing with pre-wedding jitters as they fly to Iowa to get married. And the man eulogizing his partner of many years.


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Shows that make you cry during rehearsal—that’s my thing,” Mr. Yudowitz says of his monologue. “I’m sure every actor feels that way about their part. It’s a good group. I’m happy to be part of it.”

Lori Riti, who joined the cast as a last-minute replacement, has a monologue as a woman from Ohio who believes that gay people should not be allowed to get married. “It’s too dangerous,” the character says.

The play hits Ms. Riti in a deeper way, she says after rehearsal, because she’s watched friends and family members suffer with the issue.

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“What do we want for our kids? To love and experience love. That’s the most wonderful thing,” she says. “That’s all I wanted for our kids. I didn’t think gay, straight, whatever. I just wanted them to love and be loved.”

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Cirque coming to Germain this fall

Cirque du Soleil’s newest arena show, “Varekai,” comes to Germain Arena for eight performances Wednesday through Sunday, Sept. 24-28. Tickets are on sale now.

Deep within a forest, at the summit of a volcano, exists an extraordinary world. One day a tall, lanky, mysterious young man is dropped into this shadowy place, and he remains there for 20 years. Precisely this kind of story is to be presented on Aug. 22, 23 and 24. Tickets range from $35 to $100. Call (800) 745-3000 or visit www.cirquedu-soleil.com/varekai.

Spend some summer evenings with The Met at a local cinema

The Metropolitan Opera presents Summer Encore, select performances from its “Live in HD” series, in more than 400 movie theaters across the country. In Southwest Florida, screenings are at the Hollywood Stadium 20 in Naples, Coconut Point 16 in Estero, Bell Tower 20 in Fort Myers and Town Center Stadium 16 in Port Charlotte.

Showing Wednesday, July 9, is Verdi’s “Otello,” followed by the Baroque pastiche “The Enchanted Island” on Wednesday, July 16.

In Verdi’s retelling of Shakespeare’s towering tragedy “Otello,” soprano Renée Fleming gives a captivating performance as the innocent Desdemona, a role long considered one of her calling cards. As the title hero, Johan Botha delivers an imposing portrayal of a proud warrior brought down by jealousy, and Falk Struckmann is thrilling as the villainous Iago. According to a review in the New York Times, “Conductor Semyon Bychkov led a tremendous performance” and “deserving of applause” is the “first-rate performance by Butz-Wilson as Othello.”

For The Met’s HD-televised version of “The Enchanted Island” (1735), the European première of C. F. Abel’s operatic pastiche, the all-star cast is headed by David Daniels as Prospero, Joyce DiDonato as Ariadne De Niese as Ariadne, Luca Pisaroni as Caliban and the legendary Plácido Domingo as Neptune. William Christie conducts the world-premiere production by director Phelim McDermott.

Cirque du Soleil’s “Varekai” comes to Germain Arena for a double dip of summer comedy

The Marco Players Theater is at the Marco Island Center for the Arts, 239-631-8623. Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday both weekends. Tickets for $20 are available by calling the box office at 642-7279 or visiting www.themarcoplayers.com.

At the Marco Players Theater is “Wanda’s Visit,” a comedy written and directed by Christopher Durang is the story of Wanda, a blundering secretary when they share a too-much-information dinner. Beverly Dahlstrom and Erin Laughlin star.

“Wanda’s Visit” is the third-act sequel to “Play it Again, Sam” and is followed by “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

The four young lovers from “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” find themselves shipwrecked on Prospero’s island from “The Tempest,” leading to a torturous web of comic and dramatic romantic entanglements. The all-star cast is headed by David Daniels as Prospero, Joyce DiDonato as Ariadne, De Niese as Ariadne, Luca Pisaroni as Caliban and the legendary Plácido Domingo as Neptune. William Christie conducts the world-premiere production by director Phelim McDermott.

The July 16 Summer Encore presentation of “The Enchanted Island” was originally transmitted live from The Met on Oct. 27, 2012. A contemporary take on the 18th-century genre of the pastiche, “The Enchanted Island” is a delightful Baroque fantasy that brings together more than 30 of the greatest arias and ensembles by Handel, Vivaldi, Rameau, Purcell and other composers. The new English libretto by Jeremy Sams was inspired by Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Theater

**Gypsy** – By The Naples Players in Blackbox at Sugden Community Theatre through July 27. 263-7990 or www.naplesplayers.org. See review on page C8.


**The Little Mermaid** – Through Aug. 2 at the Broadway Palm Children’s Theatre, Fort Myers, 278-4422 or www.broadwaypalm.com.

Ongoing Exhibits


**Artistic Optimism** – A group exhibition of recent works in assemblage, ceramics, collage, painting, pastel and sculpture through Aug. 15 at Rosen Gallery & Studios, 2172 J&C Blvd. 821-1061.


**Water Life Art** – An exhibit of works by local artists Christopher Wyatt and Karen Swanker at Shangri-La Marketplace, 15110 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0101 or www.chriswaintines.com.

**French Flair** – JoGi Gallery opens from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Friday for the exhibition “Part of Paris & Provence.” 1080 Fifth Ave. S. 659-5644 or www.jogi-gallery.com.

**Independence Day Kick-Off** – Give an early salute to Independence Day by joining the patriotic party with live music by Toucan Do, an outdoor bar plus fun and games for all ages starting at 6 p.m. at Mercato. 254-1080 or www.mercatoshops.com.

**Summer Nights** – A DJ plays music from 7-11 tonight and every Thursday at Barbatella. 1290 Third St. S. 263-1955.

**Just for Laughs** – Alex Ortiz takes the stage at The Hook Comedy Club on Marco Island tonight through July 6, 389-6901 or www.offthehookcomedyclub.com.

**Parade Time** – The Naples Fourth of July Parade takes place from 10 a.m. to noon, stepping out from the corner of Third Street South and Broad Avenue South, turning onto Fifth Avenue and ending near City Hall on Eighth Street South.

**Sidewalk Sale** – The boutiques of the Village on Venetian Bay celebrate the Fourth of July with a sidewalk sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and July 5, and from noon to 5 p.m. July 6. 4200 Gulf Shore Blvd. www.venetianvillage.com.

**Salute to BBQ** – Agave Bar & Grill celebrates the Fourth with a barbecue from noon to 6 p.m. $20 for adults, $12 for kids and drink specials from 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. 2380 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 597-3473 or www.agaveneaples.com.

**Flight Time** – Stop by the Naples Municipal Airport from 1 p.m. to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Naples Airport Authority. View patriotic displays and enjoy refreshments at the Museum of Military Memorabilia. Free admission.

**More Holiday Fun** – Gather up the kids and head to Sugden Regional Park for an old-fashioned ice cream social starting at 4 p.m. Big band music fills the air from 7:45 p.m. and the fireworks go off at 9:15 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets for seating. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 393-2405 or www.blue mangrovecanyon.com.

**City Fireworks** – The city of Naples sets off its annual fireworks display from a barge off the City Pier beginning at 9 p.m.

**More Fresh Produce** – The Golden Gate Farmers Market takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd. 206-4339.

**Book Discussion** – Marco Island Library hosts a discussion of Robin Cook’s “Cell” at 1 p.m. Registration required. Free. 210 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island. 394-3272 or www.collierlibrary.org.

**Smooth Jazz** – The Marc Vee Trio plays from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Bay House Restaurant. 799 Walkerbilt Road. 594-3857.


**Beach Party** – Join Marco Island artist Tara O’Neill at her Blue Mangrove Gallery for a celebration of all things beachy, including her latest beach paintings, from 2-4 p.m. 1089 N. Collier Blvd. 393-2405 or www.blue mangrovecanyon.com.

**Live Tunes** – Rick Howard and The Speed Bumps perform from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Chris’tys Tavern & Bistro, 3340 Tamiami Trail E. 775-0010 or www.chris’stavern.com.

**It Takes Two** – Pablo Repun Tango hosts a beginner’s class from 7-8 p.m. followed by milonga for everyone. Bring your own wine; snacks provided. $15. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4814 or www.pablo repuntango.com.

**Live Jam** – Grand Theft Deity performs from 8-11 p.m. at Feed’s Food, Fun and Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

**Live Tunes** – Resinated takes the stage starting at 10 p.m. at South Street City Oven & Grill. 1410 Pine Ridge Road. 435-9333 or www.southstreetnaples.com.

**National Chocolate Day** – Decanted Wines celebrates National Chocolate Day with a wine tasting from 5-7 p.m. in advance, $20 at the door. 434-8484 or info@decantedwines.com.

**Jazz Jam** – Jebyr and friends gather for a jazz jam from 6-9 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928.

**Film Night** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a screening and discussion of “Nine Queens” (Argentina, 2000) starting at 7 p.m. 1050 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or www.arcenterbonita.org.

**Play Your Cards Right** – It’s bingo night starting at 7 p.m. at The Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 375-3727 or www.thenaplesenglishpub.com.

**Tango Tuesdays** – Step up for intermediate and advanced tango class at Pablo Repun Tango from 8-9 p.m. $5. 1673 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4814 or www.pablorepuntango.com.

**Summer Film Series** – The Film Society of the Naples International Film Festival presents a screening of “You Can Count On Me” (USA, 2000) at 7 p.m. at Silverspot in Mercato. $25 including a pre-screening cocktail and hors d’oeuvres. www.silverspotcinema.com.

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Thursday, July 3

**Matinee** – Naples Regional Library presents a free screening of “A Night at the Opera” (USA, 1939) at 2 p.m. Registration required, 690 Central Ave. 262-4310 or www.collierlibrary.org.

**Independence Day Military** – Military personnel enjoy free admission to the Nature Center at The Conservancy of Southwest Florida with another paying guest today through July 5. www.con servancy.org.

**Sweat the Small Stuff** – It’s trivia night at the Naples English Pub starting at 7 p.m. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or www.thenaplesenglishpub.com.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

**Wednesday, July 9**

- **Art & Nature** – Shangri La Springs opens to the public for “Art & Nature” from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plein air painters work at their easels set up throughout the property. 2750 Old 41; Road, Bonita Springs. 949-0589 or www.shangrilasprings.com.

- **Free Screening** – Headquarters Library presents a free screening of “Blade Runner” (USA, 1982) at 2 p.m. Registration required. 2385 Orange Blossom Dr. 593-0334 or www.collierlibrary.org.

- **Eat Wings, Raise Funds** – Buffalo Wild Wings hosts a benefit for the Greater Naples YMCA from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Present a print or digital version of the “Eat Wings, Raise Funds” coupon and 15 percent of the total bill will be donated to the Y. 3290 Tamiami Trail E. 597-3148 or www.GreaterNaplesYMCA.org.

**Coming up**

- **Foreign Film** – South Regional Library presents a free screening of “Never on Sunday” (Greece, 1960) at 2 p.m. July II. Registration required. 8065 Lely Cultural Pkwy. 252-7542 or www.collierlibrary.org.

- **Brewery Tours** – Naples Beach Brewery hosts a tasting and tour from 4-8 p.m. July II. $15 includes 2 ounces of each beer brewed followed by two 12-ounce pours. www.naplesbeachbrewery.com.

- **Foreign Film** – The Renaissance Academy of FGCU presents a screening and discussion of “Twin Sisters” (Netherlands, 2002) at 2 p.m. July 13 at the FGCU Naples Center. $5 for academy members, $8 for others. Registration encouraged. 434-4732. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. www.fgcu.edu/racademy.

- **Film Night** – The Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs hosts a screening and discussion of “The Secret in Their Eyes” (Argentina, 2009) at 7 p.m. July 14. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-9898 or www.artscenterbonita.org.

- **Happy, Hot & Humid** – Trudy Labell Fine Art hosts its inaugural “Summer Survivors Party,” a toast to those who stay around for the dog days, from 5-7 p.m. July 17. The gallery’s signature “ARTini” and hors d’oeuvres will be served. 2425 Tamiami Trail N. Reservations required by July 14. 434-7778.

- **Orchid Design** – Naples Botanical Garden holds an orchid design class from 9-11 a.m. July 19. $100 for members, $10 for others. 643-7275 or www.naplesgarden.org.

- **Everyday Etiquette** – Marilyn’s Distinctive European Fashions presents a class in “Mother-Daughter Everyday Etiquette” from 11 a.m. to noon July 19. Free. Reservations required. 206-4460. 375 Fifth Ave. S.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

The Naples Players ‘bump it with a trumpet’

If you want to do a striptease act, you “gotta get a gimmick.”

Or, as Mazeppa, the horn-playing Roman gladiator stripper puts it: “If you wanna bump, bump it with a trumpet.”

In The Naples Players’ production of “Gypsy,” Mazeppa’s appearance is a definite highlight. As in other productions I’ve seen of this classic musical, she winds up almost stealing the show, though she’s only in a few scenes and shares a musical number with other strippers.

Lauren Redeker, as Mazeppa, is as bold and brassy as the trumpet she blows as she performs the number “Together Wherever We Go,” “Small People,” “Everything’s Coming Up Roses,” and the decline of vaudeville.

She acts like a lady, wearing long gowns and mink coats and talking to the men in French.

But “Gypsy,” based loosely on her memories, is much more than the story of how a young woman becomes a star of striptease. It’s a story of lost dreams, of being born too late and not making the life you’ve hoped for yourself. It’s the story of a mother who’ll live the life vicariously through her two daughters who don’t know how to let go, the story of endlessly sacrificing yourself for others, only to realize at the end that you have nothing for yourself. It’s the age-old tale of how children inevitably grow up and go their own way.

And it’s also the story of show business — a hodgepodge of disparate things cobbled together — is always the same, though the costumes and sets change, which is part of the joke.

Even when Dainty June has obviously blossomed into a young woman and is not so dainty anymore, her mother persistently insists on dressing her in clothes fit for a 5-year-old. The older June (Alexandra Igoe) had me laughing, performing as a double baton-twirling Statue of Liberty decked out in red, white and blue. It’s so over-the-top, it’s delightfully ludicrous.

Costume designers Deidre Aumoomody, Mary Wallace and Mark Vanaga have done an exceptional job with this musical; some of the outfits they’ve created are hysterical.

Mama Rose bemoans that she was born too soon and started too late. She lives her life vicariously through her two daughters. Her real-life husband, John McKerrow, plays her love interest, Herbie, portraying the number “Together Wherever We Go,” she insists she still has the stuff.

She also comes across as youthful for the role; there’s no sense of a hard life long-lived, of being middle-aged or past her prime. When she has a breakdown (“Rose’s Turn”), she insists she still has the stuff. The opening night audience was cheering for her, thinking it was a moment of triumph, not grasping the angst and bitterness of the moment.

McKerrow plays the role of the iconic stage mother with great drive and determination. It’s an incredible feat, as she’s on stage for 2½ hours on the Sugden Community Theatre stage, the spotlight is all hers.

And through the lyrics of “Let Me Enter,” “Gypsy” is a monster of a musical, and Ms. McKerrow does an admirable job with it. It’s a good, solid production, even if light on belting and dramatic depth.

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With Louise (Elizabeth Marcarntonio), a surprise stand out of the evening, with great choreography by Dawn Lebrecht Fornera, who also co-directs.

Ms. Fornera and co-director Dallas Dunagan keep the musical chugging along at a good clip. The orchestra, which is heavy on the horns and directed by Charles Fornara, is superb. And the sound balance is excellent. You can hear every word of every lyric, and no one is overpowered by the music.

Gabby Pizzini is wonderfully obnoxious as the young Baby June, slyly and overly cute. Ryelle Price plays her long-suffering, taciturn younger sister Louise. (The two alternate their roles with Julia Cornwell and Nikki Atanassio, respectively)

The various kids’ acts are entertainingly horrific, but again, the audience didn’t seem to get it. The show — a hodgepodge of disparate things cobbled together — is always the same, though the costumes and sets change, which is part of the joke.

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1. Aricka Shuck as Electra, Jennifer Price as Bubbles, Lauren Redeker as Mazeppa, Ana Brendel as Bo Peeper and Elizabeth Marcantonio as Louise (seated, with back to the camera) in a burlesque scene from “Gypsy.”

2. Elizabeth Marcarntonio, left, as the teenage Louise and Alexandria Igoe as her younger sister, Dainty June.

3. Mary Anne McAvoy McKerrow and John McKerrow as Mama and Herbie.
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By Linda Thistle

Horoscopes

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-related issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the double-talk.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinions heard because of all the noise being made by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects favor closer familial relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

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‘Obvious Child’

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Is it worth $10? Yes

‘Obvious Child’ is a funny comedy that feels refreshingly honest, but whether it’s completely honest or not I have no idea. The main character is a stand-up comedienne named Donna. The film opens on her in the midst of a routine on, among other embarrassing things, the condition of female underwear after a long day. No doubt this belongs next to the “shrinkage” episode of “Seinfeld” in terms of Things We’d Rather the Opposite Sex Not Know.

For Donna (Jenny Slate, “Saturday Night Live”), life is even messier than her underwear. Her boyfriend Ryan (Paul Briganti) dumps her and says he’s sleeping with one of her friends. Her boss (Stephen Singer) tells her the bookstore is closing, so she’s out of a day job. Drunken voicemail on Ryan’s phone don’t preserve much dignity. And her one-night stand with Max (Jake Lacy) has lifelong ramifications when she learns she’s pregnant.

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Although she’s not necessarily “pretty” by materialistic Hollywood standards, Ms. Slate is an appealing screen presence whose comedic delivery is spot on. She struggles a bit during emotional moments, but her humor and easy chemistry with Mr. Lacy make the film a real delight. The box-office tally for “Obvious Child” will determine her leading lady status moving forward, but if nothing else, this proves she’s capable of carrying a movie.

The film was written and directed by Gillian Robespierre, who keeps the camera pointed straight ahead and lets Ms. Slate do her thing. Lack of visual flourishes aside, Ms. Robespierre’s message is to empower women to make decisions for themselves, particularly on tough topics such as abortion. It’s a palpable note of social consciousness within the frequent laughter, and it’s handled in a way that’s not meant to be offensive. Besides, by film’s end it’s clear that Donna makes the right decision for herself — and if you like her as much as you should by that point, you’ll leave the theater happy.
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‘22 Jump Street’ ★★★
(Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill, Ice Cube) In this sequel to the 2012 hit, Captain Dickson (Ice Cube) sends Schmidt (Mr. Hill) and Jenko (Mr. Tatum) to college to bust a drug ring. It has no shame in being similar to the original, and that’s OK because it’s probably funnier. Rated R.

‘The Signal’ ★★ 1/2
(Brenton Thwaites, Olivia Cooke, Laurence Fishburne) Computers hackers (Mr. Thwaites, Beau Knapp) wake up in a hospital after trying to track down their rival. The middle loses its way, but the beginning and end are fascinating enough to earn this a moderate recommendation. Rated PG-13.

‘How to Train Your Dragon 2’ ★★★ 1/2
(Voices of Jay Baruchel, Craig Ferguson, Gerard Butler) With his father (Mr. Butler) ready to hand over the reins and make him chief, Hiccup (Mr. Baruchel) must once again prove himself when dragon hunters threaten their safety. Well-conceived, funny and exciting, this is a top-quality sequel without a misstep. Rated PG.

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(Anjelina Jolie, Elle Fanning, Sharlto Copley)

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FLORIDA WRITERS

Second chances abound in new spin-off mystery series


This Jupiter Island author just can’t stop. Having built a large audience for her Kiki Lowenstein mystery novels (the 10th in the series is about to appear), she recently started a series in which she brings Charlotte Bronte’s Jane Eyre back to life.

“Death of a Schoolgirl,” the first title in that series (and previously reviewed in this column), won the 2013 Daphne du Maurier Award for Literary Excellence. Now it’s time for Cara Mia Delgatto, spun off from the Kiki series, to have her own mystery series. The opener is quite promising.

Approaching early middle age, Cara is ready for some life changes. Her parents have both recently died, and her son is entering his freshman year at the University of Miami. An empty-nest adult without her mom and dad around, Cara is depressed. Having sold her home in St. Louis as well as the family restaurant she had worked in for many years, she’s ready for a major second act in her life.

Maybe Martin County on Florida’s Treasure Coast, a place she knew well when growing up, is the place to have it. But it holds some bad memories.

Cara isn’t ready to see Dick Potter, her cantankerous grandfather who lives in Stuart. But when her car threatens to break down on her way from St. Louis to Parents Weekend at her son’s college, she has no choice but to stop at Poppy’s rundown gas station. It’s as if destiny were calling through the car’s threatening noises.

The meeting with her grandfather is not pleasant, but it’s at least tolerable. Needing a place and time to sort out her feelings, Cara is attracted to an abandoned building that was once a business — The Treasure Chest — whose owner specialized in antiques, paintings and other items, many of which are still lying about in disrepair and disarray. When her identity is mistaken by the real estate agent, Cara impulsively signs the contract.

Soon after — literally stepping into her new venture — she finds the agent on the floor, dead. Now we have a mystery, and Cara is an obvious suspect.

Along the way, Cara is making more friends than enemies. Skye Blue, a waitress at nearby Pumpernickel’s, offers her support. And upstairs, the building’s owner, Bill Murphy, becomes a sympathetic and helpful ally.

The solution, of course, is unexpected and satisfying. And just when it looks as if Cara’s new life is about to fall apart, an old friend from St. Louis, Jack, arrives to turn things around.

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Cara a temporary place to stay and is generous with her time and with information about the town of Stuart. Once Cara decides to operate her own business in the building she has purchased, the most valuable former employee, MJ Austin, shows up to resume her position and become another good friend.

The store and these two women, as well as Cara, are afforded second chances. The business itself is focused on second chances: refurbished and repurposed objects and new products fashioned from throwaway materials.

But there are problems. Clearly, some people don’t want Cara there. The place is broken into and graffiti is sprayed on the windows. Could Cara’s youthful romance had been foiled by Cara’s mother? Strange, isn’t it, that Cooper’s fiancée bears a remarkable resemblance to Cara? Is there another second chance?

The second chance to meet Cara Mia is forthcoming. Look for “Kicked to the Curb,” available from major online booksellers. Keep tabs on Cara and her creator at www.joanna-campbell-slan.com.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit.

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Patriotic themes popular with collectors

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Flags, eagles, George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, the Statue of Liberty, Uncle Sam and other patriotic symbols are very popular with collectors. The image gives a simple message of patriotism to Americans. You can find them in advertisements, as textile designs, on dinnerware or made into figurines for the fireplace mantel. Folk artists often made large wooden carvings to be displayed publicly. But the price depends on the fame and skill of the artist, the age and size of the piece, and how it was used before it was sold to a collector. A large carved hanging wall eagle by John Bellamy (1836-1914) or an eagle made to display on a table made by Wilhelm Schimmel (1817-1890) sells for thousands of dollars. An ordinary eagle by an unknown carver can be a bargain. This 35-inch-high painted wooden eagle sold for $47, slightly less than estimated, at a Copake auction in upstate New York.

Q: My aunt left me a lamp. The base is a figurine of an 18th-century woman sitting at a piano gazing affectionately at a man with a lute. It sits on an oval brass base. Two curved arms extend from the back and they are decorated with a metal vine and tiny porcelain flowers. In the 1940s, my aunt was window shopping in Chicago with a friend when she spotted and admired this lamp. Later, the bell boy in her hotel delivered it to her room. It was a gift! I’m interested in learning its maker and history. Value, too.

A: Your lamp is a typical example of porcelain made in the town of Dresden, Germany. Dresden porcelain is known for its naturalistic flowers and gilt trim, reticulation (cutout areas) and lace decorations. Figurines of 18th-century ladies and gentlemen, romantic couples, animal groups, cherubs and mythological subjects were popular. The most famous Dresden figurines are called crinoline groups, which show court-life scenes such as people dancing and playing instruments. More than 200 porcelain-decorating studios operated in Dresden in the late 1800s and early 1900s. They decorated white porcelain made in Germany, Austria and France. Most porcelain blanks were not marked with the manufacturer’s mark. Your lamp probably was made in the 1940s and would sell for about $80. Replace the cord. Old cords are often cracked and are fire hazards.

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Poirot X Murder on the Orient Express
On his way to Istanbul, Poirot is called back to London for a case, and finds transport via the Orient Express train. An American businessman, Samuel Ratchett, interrupts Poirot’s trip with a plea for help — he’s seeking penance, but may be murdered in the meantime.

FRIDAY, JULY 4
8 P.M. — A Capitol Fourth
Tom Bergeron returns to the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol to host the 34th annual broadcast of the Independence Day celebration.

11 P.M. – The Throne of Liberty — This Ken Burns film chronicles the creation and history of the Statue of Liberty and what it represents to Americans. The film traces the development, often-controversial construction, and final dedication.

SATURDAY, JULY 5, 8 P.M
Antiques Roadshow Vintage Columbus
Since a 1999 show in Columbus, Ohio, some of the originally appraised items have soared in value, but others have sunk. Highlights include a trio of Albert Cheuret art deco clocks; a Marx “Roy Rogers” play set; and a historical collection once owned by our nation’s first postmaster general, including a Thomas Jefferson letter.

SUNDAY, JULY 6
9 P.M. — Masterpiece Mystery
Endeavour, Season 2 Nocturne
When an elderly man is murdered, Morse’s investigation leads him to an isolated school for girls. Digging into the school building’s disturbing history, he learns of a series of murders that took place almost 100 years before to the day.

10:30 P.M. – Vicious, Part 2
Freddie and Stuart shop for a new coat for Freddie for his fan club event. Since the coat is more expensive than they’d expected, Stuart finds a way of secretly raising some cash.

MONDAY, JULY 7, 8 P.M
Antiques Roadshow Vintage Toronto
Look back at some of the items appraised in Toronto, Canada, in 1999. Highlights include a Victorian carved oak bed and a Duufopruggar-style violin.

TUESDAY, JULY 8, 8 P.M
Time Scanners
St Paul’s Cathedral
Structural engineer Steve Burrows ventures inside the majestic dome to explore its groundbreaking three-part structure; determine how the cathedral’s architect, Sir Christopher Wren, overcome unsteady foundations and immense structural forces to support his dome; and investigate how the cathedral survived a direct hit during the London Blitz.
‘Gunslingers’ recounts legends of the Wild, Wild West

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I’ve heard about a new series called “Gunslingers,” but I have no idea what channel it’s on, or when it premieres. Can you help?

A: Donald R., Bethesda, Md.

I certainly can help. The American Horror Channel’s new original series, “Gunslingers,” will debut at 10 p.m. Sunday, July 20. The series focuses on the few brave men who protected the innocent from an endless stream of gun-wielding outlaws throughout the 19th century. The thrilling six-part historical docudrama immerses viewers in the true stories behind infamous icons and legendary conflicts of the Wild West.

Q: You mentioned a while back that “A Young Doctor’s Notebook and Other Stories” would be back for another season, but I have no idea when or if it will return.

A: Jennifer D., via email

Yes, “A Young Doctor’s Notebook and Other Stories” is back for another season. It will continue on consecutive Tuesdays nights thereafter: Aug. 19, on Ovation. It will continue on consecutive Tuesdays nights thereafter: Aug. 26, Sept. 2 and Sept. 9.

Q: I can’t find “I Wanna Marry Harry” on Fox anymore. Do you know why the series about the pretend prince has not been airing?

A: Dave L., via email

The Fox reality series, which flew outside of London for a dating-competition show, was pulled from Fox after the fourth episode for dismal ratings. If you want to see how the show turned out, the whole series is available on Hulu and at Fox.com.

— Write to Cindy at King Features Syndicate, 239 East 42nd Street, New York, NY 10017; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.

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42. A type of cooking method that involves cooking food in oil... (5)

43. A type of food that is often served during a meal... (4)

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The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 8, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 780 Harbour Drive in Naples. After a brief business meeting, the evening’s presentation will feature short movies and a lecture about the Port of Baltimore as an immigration point. Ice cream will be served following the program. Attendance is free. Guests are welcome and reservations are not required. For more information about the society, visit www.ngscc.org.

Naples Nites Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. The next meetings are July 8 and 22. All current and former Lions are welcome. For more information, call Dan Sams at 352-2627.

Members of the Naples Orchid Society meet at 6 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road at Interstate-75. For more information about the society, visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

Mr. Mujica, a leading authority on ghost orchids in Cuba, received a grant that will bring him to Southwest Florida to help establish long-term monitoring methods that will allow for the comparison of ghost orchid populations in his home country and in the Florida Panther refuge. Mike Owen, park biologist for the Fakahatchee Strand State Park, received a grant to have his field notes on ghost orchids transcribed into a database and merged with information about ghost orchids collected in the refuge. It is hoped this will expand the area of ghost orchid monitoring.

For more information about the Naples Orchid Society, visit www.naples-orchidsociety.org.

Naples Digital Photography Club meets from 7 to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of every month at Edison State College-Collier Campus, Building J, Conference Center. The next meeting is July 10.

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■ **The Naples Christian Women's Connection** invites area women to its luncheon beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, July 11, at Quail Creek Country Club, 13000 Valewood Drive. Guest speaker Ann Combs will discuss good decision making, and Cheryl Bernardi will talk about the restorative benefits of essential oils. Harpist Christine V Vah will entertain. Cost is $23. Call 254-0584 for reservations. For more information about the club, visit www.cwcfl.net.

■ **The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays**, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. The next meeting is July 17. Call 775-2630 or email nlpdps和支持者@ymail.com.

■ **The Democratic Women's Club of Collier County** invites members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6710 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is July 19. For more information, email dwpresident@gmail.com.

■ **The Naples Press Club** has scheduled a series of happy hour networking events to take place from 5:30-7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at various locations. Members of the working press are welcome to join club members. Appetizers are provided and there is a cash bar. The next gatherings are at the Rusty Bucket in Mercato on July 24; M Waterfront Grille in the Village on Venetian Bay, Aug. 28; and FISH, also in the Village, Sept. 25.

■ **The Naples Civitan Club** meets at noon on the first Wednesday of every month at Pine Ridge Road. The next meetings are Aug. 6 and Sept. 3. The service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities. The club sponsors the Challenger Little League baseball team and welcomes new participants in that youth program.

■ **The Civic International Research Center** in Birmingham, Ala., works toward finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome. For more information about the local club, call 747-2623 or email naplescivilian@aol.com.

■ **Republican Women of Southwest Florida Federated** welcomes members and guests to its luncheon meetings from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at Doubletree Suites, 12200 Tamiami Trail N. The next meetings are Aug. 6 and Sept. 3. Cost is $22. RSVP by calling Diane Van Parys at 431-5244 or emailing agentpenny@comcast.net.

■ **Naples Newcomers Club** welcomes women who have moved to the area within the past five years. In addition to a monthly luncheon, members get together to explore Naples and to enjoy a variety of interests, from books to bridge and mah-jong to gourmet cooking and conversations over coffee. To become a member, call 298-4083 or visit www.naplesnewcomers.com.

■ **Toastmasters International** teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Guests are always welcome. Local Toastmasters chapters, meeting times and locations include:

- **Bonita Toastmasters Club**: 7 p.m. every second and fourth Wednesday at the Bonita Springs Fire Station, 27701 Bonita Grande Drive. For more information, call Pamela Houze at (214) 355-4000.

- **Collier Communique Club**: 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Robert Rizzo at (407) 493-8584.

- **Marco Island Toastmasters Club**: 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday at Centennial Bank, 645 El Camic Circle, Marco Island. E-mail Chris Pritchard at colliertoastmasters@gmail.com.

- **Naples Sunrise Bay Toastmasters Club**: 7:30 a.m. on the first and third Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve McCann at 777-8851.

- **Toast of the Coast Toastmasters Club**: Noon on the second and fourth Tuesday at Naples General Aviation Center, 200 Aviation Drive N. Call Steve Jallad at 776-5398.

- **Naples Advanced Toastmasters**: 6:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday at the North Collier Government Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive. Call Cindy Pierce at (561) 780-6683. This club has prerequisites for becoming a member.

— Email club news to Cindy Pierce at cpierce@floridaweekly.com.
The N.A.P.L.E.S. Group welcomes Ron Klein, “The Grandfather of Possibilities,” as keynote speaker for the group’s main fundraiser of the year beginning on 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at the Waldorf Astoria Naples.

Mr. Klein invented the magnetic strip on the credit card and also developed the computerized systems for real estate Multiple Listing Services (MLS). Along with his many improvements to day-to-day business systems, he continues to pursue ideas having substantial impact on society.

Tickets are $95. For more information, visit www.naplesgroup.net.

“Craving Fashion,” an evening of food and fashion to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida, takes place from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26, at Water-side Shops. More than two dozen area restaurants and chefs will contribute to the food offerings to be enjoyed while guests browse designer boutiques and enjoy an informal fashion show. For tickets or more information, call 676-9756 or email cravingfashion@markit-group.com.

The Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples says auf wiedersehen to Oktoberfest with a Backyard Bash: Kick OFF! tailgate party beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Yacht Club. This year’s slate of events will be developed in conjunction with Area Boys & Girls Clubs of Collier County. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.museumofnaples.org.

The 56th annual NCH Hospital Ball is set for Saturday, Oct. 25, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year’s ball has been designated as a benefit for the hospital’s nationally recognized cardiology program. Co-chairs are Carnes and Kevin Beebe. Invitations will be mailed in late August. For information about sponsorship opportunities, call 634-2000 or email foundation@nchmd.org.

The sixth annual Naples Internatio nal Film Festival is set for Thurs day-Sunday, Nov. 6-9. The opening-night red carpet gala takes place at Artis—Naples, with screening of independent documentaries, shorts and full-length features taking place at Silverspot Cine ma in Mercato. Call 775-3456 or visit www.naplesfilmfestival.com for more information.

The annual “A Hit in the Garden” luncheon and fashion show, “Couture et Fleurs: Runway Fantasies In Partnership With Garden & Country,” is set for Wednesday, Nov. 12, at the Garden. Co-chairs are Donna Hall and Rusty Hubbard. Northern Trust is the presenting sponsor, and Saks Fifth Avenue is the retail sponsor. Other major sponsors include Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, Naples Illustrated and Arthrex. The event is always a sell-out. For information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

The Immmokalee Foundation’s 2014 Charity Classic Celebration: “Hope Grows” takes place Friday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. The evening of fine dining, entertainment and the Fund A Dream auction highlights the successes of TIF students in the foundation’s various education programs. Joe Zednik, president of the TIF board of directors, is chair of the celebration. Tickets are $550 per person or $1,100 for an MVP table of eight. Numerous sponsor opportunity are available. For more information, call 260-1714.

The third annual Evening in Monte Carlo to benefit the Physician Led Access Network of Collier County is set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Yacht Club. Guests will enjoy professional entertainment, a sunset cocktail reception, as well as music, food, drink and a silent auction. The evening’s celebrity host will be actor/writer/comedian Scott Adsit of Chicago’s Second City and NBC’s “30 Rock.” Tickets are $50. Numerous sponsorship opportunities are available beginning at $1,000. For information, call 776-3066 or visit www.plancce.org.

Sunday, Nov. 9, on the main lawn at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Live music will be by Sanctum Soul. Tickets are $75 for adults, $35 for ages 6-14 and free for ages 5 and younger. The event’s main sponsor is Arthrex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds will help Lighthouse of Collier serve the estimated 14,000 blind and vision-impaired children and adults in Collier County. For more information, visit www.loveofcollier.org/events.

Humane Society Naples holds its 16th annual Tea & Fashion Show, “Naples Cup: A Vista Pointe on Society,” as keynote speaker for the group’s wish Ball, set for Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Live music will be by Sanctum Soul. Tickets are $75 for adults, $25 for ages 6-14 and free for ages 5 and younger. The event's main sponsor is Arthrex. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. Proceeds will help Lighthouse of Collier serve the estimated 14,000 blind and vision-impaired children and adults in Collier County. For more information, call 430-3934 or visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org/events.

Tickets are $550. Sponsors include Premier Sotheby’s International Realty, Naples Illustrated and Arthrex. The event is always a sell-out. For information, call 643-7275 or visit www.naplesgarden.org.

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Save the Date

The United Arts Council hosts its annual Celebrate the arts gala on Thurs, Nov. 20, at the LaPlaya Resort. Robin Hamilton and Robin Bache Gray are co-chairs of the evening themed “A Hot Night for Cool Arts.” Call 254-8242 or visit www.CollierArts.com.

The Community Foundation of Collier County hosts the 2014 Power of the Purse luncheon to benefit the Its Women of Initiative program on Thurs day, Dec. 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Erin Brockovich, the legal clerk and environmental activist whose story became a hit movie starring Julia Rob erts, will be the keynote speaker. Co-chairs are Myra Friedman and Jacqueline Pierce.

The luncheon brings together civic minded leaders whose charitable activi ties help improve the well being of women and girls in our community. Proceeds support the Women’s Initiative Network Endowment Fund, which last year made grants totaling almost $50,000. Since 2008, the network has granted more than $350,000 to help nur ture the economic, educational, physical, emotional, social, artistic and personal growth of area women and girls.

The 2015 Women of Initiative hon orees will be announced at the Pow er of the Purse event. The 2015 Women of Initiative awards ceremony will be held in March 2015. For more information, call 649-5000 or visit www.cfcollier.org.

The Fire & Ice gala to benefit the Guadalup Center of Immokalee takes place Wednesday, Jan. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. www.guadalupcenter.org.

Hope for Haiti holds its 25th anni versary gala, “Passport to the Heart,” on Saturday, March 7. Call the development office at 431-7703, ext. 4, for more informa tion.

— It’s never too early to mark your calendar for gala and fund raisers in the season coming up. Nor is it too soon to list your nonprofit organization’s event in Florida Weekly. Email details to Cindy Pierce at cipiere@floridaweekly.com.
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Clive Daniel Home hosts a Love That Dress! party for PACE Center for Girls

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*Minimum 8 day advance purchase, non-refundable fare. Cannot be combined with other offers. Weekend fee applies to any travel Friday thru Sunday. Expires July 31, 2014.

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If you're looking for good red wine that pairs well with steaks, hamburgers and grilled or barbecued dishes of all kinds, costs $15 a bottle or less and still makes meal times special, consider wines from the Côtes du Rhône district in France. Well balanced, medium bodied and economical, these wines have great fruit flavors and bouquets that make them perfectly suited to enjoying during the long, hot summer.

Situated in the southeastern corner of France, the vineyards straddle the Rhône River in an area that has been producing wines since before Roman times. The Rhône district is split geographically. The north has great wines accounting for two-thirds of the wine production. This southern district makes softer and fruiter wines than their sturdy cousins up north, and like all Rhône selections, the wines are very approachable. They are so approachable, in fact, that a bottle of Rhône wine is consumed somewhere in the world every 13 seconds, according to the website www.rhone-wines.com.

Most of the production from the Côtes du Rhône is red, and there are roughly 20 types of grapes used in the district. The three most important are grenache, syrah and mourvèdre. Each winery develops wines with its own blend of these grapes. This makes the wines distinct from one another, but they have many similarities. Cherry, berry and plum are mixed with flavors that reflect the Provençal countryside, with nuances of juniper, thyme, rosemary and lavender, as well as characteristic mineral or earthy notes from their terroir.

Pairing with food is easy and simple. Because the wines are lower in tannins and alcohol (usually around 12 percent), they go well with a wide variety of dishes. Along with steaks and hamburgers, consider serving them with roasted chicken and roasted root vegetables, pizza or grilled vegetables.

One step up the wine pyramid, and very similar, is the appellation Côtes du Rhône Villages. Grenache must make up at least 20 percent syrah and/or mourvèdre, along with up to 20 percent of other authorized varieties. Wines labeled Côtes du Rhône Villages will typically be priced about 25 percent higher than Côtes du Rhône.

Wine Picks of the Week:

■ Perrin et Fils Côtes du Rhône Reserve 2011 (G13): The vineyards for this wine border on their famed estate Château de Beaucastel Châteauneuf-du-Pape, ranked No. 8 overall in the 2013 Wine Spectator Top 100. Deep purple in color with a light bouquet of dark fruits mixed with smoke and earth notes, it shows impressive flavors on the palate with black plum and black cherry and a touch of spice. The wine was a little tight at first but opened up nicely after some air time. This wine is about 50 percent grenache mixed with mourvèdre and syrah, and is aged in a combination of stainless steel and oak.

■ Saint Cosme Côtes du Rhône 2012 (G14): The Château de Saint Cosme estate produced wine back in Roman times, and there are still 25 ancient vats carved into the limestone rock that was used back then for making wine. The Barruol family has made wine here for 14 generations. Today, the estate has less than 40 acres, mostly with 60-year-old vines. This wine is nearly all syrah from higher elevation vineyards. It is a dark inky purple in color with medium body and bouquet. The palate is very smooth with berry fruit flavors of currants mixed with licorice, pepper and a hint of tobacco. Elegant in style with a long, lingering finish.

■ Delas Freres Côtes du Rhône Saint-Exupéry 2011 (G15): This selection comes from a small valley in the northern part of the Ardeche, near Saint-Julien and Saint-Alban. The vineyards are planted in granite slopes facing south, and are mostly syrah with about 10 percent grenache. The wine is a dark plum color with sweet red fruits and spices on the nose. Round and smooth in the mouth, it has dark cherry cobbler and blueberry flavors, herbs with pepper and spice, with a touch of earth on the palate. The tannins and fruit are well balanced on the lingering finish.
It’s a breakfast joint. It’s a fine-dining restaurant. It’s a social club. La Bazenne, one of the new kids on Fifth Avenue South, is all that and more.

This cozy little establishment brings a charming French style to all it does. That likely has something to do with the fact that Romaina Giacometti, who owns and operates the restaurant with his wife, Andy Hyde, grew up watching his parents, Martine and Bernard Giacometti, run the original La Bazenne, which just marked its 40th year of business in Ile de Re, France.

The family chose to bring that winning formula to Southwest Florida, where it seems to be thriving, too.

In the morning (weekends only during the summer), the kitchen serves croissants, croissants and coffee. At lunch, there are crepes, salads and dishes such as mussels in saffron emulsion with French fries, and burgers, steaks and fish of the moment.”

All afternoon, you can stop in for a crepe, whether it’s something savory (such as blue cheese, spinach, wild berries and nuts, or a Cuban with slow-roasted pork, ham, cheese and cornichons) or something sweet (Nutella and whipped cream, perhaps?). The friendly and efficient staff works hard to satisfy your cravings.

And then there is dinner, where Chef Andy Hyde’s talents are on full display. It begins with the delivery of fresh French bread, which is baked on premises, and butter, which is whipped there as well. And there’s a lovely little array served on a spoon. On this night it consisted of Granny Smith apple pearls (a bit of gastronomic component comes in. For a small annual fee, members get special perks and invitations to private parties such as the one planned for Bastille Day. "

Another fine starter was le petite chevre (a touch of piment off in the oven, then plated with roasted..."

You expect octopus to be a bit chewy, but that is all that and more.

"...and a mustard leaf.

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No one goes thirsty at La Bazenne. From the craft beer list or a modestly sized but well-chosen wine list of primarily French labels but with a handful of other options as well. If you don’t want a bottle, there are more than 20 wines by the glass. When we had trouble deciding between two roses, our server offered us a taste of both. We wound up ordering a bottle of crisp 2012 Les Domaniers Cote de Provence Rose, which was the drier of the two and complemented the meal nicely.

Our server was intimately familiar with the menu, knew his wines and timed courses perfectly. Chef Hyde and Mr. Giacometti also stopped by each table to introduce themselves and make sure all was well.

There are a number of dining areas: the outdoor tables along Fifth Avenue South, which are great for people watching; a room with a big garage-style doors that can be opened, weather permitting (it didn’t permit on this muggy night); and a cozy interior room with a bar at which you can watch the kitchen staff work and tables on either side that are quieter and more secluded than those in the main room.

I liked the main room, which was bright and airy with big chalkboards on each end detailing the day’s specials and wines, a floor of alternating black and white tiles, paper lanterns hanging from the rails on the ceiling and white canvas deck chairs.

La Bazenne is a place where you want to linger and relax. It’s where the club component comes in. For a small annual fee, members get special perks and invitations to private parties such as the one planned for Bastille Day. Member or not, count on feeling pampered and special when you dine at La Bazenne."
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