Visitors to the fourth annual Florida Panther Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, at North Collier Regional Park will learn all about Florida’s state animal and one of the most endangered mammals on planet Earth. It’s a free, family-friendly event designed to shed light on the plight of the endangered Florida panther through interactive activities such as presentations by panther biologists, nature walks, children’s activities, a rural backyard demonstration, exhibits by various conservation agencies, live music and entertainment and much more.

The Florida Panther Festival’s “Living with Wildlife” pavilion promises to be a star attraction at the park, with wildlife experts on hand to advise the public on ways to minimizing human-wildlife conflict. The rural backyard festival celebrates Florida’s iconic big cats.

Festival celebrates Florida’s iconic big cats

On Sept. 1, 1914, over 33 days after World War I had begun to tear apart Europe, a tiny flame flickered out forever, surrendering the final moment of breath for an entire species on this green and blue orb — but not in battle or at the point of a gun. Instead, the 29-year-old, whose caretakers tagged her with the unpretentious name of Martha, died of old age in the Cincinnati Zoo.

Martha was the last passenger pigeon on the planet, the final bow of a bird species that just half-a-century earlier had probably numbered more than three billion in North America, ornithologists say.

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In spite of the unsavory smell drifting wild, albeit with a little more caution and acrobat. Then he resumed the call of the crackle of dry fronds that never material-

I noticed when I trotted into view was all the other dogs hung back. But Lupe, put his nose to the wind then he began to raise bell.

Lupe’s on-the-scent bark is a deep buy-

I followed the dogs, and the first thing I noticed when I trotted into view was the smell — a lovely odor of mud-poop and decay.

The pig itself remained invisible in the

The second thing I noticed was that all the other dogs hung back. But Lupe thrust himself boldly at a thicket, which in turn exploded toward him in a furious crackle of dry fronds that never material-

Displaying an agility I’ve only ever seen after any supper that involves meat and stink, and time.

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In spite of the unsavory smell drifting out of the thicket and spreading downwind to Miami or Cuba or West Africa, I began to think of pork chops and ham and ribs...

And not only that, but I instantly asso-

He went right for those, ignoring the

For me, the pig was not going to be shooting this pig and processing it that night, or probably ever. If I shot it at all, it would be to put the poor thing out of its misery.

But after we had pulled Lupe off, secured the dogs in the house, and returned to feed our new "pet" with a bowl of scraps that happened to include pieces of bread and tortillas.

He went right for those, ignoring the peels of tangerines and even apple cores, then wandered out into the pasture, keeping one wary eye on us and one on the nervous horses. He didn’t look wor-

That pig had triumphed. I realized. He’d shown us the nature of nature. As long as there’s food here — and there will be if my family has any say — I reckon he’ll return to teach us that same lesson again. Starting today.
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Oligarchy is in egalitarianism's out

Sitting atop this sordid enterprise — which, by the way, rarely turns a profit — is Jeff Bezos, CEO and founder, who has a net worth of nearly $30 billion, which makes him the 20th richest person in the world. Mr. Bezos? Sounds like tactics of employee exploitation are greatly esteemed by his peers. He is America's second most-admired CEO, according to the Harvard Business Review. Amazon is a whole lot more admired company in the world in rankings compiled by CNN.

Staying on the tech front, how about the fact that the United States' second most admired worker, the new CEO at Microsoft, at a conference not long ago, the tone-deaf Mr. Nadella was asked this innocuous question: “For women who aren’t comfortable asking for a raise, what’s your advice?”

Here was Mr. Nadella’s reply: “It’s not really about asking for a raise, but knowing and having faith that the system will give you that raise.”

Hiss. Faith. System. Don’t like where this is going.

Wading even deeper into the tidal pool of the absurd, Mr. Nadella added: “That might be one of the initial ‘super markets’ that we track, a question that people who don’t ask for a raise have. It’s good karma. It will come back.”

Well, “karma” certainly has been very good to Amazon. In 2015, Amazon’s annual sale topped $15 billion. This year, he will earn about $18 billion this year.

Let’s be honest. We live in a societ which, by the way, rarely turns a profit — and I mean that in the literal sense. At a warehouse in Las Vegas, Nevada. The employees, who are paid hourly, are required to pass a security screening before they can leave the warehouse. Given the problems with theft, no one has an issue with that. The kicking point, though, is that employees must clock out before the security screen, which sometimes drags on for 25 minutes or so.

The workers want to be paid for the time they spend going through the security hurdle, Amazon says now way; security screening is not actual work.

A lawyer for the workers argued otherwise, telling the court, “It’s work because you are told to do it.”

An anchor for Bloomberg TV echoed the outrage of corporate America at the workers’ effrontery when she said she might start demanding additional compensation for time spent waiting for an elevator. There is something uniquely about a television anchor with a high six-figure income ridiculing the paltry pleadings of people making between $9 and $14 an hour, which is said to the be the going rate for Amazon warehouse staffers.

Amazon is the epitome of a 21st century high-tech sweatshop — and when I say sweatshop, I mean that in the literal sense. At a warehouse in Las Vegas, Nevada. The workers, who don’t ask for a raise have. It’s good karma. It will come back.”

Of course, no legal regime can substitute for the web of informal rules and private institutions, family fore-
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I am blessed to have loving parents, supportive siblings and a broad network of extended family, all of whom I consider my friends.

Even my dream husband, who I consider my best friend, does his best to fulfill this role in all of its machinations, absurdities and demands.

But when it comes to literal friendship — the nurturing, the tough love, the sincerity and the inspiration — friendship among friends is distinctly different.

I’ve been thinking about this a lot lately.

Like most people, I try to stay in touch with my friends, but so often work, other responsibilities and just life get in the way. I know that this is a form of benign neglect, but in maintaining a friendship, much less in deepening it, neglect can signal demise, benign or not.

Friendships cannot exist without at least a modicum of effort. I have also been thinking about the loss of friends, how that happens and why — but then I have to remind myself that friends come and go naturally. It’s as though there’s a grand plan for more moments to come.

For example, at dinner with my BFFs recently, I mentally stepped out of the conversation, looked at each one of them for a few seconds and thanked God that they were in my life — not that they necessarily would be forever, literally — but in this moment and in all the moments that got us to this perfect place, and hopefully for many, many more moments to come. I also do that with my older friends.

To counter this, I find that I can soften the loss by consciously “marking” the great moments in my friendships.

“I’m going to make it happen. And the next time I meet someone, I’m going to pick up the phone and surprise her many friends, she can be found helping her real-estate clients (many of whom become her friends). — Cheryl Turner

“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” – Helen Keller

In the rushing around in my day, I’m going to pick up the phone and surprise and talk to some friends. More than that, I’m going to reframe and have a friend, the perfect friend, precisely at the time and specifically for the reason we need one another. From there, the friendship either continues to deepen or it slowly recedes.

“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” – Helen Keller

Whatever I say, I make sure to look my friend straight in the eye so that he knows I really mean it. Then, as I watch him walk away, I burn that moment into my memory.

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Because life is precious and tenuous, I no longer assume that I will see this older friend again, so upon leaving one another, I tell him in one way or another how much he means to me. This could be saying, “I love you,” or it could just be a sincere “Thank you” or “Take care.” Whatever I say, I make sure to look my friend straight in the eye so that he knows I really mean it. Then, as I watch him walk away, I burn that moment into my memory.

Many of my older friends are no longer here, but that special moment in time will remain with me forever and cause me to smile even though my heart may ache for missing them.

All of these musings have brought me to a firm course of action.

In the rushing around in my day, I’m going to pick up the phone and surprise

an old friend. More than that, I’m going to pin him or her down on a date to get together.

And the next time I meet someone I feel a connection with, I’m not just going to say, “We should get together sometime.” I’m going to make it happen. Because all old friends begin as new friends.

You can do the same.

Give it a try, and together we can live happier lives and leave this world a better place for everyone.

With that thought in mind, I share some of my favorite quotes about friendship. I hope you find them as meaningful as I do.

“A true friend stabs you in the front.” – Oscar Wilde

“The best mirror is an old friend.” – George Herbert

“The only way to have a friend is to be one.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

And my favorite of all:

“Walking with a friend in the dark is better than walking alone in the light.” – Helen Keller

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But the pigeon was market-hunted for feathers and food or shot just for the hell of it, and its habitats, which included the northern half of Florida, were destroyed within the span of a lifetime. Observers of a single flock only 54 years before Martha’s death estimated that it contained a billion birds, it stretched for 300 miles, and it took 14 hours to pass, from dawn to dusk.

That tragedy (along with the near-extinction of the American bison and the almost-certain extinction of the ivory-billed woodpecker, a creature also indigenous to Florida) changed the way Americans began to think about environment and their relation to it. Now, on the 100th anniversary of its disappearance forever into the chillingly named “extinction vortex,” the passenger pigeon’s loss is recounted in the “2014 State of the Birds,” the fifth annual report produced by 21 public and private agencies across the nation (see the report on-line at stateofthebirds.org).

These agencies protect birds for compelling reasons. For one thing, birds tie together the fabric of time, space and cultural values, from past to future (the American bald eagle is the most vivid example). They thread cultures from Asia to Africa to Europe to the Americas that share some of the same species. And they plead with intercontinental eloquence.

Through the great chorus of their winged migrations — in the silent voice of their biological need to travel, a voice that bears no allegiance to human boundaries or parochial contests — birds lay down a powerful, pleading argument: that those who manage ecosystems on separate continents and in different nations must share equally in the responsibility to nurture healthy habitats where birds can breed or winter.

Fortunately, the “2014 State of the Birds,” although issued on the centennial anniversary of a tragedy, has at least some good news for Florida: Populations of some coastal birds are increasing, not decreasing like populations of birds in the arid climates of the West.

This week, therefore, Florida Weekly goes bird-watcher watching, checking in with a few of the champions of Florida’s natural aviary. In their eyes, the state is a conveniently located “crossroads” for birds flying hundreds or sometimes thousands of miles, explains Dr. Jose Padilla-Lopez.

A pediatrician in Lee County and a respected amateur ornithologist, he has traveled to Africa and the Americas in search of birds, and knows the Sunshine State thoroughly.

Down to the crossroads

Dr. Padilla-Lopez is also a master at calling in some species, a fact that became apparent recently when he led adults and children through the Six Mile Cypress Slough in Lee County. There, as morning sunlight lanced through the cypress canopy, he cupped a hand to his mouth and began calling so effectively that people searched the forest ceiling for the location of the bird he imitated. It was a Carolina wren. Soon a pair appeared in the surrounding trees.

Bordered by both the Atlantic and the Gulf of Mexico, Florida happens to be located on the flyways of birds that must travel either south for the winter from as far away as Alaska and the near-arctic, or north for the winter from the Amazon basin and elsewhere, he explains.

“So we have a lot of birds that come through because of migration. Migration is a nature spectacle. It’s a miracle.”

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— David Simpson, ornithologist
One of hundreds of these miraculous migrators is the swallowtail kite, the elegant black-and-white maestro of the air that arrives from Brazil and Argentina in February to nest and breed.

It eats and drinks almost entirely on the wing, snatching insects or nestling birds, lizards, tree frogs and small snakes from treetops in cypress hammocks or pine woods, and dipping water in swooping runs over standing surfaces.

If flying is a silent music — a score written in the tremulous notes of a wing against the sky — the kite’s spontaneous airborne virtuosity is pure jazz. “If you don’t like this bird, you don’t like anything — you don’t like life,” concludes Dr. Padilla-Lopez.

In conversation, he uses the word “mystique” precisely, describing a wonder that scientists simply cannot explain: How birds can travel thousands of miles to the same places each year, or conversely why their navigational instincts occasionally go awry, and they travel thousands of miles to some other place where they don’t belong.

Whatever reason brings them, the Sunshine State is considered one of five key locations for the success of birds in North America, with 521 different species that either live here or pass through. By comparison, California and Texas each have more than 600 species, but no other places can match them for species diversity in the U.S.

Remarkably, though, only scrub jays can be seen here, and nowhere else in the country or the world; other states have a greater number of endemic species.

The scrub jay’s fledglings often stay with the parents and help the newest offspring for two years, but when they move out, each bird requires about 25 acres of traditional scrub oak and palmetto habitat to survive — and therein lies the problem.

It’s also the problem for scores of other species that evolved with the great forests of the east to nurture them. In large part, those no longer belong.

“About 80 percent of eastern North America was once forest, and look at it today,” says Dr. Jerry Jackson, a professor emeritus at Florida Gulf Coast University. “It’s also the problem for scores of other species that evolved with the great forests of the east to nurture them. In large part, those no longer belong.”

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Among those are such Florida visitors or residents as black terns, herring gulls, loggerhead shrikes, pine siskins and the multi-colored purple gallinule, with its iridescent tapestry of colors: lilac, turquoise, mint, lemon and cherry.

The purple gallinule, however, is still a great little spot.”

Mr. Simpson, 44, fell in love with creatures that fly when he saw his first ruby-throated hummingbird on his aunt’s back porch at age 4 — an extraordinary and fiercely territorial creature that can migrate across the Gulf of Mexico in 18 to 20 hours, another unexplained wonder.

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Unfortunately, the Florida short-tailed hawk, the Florida grasshopper sparrow and the Everglades snail kite are also birds listed in deep (but not hopeless) trouble — but all of them can still be seen in the wild places of both Southeast and Southwest Florida.

The magnificent STA-5/6

While both the east and west coasts have several renowned birding spots — Merritt Island National Seashore on the east, or Sanibel Island’s J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge on the west — one of the most famous in the nation lies less than 70 miles inland from communities on both coasts: it’s a 17,000-acre site in eastern Hendry County owned by the South Florida Water Management District and managed jointly with the Audubon Society of Hendry and Glades County.

They call it STA-5/6, one of several STAs located near Lake Okeechobee — STA is an acronym for Stormwater Treatment Area. In the STAs, water is gathered to filter out such agricultural pollutants as phosphorous and nitrogen before it moves into the southern Everglades.

Over time, these sites have proven hugely beneficial to birds. Margaret England, the Hendry-Glades Audubon secretary, coordinates guided birding tours into STA-5/6, where duck hunting is also permitted on certain days beginning later this month and in December (for information on hunts, contact the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission or visit myfwc.com/hunting online; for information about guided tours, go to hendrygladesaudubon.org).

“The daughter of the last lighthouse keeper on Sanibel Island, Ms. England’s story echoes the wonder and passion in the stories of other birders — to be sure, a welcoming lot who embrace all comers.

“In November 2012, we saw five whooping cranes that came from Wisconsin and started wintering in southern Lee County and ended up in southern Hendry County and then Glades County,” Ms. England says. “It was a group they raised and let loose in Wisconsin and they were supposed to migrate with the wild whooping cranes, but they (got confused).”

“Only one of those is left alive, apparently — No. 1612, a bird called Fireweed. “He flew into our Christmas bird count this year,” she says. “The birds are woven into the fabric of our existence. They’re part of the food web, they represent the interdependency of all species, from microscopic creatures to mammals.”

Brian Garrett, a biologist of 17 years experience in the South Florida Water Management District, has been startled by the fecund success of birds in the STAs.

“We have seen usually about 20 times as many birds, as far as density goes, than you see in the natural Everglades,” he says. The Everglades snail kite, for example, has benefitted from the invasive and lemon-sized apple snail, so there are more nesters in STA-5/6 than anywhere else in Florida.

“Waterfowl including ducks and coots are coming in from Canada or the northern U.S., and a lot of the shorebirds such as the yellowlegs will fly from Alaska to set up here,” he notes.

And in STA-2, he was a witness to the largest flock of flamingos to arrive in 100 years, he recalls.

“We don’t know why they came. We don’t really know what they were eating — some kind of crustaceans, maybe. “Where were they going? Mexico? The Bahamas? In between? Somewhere else? We just don’t know.”
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### Beautiful fetus

Amanda Collins, 28, took “beauty pageant mom” to the next level (down) earlier this year when she entered her daughter Luna in Britain’s UK Princess and Prince International — based entirely on Luna’s ultrasound scan at age 20 weeks. Said Collins, “As soon as I saw her image on the screen … I knew she was a stunner.” Contest officials had accepted the scan application, and six weeks after birth, Collins was protecting her in the Princess and Prince, and on top of that, four weeks later, runner-up in Miss Dream UK. “All she has to do,” said Collins, “is lie in my arms and smile as I stroll down the catwalk.”

### Recurring themes

- In September, at the annual 10-day Phuket Vegetarian Festival in Thailand (ostensibly promoting abstinence from eating meat), dozens of men pierced and sliced their mouths, cheeks and arms in religious devotion in a spectacle which, though blood-drenched, was supposedly free of pain (and subsequent scars) because the fanatics were in God-imposed trances. The display supposedly brings “good health, peace of mind and spiritual cleansing,” and includes walking on hot coals and climbing blade-embedded ladders (both barefoot, of course), all to the accompaniment of fireworks and the ear-splitting pounding of drums. (Huffington Post UK, 9-29-2014)

- Brad Culpepper played defensive tackle for nine NFL seasons and, not surprisingly, applied for disability when he retired since his medical folder listed 14 MRIs, head and knee trauma and neurological and vision problems — which resulted in doctors declaring him “89 percent” disabled and the Fairmont Premier insurance company giving him a $175,000 settlement. Fairmont sued recently to get its money back, claiming that Culpepper is, and was, “exquisitely fit,” as evidenced by a September 2013 Tampa Bay Times feature on his gym workouts, and in his having earned a martial-arts black belt, and in his participation for 14 days in the grueling TV series “Survivor: Blood vs. Water” in 2013.

- Angry taxpayers and retail customers sometimes protest their debt by paying the bill with containers of coins (especially pennies), but what if a company did that to a customer? A court had ruled that Adriana’s Insurance Services in Rancho Cucamonga, California, had unjustifiably ejected (and assault-ed) 74-year-old Andres Carrasco from its office when he complained about a canceled policy, and ordered Adriana’s to pay him about $21,000. Consequently, in August, the still-irritated company dropped off at least 16 buckets full of coins at the customer’s lawyer’s office.

### Perspective

The most recent “segregated sidewalk” dispute in a community with a large, strict Orthodox Jewish population occurred in September in the English town of Stamford Hill, when Haredi Jews, trying to remove temptations, placed sidewalk signs (for an upcoming parade) reading, in English and Hebrew, “Women should please walk along this side of the road only” (since sect members are forbidden ever to brush against people of the opposite sex except for close relatives). The Hackney council ordered the signs removed because befuddled, sometimes outraged, non-Haredis complained.

Florida is well-known not just for its “stand your ground” defense to the use of deadly force, but to the pro-gun interpretation given it by some judges and juries. On the other extreme, however, the legislature has enacted an unusually severe penalty for any “aggravated assault” that includes gunfire — a “mandatory minimum” of 20 years in prison. Lee Wollard, now 39, faces a 2028 release date because he fired a warning shot into the wall of his home in 2006 to scare off his 16-year-old daughter’s boyfriend who was threatening the girl. Judge Donald Jacobsen said in court that he disagreed with his own sentence, but that his oath required him to impose it. Gin a similar 2011 News of the Weird Florida domestic violence “warning shot” case, Marissa Alexander, 31, remains in prison with a release date of 2032.

Though Americans seem sensitive to the issue of government’s use of “sci- ence” in policy-making, some agencies in Iceland believe it irrelevant. One of the Weird mentioned in a 2009 item in which Alcoa was required to prove it was protecting Iceland’s underground “hidden people” before it was permitted to build a smelting plant. In September 2014, the municipal government of Flotsafjörður accepted its own official “truth” commission’s findings that the legendary Icelandic sea monster Lagartjótsormur actually exists. (The monster, about 100 yards long, has been seen slithering as recently as 2012. Gov- ernment critics accused the council of pandering for tourism business.)

In the most recent incident in which a driver actually ran over himself, a man in Aurora, Colo., suffered life-threatening injuries on October 26 when, as he backed out of his driveway, his front driver’s side tire ran over his head. He had jumped out the door to avoid a lit cigarette that had fallen into his jacket, and as he fell, he landed underneath the driver’s door as the van continued slowly in reverse.
Donations needed for Thanksgiving feast in Immokalee

For the past 31 years, the Guadalupe Center, in partnership with local churches and hundreds of volunteers, has provided a hearty meal with all the trimmings to hundreds of men, women and children on Thanksgiving Day at Immokalee Airport Park. This year the program is still in need of funding and food donations to feed a crowd of approximately 2,000 people at one of the largest Thanksgiving feasts in Southwest Florida.

The Guadalupe Center partners with Moorings Presbyterian Church, St. William Catholic Church and St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church for the coordination of volunteers and acceptance of items needed for the event. Each church will accept cooked, thawed turkeys and pies on Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Donations can be delivered to Moorings Presbyterian Church, 79 Harbour Drive in Naples, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. St. William church at 608 Seagate Drive in Naples and St. John the Evangelist church at 623 11th Ave. N. in North Naples will accept donations from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

Monetary contributions can be mailed to the Guadalupe Center, 509 Hope Circle, Immokalee, FL 34142 or made online at guadalupecenter.org. The center provides educational, social and other support programs and resources to help break the cycle of poverty in Immokalee. For more information, call 657-7711 or visit guadalupecenter.org.

The Harry Chapin Food Bank is also collecting frozen turkeys and chickens for Thanksgiving. Poultry can be dropped off at the food bank’s Naples warehouse, 2221 Corporate Blvd. Monetary donations can be made online at harrychapinfoodbank.org.

Pantry needs
Here are some places that always welcome donations of non-perishable staples to stock the pantry shelves at Grace Place for Children & Families:

The center accepts donations from weekdays noon to noon weekdays preferred, at 4300 21st Ave. SW. 234-2400 or graceplacenaples.org.

The Salvation Army: Donations are welcome at two locations (photo ID required). The Naples center accepts donations weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 3050 Horseshoe Drive N, Building B, Suite #260; 210-4009. The Immokalee center accepts donations from weekdays (except Thursday) from 8:30 a.m. to noon and 130-330 p.m. at 2050 Commerce Ave.; 657-2199.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children: Drop off items at Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Ave. N., between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m Monday-Saturday. 775-3862 or naplesshelter.org.

St. Matthew’s House: Donations are welcome from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at 2001 Airport-Pulling Road. 724-0000 or stmatthewshouse.org.
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Second annual Naples Jewish Film Festival set

Subscription packages and sponsorship opportunities are available now for the second annual Naples Jewish Film Festival. Following its sold-out inaugural season, the 2015 festival, “A Journey of Jewish Experience,” takes place on four Wednesday evenings in March at The Norris Center. There are only 200 seats available for each screening. Charter subscribers and sponsors have priority for placing orders through Nov. 23, after which orders from new subscribers will be processed. The subscription price is $100 for the four films; single tickets will become available on Feb. 3 for $25 each. The selections for 2015 represent a wide range of subjects, styles and moods. Here’s the lineup:

► March 2: “Above and Beyond” — In 1948, a group of WWII pilots volunteered to fight for Israel in the War of Independence. The members of “Machal” — volunteers from abroad — not only turned the tide of the war, they also laid the groundwork for the Israeli Air Force. This gripping documentary produced by Nancy Spielberg, younger sister to Steven Spielberg, has been sold out at film festivals since its first showing in Jerusalem.

► March 16: “God’s Slave” — Trained since childhood as an Islamic terrorist, Ahmed now must suicide-bomb a Buenos Aires synagogue. The investigation by an Israeli special agent determined to prevent the attack leads to unexpected and violent consequences. Winner of the Nueva Vision Award for the best Spanish/Latin American film at the 2014 Santa Barbara International Film Festival, this film is based on actual events.

► March 23: “Belle & Sebastian” — In the French Alps during WWII, lonely Sebastian befriends the “beast” the local farmers think is killing their sheep — an enormous yet gentle sheep-dog. With Nazis rooting out resistance fighters, Belle and Sebastian’s loyalties are put to the test. This film won the 2014 Youth Jury Award for Best Film at 4 Families and the Grand Jury Prize at the Seattle Film Festival.

► March 30: “Under the Same Sun” — In the near future, two businessmen — a Palestinian and an Israeli — struggle to set up a solar energy company. Their attempts to overcome hostility from their families and the people around them ultimately change the political map. This film won the Helping Hand International Humanitarian Award at the 2014 Rhode Island International Film Festival.

For more information about the 2015 Naples Jewish Film Festival, visit naplesjewishfilmfestival.org or email info@naplesjewishfilmfestival.org.

“Above and Beyond,” March 2
“God’s Slave,” March 16
“Belle & Sebastian,” March 23
“Under the Same Sun,” March 30
CorkscREW SwAmp sanctuary turns 60 this year and celebrates the milestone with the Cypress Jubilee on Friday, Dec. 1. Guest of honor and keynote speaker Jim Fowler is a professional zoologist who hosted the Emmy Award-winning program “Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom.”

The sanctuary was founded in 1954 following a grassroots effort spearheaded by the National Audubon Society to save the 500-plus-year-old cypress forest from imminent destruction by a logging company. Concerned individuals and organizations from throughout South Florida rallied to the cause and raised the funds to purchase the forest and surrounding wetlands from the logging company. Due to their diplomacy and advocacy efforts, the logging company. Concerned individuals and organizations from throughout South Florida rallied to the cause and raised the funds to purchase the forest and surrounding wetlands from the logging company. Due to their diplomacy and advocacy efforts, the logging company. Concerned individuals and organizations from throughout South Florida rallied to the cause and raised the funds to purchase the forest and surrounding wetlands from the logging company. Due to their diplomacy and advocacy efforts, the logging company. Concerned individuals and organizations from throughout South Florida rallied to the cause and raised the funds to purchase the forest and surrounding wetlands from the logging company. Due to their diplomacy and advocacy efforts, the logging company. Concerned individuals and organizations from throughout South Florida rallied to the cause and raised the funds to purchase the forest and surrounding wetlands from the logging company. Due to their diplomacy and advocacy efforts, the logging company.

It was the second Audubon rescue operation at Corkscrew. In the early 1950s, an Audubon warden had safeguarded the forest’s vast nesting colony of wading birds from poaching by plume hunters.

CorkscREW Swamp Sanctuary has grown from its original 2,880 acres to more than 13,000 acres. The largest remaining forest of its kind in the world, it is a hub of conservation and education efforts focused on research, bird, other wildlife and their habitat in the western Everglades.

Visitors to the sanctuary is off Immokalee Road 15 miles east of Interstate 75. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily. Entrance fees cover two consecutive days of admission and are $15 per adult; $6 for college students with ID; $4 for ages 6-18 and free for ages 5 and younger. National Audubon Society members who present their ID card enjoy half-price admission. For more information about the sanctuary, visit corkscrew.audubon.org.

About the jubilee

The 60th anniversary Cypress Jubilee evening at the sanctuary will also feature a four-course dinner by Crave Culinaire, walks along the 2.25-mile boardwalk through the forest under the stars, musical entertainment including Naples Philharmonic violinist Jeff Leigh, an art and photo exhibit and a silent auction.

Attendance is limited to 200 people. Individual tickets are $200; sponsorship packages are available for $3,000, $6,000 and $12,000. For reservations or more information, call the office of Preddy PR at 435-3938, email beth@jubilee60.org or call Lori Piper in the sanctuary’s administrative office, 348-9150, ext. 112.

Proceeds from the jubilee will benefit the restoration, science, advocacy and education programs of the sanctuary.
Friends of Fakahatchee dinner welcomes author Nick Penniman

The Friends of Fakahatchee invite members and the public to a Welcome Back dinner Saturday, Dec. 13, at Port of the Islands in eastern Collier County. Naples author and former newspaper executive Nick Penniman will be the guest speaker.

“Nick Penniman is a true friend of the environment who has tremendous insight into Southwest Florida’s natural world,” Francine Stevens, president of the Friends of Fakahatchee, says about the author of “Nature’s Steward: A History of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.”

“As construction bulldozers are back in force in this area, I have a new appreciation for all the Conservancy has done in the past and what they are capable of moving forward,” she adds.

Mr. Penniman retired in 1999 as publisher of the St. Louis Post Dispatch and senior vice president of newspaper operations for Pulitzer Publishing Company. A registered Florida Master Naturalist, he is deeply involved in environmental advocacy, currently as a trustee of the Everglades Foundation and also as a past chair of American Rivers and as chair emeritus of The Conservancy of Southwest Florida.

The Welcome Back evening begins at 5 p.m. with cocktail hour (cash bar). Cost is $45 for Friends of Fakahatchee members and $55 for guests. Reservations are required and can be made at orchidswamp.org (click on “Tours and Events”).

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Nighttime is the right time for Fakahatchee adventures

Two evening adventures — a moonlight tram tour and an after-dark boardwalk stroll — are on the December calendar at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. Reservations are being accepted for a guided boardwalk tour Friday, Dec. 5, and a moonlight tram tour Saturday, Dec. 6.

Beginning at 6 p.m., the 90-minute walking tour will traverse the 2,300-foot boardwalk and end at a gator pond. Along the way, the group will listen for the cries of owls and the scurrying of raccoons and other nocturnal residents. Cost of the tour is $25.

The two-hour moonlight tram tour will depart from the ranger station in Copeland at 5:30 p.m., which is prime time for spotting some of the mammal residents of the strand as well as birds settling in for the evening. Cost is $35.

Both tours are made possible by Friends of Fakahatchee. Reservations are required and can be made at foforeservation.eventbrite.com. For more information, call 695-1023.

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Intingham, refuge manager at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

“Big cats,” says Ben Nottingham, refuge manager at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

“Visitors will learn not only about safely living near Florida’s panthers, but also about sharing a habitat with black bears, coyotes and alligators. Panther- and bear-tracking tools will be on display.

“Our goals are for guests to celebrate the Florida panther and to increase their awareness of how they — and their pets and livestock — can safely coexist with the big cats,” says Ben Nottingham, refuge manager at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

Live music and tasty food will be plentiful throughout the day of the festival. Performers include Darrell House, a singer/songwriter also known for his children’s books; and storyteller/swamp rock musician Raiford Starkes.

Educational presentations by wildlife biologists will take place throughout the day. On-site adventures include the 90-minute “Walk the Panther Mile.” With Big Cypress National Preserve rangers as guides, visitors will uncover the secret life of Florida panthers, learn about their habitat and meet one of the preserve’s panther biologists. Visitors can set out on the walk at either 9 a.m. or 9:30 a.m. Registration is required.

Free “Nature Detective” walks on Saturday afternoon are open to everyone on a first-come, first-served basis.

In conjunction with the festival, a variety of field trips take place Sunday, Nov. 16, to places throughout Southwest Florida where panthers roam. Registration is required, and fees apply.

Sign up to “Walk the Panther Mile” and learn details about Sunday’s field trips at floridapantherfestival.com.

Get growing with help from UF/IFAS classes

The University of Florida IFAS Collier County Extension Service has a variety of classes coming up to help area residents get things growing.

The Fabulous Diversity of Bromeliads
2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19
South Regional Library, 8066 Lely Cultural Parkway

For a long time, bromeliads were considered advanced or expert houseplants, more fit for a greenhouse than your normal home. The truth is, however, that bromeliads can be easily adapted to regular home conditions. Collier County Master Gardener Chris Gilbert will explain how to make these showy plants part of your surroundings. Free. Info: 252-7542

Small Farms Sustainable Production
6-9 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19
The UF/IFAS office
14700 Immokalee Road

Participants will learn how to grow — and sell, depending on zoning — vegetables, herbs and other plants in containers at home. Instructors will be Christina Perez of Collier County code enforcement; Isabel Way, Master Gardener coordinator for UF/IFAS; and Cathy Via of Cathy’s Botanicals. $10. Info: 252-4800

Tour the UF/IFAS garden
9-11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 2
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Master Gardeners show visitors around the UF/IFAS garden. Free. Info: 252-4800

Florida Yards & Neighborhoods workshop for homeowners
1-3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9
14700 Immokalee Road

Learn about the principles for healthy landscapes and then schedule a free FYN visit from a Master Gardener to see if your yard is eligible for designation as a Florida-Friendly Landscape. Free. Registration required. Info: 252-4800

Registration: fflforhomeowners.eventbrite.com

www.FloridaWeekly.com
Conservancy of Southwest Florida introduces new educational programs including a Junior Vet Lab, guided trail walks, live animal programs and a Spanish-language reptile talk.

The Junior Vet Lab is an interactive play space where children can learn how veterinarians care for animals and can role-play with native animals (of the stuffed species). In the Nature Center’s Sapakie Family Classroom, the lab is open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

Daily presentations also include a guided trail walk through the Lagoon and Hammock trails at 10:15 a.m.; a Wild Discoveries program at 11:30 a.m.; “Secrets of Sea Turtles” at 1:25 p.m.; and “What’s New at the Wildlife Hospital” at 2:15 p.m.

Electric boat tours are available daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 45-minute ride along the Gordon River is led by a Conservancy-trained volunteer.

The new Spanish-language program showcasing live reptiles of Southwest Florida takes place at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. The above programs are included in price of admission to the Conservancy Nature Center.

In addition, kayak rentals are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take a guided tour of the Gordon River or head out on your own to explore the natural beauty of Southwest Florida.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida began 50 years ago, when community leaders came together to defeat a proposed “Road to Nowhere” and spearheaded the acquisition and protection of Rookery Bay. Conservancy efforts focus on the critical environmental issues facing the water, land and wildlife of Glades, Hendry, Lee, Collier and Charlotte counties. Entrance to the Conservancy and its Nature Center is at 1495 Smith Preserve Way, south of The Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road.

For more information, call 262-0304 or visit conservancy.org.

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Visitors to the Conservancy enjoy kayaking along the Gordon River. Kayak rentals are available from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, and guided tours are also available.
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- Caprese Salad
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- Mâche Salad with Greens and Poppy Seeds

Main Course

- Dark chocolate mousse with a hazelnut praline and almond cake covered in dark chocolate
- (apple cider brined turkey, turkey leg roulade, mashed potatoes, green bean casserole, fried dough, light and airy, tossed in cinnamon-sugar, served with a dark chocolate brown butter roasted black grouper with a cauliflower puree, zucchini, tomatoes, Tagliatelle with Pesto, Antipasto Salad)
- (tomato, mozzarella and basil pizza)
- Traditional stuffing, gravy and cranberry sauce)
- (Angelina’s signature zeppoli)
- Traditional pumpkin pie
- Southern pecan pie
- Filet of Beef
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- Baby Kale Salad
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■ The Alzheimer’s Association Walk to Alzheimer’s, a nation’s largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer’s care, support and research, sets out locally on Saturday, Nov. 15, at Fleischmann Park. Participants will complete a 2-mile walk and will learn about Alzheimer’s disease, advocacy opportunities, clinical trial enrollment and various support programs and services available in Southwest Florida.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. For more information call Tiffany Kane at 405-7708, email walk@alzflgulf.org or go to alz.org/walk.

■ Join a rolling show of solidarity combining the love of cycling with awareness about childhood bullying from 7-10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

Bicycle Bully Busters participants have the choice of three rides setting out from the Trek Bicycle Store at Coconut Point. A 40-mile ride sets out at 7 a.m., a 25-mile ride starts at 7:30 a.m.; and a 10-mile ride sets out at 8 a.m. Fun and educational activities will take place all day, including demonstrations about proper helmet fit and tips on bicycle maintenance.

Physical exercise is a key component to developing discipline and overall health. It also contributes to a strong sense of self-esteem, making it a perfect activity for taking a stand against bullying, since bullies thrive against a strong sense of self-esteem, making it a perfect activity for taking a stand against bullying, since bullies thrive by belittling that away.

Registration is $25 for ages 16 and older, $15 for others. A pre-ride breakfast, post-ride lunch and a T-shirt are included. Sign up at active.com.

■ The annual Jolley Be Good 5K Run-Walk that crosses the Jolley Bridge to Marco Island takes place Sunday, Nov. 16. Start time is 7:30 a.m. at Olde Marco Park, Marco Island. Organized by Gulf Coast Runners, the race benefits the Marco Island Parks & Recreation Department. Registration is $23. Call 642-0757 or visit gcrunners.org.

■ Do a 3K paddle in a kayak down Heron Creek and follow it with a 4K trail run for the annual Rookery Bay Adventure Race on Saturday, Nov. 22. The paddling part starts at 8 a.m. at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in four categories. Registration is limited and is $40 for individuals and $70 for relay teams. Kayak rentals are available for a separate fee. Proceeds will benefit Friends of the Rookery Bay and the Rookery Bay National Estuarian Research Reserve. To sign up or for more information, visit rookerybay.org.

■ Special Olympics of Collier County hosts the 6th annual Patrick Solis Charity Golf Classic on Saturday, Nov. 22, at The Club at Olde Marco. The four-person scramble begins with registration at 7:30 a.m. and includes breakfast, cart and greens fees, lunch, awards ceremony and entertainment. The shotgun start is at 9 a.m. Low registration is $500 for a foursome. To sign up or for more information, call 775-1995 or visit specialolympicsflorida.org/collier.

■ The Gulf Coast Runners second annual Turkey Trot 5K set off from Cambier Park at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 27. Free parking and a bike corral will be managed by Naples Police for anyone who pedals to the race. Naples Cyclery is committing $1 for every Turkey Trot participant to help benefit the Marco Island Polar Bear. Register at angelinasofbonitasprings.com to get a free entry for any child under 12.

Registration is $30 until Nov. 26 and $40 on race day. There will be a 1-miler, 5K, half-marathon and a 100-yard dash for ages 6 and younger. Sign up at gcrunners.org.

■ The Naples Pathways Coalition hosts the 10th annual Iron Joe Turkey Ride, the morning of Sunday, Nov. 30, and the ninth annual Naples Turkey Bike Run on Sunday morning, Jan. 25 at Cumberland Park. Call 777-7718 or visit naplespathways.org or cyclin gacrossamerica.com for more information.

■ The Greater Naples YMCA holds the 27th annual YMCA/Domain Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit Y children’s programs Wednesday, Dec. 3, at Kensington Golf & Country Club. Registration for $150 includes lunch, dinner and two drink tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Call 597-348 or visit greaterNaplesYMCA.org for more information.

■ The second annual Scramble for Sarah 10Koff tournament takes place Saturday, Dec. 14, at Tiburon Golf Club, hosted by Gulf Coast Runners, the race benefits the Marco Island Parks & Recreation Department. Registration is $23. Call 642-0757 or visit gcrunners.org.

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■ The Marco Island Half Marathon and 5K run-walk sets out at 7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 15, from the Shops of Marco. All ages are welcome. Registration proceeds benefit Marco Island community organizations. For more information, visit marcoislandhalfmarathon.com.

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ALUMNI NEWS

- The University of Michigan Alumni Association of Southwest Florida invites all alumni to the annual welcome back party from 5:30-10 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Imperial Golf Club in North Naples. Cocktails (cash bar) will be served for the first hour, and the buffet dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Cost is $85 for club members and $90 for others.

- The Harvard Club of Naples welcomes all residents of Collier County and southern Lee County who have a connection with Harvard University. A “Get to Know Your Members” luncheon with The Hon. Lewis Whitman (Harvard Law School, 1960) starts at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at a private club in Pelican Bay. Reservations are required by Nov. 14. Harvard Club and Yale Club members will gather for lunch and to watch the Harvard-Yale football game Saturday, Nov. 22.

- Kappa Alpha Theta alumnae chapter of Naples, Marco Island and Bonita Springs welcomes lunch at noon, Wednesday, Nov. 19, at M Waterfront Grille in the Village at Venetian Bay. Guest speaker Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County, will discuss a study about the wealth that will be passed down to Baby Boomers over the next 10 years and what that could mean for Collier County and for charitable giving to area nonprofits. Cost is $30. RSVP by emailing Alison Shoemaker at alison7704@aol.com.

- Alpha Delta Pi alumnae are invited to join the ADPi alumnae chapter of Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island for monthly luncheons and occasional evening events held at various area locations. The next luncheon is at noon Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Mira Mare in Venetian Village. For more information, call 793-7887 or go to harvardclubofnaples.org.

- The Greater Naples Branch of AAUW holds its monthly meeting Saturday, Dec. 6, at Hodges University. A reception and networking begin at 9:30 a.m., and the meeting begins at 10 a.m. Guest speaker TaSheekia Perry, founder of Crowning Daughters for Success, will discuss ways to make a difference in the lives of adolescent girls. All are welcome, and reservations are not necessary. For more information, visit aauwgnb.org.

- The Cornell Alumni Association of Southwest Florida hosts its first...
luncheon of the season Thursday, Dec. 11, at Wyndemere Country Club. Guest speaker Nancy Battistella, co-owner of Six Mile Creek Vineyard in Ithaca, NY., will discuss the family business that was established in 1987. Ms. Battistella and her husband, Roger, are residents of Naples. For reservations or more information, call Jon Peter Vollmer at 250-9414 or email jon.vollmer@sothebysrealty.com.

— Email alumni news to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

The Ohio State University Alumni Association of Southwest Florida held its annual Welcome Back party recently at Wells Fargo in Mercato.

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Hodges University has announced the planned retirement of President Jeanette Brock, Ph.D., effective Dec. 31. Ms. Brock’s retirement concludes a career of more than 30 years in higher education, including nearly two decades of service at Hodges.

According to a press release, the university’s board of trustees has reluctantly accepted her letter of retirement and has launched a nationwide search for a successor. It is anticipated the new president will be in place when the next fiscal year commences on July 1.

“This is a very special time for the university, including its impressive history of leadership and direction with this institution,” said Hodges University’s board of trustees president. “Moving forward, our commitment remains to provide a quality education to these professionals and traditional students alike to enable them to achieve their personal and professional objectives.”

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So it began. His dedication to that goal has introduced him to so many people who have knowingly placed their trust in him. “The root of my business is integrity,” he says with seriousness. “People know I’ll do what’s best for them first.” Many clients have sought his help when their health insurance has changed, they lost their doctors from their plans, or their copayments have risen significantly. “I’ve actually had people tell me, ‘Brian, we’re going with YOU and not our doctor.’” Most often, he’s heard, “This whole thing is confusing, and we’re just going to do what you tell us to do.” He takes this responsibility with an earnestness that has made him a leader in the industry, and has propelled him to the rank of top agent for Florida Blue in all of Florida.

Goodfriend credits his success with his determination to stay abreast of industry changes and good old-fashioned honesty. “I know Medicare inside and out, and I’m able to explain details to my clients in a way that they easily understand. When I tell a customer something, they can take it to the bank.” He also conducts popular seminars during open enrollment period, where anywhere between 20 to 90 people each session listen to his presentations and leave better educated and empowered. “I want people to know that there is lots of help available to cover healthcare costs. There are ways for employers to reduce their burden and have government contribute to their costs. Many people are confused about changes resulting from the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare) or navigating Medicare. We can help.”

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After several months of construction, Naples Botanical Garden re-opened Oct. 23. The brand new, $15 million, 25,000-square-foot Eleanor and Nicholas Chabraja Visitor Center, complete with the Fogg Café, is in full bloom, as are three new gardens: The LaGrippe Orchid Garden, Irma’s Garden and Kathryn’s Garden.

Coming up from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15, is Family Planting Day & Fall Festival in the Smith Children’s Garden. After helping the staff plant the seasonal vegetable garden, families are invited to stay and enjoy fall-themed crafts, garden games and more. Regular admission applies.

Check out naplesgarden.org for the full schedule of regular programs, from Master Gardener clinics and various gardening workshops to dog walks, yoga sessions and tai chi classes.

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Patron tickets for the 2015 Naples Garden Club House & Garden Tour go on sale to the public at 9 a.m. Monday, Nov. 17, online at naplesgardenclub.org. The purchase of one patron ticket for $75 allows for the purchase of up to five general admission tickets at the same time for $100 each.

The tour, which always sells out and has a waiting list, takes place Saturday, Feb. 7, with participants departing on coach buses from Naples Botanical Garden. Patrons and their guests receive first choice of bus departure times, and patrons receive preferred parking at the Garden. Non-patron tickets for $100 will go on sale Dec. 1.

For more information, visit the website above.

Ohio State University fans are welcome to join the Naples Buckeyes for OSU football at the following locations in Naples on every game day: Bokamper’s Sports Bar and Grille, Stevie Tomato’s Sports Page, Harold’s Place at the Gulf Coast Inn and Gatsby’s Pizza. The Nov. 15 game against Minnesota starts at noon.

Members of the Naples IOWA Club invite University of Iowa Hawk-eye fans to join them at Weekend Willie’s to watch the season’s football games. Up next is the Nov. 15 game against Illinois starts at noon. For more information about the club, call Michael Eovino at 438-8845 or email naplesiowabc@gmail.com.

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The Zonta Club of Naples holds its monthly meeting at noon Tuesday, Dec. 2, at Brio Italian Grill in Waterside Shops. Cost is $27. RSVP and make your menu choice by calling Jean Sloan at 572-4343. For more information, visit zonta-naples.org.

The Collier County Men’s Republican Club (women welcome) meets for buffet breakfast and program from 7:45-9 a.m. on the first Friday of every month at Pelican Marsh Golf Club. Cost is $20 for members, $25 for others. The next meeting is Dec. 5. RSVP by emailing patriotart@centurylink.net. For more information, visit collierrepublicancouncilclub.com.

The Naples Christian Women’s Connection invites area women to a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at Quail Creek Country Club, 1300 Valewood Drive. Guests are encouraged to bring something to exchange in the Swap ‘n’ Shop. Cost is $23. Call 952-0229 for reservations. For more information, visit cvcfnet.

Naples Ship Modelers is an informal group dedicated to the hobby of building wooden ship models. Members meet at 9:30 a.m. on the first and third Saturdays of every month at the Landmark Naples community in North Naples. The next meetings are Dec. 6 and 20. Members share their knowledge and building techniques and welcome new members. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dcr Ritchie@comcast.net.

The Genealogical Society of Collier County meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Collier. Naples meetings are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every Saturday in the clubhouse at Moorings Park, off Goodlette-Frank Road just south of Pine Ridge Road. For more information, call Wode Keller at 389-2525, email wk@kellerpublishing.com or visit cccc.org.

The Naples Civic Garden Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Nery Kircher is president. The next meetings are Nov. 26 and Dec. 10.

The newly chartered Marco Island Civician Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Marco’s Restaurant at 845 Bald Eagle Drive. The next meetings are Nov. 25 and Dec. 9.

The international service club focuses on assisting people with developmental disabilities and finding the cause, cure and better treatments of brain disorders including autism, Alzheimer’s disease and Down syndrome. For more information about the local clubs, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

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March of Dimes delivers low grade for Florida on premature births

Florida's preterm birth rate has fluctuated in recent years, and the state received another “D” on the March of Dimes Premature Birth Card for 2014. The good news, however, is that more women of childbearing age in the Sunshine State have access to prenatal care and fewer are smoking, encouraging the state's maternal and infant health leaders that improvements in the state's preterm birth rates are just around the corner.

Florida's 2013 preliminary preterm birth rate was 16.6 percent, down from 17.3 percent the year earlier.

"While we're encouraged that we're seeing fewer women smoking and more with insurance, we're disappointed that we haven't seen sustained improvement in our preterm birth rate and that we still have so far to go to reach the March of Dimes goal," says Dr. Karen Harris, program services chair for MOD Florida. "We're working hard to change that.

Florida earned a star on the report card for these factors that contribute to improved infant health:
- Reducing the percent of uninsured women of childbearing age (27.7 percent)
- Lowering the late preterm birth rate (9.6 percent), and
- Increasing the percentage of women of childbearing age who smoke (15 percent).

MOD is working with Florida's maternal and infant health experts to improve birth outcomes and evaluating programs to determine if changes are needed or if specific groups or regions should be targeted for assistance.

MOD is calling on all 118 of the state's labor and delivery hospitals to end early elective deliveries before 39 weeks of pregnancy; more than half of those hospitals have already pledged to do so.

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"Healthy Babies are Worth the Wait," the MOD signature program that prevents preterm birth by building together proven practices, will be expanded to include Florida in 2015. The success of the "Healthy Babies" pilot program in Kentucky has already resulted in 15 new sites for the program.

A pressing health issue

Premature birth — defined as birth before 37 completed weeks of pregnancy — is a serious health problem that costs the United States more than $26 billion annually, according to the Institute of Medicine. It is the leading cause of newborn death, and babies who survive an early birth often face the risk of lifetime health challenges, such as breathing problems, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities and others.

Even babies born just a few weeks early have higher rates of hospitalization and illness than full-term infants.

At least 39 weeks of pregnancy are important to a baby's health because many important organs, including the brain and lungs, are not completely developed until then.

MOD also is investing in a network of five new prematurity research centers to find solutions to this still too common, costly and serious problem.

The national preterm birth rate fell to 11.4 percent in 2013 — the lowest in 17 years — meeting the federal Health People 2020 goal seven years early. Despite this progress, the United States still received a "C" on the seventh annual March of Dimes Premature Birth Report Card because it fell short of the more-challenging 9.6 percent target set by the MOD. The U.S. still has the highest rate of preterm birth of any industrialized country.

Global awareness

On Monday, Nov. 17, MOD and organizations from around the world will mark the fourth World Prematurity Day. The World Prematurity Network, a global coalition of consumer and parent groups working together to raise awareness and prevent premature birth in their countries, is calling for action to prevent preterm birth and improve care for babies born too soon. An estimated 15 million babies are born premature, and of those more than 1 million die as a result of their early birth.

Learn more about Prematurity Awareness Month and World Prematurity Day by visiting facebook.com/worldprematurity.

The page features shared videos and stories about premature births and has an interactive world map showing the home place for each story told.

For more than 75 years, moms and babies have benefitted from MOD research centers to find solutions to this still too common, costly and serious problem.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Collier County holds its annual Hope Shines luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at a private club in Naples. Guest speaker Kevin Hines will share the story about how he discovered brighter days after a suicide attempt.

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‘Grit & Grace’ examines women and addiction

Hazelden at Naples, part of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, hosts “Grit & Grace: A Professional Symposium on Women and Addiction” from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Presentations include:


■ “The Graceful Lessons of Betty Ford,” by Dr. Harry Haroutunian, physician director of residential treatment at the Betty Ford Center.

■ “The Intersection of Trauma and Addiction in Women,” by Dr. Laura Ferguson, medical director of Hazelden at Springbrook, Ore.


Registration is $245. Attendees will receive copies of books authored by the presenters. Continuing education credits are available for professionals. Sign up by calling 659-2340 or visiting hazelden.org.

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Mr. Hines jumped off San Francisco’s Golden Gate Bridge, a fall of 746 feet. Today, he is one of just 33 people who have lived to talk about it — and he is the only one doing so. The author of “Cracked … Not Broken: Surviving and Thriving After a Suicide Attempt,” he has appeared on “Good Morning America” and is featured on “20/20,” “Anderson Cooper 360” and “Larry King Live.”

He has been interviewed for the documentaries “Patient satisfaction scores excellent.”

“Remarkable work in infection control.”

“Performance improvement plan is extensive and comprehensive.”

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Staff education and competency are solid.”

As Ms. Graziano put it: This was our orthopedic department’s time to shine. This newest certification is our third this year, joining our Joint Commission certification for stroke and the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care accreditation for chest pain.

Topping it off, both NCH campuses have received an A rating from Leapfrog, which grades hospitals on their overall performance in keeping patients safe from preventable harm and medical errors.

Quality and safety validations from independent groups help patients make wise healthcare choices. While all of us should be proud of what we’ve achieved, we know our journey in performance will never be over.

As much as we improve and as exten- sively as we are recognized, we continue to work for better quality and safety for our neighbors and our community.

— Dr. Allen Weiss is president and CEO of the NCH Healthcare System.

Planned Parenthood gets families talking in Immokalee

Planned Parenthood of Collier County has received a $20,000 grant from Planned Parenthood Federation of America to encourage multigen- erational discussions in Immokalee about female reproductive health.

The “Families Talking Together” program, specifically for the Latina community, uses an evidence-based curriculum that has proved to delay sexual activity in young people and reduce teenage pregnancy.

PPCC’s partner for “Families Talking Together” is Immokalee Housing and Family Services.

“The purpose is to gather mothers, daughters, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and friends for dialogue about women’s health,” says Courtney Curatolo, director of public affairs and education for PPCC.

“The goal is to help extended families feel more comfortable discussing self-esteem, puberty, reproduction and other health issues,” she adds.

Although the pilot project is for women and girls, PPCC hopes to start a similar program for boys and men sometime in the future.

Statistics from the Centers for Disease Control show that Latinos experience higher rates of reproductive cancers, unin- tended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections than most other groups. Open discussion and information sharing among families is one route to removing obsta- cles. “Families Talking Together” is one of four weekly sessions that began in October at the Carl J. Kuehner Community Center in Immokalee’s Timber Ridge neighborhood. Participation is free.

The mission of Immokalee Housing & Family Services is to provide decent, safe and affordable rental housing with supportive social and educational services for farm workers and other low-income families.

The organization provides family literacy classes, teen programming, child- care, voluntary prekindergarten, a com- munity garden and community events. To learn more, visit ihfservices.org.

Planned Parenthood of Collier County operates centers at 1425 Creech Road in Naples and at 409 N. First St. in Immokalee.

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BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

She flies down the hall to greet me, mouth open in a toothless grin. She chirrives our other dogs out of the way when treats are on offer, no matter that they are two and three times her size. She rocks nose-work class. If it weren’t for the gray on her tiny pointed muzzle, you wouldn’t for a moment think she was two and three years old. As far as I’m concerned, Gemma embodies all of the rewards of adopting a senior dog or cat. Adopting a Gemma is more gratifying than you might realize:

Old dogs rule
Eight reasons to consider a senior pet

Her happy nature helped Gemma quickly charm her way into a new family.

■ They are a known quantity. You know their personality and that they’re not going to get any bigger.

■ They are restful. If you want a pet to hang out with you while you watch TV or read, a senior is the way to go.

■ They aren’t necessarily inactive. Gemma is the only dog I’ve ever had — including the retired racing Greyhound who, I must admit, was less than attractive at first glance, not to mention up to her ears in old bones. It doesn’t slow down the rate at which she scarfs her food.

What possessed us to adopt a dog who, I must admit, was less than attractive at first glance, not to mention up to her ears in old bones? As far as I’m concerned, Gemma embodies all of the rewards of adopting a senior dog or cat. Adopting a golden oldie has more benefits than you might realize:

■ They are wise in the ways of the world. Older animals are observant and know how to learn, either by watching other animals in the family or from picking up on your cues. Watching them and seeing what they know and how they apply it to their new life is fascinating. (Gemma clearly came from a home where burrowing under the covers at bedtime was a regular occurrence.)

■ They come with a senior discount. Many shelters reduce or waive the adoption fees for older pets. An “older” pet may be as young as 3 years old. Some veterinarians may offer reduced exam rates for adopted seniors.

■ They give us the opportunity to save a life. Older animals face a lot of rejection for no good reason. They often have good health and behavior but are rejected because they aren’t cute. Older animals are observant and see things you may overlook.

■ They give us the gift of their love and joy. Some people say that older dogs are grateful because they know you gave them a second chance. Maybe that’s true. All I know is that Gemma makes me laugh every day. That’s priceless.

She rocks noses in the hall to greet me and floods my view with a toothless grin.

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I recently had the pleasure of attending a lovely gathering at the home of a girlfriend. The theme was spirituality and psychic energy and crystals and clairvoyants. There was a lady there from the Mystical Moon explaining how we could light a bundle of sage and wave it about a room and clear out all the negative energy (it’s also known as “smudging”).

If someone you don’t much like comes into your home, you can smudge after they leave — just in case he or she left any unpleasant air behind. Or if you’re moving into a house that was the scene of a mass murder many years ago, well, it’s advised that you smudge up a storm. Not only that, burning sage smells really nice, so it’s a win-win.

Last week, I truly wondered if it was possible to smudge my Facebook feed. Would I have to wave the sage over all of the devices with which I access Facebook: my iPhone, my laptop, and my iPad? Do I need to smudge every time I check Facebook? Do I have enough sage to smudge all of my own Facebook friends and all of my friends’ friends’ Facebook pages? Hard to say. But this much I know is true: Something’s got to be done.

It started on Election Day, with everyone posting selfies of just their “I voted” sticker on their shirt (I did it, too). I think I heard that if you don’t post a photo of the sticker on your Facebook page, your vote is cast into the sea.

As the day turned into night and the results started trickling in, the energy on Facebook took a turn. And let’s just say that folks on the left, along with people who voted for medical marijuana, were making it quite clear that they weren’t pleased with the results. Whether it was one-word status updates (“Floridumb,” for example) or photo-shopped pictures of Rick Scott as a dead ringer for a giant, horrifying lizard (it’s something about his eyes, I guess), Facebook blew up with it all.

And the next day, as reality set in, it got worse, with countless posts of long, angry threads with lots of exclamation points!!!!!! And then some more conservative friends commenced to gloating a bit, which did not go over so well. Suddenly, there were no Farmville or Candy Crush posts, no pictures of food on plates, no “What Serial Killer Were You In A Past Life?” quiz results, and not even any check-ins to the gym. It was all politics.

While I lean to the left, I generally avoid posting anything political on Facebook. I don’t think I have any rabidly Republican friends who have Sean Hannity posters in their bedrooms or who belong to the Anne Coulter fan club, but this is Southwest Florida, and you have to be a registered Republican to vote in some primaries. I like my Republican friends — and honestly, if it weren’t for Facebook, I might not even know which political party anybody was affiliated with. My dear mother always told me that religion and politics weren’t fit topics for the dinner table — and I figured if those subjects were going to ruin dinner, they’d likely ruin everything else, too. For the rare times I do post politically, I have my friends categorized in lists. If I, for instance, post a photo of our governor looking like a giant, horrifying lizard, I “hide” it from my Republican friends so only my Democrat friends can see it. This way, I’m always preaching to the choir and I don’t have my liberal uncle Facebook-fighting with my conservative stepbrother and therefore making Thanksgiving miserable for all of us.

Creating the lists is easy: Just go to Fox News’ Facebook page, which will tell you 47 of your friends “like” it. Now put them on the Red List. Then flit on over to Rachel Maddow’s page, and put your friends who “like” her on the Blue List. It’s sort of like being careful not to mix your peas and your carrots.

There are, of course, those who thrive on it all and love to post often and angrily about politics. I know a guy who unfriended his mother because of her frequent posts about how much she loves President Obama. There’s another fellow around town who I really enjoy whenever I run into him, but if I look at his Facebook page and all the incessant vitriol, I can’t stand him — so I hid him. That way we can stay friends. Perhaps “hiding” people is the Facebook equivalent to smudging … But just to be safe, I’m lighting the sage anyway.

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

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The state’s marine industry is rebounding

The South Florida boat show season has arrived in all its showboating fantasies of glimmering yacht dreams and sea-faring romance, but it’s also grounded in good economic news.

After a punishing recession, there has been a steady turn-around for the marine industry throughout the state between fiscal years 2010 and 2014, with climbing sales figures that boost jobs, according to a study prepared for the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. Boats and related sales have also long been considered an indication that consumers are willing to spend money on luxury items in general.

"Things are very strong right now," said John Good, manager of the Fort Myers Boat Show, which takes place in downtown Fort Myers Nov. 13-16. "From the boat show’s perspective we’re seeing certainly more boats. All of the regular dealers are trying to expand the size of their displays which is a good sign."

The Charlotte County Boat Show takes place at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds Jan. 15-18. And the Bonita Springs Boat Show returns Feb. 27-Mar. 2. For more information, visit boats Shows.com.

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How to become investor proficient

Investor proficiency means understanding investing and feeling comfortable in executing an investment strategy, investment purchases and disciplines for protecting the portfolio. Proficiency might also allow you to have an intelligent conversation about investing, but good investment banter does not imply investment success and ability. Plenty of people can talk; fewer can walk their (investment) talk.

Investor proficiency does not mean that the investor will have a detailed understanding of the world and U.S. economies and how current economic policies will translate into good or poor investing. Investor proficiency does not mean that the investor will be able to pick out stellar stocks and bonds. It does not mean that the investor is guaranteed to have a profitable equity/bond portfolio. Investment proficiency does not mean that you do not need an investment adviser — as most experienced investors still welcome an adviser’s active role or oversight. Proficiency experienced investors will always welcome an adviser’s active role or oversight. Proficiency allows you to begin a to tread in unknown and sometimes shark-infested waters.

Even though proficiency does not translate into investment decision-making independence or assured success, it is something that all investors should strive to attain, in that it will bring them some level of comfort. They’ll be able to understand the basics behind their portfolio and an investment adviser’s conversation will not sound like Greek to them.

Here are some steps newbie can take:

1. **Enroll in an online or adult education class about investing.** It will offer the core elements of how to construct a portfolio, differences between bonds and equities, differences between dividends and interest payments, differences between growth stocks and value plays, etc. It will allow you to capture long and short views of investing and help you determine your investing goals and risk appetite. After taking one of these courses, you will likely feel comfortable talking with an adviser.

2. **READ INVESTOR’S BUSINESS DAILY.** Daily or frequently. Read frequently if you are amassing a general understanding; read every day if you’re taking a specific portfolio investment action.

Investor Business Daily is not to the exclusion of The Wall Street Journal and other magazines, but it is a good place for beginners. It is not advisable to begin reading an online or other newspaper before you’ve had some level of experience in investing, as those will slant you to the writer’s point of view.

3. **Join an online stock forum** and just follow the banter of the experienced investors. Value Forum is the site that I recommend. Newbies need not participate; they can stay in the shadows and just read the posts and responses. Likely they will pick up some very good ideas. But it is not wise to use an online equity forum as your only source or discipline for portfolio management. Many equity pickers buy and hold and they become emotionally tied to their value plays; selling their value plays is like cutting off their right arm.

4. **Possibly work the back end of investment management** — the actions that most investors never really learn or execute well. The portfolio management techniques that allocate risk and limit losses and capture gains. These are rule sets that should be well rehearsed and have application to your investment goals. For instance, what rules will you have that will require you to sell when your overall portfolio or a position is losing money? Will a 10 percent decline in your portfolio have you liquidate your portfolio? Will a 20 percent decline in a stock have you leave the stock position? Or will you carry a large degree of cash in the portfolio and are you a Warren Buffett type who buys when there is blood in the streets? It is smart to read a few books on management rules for portfolios and create some terms that have worked for others too and use them yourself.

5. **Getting the portfolio rules “straight in your head”** will help you avoid the No. 1 investor problem: emotional investment decision-making. Fear and greed drive many of them, but emotions are irrational and can work for you. The exciting thing for new investors is that investing is a tool that you can take anywhere. It can help create economic independence and it can become an enjoyable use of time, especially for retirees.

Best you always retain a sense of uncertainty, humility and caution as you advance in your investing future. A little success early on can translate into a faulty perception that you will easily be successful in the future. Pride often precedes the investment fall.

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Springs Boat Show at Naples-Fort Myers Greyhound Racing & Poker March 5–8.

Already, boaters have registered 2,010 powerboats (15-foot plus) in Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties in the 12-month period ending in September. That's 21 percent more than the same time period last year and almost 67 percent more than in 2010. Shows the most recent data from the market research firm Info-Link Technologies.

A steady, if at times spotty increase in sales has helped boat dealerships and brokers recover from the Great Recession, with most industry professionals saying the market bottomed out in 2008 and 2009.

“it was brutal,” said Jesse Wells, director of sales for Info-Link Technologies in Miami, adding that boat registration figures still lag behind pre-recession levels.

Another viewpoint comes from the Marine Industries Association study, which examined the economic significance of the marine industries in Florida, focusing on the tri-county area of Broward, Dade and Palm Beach counties.

Palm Beach County saw the largest increase in marine-related sales in the area, growing 101 percent between 2010 and 2014 — twice the increase of the Tri-County area as a whole — and representing $586.3 million in sales this fiscal year ending June 30. Palm Beach’s 2014 sales represent 18,220 jobs across all industry sectors, compared to 8,919 jobs in 2010.

Statewide, gross marine industry sales grew by 31 percent during the same four-year period, the report says, representing sales of $4.7 billion.

Increasing boat sales in the last five years has been a nationwide trend, said Mike Anderson, director of the American Boating Association.

“From the information I’ve seen after things kind of bottomed out in 2009 they came back pretty well. Boat sales have finally rebounded. For a gas-driven, discretionary income-type field it seems to be doing well.”

Len Garofoli, owner of Pier One Yacht Sales, had one location and four brokers during the recession. Now he has four locations — the main office at Fishermen’s Village in Punta Gorda, and others at Burnt Store Marina, Cape Haze and Cape Coral — and 22 brokers.

“We have been slammed,” he said. “Sales are very good in the entire size range. For the last two years, when I usually see a slowdown when the snowbirds go home during the summer, we have not seen a slowdown during the summer at all.”

But you can’t give all the credit to the improving economy, Mr. Garofoli points out; he and his brokers had something to do with it as well.

“Look, things are turning around,” he said. “It’s not just boats that people are buying. New home sales are good. Real estate markets are up. Construction markets are up, so it’s all the way around.”

While sales have improved in the last few years, said Peter Peterson, owner of Naples Yacht Brokerage, the market for financing boats remains weaker since lending standards grew especially tight after the recession.

“Most everything we sell is cash, because it’s disposable income,” he said. “The average working-class guy, he hasn’t got that kind of money where he can go out and finance a boat — which killed us because it was basically our bread and butter for a long time.”

Scott Rush, owner of San Carlos Marine in Fort Myers, has seen “a steady uptick in the market — nothing dramatic. Steady low double digit or single digit improvements year to year.” Aluminum boats and outboard fishing boats have been his strongest selling items.

“If you look at trends forever the pleasure boat market is more of when everything is good and when we feel like using it,” he said. “The fisherman has a habit that he can’t shake and so they’ll go out in bad weather, year round, whenever they can catch fish. It’s what they do.”

New boats (15-foot plus) registered in Southwest Florida

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Boats on display in the water at the 2013 Fort Myers Boat Show.

Boats at the 2013 Palm Beach Boat Show.

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>> Upcoming shows: The Charlotte County Boat Show takes place at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds Jan. 15-18. The Bonita Springs Boat Show is at Naples- Fort Myers Greyhound Racing & Poker March 5-8.

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Awards & Recognition

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Dr. Ashish Sharma, Berita Consul- 
tants of Southwest Florida has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Bonita Springs Lions Eye Clinic in recognition of his philanthropic work providing reti-
nal eye exams for people with major eye disorders but no health insurance.

Robin Rosario, outreach director for the Pure Florida Group, has been named Woman of the Year by the Local Chap-
ers of Business Women. Ms. Rosario has more than 16 years of experience in community relations and marketing. She has been with Pure Florida Group for three years. The Local Chapters of Business Women is a networking group in Collier and Lee counties dedicated to helping women advance business skills through networking, personal development workshops and the sharing of resources and tools.

Robert Almond and Michael Schroeder have joined the board of directors of Friends of Foster Chil-
dren of Southwest Florida. Mr. Almond is chairman and CEO of NEST International, which manages facility maintenance and con-
struction management disciplines. Mr. Schroeder is the co-founder and CIO of Wasmcr, Schroeder & Compa-
ny Inc. and is responsible for overseeing the implementation of investment strategies and portfolio management, research and trading. He is a member emeritus of the board of trustees of the Community Foundation of Collier County, a member of the Florida Gulf Coast University Department of Economics, a member of Lead
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lish and lead the direction of the sales and marketing efforts. Her team is comprised of account executives Russell Rutland and Timothy Reily as well as Don Neer, director of member services. Before join-
ing the chamber as marketing develop-
ment director in 2011, Ms. Sturzenegger was the business development manager for the IT advisory firm Gartner. She also spent three years at the Naples Daily News as multimedia national sales man-
ger. She earned her bachelor’s degree in communication and advertising at Flori-
da Gulf Coast University.

Construction

Ken Kensinger has joined Stevens Con-
struction as a project manager. He has more than 36 years of con-
struction experience with a specialty in health care construc-
tion. Prior to joining Stevens Construction, he served as project manager for a construction management firm where he completed more than $30 million in construction for the VA Medical Cen-
ter in West Palm Beach. Mr. Kensinger earned a bachelor’s degree in building construction management from the University of Florida.

Talent Agency

Chloe Friedman has joined Talent Ven-
tures as digital media and marketing man-
ager to oversee all aspects of the digital media and market-
strategy for the agency, its recording studio (Mix Factory Studios) and various clients. Ms. Fried-
man most recently worked as a commu-

nica-tions assistant at the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce.

Samantha Ross has joined Talent Ventures as execu-
tive assistant to help oversee the day-to-
day office operations of the agency as well as assist with concert and event logistics. She holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from Florida Gulf Coast University.

Recreation

Phil Pellerito has been named direc-
tor of golf at Pelican Marsh Golf Club in North Naples. Mr. Pellerito joined the club as assistant golf pro in 2009 and most recently at an executive level in two head pro-

essionals. A PGA member since 2003 and a multi-time qualifier for the Florida PGA Open, he is responsible for the club’s full-service pro shop, practice facility, professional staff, tournaments, instruc-
tional programs and overall member experience. He holds a bachelor’s degree in sports management with a minor in business from Barry University.

Nick Baumhart has been named head golf professional at Pelican Marsh Golf Club in North Naples. Mr. Baum-
hart joined the club in 2009 as assistant golf professional. A PGA Professional since 2013, he earned a bachelor’s degree in hospitality management with a minor in sports and recreation from Lynn Uni-
versity (University of Boca Raton).

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To invest well, you need to not only find great investing opportunities but also time opportunities to buy “value traps,” which are stocks that appear to be great values but actually are not. Here are some red flags that can help you identify these traps.

Beware of dominant companies whose raps are well known. Their price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios may be well below their averages, and perhaps their competitors’ as well. If these stocks are their top-line relationships, their revenue, may not be growing much. Some companies expand too much and spend too much on acquisitions and stock buybacks. Technology may have evolved and newer, stronger competitors may have emerged, too.

Cyclical companies are involved in cars, appliances, steel, oilfield services, semiconductors, travel and construction. Their fortunes rise and fall with the economy, and their valuations sometimes are counterintuitive. They look the cheapest when they’ve reached their priciest, and vice versa. A time of high profits means a time of low profits is ahead. So consider these companies when their P/E’s are rising, not shrinking.

Beware, too, of companies paying out generous dividends that, upon closer inspection, can’t seem to afford them. Check the dividend ratio, or dividing the dividend payout by the earnings per share. A steep one (say, above 80 percent) is worrisome, unless you have faith this trend is due to increase soon.

Remember, too, that a high yield is often the sign of a fallen stock price. Victims of innovative rule-breaking companies should also be avoided. Once you hear of a dividend, or break rules, such a company is standing on the tracks as a technological freight train is about to pull through. Check out a stock’s earnings over the past few years, two or three, these companies are often out of options. Examples include newspaper companies getting bowed over by the Internet, or video rental companies, which were feasted with a new age of digital content distribution.

Instead of considering value traps, seek great, simple-to-understand businesses at good prices. When you see which companies stocks we’ve recommended recently, try our “Motley Fool Value” newsletter for free, at insidevalue.fool.com. Next week we’ll discuss more value traps.

Name That Company

I was started by two brothers in Germany in 1924, in their mother’s laundry room. Today I’m the world’s second-largest sporting-goods company, employing more than 50,000 people in more than 160 nations and racking up sales of more than $3 billion annually. My brands include my own name, as well as TaylorMade, Reebok, Rockport, Ashwood, Adams Golf and Five Ten.

My 2013 offerings included 257 million pairs of shoes, 341 million pieces of apparel, and 54 million pieces of hardware (such as weights, golf clubs, balls and images). I recently revised my iconic Stan Smith sneaker.

Who am I?

The Motley Fool Take

Cash In on American Aging

At the end of 2013, health-care real estate in the United States was worth an estimated $1.3 trillion. Health-care real estate is, you see, a very lucrative industry. Today, I am going to tell you about HCP, Inc., a publicly traded real estate investment trust (REIT), which makes health-care real estate both a growing and underperformed market.

Investors looking to cash in should check out HCP (NYSE: HCP), which owns, manages, develops, and operates over 300 health care properties. Roughly a third of HCP’s business comes from one operating partner, HCP Companies, based in Richmond, Virginia, I’m America’s largest used-vehicle retailer and (its third-largest wholesaler of used vehicles).

My Foolish Buy

My Dumbest Investment

My dumbest investment involved a small Canadian company seeking to mine the ocean floor for copper, gold, silver and more. I saw its potential as enormous, if it could pull it off. We were stockpiled for a few years due to delays and other issues, I bought in at $2.50 per share. I bought more as the stock fell further, eventually the stock price hit an all-time low of $0.40 per share now, I’m underwater.

This was my dumbest investment because it was too much too speculative for the start and because I continued “catching the falling knife” – buying more as the price fell. But the greatest reason it’s my dumbest investment is that I’m going to explain to you why. Perhaps there is an element of emotion in this decision. Perhaps it is the lure of sunken treasure. Perhaps there’s an element of pride in being unwilling to admit that I was wrong. It may be a dumb move, but I’m hoping to be lucky.

—D.J., the Philippines

The Fool Responds: This is an ultra-risky pension stock, with no revenue or earnings yet. You’re gambling more than investing here.

Next week’s trivia answer

I was launched in 1993 as a division of electronic retailer Circuit City, and then spun off to be independent in 2002, and is based in Richmond, Virginia. I’m America’s largest used-vehicle retailer and (its third-largest wholesaler of used vehicles).

Who am I?

Last week’s trivia answer

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

A Job Search Support Group meets from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Mondays at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukiewicz at kluk77@comcast.net or visit naples-chamber.org.

Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Call 2390 Tamiami Trail N, every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call 239-264-4040.

The Southwest Florida Diversity Council meets at noon Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Discovering Your Way/Life Coaching with Horses, 2740 Newman Drive. Guest speaker is Karen Kendrick, founder of Discovering Your Way. RSVP to Adrienne Fleming by emailing Adrienne.fleming@floridaudiosources.org. For more information, visit floridaudiosources.org.

The Marco Island Area Chamber of Commerce holds its next Business After Five networking event from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Arista’s Restaurant, 844 Bald Eagle Drive, $5 for chamber members, $10 for others. Call 298-2943 or visit marcoislandchamber.com for more information.

The Collier Building Industry Association hosts a guest bartender night from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at the Players Club & Spa at Lely Resort. $10 includes one drink ticket and appetizers. Stock Development is the evening’s sponsor. Guests are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to the holiday toy drive. Email nancy@collierchamber.org for more information.

Networking for Young Professionals of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19, at Florida SouthWestern State College in Bonita Springs. Call 922-2943 or visit bonitasantings.com to RSVP.

Business After Five for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, at The Naples Zoo. $8 for chamber members, $24 for others. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

The Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association holds its holiday party from 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at Vineyard’s Country Club. Cost is $40 for members and guests and includes hors d’oeuvres and live entertainment; there will be a cash bar. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

A Session of the Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce invites members to its annual holiday party from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Hilton Naples. Guests are asked to bring a new, unwrapped toy for donation to a deserving Collier County family. Reservations are preferred by Dec. 12 and can be made at napleschamber.org/events.

Email business meeting announcements to cpierce@floridaweekly.com.

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—P.V., Superior, Colorado

Are you saying you bought stocks for $20 (Initial cost: $2,000) and they were trading at $32 before the split, for a total value of $3,200? You’ll get two shares for each one you own, so after the split, your own 200 shares, worth half as much ($16 each), for a total of $3,200. Not much has changed, materially.

For tax purposes, though, the “cost basis” of your purchase, which was $20 per share pre-split, is now halved, dropping to $10. So if you sell now, your capital gain will be the same. If you’re planning to sell in sale proceeds (less your brokerage commission cost) minus your $2,000 purchase cost, you’ve got to pay taxes, including commission costs. Including commission costs is legal and will reduce your taxable gain a little.

Many numbers get adjusted when splits happen, including dividends per share, earnings per share, and other figures based on such count. Got a question for the Fool? Send it in — see Write to Us.
NETWORKING

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1249 Waggle Way, Estates at Bay Colony Golf Club

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Minto opens Phase II sales at The Isles of Collier Preserve

Minto Communities announces that sales are open for homes in the next phase of The Isles of Collier Preserve in Naples. For a limited time, pre-grand opening pricing is available on the first release of homes in Phase II.

Minto also is introducing a new collection of paired villas and single-family home designs. Five paired-villa designs start from the mid-$300,000s, and nine single-family designs are priced from the $400,000s to more than $1 million. A new model court showcasing the collections is scheduled to open early next year.

Inspired by nature, home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve reflect the ambiance and character of classic coastal living. Minto’s many distinctive touches include architecturally detailed ceiling treatments, open floor plans, large eat-in kitchens with expansive islands, formal dining rooms and more.

The new Buttonwood Collection includes luxury paired villas that range from 1,565 to 1,862 square feet under air. One-story paired villas have two or three bedrooms, plus den or hobby room, great room, dining room, two baths, covered lanai and two car garages.

The Banyan Collection includes luxury single-family homes that range from 2,741 to 4,284 square feet under air. All are designed for entertaining with gourmet kitchens featuring expansive islands, open floor plans, unique guest quarters and luxurious outdoor living areas with unobstructed views.

The new collections are in addition to Minto’s other luxury home designs at The Isles of Collier Preserve. These include one-, two- and three-story coach homes priced from the low $400,000s to the $600,000s and ranging from 1,621 to 2,860 square feet under air. Single-family homes are also available, ranging in size from 2,016 to 4,327 square feet under air and priced from the $400,000s to the $700,000s. Minto presents 45 coach home, paired villa and single-family home floor plan selections at The Isle of Collier Preserve.

The Isles of Collier Preserve is bordered on the south by Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, the north by Naples Botanical Garden and the west by Dollar Bay. More than half of The Isles of Collier Preserve’s 2,400 acres is dedicated to preserves and natural habitat. Preservation areas are connected by a network of recreational trails, bike paths and waterways for kayaking. The Isles Club at The Isles of Collier Preserve has broken ground and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2015.

Every aspect of The Isles of Collier Preserve has been planned to create a sustainable community that is in harmony with nature and a model for others to follow.

Entrance to the community is on U.S. 41 East just south of Thomasson Drive. The sales center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free electric boat tours are available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday-Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Minto opens Phase II sales at The Isles of Collier Preserve

Minto’s Copperbilly single-family home at The Isles of Collier Preserve

Minto’s Iris single-family home at The Isles of Collier Preserve

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**Popular Girona model under construction in Mediterra**

London Bay Homes is building its fifth Girona model at Mediterra in North Naples. The three-bedroom luxury villa has proven a popular home design by licensed architects and high-level landscape architects — paved a clear path to strategic approach — a formula for success built on discriminating lot selection in February and will feature interior design by Michael Scott of Romanza Interior Design.

The home has three bedrooms, ¾ baths, a great room, formal dining room, study and breakfast nook under 3,526 square feet of living space. The entrance to Mediterra is on Livingston Road, two miles north of Immokalee Road and west of Interstate 75. The master plan for the community includes more than 1,000 acres dedicated to open space with golf, parks and nature preserves.

Since December 2009, London Bay Homes and affiliates have managed all new home sales and marketing for Mediterra. Resale properties are listed through Mediterranean Realty. For more information, call 949-8989 or visit mediterranaples.com.

The model will have an expanded outdoor living area with a custom pool and spa overlooking nature preserves. Total square footage, including a covered entry and two-car garage, will be 4,843 square feet.

The Girona is one of a dozen luxury villa and estate floor plans offered by London Bay Homes in the Corkite neighborhood, where home and home-site packages are priced from $1.3 million. Villas and estate floor plans range from 2,800 to more than 6,000 square feet of living space.

Mr. DiSabato says 30 years of analyzing the Southwest Florida market and listening to home buyers’ feedback led Encore to build a collection of homes reflecting the California Mission, Flor-idalia cottage and British West Indies styles of architecture. California Mission homes feature clean lines, covered porches and an abundance of windows. The British West Indies and Florida Cottage styles are highlighted by large verandas, traditional railings, finials and high ceilings set in a very casual, verandahs, traditional railings, finials and high ceilings set in a very casual, British West Indies and Flor-idalia cottage styles, reflecting the California Mission style, Florida cottage style and British West Indies style.

Encore to build a collection of homes were noted for open, airy living spaces, great room floor plans and transitional interior finishes. Each home emphasizes the benefits of the Florida lifestyle, with pools, spas, outdoor kitchens and grills, and welcoming outdoor spaces outfitted for relaxing and entertaining.

“Our buyers are mostly second- or third-home buyers who are seeking unique homes in spectacular locations to suit their lifestyle,” Mr. DiSabato says. For more information, call 514-4646 or visit encdev.com.

**The Strada at Mercato is sold out**

The Lutgert Companies has announced that all 92 residences have been sold in The Strada at Mercato. The first of two residential communities at Mercato, The Strada consists of luxury condominiums on the second through fifth floors of two buildings overlooking Strada Place, Mercato’s crescent-shaped, tree-lined main street.

The urban-style environment “appeals to all types of home buyers, from young professionals to part-time residents, retirees and international visitors,” says Howard Gutman, president of The Lutgert Companies. The community is marketed by Premier Sotheby’s International Realty.

There are 11 floor plans available in The Strada, ranging from one to three bedrooms. “The Strada’s sellout follows an accelerated 2014 sales pace highlighted by low interest rates, limited inventory and increasing demand for the community’s vibrant, sophisticated lifestyle,” says Judy Green, president and CEO of Premier Sotheby’s International Realty.

Residences in The Strada are surrounded by local and national retailers, more than 15 restaurants, the 12-screen Silverspot Cinema and Whole Foods Market. Amenities include secured parking and a private rooftop clubhouse, fitness center, 52-foot heated pool, fire pit area and pet walking area.

For more information, call 594-9400 or visit mercatonaples.com.
Fiddler’s Creek offers furnished Madison model

Fiddler’s Creek announces the newest Madison model is open for viewing and additional residences are under construction at Chiasso, a village of 59 single-family homes.

Offered by D.R. Horton, Chiasso is within the Veneta section of Fiddler’s Creek. Five floor plans are available, ranging from 2,583 to 3,522 air-conditioned square feet.

The one-story Madison has 3,246 air-conditioned square feet. This lakefront residence features three bedrooms, four baths, a den and a two-car garage. The bedrooms are situated in separate corners of the home to ensure privacy, and the den is large enough to accommodate an alternate fourth bedroom. The residence also features a large entrance foyer with a coffered ceiling that leads to the formal living and dining rooms.

Upgrades in the Madison model home include maple espresso cabinets in the kitchen and baths, plus a mixture of quartz and granite countertops throughout the home. The model also features Santos floor tile laid in a diagonal pattern in all living areas as well the den. Wood floors are included in the master bedroom and antique bronze ceiling fans are used throughout.

The Madison model features additional upgrades to showcase the level of options available in the Chiasso series, including the outdoor kitchen and pool/spa complete with a salt chlorinator system and an auto fill and overflow system. The model’s outdoor living area overlooks a lake.

Base price for the Madison is $639,990, plus lot premium. D.R. Horton also is offering to pay off the home’s Community Development District debt service at closing.

In addition to the furnished Madison model, there are five more Madison homes in various stages of construction, two of which will be move-in-ready for season.

Each residence in the village of Chiasso is built of structurally engineered reinforced concrete block wall construction with high-profile concrete roof tiles. Each home also features brick paver driveways, walkways and lanais.

The entrance to Fiddler’s Creek is on Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. For more information call 732-9500, stop by the Fiddler’s Creek Information Center at 8152 Fiddler’s Creek Parkway or visit fiddlerscreek.com.

The family room, above, and dining room, above right, of the new Madison model by D.R. Horton at Fiddler’s Creek.
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As Talis Park’s residents continue to enjoy Fiona’s Market Café, the world-class Core Fitness Center, and the Espirit Spa that opened at Vyne House nearly a year ago, developer Kitson & Partners announced that vertical construction of Phase II of the New Fashioned clubhouse has begun. Kitson anticipates the 26,470 square feet under air, multi-level Phase II project will be completed by the end of 2015 and expects to hold a soft opening of Phase II in December, 2015 and a grand opening in January, 2016.

Located adjacent to the Great Lawn at Talis Park’s Grand Piazza, Vyne House epitomizes the New Fashioned aesthetic Kitson has introduced at the North Naples community. Rather than offering an expansive clubhouse that is more narrowly focused in design and function, Vyne House is consists of a series of life-style oriented spaces designed to be used every day, inviting users to come as they are in a relaxed, comfortable format. The buildings are interconnected by covered outdoor walkways and wrapped around multiple courtyards that offer the possibility of outdoor dining and entertaining. When Phase II is completed, Vyne House will include 32,052 square feet under air and 25,065 square feet of outdoor space.

Located adjacent to the Vyne House Shops, Fiona’s Market Café serves fresh, local fare, wine selections, bar service and other useful daily items and has quickly become a favored destination for Talis Park residents. It is the ideal gathering place for conversation and coffee after a bike ride or walk, after a workout, yoga or Pilates session in the Vyne House Core Fitness Center, or after a treatment or massage in the Espirit Spa.

Phase II will introduce Vyne Court, an open-air courtyard that is the centerpiece of Vyne House. In addition to serving as a point of entry, Vyne Court will be used as a social space suited to hosting a variety of events. The upper level will also include formal indoor dining, casual indoor and outdoor dining, a multi-purpose room immediately adjacent to Vyne Court, aerobics and cardio workout rooms, and a uniquely designed Wine Room/Board Room that will host wine tastings and monthly wine pairing dinners. Memberships in the Talis Park Wine Club will be offered. Members will have preferred access to the wine tastings and pairing dinners as well as an opportunity to secure a private wine locker.

The lower level of Vyne House Phase II will host the golf pro shop as well as the men’s and ladies’ locker rooms. The community is anchored by the glittering lakes and emerald-toned Sea Dwarf Paspalum fairways and greens of the Talis Park Golf Club golf course. One of just two Greg Norman-Pete Dye designed courses in the world, the course has been ranked #9 in Golfweek’s 2014 Best Residential Courses and is consistently ranked among the top 20 courses in Florida.

The Vyne House design includes an abundance of outdoor areas ideal for community events, casual dining, informal get-togethers with family and friends, or simply relaxing. Phase II will include the completion of a resort style pool with a large pool deck as well as a stately rotunda that will feature an oversized, two-sided fireplace and overlook the Talis Park Golf Course’s 18th green. As a final bonus, the Great Lawn in front of Vyne House is a green space that serves as the backdrop for signature community events such as harvest dinners, movie nights, concerts under the stars, or impromptu gatherings by residents to enjoy the beauty of place.

“Vyne House is elegant yet understated,” said Talis Park COO Milt Flinn. “It allows our residents to enjoy themselves in a relaxed, casual environment. The outdoor spaces included in Phase II are indicative of Kitson’s commitment to providing a clubhouse experience that is resident focused and that reflects how our residents live day to day. As we have seen at Fiona’s and at the Casa Cortese Grille at the Talis Park Golf Studio, the opportunity to enjoy casual outdoor lounge and dining venues is very popular. Vyne House Phase II will provide additional opportunities to do that while also providing a formal dining and lounge experience and the elegance of the Wine Room/Board Room.”

Talis Park is being envisioned and built with the financial strength and operational expertise of Kitson & Partners, a private real estate investment and development company founded in 1992 and based in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Kitson’s contemporary interpretation of luxury is uncomplicated and brings relevance to those aspects of life that are meant to ease the stress of day-to-day living. The result is a community that honors the timeless qualities that never go out of style. It is the Club reconsidered, and invites a select group of members to enjoy an active, health-oriented lifestyle on their own terms.

Talis Park’s residential choices range from penthouse style condominiums priced from the $700’s to estate residencies starting at $2.5 million. Homebuyers have an opportunity to begin enjoying Talis Park’s New Fashioned lifestyle in advance of next season. Completed and soon-to-be-completed furnished models and unfurnished Resident Ready homes are available for purchase in Talis Park’s eight distinct neighborhoods.

Talis Park is located in North Naples on Livingston Road just north of Immokalee Road. The community is situated within easy driving distance of the shopping and dining venues at Mercato, Gulf Coast Town Center, and Coconut Point Mall and is just minutes from the beach. Visit the community’s Garden House Sales Center at 16980 Livingston Road in North Naples, or visit Talis Park online at talispark.com.
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Bluegrass music is “pithy, mournful, but it’s got a good beat to it,” says Sharon Morrison, a mandolin player with Captain Joe and the Bottom Feeders and a board member of the Acoustic Music Society of Southwest Florida (which, as merged with another group and is now known as Palmgrass.org).

“(Bluegrass) can be tragedy in overdrive,” Ms. Morrison adds about the songs that are mostly uptempo and always in sweet harmony. “We’re usually singing about something sad and horrible, but we’ll still have a fast beat to it … usually,” she says.

Southwest Florida is home to a robust bluegrass scene; those who like to play and/or listen can join a

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Make way for the Upright Citizens Brigade

BY LINDSEY NESMITH

Cutting-edge comedy and theater fans will enjoy the show when the improvisational group Upright Citizens Brigade comes to town Friday, Nov. 14, for two performances at the Golden Gate Community Center. A 7:30 p.m. show will be suitable for families with older kids who are transitioning away from pure children’s entertainment, while the 9:30 p.m. show will be appropriate for adult audiences.

Made famous by past performers including Ed Helms and Horatio Sanz, UCB was founded in 1990 by Amy Poehler, Matt Besser, Ian Roberts and Matt Walsh. It moved from Chicago to New York City in 1996 and had its own Comedy Central series from 1998-2000. Now operating in both Los Angeles and New York, the troupe has been a breeding ground for many recognizable comic talents on television.

Its Naples appearance is jointly presented by Let’s Put On A Show Productions and Neapolitan Underground.

“It’s undeniably fresh and current,” says Derek Perry, executive director of Neapolitan Underground. “It is the most contemporary thing that can be seen in nearly all avenues.”

As opposed to many contemporary works that, though wonderful, are several years old by the time they reach Naples, Mr. Perry says UCB is almost instantaneously generated in front of the audience. “The only separation is going to be the day it takes (the performers) to fly down here, so you’re...
SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS
In France, love is a not-so-funny business

In Paris, where I spent the last five weeks, I met up with an old friend from college, an American woman now living in Lille. As we drank champagne in an outdoor cafe, she threw back her head and laughed at something I’d said.

“You’re so funny,” she said.

Funny? Me?

She’d caught me by surprise, mainly because I haven’t been funny in the last four months, not since I arrived in France.

I suppose the French have a sense of humor (have you seen their naval uniforms?), but to them I’m not the least bit funny. My jokes fall like stones in a pond, a minor ripple and then nothing. Until I met up with my old college friend, I had forgotten how good it feels to share a laugh with someone.

In all my travels, I’ve had many occasions to wonder if humor is translatable across cultures. For instance, so much of American humor revolves around self-deprecation. In the U.S., most of us enjoy laughing at our own expense. We like stories where the narrator looks like a fool. In France, as you can imagine, people go to great lengths not to look like fools (ironic, given their choice in swimwear). Sometimes I try to poke gentle fun during moments I consider humorous, but my Francophile friends have not responded well. In Paris, I’ve learned, you don’t poke anyone, in fun or not.

On another afternoon in the City of Light, I met up with a French friend, someone I’ve known for more than a decade. We sat in a cafe near Montmartre drinking overpriced cups of green tea, my friend confessed that one day he hopes to live in California. Still, he said, he’d like to be married to a French woman.

“Not an American?” I asked. “Especially if you’re living in the U.S.?”

He shook his head. With all the complications that come with being a foreigner in a strange country, he told me, he liked the idea of knowing that his wife, at least, would share his cultural references. Part of that, I assume, would be a shared sense of humor. So much of a relationship revolves around a collective idea of what’s funny.

It’s no secret that I long fantasized about settling down with a Frenchman (preferably with a vineyard), but now I have my doubts. Could I spend the rest of my life with someone who doesn’t think I’m funny?

Of course, many happy cross-cultural relationships exist. A lot of what it takes to fall in love is universal, rising above country of origin and even language. There’s hand holding and kissing and gentle smiles, the day-to-day gestures, the glass of orange juice first thing in the morning and the willingness to do the dishes at night. All of that, I know, is what’s essential.

Still, I can’t help but imagine it might be easier to love someone with a similar sense of humor. After all, life is hard enough as it is without having to put up with a partner who never laughs at our jokes.

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.
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Rookery Bay juried art exhibit celebrates local landscapes

Featuring a central theme of landscape, the ninth annual juried painting exhibition hangs in the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center through Jan. 22. The show highlights works of artists from Lee and Collier counties and is presented by the Friends of Rookery Bay and the United Arts Council of Collier County.

This year’s juror was Richard Muellner, professor of art at the Nova Scotia College of Art and Design. The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center is at 300 Tower Road, off Collier Boulevard between Naples and Marco Island. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday.

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“Sky, Water, Mangroves,” acrylic, by Carolyn Burger, Marco Island

“Skimmer Sunset,” watercolor, by Rick Granneman, Marco Island

“Golden Slippers,” rozome on silk, by Muffy Clark Gill, Naples

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BLUEGRASS

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jam session or hear bluegrass bands at numerous venues from Naples north to Arcadia.

Ms. Morrison describes area bluegrass concerts as having a “fun, family atmosphere.” And for her, that’s literally true. Her husband, Patrick Morrison, plays bass fiddle in Captain Joe and the Bottom Feeders with her. And her brother-in-law, Russ Morrison, is a bluegrass guitarist who occasionally plays with a pick-up band of friends who call themselves No Part of Nothin’. He’s also known for booking bluegrass acts all over the state, but mostly in Naples. His Florida Fish Hook Tour presents monthly concerts at The Norris Center, through winter/spring (Claire Lynch, IBMA Female Vocalist of the Year, and her band opened the season in October; upcoming acts include Bluegrass Beargrass and The Bean Pickers, who’ll perform with other artists in the sixth annual Neapolitan Opry Cluster Pluckin’).

“We’ve been building a pretty good base,” Russ Morrison says. “Every time we do a concert, we get new people who weren’t aware of what bluegrass is, or had a misperception of it, thinking it’s just a bunch of hillbillies. They don’t realize that some of the best musicians in the world play bluegrass, and it’s so sophisticated. When they see it and experience it, they like it. “It’s a grassroots thing, no pun intended,” he says.

Bluegrass aplenty in SWFL

In addition The Norris Center, Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits in Naples books a bluegrass or acoustic music act every even Friday night. In Lee County, Palmgrass.org presents monthly concerts, usually on a Sunday night in the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers. “It’s not always bluegrass,” Ms. Morrison says. “We have one guy who just sings and plays fingerpicking style, and then Andy Wahlgren plays harp guitar. I don’t know how you would categorize him, it’s just something everybody likes.”

Bluegrass concerts are usually informal affairs.

“It’s a fun, family atmosphere and the people you meet there tend to become friends,” she says, adding that eventually national acts are easily accessible and will talk to fans.

“One of the things I will say is that the people in bluegrass are not one big star, like country music people have, with one person upfront,” Ms. Morrisson says. “It’s usually more like a group performing. It’s not as lucrative as country music, so it becomes one big family.”

In Charlotte County, bluegrass fans flock to Craig’s RV Park in Arcadia to hear concerts or to jam at sessions organized by the Heartland Bluegrass Association from 1-4 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of the month (but not in November or December, because of the holidays). The January concert will feature JB Davis and The Bridge, the John Stey Band and Bits of Grass.

Those who are so inclined camp at the park for the weekend. During December, a dozen or two dozen people come to camp, and 100 to 150 people come for the show.

“There are a lot of bluegrass fanatics in Southwest Florida,” says Dave Cowles, president of the Heartland Bluegrass Association. They love the music, he adds, because “it’s pure, acoustic, unamplified and genuine

Richard Smith and Julie Smith, Feb. 13 at The Norris Center

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Southern Bluegrass Express, Nov. 22 at The Norris Center

Flamingo Island Flea Market in Bonita Springs hosts an open mike from 2-4 p.m. every Sunday. Free admission. Call 948-7793 for more information.

An open mike gospel sing and jam with a heavy emphasis on bluegrass takes place at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the LaBelle Revival Center. Call (963) 673-7954 for more information.

Heartland Bluegrass Jam takes place Dec. 4-7 at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds in Port Charlotte. For more information, call (941) 661-9125.


The Southwest Florida Bluegrass Jam starts at 10:30 a.m. every second weekend October-April at the Charlotte Cultural Center in Port Charlotte. For more information, call (941) 661-9125.

The Jeremy Davis Bluegrass Benefit takes place Dec. 4-7 at the Charlotte County Fairgrounds in Port Charlotte. Bands include The James King Band, James Rogers & Blue Cypress, Southern Bluegrass Express, The Beaumonts, Ernie Evans and the Florida State Bluegrass Band, Highway 41 South, Florida Bluegrass Express, Bits of Grass, the Myakka River Bluegrass Band, Sonya Stratton & Straight South and Flattland. For more information, call (941) 255-9152 or email Jim Marshall at jimgrass@aol.com.


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Missy Raines & The New Hip, Feb. 12 at the Center for Performing Arts Bonita Springs Americana.

Though Mr. Cowles plays guitar and mandolin, he jokes that he’s “too old and crotchety to work in a band.” But he does occasionally play with Contra-diction (a contraction of contrary and tradition) and Second Chance.

Heartland Bluegrass Association has a Facebook page and a website, heartlandbluegrass.org, where fans can keep up with what’s going on. Membership in the association — $25 a year for everyone who’s living under the same roof — means free admission to the Saturday shows and regular emails about bluegrass events throughout the region.

Here’s more information about upcoming concerts, jam sessions and bluegrass associations:

Palmgrass.org (the name of the organization and also its website) has information about bluegrass concerts, musicians, bands and “where to pick.”

Coming up on Sunday afternoons at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers:

Nov. 16 – Bill Metts, The Sawgrass Drifters and Captain Joe and the Bottom Feeders

Dec. 14 – Andy Wahlgren, The Bug-tussle Ramblers and Highway 41

The Southwest Florida Bluegrass Association website, southwestfloridabluegrass.org, has information about bands and artists, bluegrass instructors, bluegrass radio and numerous links.

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WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

Time Stands Still — Through Nov. 15 at Sugden Community Theatre, 701 Fifth Ave. S. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org. See review on page C10.

Sunset Park — Through Nov. 23 by The Marco Players at The Marco Players Theater, 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.


The Spitfire Grill — Through Dec. 6 by The Naples Players at the Sugden Community Theatre, 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Charlotte’s Web — By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Theatre at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 and at 2 and 7 p.m. Nov. 16, 10550 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8998 or artcenterbonita.org.

Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike — Through Nov. 19 by Florida Repertory Theatre, downtown Fort Myers. 332-4488 or floridarep.org. See review on page C1.


Miss Nelson Has a Field Day — By Broadway Palm Children’s Theatre on select dates through Nov. 14 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.


Gift Buying Seminar — Marilyn Hellman of Marilyn’s on Fifth Avenue presents “Getting Your Husband to Buy the Right Gift for the Holidays” at 2 p.m. Registration required. 375 Fifth Ave. S. 206-4460 or marilynhellman.com.

Bet on It — Central Bank hosts the Women’s Network of Collier County’s “Banking on Education” casino night starting at 5:30 p.m. $25, with proceeds benefiting scholarships for Hodges University. 4099 Tamiami Trail N. 430-2500 or wnocc.org.

French Style — Professional organizer Marla Ottenstein presents “How to Organize Your Closets and Dress Like a French Woman (Or Man)” at 6 p.m. at Dagny’s Spirits. $20, with all proceeds benefit the Women’s Network of Collier County.

Concert Tribute — Attilio and Christy Marinelli of Duo Romantica perform a tribute to Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Marco Island Historical Museum. $25. (800) 838-3006.

Frida — By Laboratorios, Puerto Rico. Thursday through Sunday in the Naples Performing Arts Center in the Daniels Pavilion at Artis—Naples. $34 for members, $39 for non-members, $59 for seniors. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.


MISS NELSON HAS A FIELD DAY — By Broadway Palm Children’s Theatre on select dates through Nov. 14 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.

On the Verge or The Geography of Yearning — Through Nov. 23 at the Arts & Education Center in the Daniels Pavilion at Arts—Naples. Naples, FL 33990 or artsnaples.org.

My Brilliant Divorce — By Laboratory Theater, Florida. Through Nov. 15 on the main stage at the Bowerman Theatre, Florida. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

A Christmas Carol — Nov. 20-Dec. 27 at the Broadway Palm Theatre, Fort Myers. 278-4422 or broadwaypalm.com.


THURSDAY 11.13

Islam Lecture — Instructor Thomas Eastwood talks about radical Islam and jihad at 10 a.m. in the first of a two-part FGCU Renaissance Academy lecture series. $34 for members, $39 for non-members. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 284-4231 or fgcu.edu.

Talk About Books — Tell other readers about the great books you’ve read lately at 2 p.m. at Headquarters Library.

The Marco Players presents “Sunset Park” through Nov. 23 at the Marco Players Theater in Marco Town Center Mall. The contemporary comedy/drama set in Brooklyn tells the story of a widow whose apartment building is going co-op, but she can’t afford to buy in and cannot, by law, be asked to leave. Then her middle-aged children, Carol and Roger, hear about it. Shown here are actors Michelle Langlais, Marilyn Hibbert and Sean O’Shea. 642-7270 or themarcoplayers.com.

Friday 11.14

Grand Opening — Stacy’s Golden Hanger celebrates with a fashion show, music, champagne, free makeovers and consultations with HairDesign by Avant-Garde starting at 5 p.m. 2335 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 168, 431-8440.

Christian Rock — Casting Crowns, Mandisa and The Sidewalk Prophets perform at 7 p.m at Germain Arena. germainarena.com.

SATURDAY 11.15

Big Cats — North Collier Regional Park hosts the fourth annual Florida Panther Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Florida Panther Festival.com. See story on page A1.

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TRIPLE THREAT — Comedians Keith Bergman, D.K. Hamilton and Stu McAlister share the stage at Old Naples Comedy Club starting at 8 p.m. $18 in advance, $20 at the door. 100 Sixth Ave. S. 455-2844 or oldnaplescomedyclub.com.

More Cats — The Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers Cat Show is set for 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today and Sunday at the Araba Shriners Hall, 2910 Hanson St., Fort Myers. 832-4299 or catshow.us.

Christmas Market — Trinity-by-the-Cove hosts 23 vendors at its 59th Annual Christmas Market from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visitors can purchase holiday decorations, specialty soaps and homemade treats. 553 Galleon Drive. 262-6581 or trinitybytheecove.com.

Holiday Bazaar — Goodland Civic Association hosts its fifth annual holiday bazaar from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Saturday in MarGood Park.

Art Show — The 14th bi-annual Estero Fine Art Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Saturday at Miromar Outlets. (941) 755-3088 or hotworks.org.

Toys for Tots — Through Dec. 3, receive half-priced admission to Everglades Wonder Gardens when you bring a new, unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots. 27180 Old 41 Road, Bonita Springs. 992-8792 or evergladeswondergardens.com.

Hula-Hoop Challenge — Join a Whirl “a” Twirl competition from 9 a.m. to noon at Cambier Park to benefit the Naples Alliance for Children. The event will also feature contests, prizes and puppy performances at Ruffless Dog University. 513-7990 or napleschild.org.

Family Garden — Naples Botanical Garden presents “Fall Festival & Fall at 9 a.m. Visitors will garden in the Smith Children’s Garden or Buchler Family Foundation Enabling Garden and enjoy live entertainment and activities. $14.95 for adults, $9.95 for children. 643-7257 or naplesgarden.org.

Celebrate Nature — The Nature Festival at Delnor-Wiggins State Park takes place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 597-S06Q or floridastateparks.org/delnorwiggins.

Storytime — Kids will enjoy a reading of “The Great Thanksgiving Escape” at 11 a.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 597-2040 or bn.com.

Art Alive — It’s Weekend Art Alive from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and 1-4 p.m. Sunday in the Naples North Art District north of Pine Ridge Road and west of Airport-Pulling Road. 821-8061.

Travel Group — Solo Women’s Travel “A Snowman’s Day at the Beach” presented by the Evangelist Church today and every third Saturday. 626 8th Ave. N. (305) 481-4533.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Fun for Fashion — True Fashionistas celebrates the grand opening of its second resale store with champagne, snacks and complimentary makeovers all day starting at 10 a.m. at Coconut Point in Estero. 292-2007 or truefashionistasresale.com.

Farm Fun — Head out to Collier Family Farms in Ave Maria for the Fall Harvest Festival from noon to 4 p.m. Free. 205-5231 or collierfamilyfarms.com.

Band Tournament — Lely High School hosts the 25th Annual Band Tournament starting at 4 p.m. The afternoon includes a special alumni performance (rehearsals in the Trojan band room Nov. 13-14). 377-2091.

Musical Anniversary — The Naples Music Club performs “A Romantic Interlude” at 4 p.m. at Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church. Inspired by age-old love themes, the concert will feature vocalists, instrumentalists and pianists performing selections by Brahms, Rachmaninoff, Purcell and Brubeck. Free, donations appreciated. 1225 Piper Blvd. naplesmusicclub.org.

Block Party — Head downtown to Fifth Avenue South at 6 p.m. for the Rotary Club of Naples’ Grape Escape block party, the four-day festival’s main event, napleswine.org for tickets and a complete schedule.

SUNDAY 11.16

Farmers Market — Sugden Regional Park hosts a farmers market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. 293-6266.

Yoga in the Garden — Bala Vinyasa Yoga leads a yoga class at 10 a.m. at Naples Botanical Garden. $10 for members, $20 for non-members. Arrive 15 minutes early to register. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Foreign Film — The FGCU Renaissance Academy presents a screening and discussion of "Jean de Florette" (France, 1986) starting at 2 p.m. Rated PG. $5 for members, $6 for non-members. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

Gregorian Chant — St. Mary’s Episcopal Church hosts Ave Maria’s Schola Gregoriana for a performance of sacred music at 4 p.m. Free. 9801 Bonita Beach Road. 993-3343 or stmarysbonita.org.

Big Band Concert — The Gulf Coast Big Band with jazz musician Lew Del Gatto performs at 2 p.m. in the bandshell at Cambier Park. 877-6090 or Gulfcoastbigband.com.

Here Come the Brides — Brides-to-be can shop the latest bridal trends and meet area wedding professionals at the Naples Bridal Expo from 1-4 p.m. at the Hilton Naples. $5 at the door, free for those who register in advance. SII Tamiami Trail N. 272-8477 or naplesbridalexpo.com.

MONDAY 11.17

Art Film — Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs presents a screening of “The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo” (USA, 2011) at 6:30 p.m. $10. 6300 Old 41 Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Jazz Jam — Jebry and Friends perform at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits at 6 p.m. 2700 Immokalee Road. 431-7928 or fredsdiner.com.

#TWIRL IT

■ Felines rule the roost when the Platinum Coast Cat Fanciers Cat Show takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Araba Shriners Hall, 2910 Hanson St., Fort Myers. 823-4299.

■ “Violin goddess” Anne-Sophie Mutter takes the stage at 8 p.m. Thursday at Arts—Naples along with 13 string players and a harpsichordist, all scholarship students of her foundation. Together they present a program of music by Vivaldi, Currier and Mendelssohn. 997-1900 or artsnaples.com.

#FARM IT

■ Head on out to Collier Family Farms in Ave Maria for the Farm Fall Fest from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Free.

#UNCORK IT

■ Switch to vino when Blue Martini offers food-and-wine pairings featuring four local wines starting at 5 p.m. Thursday. $35. Reservations required. 784-4599.
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TUESDAY 11.18

Historic Holidays – Christmas at Palm Cottage is open from 1-4 p.m. today and Wednesday and from 1-8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday through Dec. 31. 137 12th Ave. S. 261-8646 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Gardening Workshop – Naples Botanical Garden presents a class on making kokedama, or Japanese hanging moss balls, at 9:30 a.m. $35 for members, $40 for non members. 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Book Talk – Naples Regional Library hosts a discussion of “Gettysburg’s Oath: A Child, A Promise And A Heroic Escape During WWII” by Ram Oren at 2 p.m. 650 Central Ave. 262-4130 or collierlibrary.org.

Travelogues – FGCU’s Renaissance Academy hosts Christine Wheeler with a program about her People-to-People trips to Cuba starting at 10 a.m. 1010 Fifth Ave. S. $20 for members, $25 for non-members. Fgcu.edu or 434-4737.

Bach Ensemble – Enjoy selections by Vivaldi, Bach and Galuppi and performances from three young musicians who competed in the October Bach Festival at 5:30 p.m at Marco Island Center for the Arts. $35. 1010 Winterberry Drive. 394-4233 or marcoislandart.org.

Baroque Chamber Concert – Artris—Naples presents harpsichordist Patrick Dupre Quigley as part of the Sypert Salon Series at 3 p.m. in the Daniels Pavilion. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Movies on the Lawn – Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and settle in for a free screening of “The Lego Movie” at 6 p.m. on the grass across from Naples Flatbread and Yogurbella at Mercato. 254-1080 or mercatoshops.com.

WEDNESDAY 11.19

Local History – The Naples Historical Society leads a walking tour of Old Naples starting at 9:30 a.m. at Historic Palm Cottage. Reservations required. 261-8646 or napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Relationship Lecture – Drs. Basha and Jeffrey Kaplan discuss and sign their book “Soulmating: The Secret to everlasting Love and Passion” at 6:30 p.m at Food & Thought. 2121 Tamiami Trail N. 212-2222 or soulmatingdouglas.com.

Girl Time – GirlTalkTV brings over twenty vendors to the Naples Botanical Garden at 6 p.m. so visitors can shop skincare, beauty and fashion products while enjoying a DJ, giveaways and makeovers. Proceeds benefit Dress for Success of Southwest Florida. $25. 784-4706 or giltalktv.com

COMING UP

Islam Lecture – Instructor Thomas Eastwood talks about radical Islam and jihad at 10 a.m. in the second of a two-part FGCU Renaissance Academy lecture series on Thursday, Nov. 20. $34 for members, $39 for non-members. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 394-4233 or fegcu.edu.

Holiday Boutique – Naples Women’s Club hosts a shopping event 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The Providence House. 570 Park Street. 262-4331 or gwcnapleswomensclub.org.

Maj Jongg – The Jewish Congregation of Marco Island hosts games from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20. All levels welcome. Reservations required. $2 for members, $3 for non-members. 1010 Winterberry Drive, Marco Island. 389-7872 or marcojcmi.com.

La Boheme – Opera Naples opens its 10th anniversary season with “La Boheme” Thursday, Nov. 20, and Saturday, Nov. 22, at Artis—Naples. 963-9050 or operanaples.org.

In Her Shoes – Clive Daniel hosts a fundraiser from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20, to benefit Footsteps to the Future. Fashion items collected by St. Monica’s Episcopal Church will be available at deep discounts. 2777 Tamiami Trail N. 281-7378 or footstepstothefuture.org. 262-6338 or gwcnapleswomensclub.org.


Family Fun – Ave Maria hosts Family Fun Day from 4-6 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at the Ave Maria Town Center. 304-1236 or ammar.com.

Fall Festival – Covenant Church of Naples holds its annual fall festival starting at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21. Guests will enjoy a hayride, carnival games and more, including free hamburgers, hot dogs and nachos. 6926 Trail Blvd. 597-3463 or covenantnaples.com.


Country Classic – Leanne Williams presents a tribute to Patsy Cline starting at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 21, at The Norris Center. $22. 213-3058.
Laugh I Say – Join comedians Brian Corrigan, Rause Pageot, Michael Pet- tit and Michael Panzeca for a night of comedy 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 22, at the Hilton Naples. $50, with proceeds to benefit Giving Outreach, a new non-profit. 603-3911 or givingoutreach.com.

Sing-Along – Voice of Naples hosts the 12th annual Sing-Along Messiah at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, at Naples United Church of Christ. $15 in advance, $20 at the door. 5220 Crayton Road. 455-2582 or voicesofnaples.org.

Memoir Writing – Join Florida Weekly’s own Artis Henderson for a class about writing your life story at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 24, at Daugy’s Spirits. Registration required. $20. 15205 Collier Blvd. 843-9241 or dagnysspirits.com.

Monument Men – Retired Special Agent Thomas Eastwood presents the fascinating true story of how the U.S. and the U.K. established a unit to protect art and cultural sites during WWII starting at 2 p.m. and again at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive. 593-0334 or collierlibrary.org.

Art After Hours – Artis—Naples Baker Art Museum stays open late and offers free admission from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26. Live entertainment and docent discussions. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.

Black Friday Entertainment – Waterside Shops presents live music starting at noon Friday, Nov. 28. 398-1605 or watersideshops.com.

Wise Guy – Comedian Jimmy Keys plays the Rose Auditorium at the Marco Island History Museum at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 28. $25. 180 S. Heathwood Drive. Purchase tickets at the SunTrust Building at Pelican Bay, 848-2772.


Meet the Gingriches – Newt and Callista Gingrich sign their children’s book “From Sea to Shining Sea” at noon Saturday, Nov. 29, at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. 597-2040 or bn.com.

Art Exhibit – Gallery on Fifth in Mercato presents “We the People: Everyday Life in Soviet Ukraine and Contemporary Southwest Florida” Nov. 29-Dec. 20. 220-7563 or artorg.net.

Sea Turtles for Kids – Conservancy of Southwest Florida research manager and sea turtle expert Jeff Schmid talks to kids about sea turtles, and children’s author Sarah Hoagland Hunter reads from her book “Every Turtle Counts” to kids 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Nov. 29, at the Conservancy. 1495 Smith Preserve Way. 263-0204 or conservancy.org.

Christmas Tunes – Dave Koz & Friends perform holiday favorites starting at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 1, at Artis—Naples. 597-1900 or artisnaples.org.


Light Festival – The seventh annual Celebration of Lights takes place from 4-9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at Ave Maria Town Center. A town parade begins at 6 p.m. Free. 352-3903 or aveamaria.com.

Children’s Opera – Gulfshore Opera performs “Hansel & Gretel” Sunday, Dec. 7, at the Center for the Arts of Bonita Springs and Sunday, Dec. 21, at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

Chorus Concert – The Barron Collier High School Chorus performs at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, at Moorings Presbyterian Church, 795 Harbor Drive. Free. Collierschools.com/bch.

Gallery Reception – Gallery on Fifth in Mercato hosts an opening reception at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 11, for Bobby Goldsboro, whose paintings will be on exhibit through Dec. 24. 521-9459 or artorg.net.

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ARTS COMMENTARY

Theater at its best: ‘Tribes’ opens hearts and minds

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This is a fresh take on communication, about the necessity of belonging, about feeling like an outsider, even within those very tribes to which you belong. Mr. Clavelli and the actors are careful not to dip into sentimentality or hoakiness. There is a sense of reality, an urgency, even, permeating this play.

For many or even most hearing people, who see “Tribes,” it will be a revelation, a shock almost, as they realize for the first time just how hearing they are. The family is a tribe: an infighting tribe but intensely loyal.”

“Tribes,” which played Off-Broadway, was the winner of the 2012 Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play; the 2012 New York Drama Critics Circle Award and the 2012 Off-Broadway Alliance Award for Best Play. When it premiered in London in 2010, it received an Olivier Award nomination for Best Play.

Chris Clavelli directs this intense and moving production with great insight into the challenging material. He makes use of the small space by putting flat-screen TVs on all four walls of the theater, so those of us who don’t know sign language will be able to understand what some of the characters are signing.

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It is profound, humorous and moving. And definitely worth seeing.

This is theater at its best, opening our hearts and minds, expanding our own personal boundaries and limitations.
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Horoscopes

By Linda Thistle

Scorpio (October 23 to November 21)

Encouraging a friendlier environment in the home could go a long way to help dissipate anger and resolve problems, especially those affecting children. It won’t be easy, but you can do it.

Sagittarius (November 22 to December 21)

A recent act of kindness is beginning to show some unexpected (but very welcome) results. On another note, expect to hear about a possible move to another locale.

Capricorn (December 22 to January 19)

The good news is that the sure-footed Goat can rely on his or her skill to get around obstacles in the workplace. The not-so-good news is that new impediments could turn up later.

Aquarius (January 20 to February 18)

A change of pace is welcome but also confusing. Before you make decisions, wait. You know precisely what it is you’re being asked to do.

Pisces (February 19 to March 20)

Don’t fret if you don’t get the gratitude you think you’re owed for doing a nice thing for someone. There might be a good reason for that. In any event, what’s important is that you did it.

Aries (March 21 to April 19)

While it seems that chaos is taking over, you get everything back to normal, even if it means being a little more assertive with some people. Expect to hear more job-related news soon.

Taurus (April 20 to May 20)

Expect to be able to move ahead with your workplace plans now that you have a good idea of what you might have to face. You also can anticipate a welcome change on the home front.

Gemini (May 21 to June 21)

A quieter period settles in, giving you a chance to catch your breath, as well as allowing for more time to handle some important family matters. The arts dominate this weekend. Enjoy them.

Cancer (June 21 to July 22)

The frustrations of last week have pretty much played themselves out. You should find things going more smoothly, especially with those all-important personal matters.

Leo (July 23 to August 22)

Once again, you find a creative way to resolve a pesky problem in short order. However, a matter involving a possible breach of confidence might need a bit more time to check out.

Virgo (August 23 to September 22)

Reuniting with an old friend could lead to the sharing of some great new experiences. But be careful you don’t find yourself once again being super-critical or overly judgmental.

Libra (September 23 to October 22)

You should be seeing some positive results following your move toward repairing that unraveling relationship. There might be some setbacks, but staying with it ultimately pays off.

Born This Week:

You have a way of making the sort of wise decisions that ultimately shed new light on dark situations.

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Challenging

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**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

An oldie but goodie

BY STEVE BECKER

Bridge players in general, and experts in particular, occasionally get greedy. One of the most famous cases of this sort occurred many years ago — in 1935, to be exact.

Dick Frey and Ely Culbertson, world-famous experts in those early days of contract bridge, were playing a set game at very high stakes against two prominent French experts.

Frey opened one notrump, and Culbertson raised him to four. This was simply an invitational raise in notrump, asking South to bid a slam if he had a maximum for his opening notrump bid. But Frey, with minimum values, declined the invitation.

West led the diamond nine, won with the ten, and Frey could count only nine sure tricks. The spade suit could always be tested later, if necessary, for a 3-3 break, so Frey decided to try to develop a club trick. Accordingly, he led the ten of clubs at trick two, planning to finesse in the hope that West held the jack.

After West followed low, Frey played the six from dummy, at which point East (Pierre Albarran) followed with the deuce! Frey now had 10 tricks, but, enamored with his success in having found West with the jack of clubs — or so he thought — he continued with the nine of clubs in a greedy effort to make five notrump.

This was greeted with open arms by the wily Albarran, who proceeded to cash four club tricks for down one. Nearly 80 years have passed, but the memory lingers on. Certainly Albarran, France’s top player of that era, deserves great credit for his deuce-of-clubs play at trick two. But whether Frey should be censured for leading a second club, or praised for making it possible for Albarran’s defensive play to be brought to public attention, is left to the tender mercies of the reader.

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Timing is everything, and it just so happens that kidnapped journalists in the Middle East have recently been all over the news. The truth is it’s been happening for years, to have a new release about a tortured journalist in Iran is serendipitous indeed. The fact that it’s a serious drama written and directed by comedian Jon Stewart (“The Daily Show”) makes it all the more intriguing.

Maziar Bahari grew up in Tehran, Iran, but is now based out of London working as a journalist for Newsweek. It’s June 2009 when he leaves his pregnant wife (Claire Foy) behind to go back to Tehran to visit his mother (Shohreh Aghdashloo) and cover the election between incumbent Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and Mir-Hossein Mousavi. After Mr. Ahmadinejad wins in controversial fashion, Mr. Moussavi’s supporters protest, prompting Mr. Bahari to submit street-riot video footage to the BBC. Shortly thereafter he’s arrested by Revolutionary Guard police and interrogated by a “specialist” (Kim Bodnia) who smells of rosee, hence the film’s title.

The charge? Mr. Bahari is suspected of being a spy. For 118 days, he’s asked about his writing, travel, Facebook page and more, never knowing if he’ll survive.

The narrative structure is necessarily linear but unfortunately one-dimensional. Mr. Bahari is psychologically (not physically) tormented by the specialist, envisions conversations with his dead dad and sister, rinse, repeat. The intention is to capture a sense of life inside the prison, this part is understandable if tedious.

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FLORIDA WRITERS

FBI agent challenged by scheming serial killer


If you missed the Doubleday hardcover original, then catch up with the recently issued paperback of this splendid addition to Alex Kava’s Maggie O’Dell series.

Maggie is no stick figure, but rather a complex character — a person whose private and professional lives interact in fascinating ways. Over the many books in this series, readers have become as involved in her personal story as they are in her bone-chilling assignments.

Have you ever felt ill at ease when making a stop along the interstate? Especially at night when those rest stops and truck stops seem isolated and the people with whom you choose not to make eye contact seem lost, seedy or just plain threatening? Have you worried about getting stranded? About needing help from a stranger? About being asked to give help to a stranger?

FBI agent Maggie must investigate what looks like a long run of serial abductions and/or killings for which just such remote and transient places are the crime scenes. One scene is near Manhattan, Kan. Another is near Sioux City, Iowa, and yet another is along the Florida Panhandle.

Accompanied by her FBI partner R.J. Tully, Maggie finds herself in a battle of wits with a killer who has made her his personal challenge. He manipulates the investigation by leaving clues that must be followed. But followed into what? This madman is a showoff who needs an audience.

Early in the novel, we follow Maggie and Tully to a “body dump” adjacent to an interstate rest stop. Finding the dumpsite is a victory for Maggie, but it’s also part of the killer’s plan to catch Maggie and … who knows?

The author strings her story along a tight, weeklong timeline of accelerating tension. She alternates the scenes that follow the investigation by Maggie and Tully with scenes in which other characters are central. Prominent among these is FBI consulting forensic psychologist Dr. Gwen Patterson, whose assignment to the Highway Serial Killings Task Force aggravates her private and professional insecurity.

The gruesome aspects of the case, as revealed by Maggie and others, rattle...
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Gwen, who is already fearful of having cancer. Although a second-string charac-ter, she’s given the nuance and shad-ing that befits a primary character. Ms. Kava’s artistry is such that the elabora-tion never stops the action or blunts the emotional edge.

The question of Gwen’s ability to effectively interview the hulking mis-fit Otis P. Dodd, who has information about the killer, raises its own suspense. So does Mr. Dodd, a fascinating freak if there ever was one.

Then there’s Ryder Creed, a complex and compelling character. When the investigators need trained dogs to find (and perhaps rescue) the living and locate the remains of the dead, they call upon Creed, a Florida dog handler who has trained a large and varied group of canines for a range of tasks and situations.

Through Creed, the author provides fascinating insights into this aspect of criminal investigation, especially into the teamwork and bonding of dog and trainer/handler. Even Creed’s dogs are finely drawn characters.

Though Maggie has for a long while closed herself off from personal relationships with men, her unexpected attrac-tion to Creed is making her think about opening up. (Ms. Kava will soon launch a new series featuring Ryder Creed. The first title is “Breaking Creed.”)

From early in the novel, readers know about a survivor of the serial killer’s brutality. Teenage Noah has escaped or been allowed to escape, but he carries in his head the voice of the friend he left behind. Mad with grief, guilt and fear, he is hiding part of the puzzle that Maggie and her associates need to solve before more bodies pile up.

Ms. Kava’s characters, whether normal or morally damaged, are vivid and plausible. Her settings are brilliantly drawn, with appropriate atmospheric touches of gloom and danger. Cleverly and meticulously plotted and shaped, “Stranded” is a high watermark in its genre.

No wonder this fine novel was the 2013 Florida Book Awards bronze med-alist in contemporary fiction. Ms. Kava has homes in two states. Guess what? “Stranded” has been named the 2014 Nebraska Book Award winner in fic-tion.

—Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war litera-ture and a creative writing text.

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going to have a representation of what’s happening on the front lines of New York.”

The two long-form improvisational performances will be by UCB players James the Third (NBC’s “Late Night with Seth Meyers,” “Funnier or Die,” “The Nerdist”), Mike Kelton (“I Love the 2000s,” comedic writer for US Weekly), Lindsay Callieran and Jenny St. Angelo. Made up of the best comedians from both UCB locations, the touring company is considered to be the next wave of comedy superstars.

Though the troupe is mostly recognizable to people in their 20s and 30s, Mr. Perry promises older generations will also be entertained. “We have very hip old people here,” he says. “They’re more in tune with culture in the sense that they’re travelling all the time. I don’t think we give them enough credit.”

Scott Lilly, a co-founder of the relatively new Let’s Put On A Show Productions (it’s in its second season of producing community theater at the Golden Gate Community Center), is pleased to partner with Neapolitan Underground as a way of forwarding the fledgling production company’s mission to bring unique theater experiences to Naples.

“We’re bringing premiere shows to Southwest Florida that are a little bit quirky and different,” Mr. Lilly says. “Tramining up with Neapolitan Underground is a perfect match. They’re different, we’re different, and that’s what we’re after.”

Neapolitan Underground was created several years ago to bring contemporary performances to Naples and to give local amateur artists opportunities to perform.

“As an organization, one of our main goals is to challenge the community to create and to become artists,” Mr. Perry says. “There are monolithic organizations in town that do big things. In order to be involved in that, you already have to be there — you see cast bios and they’re an MFA of this New York school or they’ve been on Broadway. One of our ultimate goals is to transition people from just being people who admire the arts and may catch a show every couple years to becoming performers. We seek to develop the existing community and enhance it.”

Let’s Put On A Show Productions aims to produce alternative shows for both amateur and professional artists.

“It’s actually a hobby,” co-founder Kevin Moriarty allows. “No degrees here. We’re not on Broadway, we’re not professionals. We just have a passion for theater. We’re two theater nerds.”

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Dear Friends and Community Stakeholders,

We need each other.

Each year while I relish the opportunity to write an open letter to our community as part of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s annual report to the region, I also struggle to find just the right words to capture the past year and cast a vision for the future.

But this year four simple words came readily to mind as I reflected on 2014 and began to imagine our work together in 2015 — we need, each, other.

First year much of our success was created collectively, as a community. We played the role of convener and humble broker, but the work was accomplished by the players around the table.

Together we increased contributions by 38% thanks to our donors and fundholders, convened residents from across the region to discuss some of our community’s most pressing issues including philanthropic funding, water, domestic violence and education. We worked alongside local nonprofits to work collaboratively and reduce duplication of efforts. Together we attracted the attention and support of funders and national foundations like Lumina Foundation, Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy, the Florida Next Foundation and Robert Rauschenberg Foundation to infuse our region with additional services, resources and funding to address regional issues and create common good.

As I look ahead to 2015 and beyond, I might alter my call to action slightly to: We need more of each other. We need to expand our table to include more businesses, local municipalities, policy makers, residents from across Southwest Florida and additional funding partners. The more of us working together to envision, design and creatively remove barriers and solve social issues, the more successful we will be.

If the Community Foundation has reached out to you in 2014 and you have responded — through email, attendance of roundtables, art receptions, idea labs, compassionate shark tanks, or participating as a scholarship reader or a new fundholder, we THANK YOU. You are part of all you see featured in this annual report.

If we haven’t had the opportunity to connect yet, my hope is that we will in the coming year. We need your unique perspective, insight and support. We need you because we need each other. Here we go!

In Gratitude,
Sarah Owen
The Southwest Florida Community Foundation hit two major milestones during fiscal year 2013-14: We reached $82.5 million in total assets and a record $61.8 million in investments as of June 30, 2014. Our total assets increased 18 percent from the previous fiscal year while investments rose 19 percent. The increases are a result of new funds, additional contributions and investment returns (16 percent last year).

Since its inception 38 years ago, your Community Foundation has received $100 million in contributions and distributed $60 million in direct support to the community.

In addition to overseeing the foundation’s assets and investments, the Board of Trustees’ Finance Committee also reviews quarterly results presented in our financial statements and annually recommends the budget to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees’ Audit Committee oversees accounting and financial reporting policies and practices, the Foundation’s internal controls and the independent audit of financial statements. The Audit Committee is also responsible for reviewing IRS Form 990 prior to filing the foundation’s tax return and reporting to the Board of Trustees.

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The Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Inc.

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| Payments and change in value of split interest agreements and remainder interests | 1,281,260 | 1,162,572 |
| Change in net assets | 12,097,799 | 5,825,142 |
| **Net Assets, beginning of year** | **$64,779,353** | **$58,954,211** |
| **Net Assets, year to date** | **$76,877,152** | **$64,779,353** |

Copies of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation’s IRS Form 990, IRS Form 990-PF, if required, and the current annual audit are available for your review online at www.floridacommunity.com or at our office by calling 239-274-5900, ext. 228.

Investments: $61,811,688

Your Money at Work: Record Investments, Record Assets

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2014
REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

GIVE

181%
Increase in contributions

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

SOLVE

7 water roundtables
5 literacy roundtables
4 nonprofit “tribe” networks
16 nonprofit org. grantees
1 idea lab
Lumira Foundation
Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy
Robert Rauschenberg Foundation
Florida Next Foundation

REGIONAL CHANGE FOR COMMON GOOD

2.6 mil
Nonprofit grants

CHANGE

1681
Fort Myers students chose next steps as Future Makers
partner well in the region and we con- nected donors to causes that are impor- tant to them. They want to know their money is making a difference."

Engaging Your Community
Roundtable discussions held this year energized participants to find better ways of doing things. Together, we saw ideas lead to vision and action to sus- tainable change. Like the ripple effect created by a drop of water in a pond, a new computer lab and classroom at Clewiston Public Library will have lasting effects. The project exceeded original expectations of providing mod- ern-day technology to serve the unem- ployed and underemployed and classes for small business start-ups.

An initial $50,000 grant from the Community Foundation was quickly leveraged when businesses and resi- dents from around town stepped in and contributed enough to match the grant for technology and more. The funds helped to pay licensing fees for several small-business entrepreneurs, teach English to parents of students enrolled in its tutoring program, conduct GED classes, and launch the area’s only Microsoft IT Academy. "This money means so much for us," says library director Ava Barrett. "We’ve tutored children who were F students and moved them to the A-B honor roll. One little girl who had repeated grade twice is now a straight A student. Her parents want to enroll our ESL class and they credit us for her success."

The Community Foundation’s new approach to the grant-giving process created "compassionate shark tanks" that brought together nonprofit lead- ers pitching their ideas for grant dol- lars to do community leadership and interested citizens. Regional county- crossing alliances were formed, ideas were exchanged, best practices shared, solutions explored, answers found. We learned from one another, ensuring our donors’ money would make the most effective impact on an issue.

We formed "tribes" of nonprofit lead- ers working together learning in an atmosphere of peer support and col- laboration. And the Community Foun- dation provided guidance and helping grantees determine measurable out- comes.

As one nonprofit leader and partici- pant noted: "We’re getting our stake- holding and nonprofits to ask meaning- ful questions: What is the issue? What change do we expect? How are we going to do it?"

Changing Lives
At Grace Community Center’s North Fort Myers worm farm, 70 special needs students from area high schools are learning job skills – from culturing and creating packaging for fertilizer and fishing worms to marketing and sales. A $10,000 grant from the Com- munity Foundation was instrumental in helping the church hire a coordinator for its Exceptional Entrepreneur pro- gram, says Patt Nemaniz, director of Grace’s Reach and Send Ministries.

"Three students are now getting paychecks because of the skills they learned here," she says. "The change in the participants has been unbelievable. We’ve had kids come in not speaking or talking who have grown into very happy and social people. Their parents are so appreciative because their adult children have purpose and people in the community are beginning to realize special needs people have worth."

Upon seeing the impact of the worm farm, a community donor stepped for- ward with the matching money Grace Church needed to build a permanent

Space. The work ethic of the farm’s special- ists entrepreneurs has led to a part- nership with Bee Authentic to package its honey straw.

Chad Washburn of the Naples Botan- ical Garden, sees lives changed every time the quarter-acre Buehler Enabling Garden hosts a program for Alzheimer patients, the sight-impaired or people with autism and their caregivers.

As participants experience the therapeu- tic garden, the sense of smell stirs memories of a girlfriend who wore Chanel No. 5 and the fronds of the carnation wax palm, an ingredient com- mon to Turtle Wax and the jelly beans people have more than 25 plus students learning job skills – from cultivating and creating packaging for fertilizer and fishing worms to marketing and sales. A $10,000 grant from the Community Foundation was instrumental in helping the church hire a coordinator for its Exceptional Entrepreneur program, says Patt Nemaniz, director of Grace’s Reach and Send Ministries.

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On our Community
The Board of Trustees of the Southwest Florida Community Foundation is made up of community leaders who are dedicated to our common- ness as we strive to make our region with 34 other national cohorts. This work is sure to continue to build across the region.

Ms. Barrett will bring even more peo- ple into new computer lab, focusing the next year on specialized software to teach reading and computer skills to young people in our community.

"I’m telling you, we are so proud of what we’ve been able to accomplish as a result of the grant,“ she said. “We are changing lives and will never forget what the Southwest Florida Community Foundation has done for the citizens of Hendry County.”

You Can Be the Solution
“The Community Foundation and its partners are charting a course toward regional change for common good,” says Dr. Fleming. “From these initial groups we will be building on success and expanding our mission to include more people. Anyone can invest in our community!”

We invite you to meet us at our com- munity table.

Regional Partnerships
Regional partnerships. That’s what we’re all about.

“The foundation has evolved from a position of community stewards of endowed funds to community stew- ards of sustainable solutions,” says Joe Manurkiewicz, chairman of the South- west Florida Community Foundation’s Board of Trustees. “We are identifying regional issues and focusing on diver- sity and collaboration, working together toward specific solutions. As a result, we’ve been able to attract national organiza- tions to assist us.”

The foundation’s first regional call-to-action led to FutureMakers, a five-year initiative that successfully helped high school seniors prepare for post-secondary education and train- ing and tap into the $150 billion in unclaimed financial assistance avail- able to them. With the help of educa- tors, community leaders, businesses, mentors and other stakeholders, more graduating seniors completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and discovered they qualified for finan- cial aid they didn’t know was available.

“FutureMakers was a great example of community impact and what hap- pens when a diverse group of stake- holders gather around a common table to discover new ideas and create expan- strategic change,” says Dr. Dave Fleming, Community Foundation chief stra- tegic officer, and leader of the Future- Makers initiative.

Wait ‘til you see what’s next
The initiative also attracted the attention of Lumina Foundation, an independent private foundation that will provide thought leaders and finan- cial resources to help us increase the number of Southwest Florida residents earning post-secondary degrees and credentials. They came to us, includ- ing our region with 34 other national cohort partners. This work is sure to continue to build across the region.

What we started in 2014 will grow in 2015 like that ripple: ideas as small as a worm or a quarter-acre garden chang- ing lives. We’ve created momentum that will continue to build across the region.

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CouRtesy PICTuRE
Exceptional Entrepreneurs work on equip- ment at their worm farm enterprise made pos- sible from Community Impact grants.
KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Rookwood pottery’s elaborate markings make identification easy

BY TERRY KOVEL AND KIM KOVEL

Rookwood pottery, made in Cincin-nati since 1880, is perhaps the most popular American art pottery among collectors. The company not only made artist-decorated vases, but also bookends, art-deco figurines and commercial wares, but it also used marks that tell a collector exactly what it is. Until 1886 the mark was the year in numerals and the name Rookwood. In 1886 a new mark was chosen — a backward capital letter “R” leaning against a capital letter “P.” A flame was added to a circle around the top of the mark each year until 1960. After that, a Roman numeral for the last two digits of the year was put under the mark. So 1904 was a flame mark with IV at the bottom. The company went out of business in 1967, but was later bought and sold several times. In 2011 the busi-ness was bought by Martin and Marilyn Wade, Cincinnati real estate developers. Today Rookwood uses a new mark — the flame mark with the year in Roman numerals. So 2014 would be marked “Rookwood 1883.” Although it was chipped and restored, the quality of the decoration, large size and artist attribution attracted a bid of $5,290.

Q: My old porcelain figurine is a bathing beauty posed on her tummy under a turtle’s shell. The woman’s backside is exposed. My aunt gave me the figure years ago and I think she owned it since the 1920s. What can you tell me about it?

A: Your bathing beauty figurine, sometimes called a “naughty novelty,” is a form familiar to collec-tors. Posed porcelain figures of partially clad women on or under turtle’s shells have been around since the early 1900s. Figures made in Germany before World War I are well made and sell today for $800 to $400. Similar novelty-ties made in Japan before or after World War II sell for less.

Q: I have a Polyphon music box from Germany that plays music from perfo-rated metal discs. There are nine discs with song titles from the 1880s and ’90s. I’m downsizing and would like to sell it. How much is it worth?

A: Disc music boxes were invent-ed in 1870. Polyphon Musikwerke was founded in Leipzig, Germany, before 1890. Most Polyphon disc music boxes were made between 1895 and 1905. The company also made musical clocks and other items with musical mechanisms. Music boxes are measured by the size of the disc, not the height of the cabinet. Polyphon music boxes sell at auctions for hundreds or even thousands of dol-lars, depending on size, rarity and con-dition. A Polyphon Excelsior tabletop single-comb music box and nine discs sold for $5,290 at Humler & Nolan of Cincinnati. Unmarked it would have sold for much less.

Look at the bottom of a vase to identify it. This vase has marks indicating it is a piece of Rookwood pottery made in 1883 by a talented decorator. It auctioned for $5,290 at Humler & Nolan of Cincinnati. Unmarked it would have sold for much less.

Q: My parents gave me their antique bedoom set. It includes a nightstand, twin beds, a dresser with a mirror and a chest of drawers. Each piece is stamped “West End Furniture Company, Rock-ford, Illinois.” I was told the wood is golden oak. Can you give me information on the company?

A: West End Furniture Co. was in business in Rockford from 1890 to 1941. The company made bedroom furniture, bookcases, buffets, desks, folding beds, tables and other furniture and offered lines of “medium” and “fine grade” furni-ture. Many Swedish furniture makers settled in Rockford, and at one time it was the second largest center of furni-ture manufacturing in the world.

Tips: When freezing old clothes to kill any insects, check the buttons first. Pewter, painted glass or ceramic buttons may be damaged by the cold.

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It’s Christmastime in the Armadillo Acres mobile home community, and everyone is filled with visions of kegnog and beer. The raucous sequel to “The Great American Trailer Park Musical” introduces some new neighbors in the Florida mobile home community, including Darlene the trailer park Scrooge, her boyfriend Jackie and Rufus, the redneck with a heart of gold. Longtime Armadillo Acres residents Betty, Lin and Pickles are back, and when a freak accident strikes Darlene, everyone is put to the test.

“The play explores the relationships between the tenants at the trailer park, particularly Pippi ‘the stripper on the run,’ the Dr. Phil-loving, agoraphobic Jeannie and Norbert, Jeannie’s tollbooth collector husband. It was first performed in the first annual New York Music Theater Festival in 2004.

The Off Broadway Palm Theatre is an intimate 100-seat theater off the main lobby of Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. With no seat further than 25 feet away from the stage, the audience becomes part of the show.

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Sheen stars in tale of doomed whaler

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: Martin Sheen is one of my favorite actors of all time, but I haven't seen him in anything lately. Can you tell me when I can see him next?

— Janie R., via email

A: Mr. Sheen’s latest project airs at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 26, on Animal Planet. It's a two-hour feature film based on one of history’s most haunting stories of survival: the sinking of the whaling ship Essex, which inspired Herman Melville’s classic novel “Moby Dick.” In “The Whale: Revenge from the Deep,” Mr. Sheen stars as Old Thomas Nickerson, who tells the tale of his emotional maiden voyage on board the doomed ship. The film also stars John Boyega (“Star Wars: Episode VII”) as Bond and Charles Furness (“24: Live Another Day”) as young Tom Nickerson.

Mr. Sheen's interest in the subject stems from his deep roots in conservation and eco-activism. According to Mr. Sheen: “Paul Watson (of Animal Planet’s ‘Whale Wars’) is a great friend of mine and one of my heroes. It is gratifying that I get to do a project like ‘The Whale: Revenge from the Deep.’ It’s a voice from the past telling us that whaling is not a good idea, and reminding us that we’ve depleted tremendous whale populations to a fraction of what it once was.”

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THURSDAY, NOV. 13, 8:30 P.M.
The Dunk City Effect
Take a look at the elevated profile and the results — such as many more applications for admission — enjoyed by FGCU in the wake of a magical basketball season.

FRIDAY, NOV. 14, 9 P.M.
Hitmakers
Witness the music industry’s resilience in the digital age, from the perspective of groundbreaking artists, music label mavericks and game-changing managers. Hear from Melissa Etheridge, The Roots’ Questlove, Sharon Jones and rising DJ/producer Steve Aoki.

MONDAY, NOV. 17, 8 P.M.
Antiques Roadshow
Miami Beach 3
Highlights include Qing Dynasty vase; a 1956 Gretsch Chet Atkins guitar; and a painting by Victorian artist John George Brown.

TUESDAY, NOV. 18, 8 P.M.
Finding Your Roots
Ancient Roots
Trace the family histories of three quintessential voices in American life. All descend from ancestors who were part of the wave of Greek immigrants. But along the way, the stories of their Greek ancestors were lost. Features Tina Fey, David Sedaris and George Stephanopoulos.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 19, 8 P.M.
Nature
Invasion of the Killer Whales
In the past few years, scientists have noted an ever-growing number of killer whales in Arctic waters in the summer months. More and more have been attracted to these hunting grounds by the growing expanse of open water as the Arctic melts.

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- The third annual Santa PAWS party to benefit the Puppy Project of PAWS Assistance Dogs takes place from 5:30–8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, at the Hilton Naples. Guests will meet the newest PAWS Puppy Cadets and enjoy cocktails and tapas as well as live and silent auctions. The Puppy Project was created last year with a goal of bringing up to 15 new puppies into the training assistance dog program each year. For information about tickets or sponsorship packages, call 775-6600 or email tiffany@pawsassistancedogs.com.

- The Community Foundation of Collier County hosts the 2014 Power of the Purse luncheon to benefit its Women of Initiative program Thursday, Dec. 4, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Erin Brockovich, the legal clerk and environmental activist whose story became a hit movie starring Julia Roberts, will be the keynote speaker. The 2015 Women of Initiative honorees will be announced at the Power of the Purse event. The 2015 Women of Initiative awards ceremony will be held in March 2015. Call 649-5000 or visit cfcollier.org.

- The Naples Historical Society hosts its signature black-tie fundraiser Friday, Dec. 5. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, a seated dinner and entertainment by the Sue Shelton Trio under a tent in The Norris Gardens at Historic Palm Cottage. Tickets range from $350 to $550; a table for eight is $5,000. For more information, call 261-8164.

- Make-A-Wish Southern Florida holds its fourth annual Tea at The Ritz from 2–4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. Tickets are $125; sponsorships start at $500. Call Leslie Colantonio at 992-9474, email lcolantonio@aflawish.org or go online to Event Brite and search “Tea at the Ritz.”

- The fifth annual Gulf Ball hosted by the David Lawrence Center Young Executives takes place from 7–10 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club. Jack Dillman will entertain while guests enjoy cocktails, hors d’oeuvres and a silent auction. Tickets are $50 if purchased by Dec. 1 and $60 thereafter. Call Paige Simpson at 804-3505 for tickets or information about sponsorship opportunities.

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Laughter will be an additional benefit and a guaranteed bonus at the 14th annual Comedy Cabaret to benefit the Friends of Foster Children of South-West Florida on Saturday evening, Dec. 6, at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Two nationally known comedians – Jake Johannsen and Nigel Lawrence – headline the cabaret-style evening. Tickets are $75 ($250 for patrons). Table sponsorships start at $2,500. For reservations or more information, call 262-1808 or visit friendsoffosterchildren.net.

Harmon-Meeck Gallery hosts the second annual Visionaries of the Visual Arts dinner and awards ceremony Tuesday evening, Jan. 13, at the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. Three individuals will be recognized for their contributions to the visual arts in South-West Florida. Andy Lowe of SUFFIELD Academy in Connecticut will be the keynote speaker. Honorary chair of the evening is Joan Loos; co-chairs are Kris-tine Meek and Juliana Meek.

Tickets are $875, with all proceeds benefitting art programs for children and at-risk youth through the Harmon-Meeck Gallery Fund at the Southwest Florida Community Foundation. Mail checks made payable to the Southwest Florida Community Foundation to Harmon-Meeck Gallery, 599 Ninth St. N., Suite 309, Naples, FL 34102. For more information, call 267-3637.

The Fire & Ice gala to benefit the Guadalupe Center of Immokalee takes place Wednesday, Jan. 14, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets for the evening of dinner, dancing and a live auction are $500. Sponsorships are available. Call 657-7711 or visit guadalupecenter.org.

The ninth annual Wishmaker’s Ball: “Magical Moments” to benefit Make-A-Wish Southern Florida takes place Saturday, Jan. 25, at Quail West Golf and Country Club. Tickets are $250; sponsorships start at $2,500. Call Lesley Colantonio at 992-9474 or email lcolantonio@sflawish.org.

The inaugural “For the Love of Art” gala to benefit the Naples Art Association is set for Saturday, Feb. 7, at Grey Oaks Country Club. The evening will include presentation of three new awards: the Gulfshore Life Emerging Art Award for a new and/or young artist who is one of the community’s brightest stars, the Harshor Award for an individual who has shown visionary leadership, and a commitment to advancing and enriching the arts in the community, and the Impact Award for a business or business professional who has demonstrated significant leadership in the arts and culture of the community though involvement in, or support of, innovative programs and creative partnerships. For more information about sponsorships, call Maurine Christensen@naplesart.org. For tickets, email Chelsea.Ziton@NaplesArt.org or visit naplesart.org.

The Southwest Florida Wine & Food Fest to benefit charities serving children takes place Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28, in private homes and at Miromar Lakes Beach & Golf Club. Tickets are $800 for the grand tasting and auction, $1,500 for a vintner dinner and the grand tasting and auction. Visit swffwinefest.org.

A luncheon to benefit Youth Haven is set for Wednesday, Jan. 28, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Judge Glenda Hatchett of TV’s “Judge Hatchett,” the national spokesperson for Court-Appointed Special Advocates, will be the guest speaker. CASA volunteers will represent abused and neglected children. Honorary luncheon chairs are Jim and Liz Jesse; event chairs are Brenda O’Connor and Stacye Herring. Tickets are $300. Major sponsors include Artrexh, Sharon and Dolph von Arx, Cruising with the Chef/Lisa and Rodney George and Jenny and Kermit Sutton. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, call Shelly Long at 677-5355 or email shelly.long@youthhaven.net.

The Education Foundation of Collier County holds its annual gala Friday, Feb. 7, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. “Set Sail for Fun Time” is the evening’s theme, and honorary “captains” are Chris and Bill Barnett. For information, call 597-3148.

Champions For Learning hosts its inaugural Night of Champions in celebration of its 25th year and to honor community leaders who are connecting Collier County students to their future from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 28, at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. Tickets are $500, and the Impact Award for a business or arts leader in the community, the Harshor Award for an individual who has shown visionary leadership, and a commitment to advancing and enriching the arts in the community, and the Impact Award for a business or business professional who has demonstrated significant leadership in the arts and culture of the community though involvement in, or support of, innovative programs and creative partnerships. For more information about sponsorships, call 261-8284.

Alex and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” gala is set for Thursday, Feb. 12, at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. Call 261-3300 or visit www.naplesart.org.

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The grand-opening celebration takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16. The Big Taste Grill will serve free bratwurst and “Bödvar with Cheddar” sandwiches from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The world’s largest touring grill, the Big Taste Grill weighs in at 53,000 pounds and measures 65 feet long and 20 feet high. It can turn out around 300 brats an hour.

The design of the retail store is modeled after the original Johnsonville Marketplace, which was founded in 1945 in Wisconsin by Ralph and Alice Stayer. Their son, Ralph, and his wife, Shelly Stayer, own the company now and reside in Naples.

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In addition to Johnsonville’s approximately 40 varieties of sausage products, the store will carry Johnsonville mustard, branded apparel, cookbooks and grilling items. Regular hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

VIP ticket holders can arrive at 5 p.m. for a champagne/sparkling wine tasting. General admission tickets are available at the gate; for VIP tickets, call The Wine Merchant at 292-0060 or email info@thewinemerchant.net.

Sunday’s Taste of Bonita festivities start at 11 a.m. and include an amateur chili and barbecue cook-off as well as more than 20 local restaurants offering samples of their signature dishes. Among the participating restaurants: Arichoke and Company, Big Hickory Seafood Grill, Buffalo Chips, Capitorti’s, DeRomo’s Gourmet Market & Restaurant, Edible Arrangements, Farmer Mike’s, Figurinal’s, For Heaven Shakes Ice Cream, Iguna Mia, Rodes Fishmarket, Royal Scoop, Sweet Odin’s Danish Bakery and Randy’s Fish Market, Ted’s Montana Grill, Tony Sacco’s and Zorba’s.

Live entertainment throughout the day Sunday will include tribute acts Dark Lade (tribute to Cher), Night Moves (Bob Seger), Piano Man (Billy Joel) and Edge of GaGa (Lady GaGa), all leading up to The Caribbean Chillers, who take the stage at 5 p.m.

Admission and all the entertainment on Sunday are free; food tickets will be $1 each. All Taste of Bonita proceeds benefit a variety of Rotary Club charities and initiatives, including scholarship funds for local students, the Bonita Springs Assistance Officer, Gift of Life and The Wheelchair Foundation.

“Sundays Uncorked” at Blue Martini in Mercato features wines from Louis Jadot starting at 3 p.m. Nov. 16. For $35, guests will sample the Steel Chardonnay (paired with roasted stone fruit and arugula salad), the Meursault (monzo ricotta cakes with lobster cream sauce), the Beaujolais-Villages (chicken liver pate and broiled fips on a garlic crostini) and the Bourgogne Pinot Noir (herb and goat cheese-encrusted filet of beef).

Bring your friends! For every three tastings purchased, a fourth person gets in free. Seating is limited to 50 people. Call 784-4999 for reservations.
The Naples Winter Wine Festival pops the cork with Olivier Krug

The Naples Winter Wine Festival welcomes Olivier Krug, head of the six-generation French champagne empire, for a tasting luncheon to kick off the 2015 festival on Thursday, Jan. 22. Antonio Gallo, world-renowned wine critic and founder of Vinous Media, will moderate the event. Throughout the afternoon, luncheon guests will sample world-class bottles of champagne while Mr. Krug traces the 171-year history of the storied House of Krug. A multi-course lunch at Bleu Provence will highlight the house’s Grand Cuvée, which blends more than 720 wines, among other prestige cuvées. Proceeds will benefit the Naples Children & Education Foundation.

“It is my immense pleasure to return to Naples just one year after being named the Honored Vintner,” Mr. Krug says. “I hope that this year we will contribute even more to the Naples Children & Education Foundation, as well as deepen our connection with all Krug lovers in Naples.”

The 2015 Naples Winter Wine Festival: “Imagine the Possibilities” takes place Jan. 23-25. Weekend packages start at $8,500 per couple for festival tickets, which includes reserved seating for a party of four at the same Friday vintner dinner and under the Saturday auction tent.

Those who have tickets to the festival can attend the Krug luncheon for an additional $750; others can attend the luncheon as a stand-alone event for $1,000. For reservations or more information, call (888) 837-4919 or visit napleswinefestival.com.

■ Joe’s Diner in North Naples now serves dinner until 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. New menu items include deep-fried pickle spears, barbecue chicken quadriales and beef stroganoff alongside breakfast and lunch items that are sold all day. Additionally, Joe’s now offers beer, wine and cocktails on its new patio. 254-2979 or joessdiners.com.

■ Barbatella brings back its seasonal buffet brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For $27.50, diners enjoy the buffet spread and a glass of champagne. Reservations are required.

The “spirited Italian trattoria” has also introduced a new cocktail menu with seven creative concoctions ranging from the Tuscan Sunset (Hendrick’s gin and Campari with fresh lime, mint and grapefruit juice) to the Nutella-Tini (Grey Goose La Vanille, Godiva Chocolate Liqueur, Bailey’s Irish Cream and house-made hazelnut gelato). 1290 Third St. S. 261-1955.

■ Whole Foods Market in Mercato puts out a Thanksgiving spread from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13. Shoppers will be able to sample their way around the store and perhaps get some new ideas for their holiday meal.

■ The Good Life of Naples and Chef Jim Poulos at the Lido Beach Resort are putting up the following classes: Smoothies and Salads, noon Saturday, Nov. 15 ($25); Bistro: The Healthful Red Meat, 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 20 ($65 includes a three-course meal). Soup and Salad, noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29 ($55 includes lunch). 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road. For reservations or more information, call 514-4663 or visit goodlifenaples.com.

■ The Naples Italian American Foundation hosts “Una Notte in Abruzzo,” a dinner dance celebrating the regional cuisine of Abruzzo, on Sunday, Nov. 16. Music will be by Dino Valle and The Neapolitans. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. $45 for NIAF members, $55 for others. Reservations and payment in advance required. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road N. (corner of Orange Blossom Drive). 597-5210, ext. 2.

■ Momentum Brewhouse in Bonita Springs hosts “Crafting with Craft Beer” at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 19. For $30, participants will make a 12-inch Christmas wreath and enjoy one craft beer. Registration required. Email kate@momentumbrewhouse.com to reserve a spot. For more information, call 949-9045 or visit momentumbrewhouse.com.

■ Marco Island Florist introduces Wine Wednesday on select dates this season. Visitors to the shop can enjoy complimentary wine paired with hors d’oeuvres prepared by Executive Chef Laura Owen of CJ’s on the Bay from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 19, Dec. 17 and Jan. 28. The wines will be available for purchase by the bottle at $5 off the regular price.

— Email dining news and photos to Lindsey Nesmith at lnesmith@flori- daweeely.com. Send Word or text documents and jpgs. Deadline for submission is noon Friday for the next week’s edition.
**THE DISH**

*The dish:* Country Basil Chicken

*The price:* $15.95

*The place:* Araya Sushi Asian Grill 1650 Immokalee Road; 593-3344

*The hours:* 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sun.-Thurs.; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Fri.-Sat.; noon to 10 p.m. Sun.

*The full menu:* arayanaples.com

*The details:* We had a hankering for Thai and headed to Araya Sushi Asian Grill early on a quiet Thursday evening (this was a few weeks ago, before season got cranking). The third party of the evening, we received a warm welcome and enjoyed the prompt attention of our friendly server.

Billed on the menu as one of the most popular dishes in Thailand, the Country Basil Chicken consists of sautéed ground chicken with red and green bell peppers, onions, bamboo and basil leaves in a chili garlic sauce and served with a fried egg (I asked for my egg on the side). Any dish with basil in its name always gets my attention; the chili pepper icon next to this one on the menu made ordering decision even easier, as I consider basil and hot peppers a match made in culinary heaven. It was everything I had hoped for: spicy and garlicky, with lots of texture and just enough fish sauce to make my usual few shakes from the bottle of soy sauce on the table unnecessary. The accompanying jasmine rice was perfectly steamed (although I opted to finish the chicken and left all but one scoop of the filling rice behind).

*Worth noting:* My beverage of choice with Thai food is always an icy cold beer (Kirin Ichiban on this night), but those who enjoy sake will no doubt enjoy choosing from Araya’s three hot offerings and eight cold selections.

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Cafe Alfredo, Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt, 2339 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples; 431-8605
Boisterous yet stylish, Cafe Alfredo offers white linens, well-executed dishes crafted in an open kitchen and reasonable prices. A Margherita pizza billed as personal size was ample enough for two and had a crisp, thin crust that held a tasty blend of fresh tomatoes, basil and mozzarella. Clams casino and mussels in white wine sauce are also good starts to a meal here. Shrimp fra diavolo was satisfyingly zesty, and the veal chop asparagus Parmesan was large with a liberal application of asparagus, marina and mozzarella. The standout was the lamb shank over pappardelle, featuring tangy brown sauce. The café’s tiramisu was delicious and ample for sharing as well. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★ ★★★★ Service: ★★★★ ★★★★ Reviewed March 2013

Wylds Café, 4271 Bonita Beach Road, Bonita Springs; 947-0408
Three local, classically trained chefs opened Wylds in 2005 with a broadly American but European-influenced menu. Today, food remains creatively conceived and consistently well executed, and the service staff exhibits a level of polish you’d expect in tomier locations. Wylds offers some appetizers offered all over the place — but with a twist. Escargot, for instance, were draped with garlic cream sauce and tucked into a little boat of crisp mozzarella. The savory ham and petite salad of peppery arugula provided good counterpoints for the lush sauce. A roast duck Napoleon was much too big for an appetizer, but was nonetheless delicious with its flaky pastry, succulent meat, tender mushrooms and glickey béchamel sauce. The Parmesan-crusted walleye proved an excellent showcase for this flaky white Northern fish. When it comes to pork chops, it doesn’t get much better than Wylds’ select heirloom Kurobuta chop, with its slightly charred exterior and fat-marbled pink interior doubling up to create an ideal taste experience. Beer and wine served.

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

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- Boisterous yet stylish
- Offers white linens, well-executed dishes
- Crafted in an open kitchen and reasonable prices
- Menu items such as pork osso buco and men in the bar on some evenings and house-smoked salmon
- Live entertainment, house-made baked goods and jams
- Beer and wine served

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- Reviewed December 2013

- **Lamoraga**, 3936 Tamanami Trail N., Naples; 331-3669
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- Reviewed May 2014

**Tullamore D.W. Irish Whiskey**

- Monday–Saturday for dinner
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Cuisine Review

Ridgway’s authentic approach stands the test of time

I can’t tell you how many restaura-
tants Tony Ridgway has owned over the decades during which I’ve lived in Southwest Florida, but I am cer-
tain it’s at least half a dozen and I’ve dined well at every one — Chef’s Garden, Truffles, Plum’s, Villa Pescatore and Bayside among them.

Ridgway Bar & Grill is the current incarnation of what was once the more formal Chef’s Garden. The garden still exists, and guests can dine there (weather permitting) or in an air-conditioned patio overlook-
ing it, which is where I had my most recent dinner.

Whatever it’s called, this space has been in the hands of chef/ owner Tony Ridgway for 37 years. Considering that most restaurants last five years or less, that’s a remark-
able run. What’s even more noteworthy is that Mr. Ridgway and his business part-
ner, wine aficionado Sukie Honeycutt, have kept their concepts fresh and evol-
ving without resorting to frivolous trends. At both Ridgway and the adjoining wine and pantry shop, Tony’s Off Third, you’ll find only top quality products craft-
ed into exceptional dishes and baked goods. The wine list at Ridgway and the retail selection at Tony’s are exceptional, with many selections rarely seen these days. An example was the 2011 Turley Zinfandel from the organic Pesenti Vine-
yard in Paso Robles that we enjoyed with our meal. Possessing great fruit balanced with mineral and floral notes, it was a lush and lovely choice.

Something else I like about Ridgway Bar & Grill is that there are several din-
ing areas, each with its own ambience. There’s the aforementioned garden with its bamboo, flowering shrubs and trees adorned with many white lights. There’s the covered patio that overlooks it with tables decked out in green-and-white-checkered tablecloths and white rattan chairs for a casual feel. There’s the more formal indoor dining room, the bar and still more outdoor seating on the spacious front porch.

No matter where you sit, the food and service are top-drawer. The basket of fresh-baked breads that arrives as soon as you sit down and the beautifully dis-
played slab of butter are the first indica-
tions that detail is important here. (As it grew darker, our server even supplied little flashlights to help us read the des-
sert menu.)

Ridgway sits along the Third Street South corridor and, as such, is not a bar-
gain establishment. A meal here is costly, but beyond the building’s overhead, I’m cer-
tain that part of it is due to Mr. Ridge-
way’s uncompromising attitude about the caliber of ingredients he uses.

Take our appetizers, for example: a goat cheese tart with ratatouille ($17.50) and skillet-roasted mussels ($17). Theformer was a good-sized round tart filled with creamy goat cheese topped with mélange of vegetables and napped with a vibrant roasted tomato vinaigrette. Arti-
sanal greens finished off this dish that possessed intense layered flavors and contrasting textures. It was large enough for two to share as a starter or for one to make a meal of it’s served with other vegetables on the plate.

The mussels came in a hot cast-iron skillet. Tender and juicy, they were steeped in a rich sauce of tomatoes, claim juice, olive oil and garlic and topped with a large wedge of focaccia bread that, with its large open crunch, was the perfect choice for soaking up that delicious sauce.

There are 13 side vegetables available at Ridgway, and I was tempted to order a selection of those for dinner: fried green tomatoes, corn fritters with local honey, sautéed greens and mac and cheese sounded like heaven. But I dutifully head-
ed to the standard entrees and worked a few sides into the mix. I spied a chicken potpie ($26) on the table next to mine and could even smell the fragrant pastry crust. That’s a perfect choice on a cold, rainy night and I prom-
ised myself a return trip to try it. I wasn’t sorry with my ultimate choice: pan-roasted Florida pink shrimp ($36) with a large sweet corn grit cake (an interesting and texturally complex cre-
ation), a flawless slice of fried green salmon filet ($28) looked somewhat mini-
malist on the dish that had lots of empty space, but the bed of braised leeks and red lentils on which it sat was delicious and the fish, a rich, somewhat oily salmon, had plenty of flavor.

We shared a side of oven-roasted fin-
gerling potatoes with chive herb cream ($8). The potatoes had crisp skins and creamy interiors and really didn’t need any enhancement, although the cream was a nice addition.

For dessert, we couldn’t resist a tradi-
tion like the Truffles Carrot Cake ($9), a two-layer affair that’s lighter than most of its kin with more of a spice cake flavor and consistency tucked between layers of cream cheese frosting. We also tasted a new creation: chewy little carmelés enrobed in dark chocolate finished with a touch of sea salt. Mr. Ridg-
way has just begun offering these, and I predict they will be in high demand.

I left remembering what it was about this place that I’ve always loved and vow-
ing I wouldn’t wait so long to make a return trip.

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