OR GAY COUPLES IN FLORIDA, THE PAST seven months have been a time of awe. A federal judge’s ruling in late December cleared the way for marriage equality in the state, and a U.S. Supreme Court ruling June 26 made it the law of the land. They were two events most gay couples thought never would happen.

And they translate into big bucks. Nationally, the economic boost from marriage of same-sex couples could be up to $2.6 billion in just the first three years, according to the Williams Institute at University of California, Los Angeles. Florida’s share of...

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Billions of dollars that same-sex couples may spend nationally in three years on weddings
Average dollars spent for a wedding, according to The Wedding Report

Have a piece of the landmark pier for $100

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Neapolitans who love local history have the opportunity to purchase planks from the landmark Naples Pier, which was closed last week for renovations. The city of Naples and the Naples Historical Society will have 1,000 planks to sell for $100 each.

The pier was last rebuilt in 1996, so the pieces up for grabs are not from the original structure that was built in 1888. The structure has undergone six partial or total rebuilds since it was originally installed, four of which were necessitated by damage from hurricanes. “Mother Nature rebuilt (the pier) a few times,” Mayor John Sorey says. “But this time it’s to make it a better and safer place for our residents and businesses.” Naples Historical Society, in having partnered with the city to sell the planks, will number each board and provide the purchaser with a certificate validating the authenticity of the artifact.

“We’re truly part of a South Florida mentality that is very international, very global in thinking and very open to whatever is happening in the world and we’re very proud of that.” — Jorge Pesquera, CEO of Discover The Palm Beaches

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The “Legally Blonde” after-party, and more Society photos. C22-26

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COMMENTARY

The panther pragmatists

One of the great virtues of the American character is pragmatism, defined as “dealing with things sensibly and realistically in a way that is based on practical rather than theoretical considerations.”

Unfortunately, “theoretical considerations” are sometimes synonymous with theoretical, philosophical, ethical, cultural, environmental or democratic considerations, which tend to get in the way of getting the job done with no fuss or muss.

There are other touted American virtues as well, all of them offshoots either of the 18th and 19th-century American frontier or the immigrant musculature of urban America: rugged individualism (as it used to be called), inventiveness, ambition, a hard-working ethic, self-reliance.

But pragmatism fascinates me, especially after I learned from Craig Pittman, a writer for the Tampa Bay Times, that Collier County cattle rancher Liesa Priddy just helped rewrite Florida’s panther policies for Nick Wiley, executive director of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

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“Not every species can be recovered. I think that’s something we need to hold out there and be considered.”

South of the Caloosahatchee, however, the species has recovered significantly by everyone’s accounting. From a low of about 20 in the 1970s the population has climbed to about 180 now, or more, depending on who’s figuring: either the wildlife biologists and observers who actually track and count panthers, or the ranchers and some hunters who figure anecdotally that the creatures are about to overrun Immokalee and Naples and Everglades City and start eating small children and members of the Rotary Club and old women or men crossing the street.

Pragmatically speaking, there are a lot of solutions to this, most of them already proposed at one time or another: Let panthers live in the wild places that include ranch lands, and pay ranchers for their lost stock. Or use Amendment One money, more than $700 million in this year alone, to buy suitable panther habitat from private owners north of the Caloosahatchee, as it was intended, rather than using the money to pay for salaries and program maintenance in state bureaucracy programs, as legislators have allowed.

On the final solution: we could just get real, in a pragmatic sense. Few of us ever see a panther in the wild. They don’t go to the mall or restaurants or spas or the supermarket. They don’t vote. Thus, panthers don’t influence our lives at all, really. Why not just let them go and die out, like we did passenger pigeons or ivory-billed woodpeckers?

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For those who despair over the hijacking of our popular culture by “reality” television and the endless procession of faux “celebrities” who insist on sharing every intimate detail of their lives, the recent death of F. Scott Fitzgerald offers a glimpse into the tormented life of one of our greatest literary geniuses. As the author of “The Crack-Up,” one of the Great Gatsby’s bleak essays ("in a real dark night of the soul it is always three o’clock in the morning, day after day") chronicled his fears, insecurities, failures and general inability to fashion a meaningful life. The author himself admitted that the essays were the literary equivalent of extending a "tin cup of desperate for attention and money, Fitzgerald doubtlessly started us on the road to the Kardashians, Caitlyn Jenner, "Entertainment Tonight," Paris Hilton, the Donald J. Trump Signature properties (the Miss USA Pageant), "Celebrity Apprentice," entertainment television and the by Steven Camarota of the Center for Immigration Studies, which favors a lower level of immigration. Immigrants here from Mexico, which has sent more immigrants than any other country for decades — have the lowest levels of education. Nearly 60 percent of them haven’t graduated from high school. This puts Mexican immigrants at a disadvantage, and it shows. Nearly 35 percent of immigrants from Mexico and their U.S.-born children are in poverty; nearly 68 percent are in or near poverty. This is the highest level of immigrants from any country. Immigrants make up a larger and larger percentage of the population over time, but are still far behind natives after two decades. For all its craziness, Trump’s rant on immigration is closer to reality than the gauzy cliches of immigration romanticism. A lot of years separate "The Crack-Up" from our current situation, but Fitzgerald doubtlessly started us on the road to the Kardashians, Caitlyn Jenner, "Entertainment Tonight," Paris Hilton, 21st-century culture. If we don’t learn from this lesson, there will be none.
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How much does that doggie in the window weigh?

My fellow Neapolitans: Humane Society Naples has a problem that only we can solve.

It’s Chihuahuas.

The little bug-eyed boobgers constitute one of every three dogs that enter the no-kill shelter. In anticipation of an influx of the breed from other area shelters that face the same problem, HSN needs help offloading 50 Chihuahuas and Chihuahua mixes (to loving forever homes, of course).

To that end, the shelter is running a Chihuahua fire sale of sorts.

Through July, those who adopt a Chihuahua or part-Chihuahua participate in the “pay what they weigh” promotion, where the pooch’s poundage is converted to dollars for the adoption fee. For example, a 4-pound dog can be yours for $4. (The shelter’s normal adoption fee for a dog weighing less than 20 pounds is $150.) Chihuahua overpopulation is not a problem in just Collier County, but across the country. Why? We don’t have to reach that far back in our memories to remember when “celebutantes” paraded their pint-sized pooches in handbags and breeders responded to the fashion by overbreeding.

“Unfortunately, after the popular Chihuahua movies and reality TV shows that feature them, people tend to see Chihuahuas as accessible, travel well and emote a vulnerability that pulls at the heartstrings of protective types. But no dog or pet should be treated like an accessory.”

Ms. Johnston says the Chihuahua overpopulation problem is exacerbated in Southwest Florida because the area isn’t very pet-friendly when owners are house hunting. Condo associations, property managers and landlords veer on the side of not allowing pets, so people are often placed in the position of having to choose between a home and their pet.

“People are left to make the decision of looking for a pet-friendly place to live or surrenderring their animal to the shelter,” she says. “Too many people don’t put their pets at the top of the list when it comes to major life decisions. It’s sad.”

Compounding the problem is the sneaking suspicion that pet owners aren’t fixing their small dogs and are choosing to sell puppies instead. Which is dumb.

“Some critical thinking and basic concern for their pet — and its potential offspring — should preclude willy-nilly breeding practices that place puppies back in shelters.

“It’s almost like they feel as if it’s easier to care for itty bitty Chihuahua puppies and sell them on craigslist or to friends and family,” Ms. Johnston says. “In reality, lots of those puppies become a little older and are brought to HSN in search of a home once again.”

One solution that has been used in other areas of the country is to transport the oversupply of Chihuahuas to regions where they aren’t as abundant. Emily Weiss, vice president of research and development at the American Society for Cruelty to Animals. “They get adopted pretty quickly,” Ms. Weiss says about Chihuahuas that make it to the Northeast in search of permanent homes.

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Bock content on our website and marketing supportive of this effort and I think now are capitalizing on that joy. "There were so many magic," she said. "There were so many walk through and talk to them was showed up. My opportunity to see and County Courthouse in Delray Beach; she later performed a mass ceremony for 80 couples.

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Sharon Bock, Palm Beach County clerk and comptroller, performed a mass wedding for 80 couples at midnight Jan. 6, the moment it do so, at the South County Courthouse in Delray Beach. "Over 300 people showed up. My opportunity to see and walk through and talk to them was magic," she said. "There were so many tears of joy." Palm Beach County tourism officials are capitalizing on that joy. We've had a trajectory of being sup-

Cheeca Lodge, which has hosted "commitment ceremonies" for years, was poised to provide weddings as soon as they becamew legal for same-sex couples. Jorge Pesquera, CEO of Discover The Palm Beaches, citing such popular local events as Pride Fest, in March, and the Stonewall Ball, in June. As it is, the county draws about 6.3 million people each year. About 3.5 million of those were domestic travelers. Two million came from within the state and about 800,000 came from international markets.

"We are estimating that 3 percent of Collier's 2014 visitors, or 33,200 people, traveled to the destination for wed-

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"Some of that definitely is the LGBT market," Ms. Pigott said. "I think every community has a really different approach.

"It's a new concept in Charlotte County. "We are just beginning to explore weddings and LGBT as niche markets," according to Lorah Steiner, the country's director of tourism. That might have happened sooner, had the economy not crashed. When it, along with the county's budget began to improve, "our first priority was to strengthen our position in our known feeder markets, e.g.: Allegiant markets: Canada, Germany, the UK, Chicago, Philadelphia, Michigan, New York and New Jersey," Ms. Steiner wrote in an email. Allegiant Air is the airline that flies into Punta Gorda Airport. "We also needed to greatly increase our in-

"At Eau Palm Beach, we have been inclusive to reaching out to the LGBT community since we became a brand two years ago, and we have been developing a campaign to reach couples who would
like to get married in a beautiful oceanfront resort," he said. 

“We continue to get inquiries from people around Florida.”

Part of that is because of advertising in such gay-oriented media as Passport Magazine.

“We’re a Preferred hotel, and we have a specific network, called the Preferred Pride network, that reaches that community,” Mr. Gold said. “It lets them know we are inclusive and can host same-sex celebrations.”

The same could be said in the Florida Keys, where Cheeca Lodge has been welcoming guests to Islamorada for nearly seven decades.

“Because of the good fortune of Florida passing the acceptance of gay marriage before the Supreme Court, we were able to get a jump on it,” said Deanne Gabel, the luxury hotel’s general manager, who joined the company last year.

“We’ll do on the average one wedding a weekend every weekend of the year,” she said.

Cheeca Lodge had hosted commitment ceremonies before same-sex marriages were legal.

“Right away, we got engaged with Human Rights Campaign and got around their efforts on gay marriage,” Ms. Gabel said.

Cheeca Lodge has not yet hosted a same-sex marriage, but Ms. Gabel acknowledged that it’s expensive.

“There’s a starting price of around $20,000, so we’re probably looking at the upper end of the market,” she said.

Ms. Gabel said it’s important for the resort to reach out to all facets of society.

“I think it’s critical for us because we’ll celebrate our 70th anniversary next year. We are a well-known hospitality establishment in the Keys. It is important with me being gay to serve every cross-section of our market,” she said.

There also is logic in reaching out.

“From a business perspective, it just makes sense,” Ms. Gabel said. “It’s good that we’re extending an arm or a hand and saying you are welcome here.”

Ms. Gabel said it’s important for the books.

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— Scott Simmons

Sue Totterdale was delighted when Florida legalized same-sex marriage in January.

“I was tickled. I was glad that they got their civil rights. I think love is just love. I’m tickled to death about it. I think it’s just great,” she said.

All things being equal, it wasn’t just about the equality.

Mrs. Totterdale owns Florida Weddings Online, a wedding planning service based in Fort Myers.

She said she organizes and officiates about 90 weddings a year; she has planned four same-sex weddings since January, and has two more on the books.

“I do mostly destination weddings, so they’re coming from outside the state of Florida to get married here,” she said.

Regular weddings now carry an average price of $26,000, according to Shane McMurray, CEO of The Wedding Report.

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Collier corporal honored as nation’s top D.A.R.E. officer

Cpl. Ken Vila of the Collier County Sheriff’s Office has been named 2015 D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year by D.A.R.E. America. The national award is in recognition of Cpl. Vila’s dedication to drug-abuse prevention among youth in the community.

D.A.R.E. stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education.

Cpl. Vila was named the nation’s top D.A.R.E. officer from among dozens of candidates from around the country, including three from Florida. He is also the 2015 Florida D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year.

Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk presented the award to Cpl. Vila during the Florida Association of School Resource Officers conference in Orlando. Also at the conference, the CCSO Youth Relations Bureau was honored as Agency of the Year for its contributions to the school resource officer profession.

As part of the fifth-grade curriculum, the D.A.R.E. program gives students the skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, alcohol, tobacco use, over-the-counter and prescription drugs, bullying, gangs, cyber-bullying, violence and other negative activities.

Cpl. Vila began his law enforcement career with CCSO in 1989 and has spent his entire career as a youth relations deputy, including 22 years as a D.A.R.E. instructor.

He is currently one of 47 D.A.R.E. officers in a cadre of 56 CCSO youth relations deputies. He is the most experienced and most versed in the D.A.R.E. curriculum.

“No question, Cpl. Vila is certainly the go-to guy when it comes to D.A.R.E.,” says Sheriff Rambock, who is a member of the D.A.R.E. America International Law Enforcement Advisory Board.


“Without exception, Cpl. Vila has molded and influenced at least two generations of Collier County citizens,” Sheriff Rambock says.

In the early morning of April 29, 2012, Cpl. Vila was confronted with a decision that all law enforcement officers realize they may face. While home alone he was awakened by the sound of breaking glass. At that moment, he knew his life and home were threatened. The intruder failed to heed Cpl. Vila’s warnings and orders and continued to pursue him while yielding a weapon. Cpl. Vila was left with no option but to shoot the intruder.

In the aftermath, he says, he found comfort in words posted online by a former D.A.R.E. student under a newspaper story about the shooting: “Cpl. Vila was my D.A.R.E. officer. He is not only a good deputy, but is a good, moral man who cares about people.”

Traffic deputies are on the road

Here’s where Collier County Sheriff’s Office traffic-enforcement deputies will be the week of July 20-24:

**Monday, July 20**
- Golden Gate Parkway and 70th Street SW: Speeding
- Thomasson Drive and Lombardy Lane: Speeding
- Santa Barbara Boulevard and Wharton Road: Speeding

**Tuesday, July 21**
- Radio Road and Commercial Boulevard: Speeding
- Golden Gate Boulevard and 31st Street SW: Speeding
- Airport-Pulling Road and Cougar Drive: Red-light running

**Wednesday, July 22**
- Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road and Logan Boulevard: Red-light running
- St. Venera Drive and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Aggressive driving

**Thursday, July 23**
- U.S. 41 East and Rattlesnake Hammock Road: Red-light running
- Goodlette-Frank Road and Pelican Marsh Boulevard: Speeding
- Pine Ridge Road and Logan Boulevard: Red-light running

**Friday, July 24**
- Orange Blossom Drive and Yarbary Lane: Speeding
- Industrial Boulevard: Aggressive driving
- Santa Barbara and Green boulevards: Red-light running

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In its first year, the Learn2Earn scholarship program of Rotary Club of Naples has awarded financial aid to 21 local high school graduates and adults. They are: Asher Bedasee, Ethena Bulg-er, Yasman Cardo, Armando Chavez, Christine Clark, Leonardo Esperanza, Rita Fairborn, Marlene Faustini, Djimo Forges, Jorge Friedrich, Jake Guzzo, Julie Kuyper, Carolina Limones, Kelsi Matson, Cody Nichols, Anna Ochoa, Mario Otero, Darice Pollard, Jennifer Serfe, Hnin Soe and Briza Vazquez.

In addition to helping college students with their expenses, Learn2Earn scholarships also assist those who are pursuing skills training that upon completion quickly leads to employment. Each recipient is also paired with a Rotarian mentor/coach. The current recipients are pursuing a wide range of skills training and academic education, from cosmology, technology and auto-repair to nursing, teaching, criminal justice, chemistry and pre-med. Most of them are enrolled in Southwest Florida schools, including Lorenzo Walker Technical College, Florida SouthWestern State College, Florida Gulf Coast University and the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology. Awards have ranged from $875 to $6,000.

For more information about Learn2Earn, email info@rotarynaples.org.

What’s in your teen’s bedroom?

Looks can be deceiving, especially in a typical teenager’s bedroom. That’s why Hazelden in Naples, Drug Free Collier and the Collier County Sheriff’s Office have partnered to present “Hidden in Plain Sight” from 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, July 22, at Hazelden in Naples, 950 Sixth Ave. N.

The traveling interactive exhibit consists of a simulated teenagers’ bedroom with more than 100 items that should be of concern to parents as signs of substance abuse and drinking.

Hazelden in Naples is part of the Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation. “Hidden in Plain Sight” is free, for adults only and open to the public. For more information, call Heather Burton at 659-2340.
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The $2.4 million project is almost completely funded by grants provided by Collier County’s Tourism Development Council; a $244,000 balance on the restroom part of the work will be funded through a utility tax fund and the beach fund reserve.

In recent years, the historic pier has seen more than 1 million visitors annually.

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Leading economic indicator

Sweden has unemployment issues, like most countries, but, still, the Oliver & Eva sex shop was not prepared for the deluge when the nation's Employment Service website posted its opening to lure a “sex toy test.” Until the service was forced to pull the announcement, applications were coming in at the rate of one every 20 seconds, with 14,000 emails greeting the employer the first morning. The sex shop emphasized that the tester must be “driven,” “methodical” and “with patience” and a knowledge of Microsoft Excel.

It pays to fail

The enormous compensation CEOs of large corporations receive is justified in part by their bringing in shareholders, but last year (an excellent one for most investors), two of the nation’s best-paid chief executives “earned” hand-some raises despite presiding over losses: Philippe Dauman of Viacom (paid $44.3 million, stock lost 6.6 percent) and Jeffrey Immelt of General Electric (an 88 percent raise to $773 million, stock lost 6.7 percent). CEO Steven H. Barlow of Transocean earned only $14.2 million, according to a June Wall Street Journal report, but that was a 2.2 percent boost — for stewardship that resulted in one of 2014’s biggest flops — Transocean’s 59.9 percent loss for its shareholders.

The entrepreneurial spirit

In a recent BBC documentary, the son of renowned cosmologist Stephen Hawking (Tim, now 36) revealed that his dad is “hugely competitive” and showed him “no compassion at all” when he was growing up. Tim said two of his few avenues of coping with such a famous, oblivious father were when he used to race around in his dad’s specialized (and expensive) wheelchair, and for those deliciously awkward moments, adding cuss words to his father’s synthesized speech software.

Latest religious messages

Jihadists governing ISIS’ Euphrates province recently outlawed the popular hobby of breeding pigeons and threatened violators with flogging and imprisonment. The ban was initially thought to be aimed frustrating pigeon-messaging to the outside world, but the published prohibition mentions other justifications — the hobby’s frivolity (wasting time that could better be spent praying) and the special offense to God (because pigeons are “uncovered,” with exposed genitals).

God Is Love: (1) In a June YouTube video showing cuss words to his father’s synthesized speech software.

Family values

Esteban Rocha, 51, was arrested in June in Placerville, Calif., and charged with exposing himself to a woman — about 25 minutes after Mr. Rocha had left the Placerville Police Department, where he had dutifully gone to register his location so that police could keep track of him.

Recurring themes

News of the Weird tracks the “armed and clumsy,” who can’t avoid shooting themselves accidentally, but then there are these guys: (1) Adam Hirtle, 30, of Colorado Springs, Colo., checked into a hospital on June 10 after intentionally shooting himself in the foot with a .22-caliber handgun — twice, “curious” to see how it felt (with and without his boot to compare pain levels). (2) Jeremiah Raber, 38, recently commenced a crowdfunding campaign for a kids’ sports version of his “Nutszhell” jockstrap — according to Mr. Raber the strongest such apparel in the world, made from break-through “Dyneema” (supposedly half the weight of Kevlar but twice as strong). Recently, using a “.22 long rifle,” Mr. Raber had business partner Matt Heck shoot him directly in the delicate area, and according to Mr. Raber, he felt just a “tap.”
There is a major difference between a car that you love, and one that you will pay to have in your driveway. The Mazda MX-5 Miata is a prime example of this paradox. Some people actively avoid this perfect roadster because getting into a Miata is easier than getting into a nightclub with no doorman. It’s affordable. It is an unfortunate arrogance that makes one of the best cars around one of the more underappreciated as well. Now that there is a new MX-5 coming to dealers this summer, will it finally set an unassailable benchmark?

This upcoming car is a home run of design. It keeps the sporty 91-inch wheelbase of its predecessor, but the 2016 car loses a few inches off the back. The result is a long-nose body with a short rear. It makes this sports car a projectile. Loaded slingshot with the driver as the target. All this fun can be done without rowing, all this fun can be done without leaving the lane. So now you don’t even need to stop for coffee to perk up your morning commute.

With all of these positives, why does it take guts to buy one? A colleague commented that he thought the roadster was underpowered. This was his telltale mistake, but it is a popular opinion. The Miata was not designed to compete with the Porsche Boxster — a car that doubles the MX-5’s $25,735 base price and adds 110 more horsepower. Instead, it was built in the grand tradition of the affordable European roadsters. The classic MGs, Triumphs and Alfa Romeos rewarded drivers who shifted often by providing good performance with an outstanding exhaust note. These vintage cars understand that when the pistons are racing, so is the driver’s pulse. But Mazda went one step further. Driving an old European roadster used to be a badge of honor. They were so horribly unreliable that owners had to be mechanically handy just to leave their garage. Mazda has instead brought the roadster to the masses by offering the precision of a Swiss watch at a Seiko price.

In an age where Corvettes can hit illegal speeds in second gear and Mercedes has a 577 hp station wagon, the 2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata is driving purity without overkill. It was designed to be a toy for enthusiasts. So throw out the schoolyard rules, and don’t let the fact that anyone can play ruin the experience of the best car for the money.

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Golden Retriever Rescue of Southwest Florida continued its mission to raise awareness about the existence of dog-meat farms in Korea by importing three more purebred golden retrievers from Korea. Volunteers Dennis Guyitt, Mark Dahlberg and Judie Rybicki traveled to Miami a week ago to pick the dogs up and bring them to Angel Animal Hospital in North Naples. All three dogs — Sully, Avery and Spirit — are heading to approved forever families who have been on GRRSWF’s waiting list. Gregg Eddie of Indian Harbor Beach donated $3,000 to sponsor the dogs, have them vetted and fostered in Korea and then flown to the United States.

For more information about GRRSWF, visit grrswf.org.

1. Arriving in Miami.
2. Eager for freedom.
3. Relaxing for the ride home.
4. Really relaxing!
5. Mark Dahlberg, GRRSWF international rescue coordinator, and Sully.
6. Spirit gets a drink.
7. Avery, Sully and Spirit.
8. A pit stop along Alligator Alley.
9. GRRSWF volunteer Judie Rybicki arriving at Angel Animal Hospital.
10. Spirit plays with a new friend.
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Nonprofits welcome summertime donations, volunteer manpower

As the heat and humidity of summer bear down, the need for volunteers and donations goes up at nonprofit organizations throughout the region. If you have time and/or treasure to share, you might find just the right outlet here.

■ Hope for Haiti seeks the following:
  - full-sized bar soap, razors, washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toothbrush holders, hand lotion, q-tip, 15-ounce shampoo; 8-ounce hand sanitizer; hair combs. The website also has an extensive list of medical supplies that are always needed at its clinics in Haiti. For more information, call 434-7813 or visit hopeforhaiti.org.

■ Harry Chapin Food Bank needs non-perishable items of any kind, though canned meats, fruits and vegetables along with peanut butter, jelly, cereal, protein, breakfast cereal, juice and kids’ foods are especially needed. The nonprofit also seeks summer volunteers in both Naples and Fort Myers. For more information, call 334-2847 or visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.

■ Youth Haven, a residential shelter and safe haven for neglected and homeless children, welcomes donations year-round. Activities for children and teens — arts and craft supplies, games, educational computer software, books and toys, bicycles, skateboards, helmets and knee/shoulder pads — are always appreciated, as are non-perishable pantry provisions, food storage containers, dishcloths, paper plates, plastic bags, baby gates, car seats and booster seats, strollers, pull-ups and wipes, high chairs and cribs, twin beds, nightstands, clothing products and personal toiletries. Gift cards to grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, department stores, Target, craft stores and gas cards are also welcome.

Youth Haven’s annual back-to-school drive, “Oh, The Places They’ll Go!,” runs through Aug. 14. All basic school supplies are welcome, as are large, heavy-duty cleaners, large duffel bags, bath products and a wide variety of personal toiletries. Gift cards to grocery stores, drug stores, restaurants, department stores, Target, craft stores and gas cards are also welcome.

■ PACE Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee, is collecting new and gently loved dresses for its annual Love That Dress! sale coming up in September.

If you would like to host a dress collection party at your home or business this summer, contact Buffy Hagood at 770-1314 or buffy@goodwillswfl.org or Melissa Speach at 290-4079 or mspeach@playersclubandspa.com. For male and female “clothing” products and services are also needed for the silent auction that takes place during the silent auction that takes place during the fundraising event. For more information, contact Pat Patterson at 955-8441 or patpatterson@aim.com.

Finally, numerous volunteer opportunities are available in the days leading up to Love That Dress! and during the event that takes place from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 2, at the Naples Naples Beach Resort. For more information, contact Mary Pazycz at 293-0061 or marypazycz@outlook.com.

■ PMCE Center for Girls, Collier at Immokalee, also has a year-round need for passes to movies, theater tickets, bowling alleys and sporting events, among other things. Gifts are greatly appreciated, and can be dropped off at their location.

■ Project HELP, Collier County’s only certified rape and crisis center, seeks volunteers to help staff a 24/7 crisis hotline, serve as volunteer advocates, help with office administrative tasks and plan special events at the annual Extravaganza coming up Thursday, Nov. 5, and the fifth annual “Vagina Monologues” performance set for Sunday, March 6. Training is provided and required for the hotline and advocate assignments.

Donations can be dropped off at 121 Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information, call 434-6600 or visit projecthelpnpeces.org.

■ Action Automatic Door & Gate has partnered with Cell Phone for Soldiers and is asking locals to donate gently used cell phones and tablets that can be recycled for soldiers overseas. Devices can be dropped off at 275 Airport-Pulling Road, 436-3667 or actiondoor.com.

■ Collier Spay Neuter Clinic is in need of fleece blankets, comforters, water proof queen mattress pads, high-efficiency laundry detergent and fabric softener, bleach, paper towels, gift cards, large index cards, gift cards, garbage bags, quart-size zip bags, baby booties and batteries (AAA and AA). Donations can be dropped off at 2544 Northbrooke Plaza Drive. Call 584-7647 or visit collierspayneuter.org for more information.

■ Humane Society Naples is in need of anything used for pets: old towels, bleach, liquid dish and laundry detergent, paper towels, glass cleaner, disinfecting wipes, extra large garbage bags, 1-gallon garbage bags, disposable cleaning gloves, bath towels, canned puppy and kitten food, canned dog and cat food and monetary support.

Donations can be dropped off at 370 Airport-Pulling Road. For more information, call 434-1880 or visit hsnaples.org.

■ The Neighborhood Health Clinic welcomes donations of the following medical supplies: alcohol pads, hydrogen peroxide, bandages, Ace wraps, cotton balls, antibiotic ointment, cold packs and rubber gloves. The office also needs printer paper, clipboards, highlighters, paper clips, tape, coffee, cleaning supplies, bathroom supplies, building maintenance services and assistance with monthly utility fees.

Donations can be dropped off at 121 Goodlette-Frank Road. For more information, call 434-6600 or visit neighborhood-healthclinic.org.

The Center for Nonprofit Excellence at Hodges University and the Community Foundation of Collier County present “Understanding the Nonprofit Life Cycle,” a workshop for board members and staff that will help them identify where their nonprofit is in the various stages of growth.

Susan Suarez of Suarez & Associates will present the workshop from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Hodges U., 2647 Professional Way.

Ms. Suarez outlines the stages of every organization’s life cycle in this order: start-up, adolescence, maturity, stagnation/renewal and decline. And she cautions that “a size-fit-sizes” approach to roles, responsibilities and board structures is a recipe for disaster that can actually be dangerous to the board and the nonprofit. She will guide participants through an interactive, hands-on assessment to help them identify where they are in the organizational life cycle so they can more effectively and efficiently define the board’s collective role, build a board structure and address specific needs within the organization.

Registration is $35. Sign up by calling Marian Klink at the Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 598-6284, or by emailing cne@hodges.edu.

Free seminar to help nonprofits tell their story

Nonprofits organizations in Collier County are encouraged to mark their calendars for “Telling the Story,” the sixth annual Thinking Outside the Box seminar presented by Sue Huff of E. Sue Huff & Associates and real estate professional Kelly Capilino.

This year’s free session is set for 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, Aug. 14, in the community room at the Naples Daily News.

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Pi Beta Phi alumnae in Naples, Bonita Springs and Marco Island are invited to socialize from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at the Admiralty Point West clubhouse on the beach at 2300 Gulf Shores Blvd. N. Naples. The group will meet again from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19 (location TBA). Cost is $10. For reservations or more information, call Connie Kindsvind at 249-4969 or email conskind@jad.com.

Pilot Club of Naples/Naples Pilot Foundation meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month — except July, when the meeting is on the third Thursday, July 16 — at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road. Guests and new members are always welcome. Reservations are not required. Attendees order from the menu and pay for their meals. Pilot International focuses its charitable and educational efforts on brain-related disorders and disabilities, including traumatic brain injuries, dementia and autism. For more information, call Sue Lester 289-8268.

The Gulf Coast Orchid Alliance meets Thursdays, July 16, at the Pelican Bay Clubhouse on the beach at 200 Aviation Drive. Members are invited to bring orchids from their collections for judging. An orchid raffle will also be held. Admission to the meeting is free for all, and guests are always welcome. The alliance welcomes donations of out-of-bloom or unwanted orchids, which members use for educational purposes. Free pick up is available and can be arranged by calling 498-9741. For more information about the alliance, visit gulfcoastorchidalliance.com.

The Naples chapter of PFLAG, Parents Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a support, education and advocacy group for families with gay or transgender members, meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at Naples United Church in North Naples. All are welcome. For more information, call Dick Ritchie at 594-0868 or email dwcpresident@gmail.com.

The Naples chapter of Sigma Chi alumni gathered earlier this month for a lunch meeting at the Pelican Bay Club. The next meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11, beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the club. For more information, call Bill Robinson at 230-5239 or visit naplesigchi.com. Seated: Damian Taylor, Richard Loree and Bill Robinson. Standing: George Schmelzle, Lyle Carter, Bob Leadbetter, Joe Taranilio and David Maksymetz.

The Naples chapter of the U.S. Submarine Veterans (USSV) meets at 7 p.m. on the third Monday of every month at the VFW Post 7721, 800 Neffs Way in Naples. The next meeting is July 20. Membership is open to active duty and retired submariners who have earned the Qualified in Submarines designation. The local USSVI base commander is Jack Hogan of Naples. For more information, visit ussvi.org/base/naples.asp.

The Naples Civican Club meets at noon on the second Wednesday of the month at Perkins on Pine Ridge Road and on the fourth Wednesday of the month at varying locations. The next meetings are July 22 and Aug. 12. For more information, call 774-2623 or email naplescivitan@aol.com.

The Marco Island Civican Club meets at 6 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month. The next meetings are July 21 and Aug. 11. For locations, call Anna DeLuccia at 285-6785 or email marcoslandcivitanclub2014@yahoo.com.

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.

The Collier County Stamp Club meets from 7-9 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month at the Naples Airport Office Building, 200 Aviation Drive. The next meeting is July 25. Stamp judging follows the evening’s program. All stamp enthusiasts are welcome. For more information, call 348-9845.

The Solo Women Travel Group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Saturday of the month at St. John the Evangelist Church in North Naples. All are welcome to share their travel experiences and travel wish list. The next meeting is July 25. For more information, call Barb Garret at (305) 664-9102.

The Democratic Women’s Club of Collier County welcomes members and guests to its meetings from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday of the month in the Walden Oaks Professional Center, 6730 Lone Oak Blvd. The next meeting is July 25. For more information, email dwcpresident@gmail.com.

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HEALTHY LIVING

Brookdale Bonita will offer free memory checks

Lee Physician Group Memory Care will conduct free memory screenings from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, July 16, at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 26850 Sonoma Bay Drive in Bonita Springs. Memory is often overlooked during health-care checkups. This can be attributed to misconceptions and fears, perhaps the most common of which is an apprehension that nothing can be done about memory loss. But many forms of memory loss are reversible, and for other forms of memory loss, early detection is the key.

Screenings will take approximately 20 minutes. Results and further recommendations will be mailed. Call Rachel Russell at Brookdale Bonita Springs, 948-2600, for an appointment.

Don’t go crazy in your search for ‘normal’

The community is invited to “Driving Like Crazy in Search of Normal,” a presentation about how to regain your anchorage when your personal world spins off its axis, from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 12, at Project HELP, 649-1404, or email shaina@projecthelpnaples.org. at Project HELP, 649-1404, or email shaina@projecthelpnaples.org.

Book review: Good news for those on the path to recovery from stroke

This marvelous self-help book is likely to save or extend a lot of lives. However, its central focus is enhancing the quality of life for those who have undergone life-changing illnesses or injuries.

While the information and advice is primarily for stroke victims, Bob Mandell’s guidance can be applied to many different situations in which recovery from a disability is sought. His personal story is the engaging and inspiring trunk and branches of the book. On these branches, Mr. Mandell has hung the fruits of what he has learned.

For me, his most widely applicable piece of advice is the need to take responsibility, to question, to be an aggressive patient who challenges medical personal and especially conventional wisdom. Passive people are likely to be buried by their insecurities, by medical care bureaucracy and by accepting what's immediately available or convenient rather than what is best for their recovery and rehabilitation.

You have to fight to discover the best information, the best hospital, rehab facility and medical expertise for your needs. You must be willing to take educated risks.

However, Mr. Mandell also knows that you can’t let an aggressive stance turn into adversarial relationships with those whose help and experience you are seeking. Make friends on this journey to well being, he advises. Don’t turn people off.

Another crucial piece of advice is the mantra “one step at a time.” People whose expectations are too ambitious (unrealistic?) are likely to be disappointed and fall into despair. They will lose heart and may never make progress. Set attainable goals and work hard to achieve each. With others, develop a plan that is consistent with your condition at the starting line so that you can reach the finish line of restored vitality and functionality.

In 54 brief, zesty and often humorous chapters (plus four appendices), the author creates the feeling of “step-by-step” self-discovery over the stroke or other debilitating condition from which you need to rebound. You need to make and keep your commitment to practical interim goal setting, he says.

Writing in an almost breathless style, he underscores his points via strong section headings, outline technique, boldface emphasis and a kind of question-and-answer dialogue.

Most important is his use of italicized passages that reveal what he was thinking at different stages of his own recovery and rehabilitation. He admits to and shares his doubts and dilemmas along the way.

No one should think that anything less than tough-mindedness and hard work will bring the results you desire. No one should think there won’t be setbacks.

Mr. Mandell shows his readers how to become researchers. Finding networks of people and organizations with shared concerns and knowledge, finding sources that explain various kinds of medical practitioner credentials and rankings of hospitals’ specialty units (like stroke units) and finding special umbrella organizations such as NIH StrokeNet are necessities for you and your optimum recovery.

The information in “Stroke Victor” seems endless. There is helpful guidance for and about caregivers, useful sections like “Sex after Stroke,” “Integrative and Innovative Therapies” and an enormously important how-to discussion about discovering and taking part in clinical trials of new medications and therapies.

All these positive attributes of “Stroke Victor” do not quite disguise the fact that this book could benefit from careful, professional proofreading, however. Through his book, Mr. Mandell is a great coach on paper. He is also a coach — a stroke coach — in life. He is a fully committed stroke recovery research advocate and educator who has founded the Stroke Research Foundation. You can check it out at StrokeRF.org. To invite Mr. Mandell to a speaking engagement, email him at bob@strokevictor.com.

— Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text. See his review of the novel “Exit Strategy” on page C5.
Meeting children’s needs right here at home

Most surveys reveal that health-care consumers prefer quality care close to home. That’s one reason why the NCH Pediatrics Department has been the go-to center for decades for the estimated 64,524 children under the age of 18 in Collier County.

Each year, some 3,500 babies are born at the Birth Place on our North Naples campus. Some of those newborns need care in our new 16-bed Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Also in North Naples, the MacDonald SeaCAREium has eight progressive care beds, and coming soon is the Robert, Mariann MacDonald Pediatric Emergency Room.

Our pediatrics department has steadily expanded its capabilities to accommodate changing community needs. Ten years ago, Dr. Deborah Lopez joined the team as a pediatric intensivist and hospitalist. A short time later, Dr. Jorge Perez brought in a team of neonatologists. We now have full-time pediatric intensivist coverage with the addition of Dr. Hassan Dbouk, along with six full-time neonatologists (one is on duty in the Birth Place around the clock).

Beyond 26 pediatricians on staff who are led by Dr. Sobia Najm Masoud, we have two pediatric cardiologists, Drs. Tankut Onal and Levi Novero, who can also care for adults who had anatomic abnormalities as children and are now grown up; a pediatric neurologist, Dr. Ramzy Medaa, who cares for children with seizures and other problems; a pediatric urologist, Dr. Michael Carr, who was previously at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia and is the only pediatric urologist in Southwest Florida; four pediatric gastroenterologists, Drs. Mario Tano, Aymin Delgado (specializing in liver diseases), Yonathan Fuchs and Ofelia Martin; three pediatric pulmonologists, Drs. Ronjana Manvunda, Claudia Fernandez and Hassan Dbouk; a pediatric hematologist and oncologist, Dr. Daniela Egas Bejar; and 10 pediatric ER physicians led by Dr. Pia Myers.

NCH has supplied the local community with school nurses and athletic trainers for almost 20 years. We also offer sedation services for children who need special procedures such as MRIs or CTs.

Having the only local pediatric inpatient unit, the only pediatric ICU, pediatric ER, neonatal ICU, hospital obstetrical unit and all these pediatric subspecialists means Collier County families rarely need to leave home for their children’s health-care needs.

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

Lighthouse supports Collier’s visually impaired

Lighthouse of Collier, a non-profit serving the blind and visually impaired and their caregivers, holds its next brown bag lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, at Lighthouse headquarters, 2085 Horseshoe Drive S. Guest speaker will be Lily Randall, health specialist of Whole Foods Market in Mercato. Attendees will learn easy ways to incorporate more vegetables into their diet and will sample a vegetable recipe and a dairy-free, sugar-free shake that tastes like pumpkin pie.

Bring your own brown bag lunch and stay afterward for social hour, trivia games and to learn more about Lighthouse of Collier’s programs and services.

Attendance is free. Call Rick Hart at 430-3934 to make a reservation.

The Terraces partners with Hope Hospice

The Terraces at Bonita Springs has partnered with Hope Hospice to provide end-of-life palliative care at the Terraces’ Renaissance health center.

“We saw an opportunity in the fact that some of the beds in our health center weren’t always full,” says Ross Dickmann, executive director of The Terraces at Bonita Springs. For more information, visit theterracesatbonitasprings.com.

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Teamwork rocks

Participating in a sport or activity with dogs brings a sense of fulfillment and joy to human and canine team members

BY KIM CAMPBELL THORNTON

If you had told me two years ago that I would be spending my Friday evenings at nose-work class and taking one- and two-day road trips just to get to nose-work trials, I would have laughed. My dogs have always been my companions. We go for walks, have meals at pet-friendly restaurants and travel together whenever possible. They sleep under my desk while I write, and sit on my lap on the sofa when I’m reading or watching television.

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Adam Conn does a number of sports with his Bernese mountain dogs. He enjoys the challenge of “unlocking” each dog. “All five who I’ve competed with have been very vastly different, despite four being the same breed and two being from the same lines.”

What about our dogs? Treats and praise aside, do they get anything out of it? Yes. For each dog, the reward is different. Some like being the center of attention or enjoyment. A dog’s first Odor Recognition Test, which qualifies her to compete in a beginning-level nose-work trial, I couldn’t wait. Watching Harper and Gemma, and eventually Keeper — discover a purpose to sniffing was a revelation. They knew when it was time to go to class. They knew exactly what they were there to do when it was their turn to search. They were so excited to tell us when they found the scent. It was two-way communication, and it was wonderful.

Recently, I asked friends who also do nose work if they get any out of it. The appreciation of teamwork and communication and a deeper relationship came first, of course. “The bond it creates between you and your dog is unlike anything you could develop with a human teammate,” says Melissa Duffy. “Sports and games make her dogs grin like nothing else.”

Harper? We have always been close, but she really blossomed when she discovered that she could “tell” me something and that I would understand.

For each dog, the reward is different. Some like being the center of attention or enjoyment of the challenge of solving a puzzle. Hina, a mixed-breed owned by Mary Wakabayashi, loves the thrill of the hunt that nose work develops. Melissa Duffy says sports and games make her dogs grin like nothing else.

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Nothing captures a diva’s fancy more than a wedding. It combines all of my favorite things: love, sparkle and merriment. I adore weddings so much that one can max out the photo storage limit on my iPhone faster than you can say, “I do.”

And because I get so excited about weddings, I can tend to overthink my outfit. For the wedding I attended this past Saturday, for example, I couldn’t decide whether to wear my ivory feather fascinator or not. It’s a pretty fabulous fascinator, and I would never want to upstage the bride. But then I reminded myself, why fret? There was no bride. Scott and Ron’s wedding meant two gorgeous grooms in stunning tuxes. I could wear whatever I wanted!

I ended up going with a simple cocktail dress — and the fascinator — for my first gay wedding. Of course, no one cared a bit what I was wearing (not even me). All eyes and hearts were focused on the grooms.

Even before they became a couple, Scott Carpenter and Ron Kelly both loved the Baz Luhrmann film “Moulin Rouge,” so they chose it as the theme of their wedding: Paris, red and black. Scott and Ron sweetly gifted their guests darling little chocolates in the shape of the Eiffel Tower, but they would have done better with Kleenex, because there wasn’t a dry eye in the house. And as if the ceremony didn’t have us all boo-hooing enough, on a big screen they showed a video of the proposal. It was Christmas of last year, shortly after the state of Florida legally recognized same sex marriage. Scott had decided to propose to Ron during their annual holiday party; meanwhile, Ron had the exact same idea. A dual surprise Christmas engagement — more history.

Somebody, please, pass a fascinator. Here come the waterworks again. Somebody, please, pass a fascinator. — even when, as I’m certain will happen, a wedding becomes just a wedding, whether it’s two grooms, two brides or a bride and a groom.

My friend Nykkie, who attended Ron and Scott’s wedding with her 3-year-old daughter, Magnolia, said it best when we chatted after the ceremony: “I asked Magnolia, ‘Wasn’t it a pretty wedding?’ Did you enjoy watching Ron and Scott get married? Her reply? ‘I know, Mommy, they love each other SO much!’”

As she grows up, Magnolia will shed only normal tears at all weddings. She’ll never know a time when it was different. That’s history.

Did I mention that both grooms had a lighting designer (Scott is an actor, Ron is a lighting designer), there was even a script, a playbill and a standing ovation. As much as I’d like to think Scott and Ron’s wedding was like any wedding I’ve ever attended (because it was), it really wasn’t. It was history.

It was the first time I’ve ever seen two people of the same sex who are madly in love, who have been partners for 15 years, who have desperately wanted to make their union legal, finally get to do just that.

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Halfway through the wedding, my mascara was in streaks and I was using the tablecloth to wipe away my tears.

The grooms didn’t plan it, but it was tuned for another divalicious diary entry next week …
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Getting to know you

Companies use personality profiles to improve communication skills among employees

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It’s not what you know, it’s who you know — and more importantly how well you know them. That’s the idea behind personality tests or psychological profiles that business owners give themselves, their management team or other employees, often as a teambuilding exercise or sometimes as part of pre-employment screening. There are many tests available, based on common psychological theories and adapted by brands like DiSC and Myers-Briggs (two of the most popular) to gauge how people tend to communicate in the workplace by dividing them into different behavioral categories. Keirsey Temperament Sorter, Predictive Index, HumanMetrics and Clifton StrengthsFinder are others.

“Sometimes you just see that lightbulb come on and somebody goes ‘oh, I get it now, I understand why maybe I wasn’t communicating well with this...”

— Diana Willis, Jason’s Deli franchise

Companies use personality profiles to improve communication skills among employees

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Why just one currency wouldn’t be so great

Traveling in Europe really makes you appreciate all of the great things we take for granted here in the U.S. For example, when I use the restroom, I don’t want to have to make a decision each time whether the contents of the bowl warrant a large or small flush. And it should be a human right that if you buy a soda at a restaurant for $5 that costs $0.001 cents to produce, it should come with free refills. And those refills should contain more than 2 cubes of ice. But what really drives me crazy is dealing in foreign currencies. That bottle of wine is $50 Krore? What does that even mean? Why do we even have multiple currencies any more and why do they matter?

In an ideal world, we would have just a single currency. Having multiple forms of money is an impediment for trading between countries and is very inefficient. Yet there are more than 180 different currencies in the world. There are three primary reasons for this. The first is seigniorage. Seigniorage is the difference in the cost for a government to produce money versus what they can sell the money for. For example, if it costs a government $1.10 to produce a $100 bill, the seigniorage is $9990 per $100 bill that they produce. For some countries, especially developing countries, this can be an important source of revenue. For example, if a government takes advantage of this, the result is extreme inflation. In 2008, analysts estimated that half of Zimbabwe’s government revenue came from seigniorage. The trade off was inflation of 24,000 percent as the government flooded the market with newly printed bills.

Seigniorage is also beneficial to developed countries like the U.S. Although it is hard to measure, it is estimated that between $800 and $1000 billion paper dollars are held outside of the U.S. These dollars are in such demand because they are readily accepted in almost every country in the world and are easily tradable into local money. These notes were produced at virtually no cost, yet the U.S. was able to “sell” the notes to foreign banks, governments, and other institutions at face value. So the U.S. government was able to essentially buy $300 billion worth of goods and services at almost no cost. Not a bad deal for us.

The second benefit to a country for producing its own currency is the ability to manipulate exchange rates to benefit that nation. For example, for decades Japan has artificially depreciated the yen versus the dollar and euro. China has also played this game with the yuan. Both Asian countries accomplished this by selling their local currency in exchange for buying dollars and euros. This is the primary reason why both China and Japan own so many U.S. Treasury bonds — it keeps all of the dollars it purchased in the form of these bonds.

A low-valued currency is important to Japan and China because it powers their export-driven economies. For example, let’s say today that Sony wanted to sell its PlayStation 4 for 20,000 yen and the exchange rate was 100 yen per dollar. It would cost an American consumer $200 to purchase the game system. If tomorrow the yen fell to 200 yen per dollar, all of a sudden the same American consumer could buy the game system for $100 and yet Sony would still be making 20,000 yen per PlayStation sold. That is the power of exchange rates. And it plays a huge role in any company that buys or sells products outside of its home nation. In fact, many U.S. multinational companies this past quarter put the blame on earnings misses on the fact that U.S. dollar was so strong versus almost every other currency in the world. This made U.S. companies less competitive, leading to sales losses to global competitors.

So if a weak currency is so great, why has the U.S. pursued a strong dollar policy for decades? It is because low currencies are a double-edged sword. The benefits to a country for having its own currency typically go hand in hand with high inflation, which can be very damaging to an economy. And because the U.S. is a consumer driven economy, it has been helpful to us to keep the dollar strong and prices low.

The final benefit for a country to have its own currency is that it is a safety valve when it gets into trouble with debt. This is one of the primary reasons why some analysts believe Greece will be better off if it exits the euro and brings back the drachma. If a country has a massive debt burden that it cannot pay off with its existing reserves, it has two options. First, it can default. Second, the country can start up its printing presses and simply start printing money. The problem in Greece’s situation is that it gave up its prints when it joined the Euro. A country with its own currency wouldn’t have this impediment.

So, it seems like a world currency will not be in our immediate future. The benefits to a country for having its own money almost always outweigh the problems it causes. But does each country really need to have its own electrical outlet configuration too?

— Eric Bretan, co-owner of Rick’s Estate & Jewelery Buyers in Punta Gorda, was a senior derivatives marketer and investment banker for more than 15 years at several global banks. He holds a bachelor’s degree in finance from the University of Virginia and an MBA in finance from the Wharton School of Business.
person,” said Sandra Peterson, human resources manager for Markham Morton Moore, a CPA and consulting firm in Lee and Collier counties that uses DiSC to assess potential and current employees, for instance to train them in a way that’s most effective. “We primarily use the DiSC, although I’m also certified in Myers-Briggs, but I find that DiSC seems to be a little bit faster so it seems to be the preference among people.”

Armed with this information and insight about themselves and other people, the thinking goes, co-workers do a better job of communicating. Clashes and misunderstandings that might gum up productivity, say between a hard-driving, outgoing CEO who just wants to get things done and an introverted, methodical accountant intent on sifting through every detail, can be diffused.

“It’s really fun,” said Lee Knapp of Knapp Consultants, a business consultant but probably wouldn’t fit in Fort Myers. “It’s really fun.” Ms. Knapp also points out that there is “no right or wrong answer” on such personality tests.

“I use (DiSC) for all my clients as a foundation to better understand their team, to understand how they can work more effectively together,” said Lee Knapp of Knapp Consultants, a business consultant based in Fort Myers.

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My Dumbest Investment
Not Going Anywhere
I bought my house in 2005. Just three years later, my 5-year-old neighbor bought his house, quite comparable to mine, for a third of what I paid. I'm not going anywhere soon.
— J.K., Ferguson, Missouri

The Fool Responds: Ouch. Many people avoid stocks, thinking they're too risky. It seems foolish with the next big downturn not realizing how volatile home values can be, too.

A prize-winning economist Robert Shiller has long studied the housing market, with his data showing housing prices over time. He recently issued an open letter saying he was surprised by a 20 percent downturn over 10 years, not realizing just how illusory home values can be.

Jeremy Siegel, stocks have outperformed bonds 78 percent of the time over all time.

In the U.S. and around the world, saving what you can in your retirement account, maintaining a bucket list of small-cap diversification, and pick your stocks. As a retiree, you'll want your nest egg to grow, if possible, and stocks are one of the best tools for that. Bonds have their uses, providing a hedge against inflation. (We'll announce it in next week's edition.)

Last week's trivia answer
I was founded in San Antonio in 1992 by 25 Army officers who decided to insure one another's vehicles. Today I'm a fully integrated financial services company, offering insurance, banking, investments, retirement products and advice to more than 10 million current and former members of the U.S. military and their families. Our mission is to help our customers achieve financial peace of mind. The most important tool we have is our mission. But we also have other tools, including more than 250 items made from scratch each day, including more than 50 desserts. Who am I?

Name That Company
I trace my roots back to Detroit in the 1930s. My owner, James Overton, was provided with so-called ‘legal’ advice. He bought into a company selling it in relatively modest numbers. In the 1970s, she moved to Los Angeles and opened a bakery. Her son opened selling it in relatively modest numbers. She began making more of it and the 1940s, when a dessert that Evelyn bonds 78 percent of the time over all time. As a retiree, you'll want your nest egg to grow, if possible, and stocks are one of the best tools for that. Bonds have their uses, providing a hedge against inflation. (We'll announce it in next week's edition.)

The Motley Fool Take
Placing Chips on Micron
Shares of America's biggest memory chip maker, Micron Technology (Nasdaq: MU), have dropped by more than 40 percent over the past year, and are worth considering.

Micron, recently sporting a market value near $21 billion, has been hurt by a drop in prices, aemic memory-making away from low-end chips and into higher-margin products. It's developing new products to capture a growing market share of the integrated memory market. The chip business is cyclical, and Micron management is confident that it can ride out the next downturn.

Meanwhile, Micron's 2013 acquisition of Japan-based rival Elpida for $12.2 billion has played out well, giving the company valuable economies of scale and a major share of mobile DRAM chips. The chip chase boosted Micron's memory market share to No. 1 in the world, even better, the company instantly gained a 50 percent boost in total memory capacity for about a third of the cost of building new fabs, a new self-agency around the globe and training new workers.

The chip business is cyclical, and Micron isn't for the faint of heart, but with recent forward-looking price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios near 7, well below the stock's 15-year average of 15, Micron's shares are appealingly priced.

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BUSINESS MEETINGS

■ A Job Search Support Group meets from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Contact Karen Klukewicz at khkk7@ comcast.net or visit napleschamber.org.

■ Consultants from the Small Business Development Center at Florida Gulf Coast University are available at the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, 2980 Tamiami Trail N., every Thursday. To make an appointment for a free session, call 269-9977.

■ Breakfast After Five for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7:30-9 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Guest House at Immokolee, 1001 Immokolee Road. S. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

■ Young Professionals of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce hold their annual meeting from 6-10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at the Naples Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Free for members who sign up in advance, $10 at the door; $50 for non-members (includes a membership). Visit ypsp.com or follow ypspales on Facebook.

■ The Collier Building Industry Association holds its next members’ meeting, 10 a.m., Table with Collier County building and growth management officials from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, at BIA headquarters, 3200 Bailey Lane. Sign up at bia.org.

■ Members of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Executive Council will enjoy lunch at the Naples Princess from 5:30-8 p.m. Wednesday, July 22. The boat will leave dock at 6 p.m. Open bar and hors d’oeuvres will be provided by CSI globalVCard and the Naples Princess. Reservations are required by July 27. Call 992-2943 or visit bonitaspringschamber.com for more information.

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■ Ask the Fool Beyond the S&P 500 What other major stock indexes exist beyond the S&P 500? D.E. Venic, Florida A4 The Dow Jones Industrial Average ("The Dow") is famous, containing 30 American industrial stocks, including Boeing, Disney, General Electric, Coca-Cola, Nike, Visa and Wal-Mart. The Standard & Poor’s 500 is an index of 500 of America’s leading companies. Its components account for about 80 percent of the total market value of the U.S. stock market. The Dow and the S&P 500 are often viewed as proxies for the overall U.S. economy. Other major indexes include the Russell 3000 Index, encompassing roughly 4,000 of the largest companies based on market capitalization (current market price per share, times number of shares outstanding). Together, these companies make up about 98 percent of the U.S. market's value. The top small-cap company index is the Russell 2000, a subset of the Russell 3000 made up of about 800 of these companies. Russell with the Russell. Dow Jones Woldish 500 is even broader, including almost everything publicly traded U.S. company. For broad international coverage, the Vanguard Total International Stock Index represents almost all of the non-U.S. world stock market.

There are indexes for many broad or narrow international regions, such as China or Latin America. Other indexes address sectors, including banking, biotechnology, energy, health care, insurance, telecommunications and transportation. Learn more at fool.com/mutualfunds/mutualfunds.htm.

The Motley Fool Newsletter... What good books are there on the history of investing? — M.C., Madison, Indiana

Check out “Learn to Earn” by Peter Lynch (Simon & Schuster, $30), Peter Bernstein’s “Capital Ideas: The Indispensable Origins of Modern Wall Street” (Wiley, $20) and “Devil Take the Hindmost: A History of Speculation” by Edward Chancellor (Plume, $18).

Want more information about stock market basics? Visit fool.com/retirement.

■ The Florida Gulf Coast Real Estate Investors Alliance meets on the first Tuesday of the month at the Bonita Springs Ellis Lodge, 328 Coconut Road. The next meeting is Aug. Call (941) 257-1877 or visit fgreia.com for more information.

■ Wake Up Naples for members and guests of the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce takes place from 7-9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the Hilton Naples. Guest speaker President Wilson Bradshaw of Florida Gulf Coast University will discuss FGCU's Emerging Technologies Institute. Seminole Casino Immokalee offers reservations required by Aug. 7. Sign up at napleschamber.org/events.

— Email business meeting announcements to epiere@floridaweekly.com.
SCORE volunteer business mentors will offer free advice to entrepreneurs and small business owners in one-hour time slots from 9:35 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 1, at SCORE Naples headquarters, 900 Goodlette-Frank Road, behind the Fifth Third Bank building.

Although sessions are free, partici- pants must review the specialties of the counselors below and sign up to meet with the one of his/her choice. ■ Joe Binder offers assistance in sales, marketing (including digital marketing), operations, new product development, growth strategies and franchising.

■ Frank Friend’s expertise lies in management planning, procedures and strategy, marketing, budgeting/costing/ pricing and developing and maintaining employee and customer loyalty.

■ Ekkehard Gramp can offer advice for start-ups and discuss business planning, product development, continuous quality, profit improvements and business turnaround.

■ Margaret Holt counsels in business planning, human resources (hiring, training, managing and firing employ- ees), sales, customer service, partner- ship management, time management and building personal relationships.

■ Richard Siegel shares his insights about information systems, leasing, expansion, inventory management, human resources (including screening, hiring, documentation, training, objec- tive assessment, compensation and incentive programs), corporate renewal, supplier and financial resource communi- cation and repositioning product and service.

■ Eva Zachs is expert in digital and mobile marketing, social media strategies, content marketing, e-commerce, lean start-ups, agile management, Inter- net technologies, starting and running an online business, cloud computing and search engine optimization.

To register, visit scorenaples.org, sign up to any Upcoming Events and check on Aug. 1 Counselor Fair. For more information, call the SCORE office at 438-0081 or email Ms. Holt at Margaret.holt@scorevolunteer.org. ■

ULI dinner features female business leaders

The Urban Land Institute-Southwest Florida invites women in business to “A View from the Top,” an evening of conversation with four female business executives from the region. Consist- ing of 30-minute courses, with the executives rotating to a new table with each course, the dinner takes place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 6, at Quail West Golf & Country Club. The speakers are: Kathy Curatolo, executive officer, Collier Building Industry Association; Nicole Johnson, director of government relations, Con- servancy of Southwest Florida; Chris- tine Ross, president and CEO, Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce; and Jill Meeks, vice president of sales and marketing for DR Horton. Cost is $40 for ULI members, $55 for others. Reservations are required by Aug. 4 and can be made at swflorida.uli.org.

The Urban Land Institute is a global nonprofit education and research institu- tion dedicated to promoting the respon- sible use of land in creating and sustain- ing thriving communities worldwide. Established in 1936, the institute has nearly 30,000 members representing all aspects of land use and development disciplines. ■
NETWORKING

Collier Building Industry Association
June mixer at the Hilton Naples

FGCU hosts President’s Club of the
Bonita Springs Chamber Foundation

Julie and Terry Kelly
Kathy Bamberg and Pat Miller

Alicia Rosier, Joel Whittenhall, Zondra Whittenhall and Tanya Schrott

Enrique Laureiro and David Strickland
Julio Barina and Randy Thomas

Marjorie Rubacky, Scott Duval and Maribel Slabaugh

Lisa Vinciguerra and Jeff Jerome
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The Domestic Estate Managers Association at the Capital Grille

Juan Gonzalez and Barbara Seyez

Josh White, Catherine Brown, Kimberly Anderson and Jason Abidin

Allen Furrer, Sandi Williams and Mitch Williams

Daniel Fitapelli and Cheri Argenta

Marylee Terrell, Werner Leutert and Codruta Tasca

Gordon McIntosh and Tina Berté

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REAL ESTATE NEWSMAKERS

Kelly Capolino has joined the offices of Downing-Frye Realty in Naples. Ms. Capolino has 19 years of experience in real estate sales and previously was a general contractor. She is the founder of the local Diamond Volunteer Program and has been involved with the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, the American Red Cross, the Junior Women of Initiative mentoring program and the Women’s Initiative Network. She is also the co-founder of the annual Thinking Outside the Box seminar for nonprofits.

Diane Kerper has joined Neal Communities as director of sales and marketing for the company’s south region. Ms. Kerper has managed and led multiple large-scale projects for several homebuilding companies over 25 years in Pennsylvania and the Sunshine State. As both a Florida certified general contractor and real estate broker, she has overseen acquisitions, purchasing, design, sales and construction in both homebuilding and asset management roles. She has held leadership positions with Toll Brothers, Avanti, WCI Communities and Frey & Son Homes across several disciplines.

Miloff Aubuchon Realty Group has opened a new office serving Naples/Bonita Springs. Lynn Galligan is director of sales and marketing for the company’s south region. Ms. Galligan has managed and led multiple large-scale projects for several homebuilding companies over 25 years in Pennsylvania and the Sunshine State. As both a Florida certified general contractor and real estate broker, she has overseen acquisitions, purchasing, design, sales and construction in both homebuilding and asset management roles. She has held leadership positions with Toll Brothers, Avanti, WCI Communities and Frey & Son Homes across several disciplines.

John R. Wood Properties welcomes the following agents:
- Bonita Springs office – Nancy Sergeant
- Central office – Bridget Fagan
- North Naples office – Terry Bayt, Kerstin Heinemann, Andreas Heinemann and Eben Moran.

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Bill Taylor, founder and producing artistic director of Theatre Conspiracy, likes to read theater magazines and articles online. Last year he began coming across writings about a particular disparity in the production of plays: that so many more were written by men than by women.

For example, based on information in the Internet Broadway Database, women playwrights were responsible for only 0.2 percent of Broadway shows in the 2012-13 season. (And that’s better than the previous season. Michele Theatre Conspiracy’s 2015-2016 season by women playwrights make up 100 percent of Theatre Conspiracy’s upcoming season.)

Deadheads grateful to catch tribute band in Naples

By Lindsey Nesmith
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The Grateful Dead may have packed it in for good earlier this month after celebrating the band’s 50th anniversary with a series of concerts in Chicago, but local Deadheads can still celebrate the counterculture of the ’60s and ’70s when the tribute band Crazy Fingers takes the stage at The Norris Center in Naples on Saturday, July 25.

“I thought it would be kind of a neat follow up (to the iconic band’s final shows) to do that at The Norris Center,” says promoter Richard Van der Neer. “I’m looking forward to creating a little summer excitement in Naples.”

Mr. Van der Neer says he became acquainted with the tribute band years ago. When he organized “farm parties” at a friend’s campground in Ochoppee, Crazy Fingers would rock on while campers circled a bonfire into the night, groovin’ to the band’s renditions of “Casey Jones,” “Sugar Magnolia,” “Friend of the Devil,” “Sugarae” and so many more.

For the upcoming concert at The Norris Center, the promoter has lined up vendors to sell tie-dye supplies and hula-hoops. He also hopes to involve a few community organizations in the evening.
SANDY DAYS, SALTY NIGHTS

Hello from Bitter Island

I have a friend who recently remarried. It’s a second marriage for both him and his new wife. They are in their mid-30s, and they each have young children. They are ecstatically in love, and I am thrilled for them. But not thrilled enough, it seems.

“It’s like people aren’t happy for us,” my friend complained to me. “No one wants to talk about the wedding.”

I tried to explain the truth to him as gently as I could: It’s hard for friends and family to muster the same excitement a second time around. When all the feting of the first wedding took place — the endless showers and toasts, the parties and gifts — it was with the expectation that the marriage would last.

It was easy to be genuine in our happiness then, because we all anticipated that the words spoken at the ceremony — ‘til death do us part and all that — were sincere. But a second marriage proves we were wrong. It mocks all the hopes we placed in the first one. So he’ll have to forgive us if we can’t generate that same enthusiasm again.

My friend, though, doesn’t see it that way.

“You know why people aren’t happy for us?” he told me one night on the phone. “Because everybody else is unhappy.”

“What does that mean?” I asked.

“It’s as if we were all on this bitter island together, the single people and the couples in crappy relationships, but then we” — meaning his new bride and himself — “managed to escape while everyone else stayed.”

I thought about it for a minute.

“Are you including me on that island?” I asked him.

“Well, you are, aren’t you?” Am I?

It’s true that I’m not in a relationship, but I have a lovely life. Sometimes I like to complain about my non-relationship status, but I always figured that if I were truly upset about it, I would do something to change it.

Still, what my friend said stayed with me over the next several days. Was I living on Bitter Island and I didn’t even realize it? Maybe he’s right — and not just about me, but about our collective group of friends. It’s impossible to be happy for other people when we’re not happy ourselves. Perhaps we really are trapped on an island of dissatisfaction, the singles and unhappily marrieds, and the great wave of post-children divorces that takes place in our 30s and early 40s is on its way. My friend just happened to be the first.

What if, I thought, instead of being angry at him for his annoyingly smug comments, I followed his lead? Rather than defending my territory on Bitter Island, I should be finding an escape route. Building a raft, so to speak. They say we should never make important decisions under duress, but my friend had me so worked up that I couldn’t have stopped myself if I tried.

Late at night, after tossing and turning, I got out of bed, sat down at my computer and signed up for eHarmony. If I’m going to make it off this island, I can’t do it alone.

— Artis Henderson is the author of “Unremarried Widow” published by Simon and Schuster.
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Willens in The Atlantic magazine noted that only two Broadway plays had been written by women, and both were dead.)

An October 2014 American Theatre article quotes Joy Meads, literary associate of the Los Angeles-based Center Theater Group, as saying the gender disparity springs not from meritocracy but from historical prejudice and sub-conscious bias.

Women playwrights are also woefully underrepresented regionally.

“Honestly, I hadn’t thought about it before,” Mr. Taylor says. So he did his own research and looked at what venues in Fort Myers, Sanibel, Cape Coral and Naples had produced over the past few years. He was surprised to learn that less than 20 percent of the plays produced locally had been written by women.

“It hit me,” he says. “There’s not even gen- eral parity when it comes to play produc- tion and playwrights.

“I thought this would be a good time to make up for some of that.”

Hence the upcoming season of plays written only by women. (The only possi- ble exception will be the production of the annual New Play Contest winner.)

Mr. Taylor says when he told his wife, actress Lauren Drexler, what he was planning to do she replied, “It’s about time.”

It’s just taken for granted when a venue produces a season and all the playwrights are male, he says. “But people are talking about the dispar- ity now, how obscure female playwrights are getting the short end of the stick. So we’re just doing our part to make it up for it.

“The thing to empha- size,” he says, “is that just because the season is all female playwrights doesn’t mean it’s a chick-flick sea- son. Some very powerful, great pieces of theater that are due to be produced are coming.

“It’s not a chick-flick season,” he repeats.

“We’re talking about gifted women, talented women,” says Tera Nicole Smith, who works the box office for Theatre Conspiracy and has also performed in and stage-managed shows for the company. “There are shows that everybody will enjoy. These are not just for women.

Some of the scripts, she says, “are just fall-down funny,” while others are “poignant and beautiful.”

The season

Mr. Taylor says his goal, as he did every season, was to present a diverse selection of plays.

“I always try to bring a wide variety of plays to a season,” he says, “so you’re not getting what you’ve already seen a thousand times.”

Initially, he wanted to present the history of plays written by women, starting with one from the 1600s. But then he realized the cast requirements for such a season would be too large.

“No way could I tackle a show with 15 or more characters in it,” he says. “So I dropped that idea and then decided, ‘Let’s stick with the 20th century, to keep the casts more manageable.’

He would have opened with the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Harvey,” written by Mary Chase, but was unable to obtain the rights. A movie version of the play, starring Jimmy Stewart, was made in 1950.

So the season’s opener became Lillian Hellman’s “Toys in the Attic.” Running Oct. 2-18, it’s about two sisters whose younger brother always has a get-rich- quick scheme, one that inevitably falls through. “Then one day he shows up with a large sum of money, and people are trying to figure out exactly where he got it,” Mr. Taylor says.

Stephanie Davis (Florida Weekly Diva Diaries columnist) is directing “Toys in the Attic” and has cast Rachel Hugum and Karen Goldberg to star as the sisters.

The next play, Mr. Burns, a Post-Electric Play” by Anne Washburn, runs Nov. 20-Dec. 12. This dark comedy takes place after the collapse of civilization, “so it’s set in the future a little bit,” Mr. Taylor says, explaining that it’s called a post-electric play because it’s set in a time where there is no more electricity.

“You have this group of survivors around a campfire, trying to recall a ‘Simposium’ episode,” he says about the show that will begin this season. “They’re talking about it, and you get the backstory of where civilization is at that time, why there’s no electricity, etc.

Act II is set seven years in the future, when roving theatrical groups go around performing “Simposium” episodes. And then Act III, set 75 years later, is a musi- cal about “The Simposium.”

“It’s a neat show (about how pop cul- ture becomes the stuff of myths and leg- end as time goes past),” he says. Rachael Endrizzi will direct this production.

The New Year opens with “Kayak” by Jordan Hall, running Jan. 7-23. A winner of the Samuel French Canadian playwrighting contest, it will star Ms. Drexler as a mother who bowers her son’s kayak and finds herself floating along a stretch of water. The son’s girlfriend is an envi- ronmental activist who holds views the mother disagrees with.

“We will be performed in the round, and the Mariner Robotics Club from Mariner High School will create a robot that will pull the kayak along, so as the actress paddles throughout the play, the kayak will move accordingly. Steven Hooper will direct.

Up next is “The Bluest Eye” by Lydia Diamond, an adaptation of Toni Mor- rison’s novel by the same name about a girl who despises her dark skin and prays for blue eyes, running Feb. 5-20. “We’re getting a great cast together for this,” Mr. Taylor says. “It’s going to be amazing. It’s part of our effort to produce plays for minority artists geared toward a minor- ity audience, just like we did last year with ‘For colored girls...’

“As far as I can tell, the only ones in Southwest Florida now continually producing shows for minority actors,” Mr. Taylor says. “We’re trying to figure out exactly where he is right now, about how female playwrights are doing.

“Even though it might be murder or rape or any type of crime, you can go into this online area and do it, away from the law.”

The play begins with a cyber detective interrogat- ing the man who created this area where law cannot go. A winner of the 2012 Susan Smith Blackburn Prize, “The Nether” has played at Lon- don’s West End and, earlier this year, at the Lucille Lortel Theatre in New York City.

May 6-15 is reserved for the winner of Theatre Conspira- cy’s annual New Play Contest. It is, of course, impossible to predict the gender of the play- wright in this case.

The season will close with “The Amish Project,” Jessica Dickey’s one-woman show that is a fictional account of the 2006 Nickel Mines Schoolhouse shooting in an Amish community in Lancast- er County, Pa. “It’s the story of their freedom,” Mr. Taylor says about the show that will star Ms. Miller playing various characters, including some of the children who were victims of the shooting, the wife of the shooter, an Amish historian and researcher and the shoot- er himself. “It’s an extraordi- nary piece,” Mr. Taylor says. The dates for this show are TBA.

In summing up the com- ing season for Theatre Conspira- cy, Ms. Miller says, “This is not a season about women. It’s a season by women, and I think that’s great.”

Mr. Taylor concludes: “These are amazing pieces of theater. They’re engaging, they’re funny, they’re sad. “It’s just good writing.”
Undercover vigilantes and lovers yield killer thriller romance


The premise of Lena Diaz’s new romantic thriller is something I’ve come across before: After the U.S. government’s intelligence agencies have pushed up against the legal limits of what they can do, secret and unofficial organizations emerge to do the most heinous dirty work necessary to keep our enemies (internal and external) in check.

EXIT Inc. has the cover name Extreme International Tours Incorporated. Indeed, the tour company actually functions like others in the high-risk adventure tour business. Under the cover, however, it is a paramilitary force with few restraints and shaky accountability. Worse yet, many of the leaders and highly trained enforcers are in it for their own personal agendas.

The stories are bound together, of course, and their combined action moves across the rugged North Carolina landscape near Asheville. Both story lines proceed with progress and setbacks in suspenseful tension.

Sabrina, a diminutive, curvy powerhouse, is a force to be reckoned with on many levels. She is out to discover how to bring EXIT to justice for the faulty zip-line that caused her parents’ deaths on their anniversary trip—a trip Sabrina had given them in an attempt to reconnect. Now, as she makes waves, Sabina has become a target of EXIT enforcers.

The novel develops along these two related lines. Mason and a few others fight to expose and bring down the corrupt Exit agents. This story line involves detailed plans, combat prowess and courage. The companion story is the unsteady growth of a loving, trusting relationship between Mason and Sabrina.

How Mason and Sabrina negotiate their alternating currents of caution and desire, shared perspectives and acute differences, is a powerful magnet for reader interest. The author describes these pulses with skill, and the hot lovemaking that explodes along with the constant danger makes for many stimulating scenes.

Ms. Diaz has proved her ability to win an audience through her success in Avon’s digital-first imprint, Avon Impulse, with the four-title Deadly Games Thriller series. Says an Avon publicist, “Lena’s original e-books have been so popular on an international level that we’ve decided to publish her in print for the very first time.”

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Ms. Diaz has been a Romance Writers of American Golden Heart finalist and a winner of the Daphne du Maurier award for excellence in mystery and suspense.

—Phil Jason, Ph.D., United States Naval Academy professor emeritus of English, is a poet, critic and freelance writer with 20 books to his credit, including several studies of war literature and a creative writing text.
WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

THEATER

Legally Blonde – By The Naples Players through Aug. 9 at the Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Alice in Wonderland – By The Naples Players Kids/Act July 24-26 at Sugden Community Theatre. 263-7990 or naplesplayers.org.

Shooting Star – By The Marco Island Players at 1089 6th St. Blvd. 642-7270 or thecomplayers.com.

Peter Pan & Wendy – By the Gulf Shore Playhouse STAR Players Aug. 7-8 at The Norris Center. 755 Eighth Ave. S. $8, 213-3049 or gulfshoreplayhouse.org.

Shrek the Musical – By the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs Youth Players Aug. 14-16. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8999 or artcenterbonita.org.

THURSDAY

Free Movie – Paragon Theaters presents an outdoor screening of “Mr. Peabody and Sherman” at 10 a.m. at 833 Vanderbilt Beach Road. 596-0008 or paragontheatres.com.

Plant Clinic – Troubleshoot your plant problems with a master gardener at Naples Botanical Garden at 10 a.m. and then stay to tour the Garden. Regular admission applies ($5 adults, $4 seniors, $3 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

Throwback Thursday – Relive the pop culture of the 70s starting at 2 p.m. at Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops. Free. 597-3250 or barnesandnoble.com.

Third Thursday – Enjoy music by Steve Fenttiman starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Fleischmann Courtyard on Third Street South. 434-6355 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

FRIDAY

Kids Free Friday – Kids age 12 and younger enjoy free admission to the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center all day. 300 Tower Road. 530-9490 or rookerybay.org.

Yoga and Art – Naples Art Association combines art and yoga every Friday from 9-11 a.m. at The Von liebig Art Center. Each session begins with an hour of yoga followed by an hour-long intuitive art class. $300. 262-6077 or naplesart.org.

Beachcombing – Set out at 9:30 a.m. with a volunteer at DeLnor-Wiggins Pass State Park to see what kind of treasures you can find in the sand. Free with park entry fee ($2 for bicyclists and walkers, $4 per car with one person, $6 per car with two or more people). 593-2568 or floridastateparks.org.

The Power Within – Join the meditation session and chill out at 10 a.m. at the Garden hosts a tropical fruit lecture and then stay to tour the Garden. Regular admission applies ($14.95 adults, $9.95 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

*Red-eyed Tree Frog* by Lorri Freedman of Naples is among the photographs juried into the Camera USA 2015: National Photography Exhibition at The von liebig Art Center. The exhibit ends Friday, July 17. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

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Manga Mania – Barnes & Noble in Waterside Shops hosts evening meditations at 5:30 p.m. every Monday. Peace offering welcome. 2040 Second Ave. N. 261-9605.

Film Night – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “The World’s Fastest Indian” (2005) at 7 p.m. The life story of a New Zealander Burt Munro, who spent years building a 920s Indian motorcycle, a bike that helped him set the land-speed world record at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1967. $10. 530 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8995 or artcenterbonita.org.

MONDAY

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Dinner with the Docs – Tim Smith and Ronil Pala of Maximized Living Health Center discuss overcoming health obstacles with practical strategies during Thursday, July 17. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free, although donations are always welcome. 565 Park St. 262-6517 or threemileglenlibrarypub.com.

Psychic Fair – Goddess I Am hosts area mediums and psychics for mini-readings from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash entry fee ($2 for bicyclists and walkers, $4 per car with one person, $6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-1938 or naplesgarden.org.

All That Jazz – The Naples Jazzmasters perform from 1-3 p.m. at The Norris Center. Donations appreciated. 213-3058 or jazzydrjim@gmail.com.

Ad-Libbing – The youth improv group at the Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs takes the stage at 3 p.m. and the adult troupe steps up at 8 p.m. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

Auto Envy – Classic cars of all makes and models take their places in the parking lot at Seminole Immokalee Casino from 4-7 p.m. Free. 324-218-0007 or seminoleimmokaleecasino.com.

SummerJazz on the Gulf – Danny Sillow performs as part of the SummerJazz on the Gulf series of free outdoor concerts starting at 6:30 p.m. at The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club. 261-2222 or naplesbeachhotel.com.

Blues to Bach – Guitarist Richard Smith and his wife, cellist Julie Adams, headline an evening of music starting at 7 p.m. at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. Free, but reservations recommended. 2700 Immokalee Road. 439-7928 or fredsdiner.com.

LBD Night – It’s Little Black Dress night at Blue Martini in Mercato. 591-2581 or bluemartinioutdoors.com.

SUNDAY

Farmers Market – Dozens of vendors bring their food and wares to the Third Street South Farmers Market from 7:30-11:30 a.m. in the parking lot behind Tommy Bahama. 444-0333 or thirdstreetsouth.com.

Food Trucks and Farmers Market – The summer farmers market at Galleria Shoppes at Vanderbilt is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and the food trucks stay until 2 p.m. 2583 or bluemartinilounge.com.

Peace and Paddleboarding – Strive for perfect balance in a class that combines yoga and stand-up paddleboarding from 8:30-9:45 a.m. on the beach at Second Avenue North. $35 includes rental board; $15 if you bring your own board. Text 955-3899 to confirm continuation beforehand.

Wonder Garden – Kids can learn about aquatic plants from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today and Sunday, July 19, at Naples Botanical Garden. Regular admission applies ($4.95 adults, $9.95 children). 643-7275 or naplesgarden.org.

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Bridging the Gap – Naples Italian American Foundation hosts bridge for beginners at 11 a.m. and intermediate players at 12:30 p.m. Free for members, $3 for others. 7035 Airport-Pulling Road. 597-5280 or niafoundation.org.

Start to Tango – Pablo Repun Tango holds a lesson for beginners at 7 p.m. 15167 Pine Ridge Road. 738-4484 or pablorepuntango.com.

Free Movie – Bring a blanket or lawn chair and settle in on the lawn at Mercato for a free screening of the classic “Key Largo” starring Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart starting at 8 p.m. at 1010 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

WEDNESDAY

Beach Yoga – Candice Olinsey of Green Monkey Yoga leads a gentle yoga class for all levels from 9:30 a.m. at DeLnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Bring yoga mat, water, a towel and bug spray. $5 plus regular park entrance fee ($2 for bicyclists and walkers, $4 per car with one person, $6 per car with two or more people). Sign up by calling 598-0588 or visit floridastateparks.org.

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COMING UP

**Tortoise Talk** – Learn about the humble gopher tortoise’s role as a keystone species in Florida at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 23, at Delnor-Wiggins Pass State Park. Free with park entry fee ($2 for bicyclists and walkers, $4 per car with one person, $6 per car with two or more people). 597-6196 or floridastateparks.org.

**Travel Talk** – Preferred Travel hosts travel partners Cox & King and Silversea Cruises for “The Best of Land and Sea” at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 23. 5801 Pelican Bay Blvd., Suite 402. Reservations required. Free. 261-1177 or preferrednaples.com.

**Passion for Fashion** – Mercato hosts Fashion Passion for PACE, with drinks, hors d’oeuvres, a silent auction, fashion show and goody bags at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 23. $40, with proceeds to benefit PACE Center for Girls-Collier at Immokalee. 431-6661 or mercatoshops.com.

**Sweat the Small Stuff** – It’s trivia night with Daniel Jackson starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Naples English Pub. 5047 Tamiami Trail E. 775-3727 or thenaplesenglishpub.com.

**Mini-Fashions** – Children from Manners and Dance with Ms. Laura strut their stuff in fashions from All About April at 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 24, at Venetian Village. 261-6100 or venetian-village.com.

**Art Reception** – The Naples Art Association at The von Liebig Art Center hosts a reception for Gareth Rockliffe, a Naples photographer who is crowd-sourcing funds to photograph the entirety of the United States’ coastline, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Friday, July 24. Free for NAA members, $10 for others. 262-6517 or naplesart.org.

**Parents Night Out** – Moms and dads can drop the kids off for a movie, activities and pizza from 6-9 p.m. Friday, July 24, at Venetian Village. 261-6100 or venetian-village.com.

**Fangirl Friday** – Barnes & Noble celebrates the Women of Marvel with cosplay, giveaways and more at 7 p.m. Friday, July 24. 598-5200 or bn.com.

**Vinyl Day** – Barnes & Noble celebrates vinyl culture with deejay sessions, giveaways and an exploration of the store’s vinyl collection at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, July 25. Free. 598-5200 or bn.com.

**Foreign Film** – Renaissance Academy screens “Project Nim” (2011, UK) at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 26. It’s the story of a chimpanzee taken from his mother at birth and raised like a human child by a family on the Upper West Side in the 1970s. $5 for members, $6 for non-members. 1005 Fifth Ave. S. 434-4737 or fgcu.edu.

**Film Night** – Centers for the Arts Bonita Springs screens “Strictly Ballroom” (1992) at 7 p.m. Monday, July 27. A maverick dancer endangers his career by performing an unusual routine and sets out to succeed with a new partner. $10. 10150 Bonita Beach Road. 495-8989 or artcenterbonita.org.

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**WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO**

1. **Head to Royal Scoop in Bonita Springs for National Ice Cream Day** from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday. There’s free ice cream for the first 100 customers, and the Brain Freeze Ice-Cream Eating Contest takes place at 1:15 p.m.

2. **Guitarist Richard Smith and his wife, cellist Julie Adams** headline the evening starting at 7 p.m. Saturday at Fred’s Food, Fun & Spirits. Andy Wahlberg and other local musicians will also perform. — 431-7928

3. **If it’s Monday, that means mojitos from 5-10 p.m. at the Sunset Veranda at the Naples Grande.** Sit back and sip as you enjoy the view. $10. — naplesgrande.com
**Grateful Jam in the Park**

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The band's fan community in Southwest Florida is fairly large and diverse, Mr. Van der neer says. “We have a doctor and a surgeon who are going to come and some bikers,” he says. “It covers a wide spectrum of the population.”

Deadheads are notorious for being a particularly fervent fan base. In the 1970s, a group of fans started travelling with the Grateful Dead to see strings of shows at a time, creating their own subculture, slang and concert customs. The community is largely credited for filling arenas nightly and keeping the band on the road well into the 1990s.

Crazy Fingers keyboardist Josh Foster has noticed that over the last 25 years, new fans keep swapping out while the loyalists stay the same. In addition to the older loyalists, he says, “We have people that come out who might be younger, then they grow up and go to college and we don't see them, but a new batch comes in,” he says. “It seems like our fans stay the same age and we keep getting older.”

In true Deadhead fashion, many of them travel around South Florida to catch Crazy Fingers shows and are likely to be at The Norris Center next weekend.

The Broward County-based band formed in 1990 and has a nationwide reputation as being one of the premiere Grateful Dead tribute bands. In addition to playing the Dead's entire repertoire, Crazy Fingers also plays classic rock tunes by The Allman Brothers and others. They’ve shared the stage with The Band, Ziggy Marley, the Neville Brothers, Melvin Seals, JGB and many others while also releasing two original albums, “Come On and Dance” and “Strange Life.”

To combat possible boredom from playing Grateful Dead tunes for 20 years, Mr. Foster says rotating songs each night and finding new interpretations of old songs keeps the material fresh for band members.

“I love the freedom that we have in it and the fact that our fans are welcoming to that,” he says. “We’re constantly looking for new things within the music and trying to have a conversation with each other in the band. It doesn’t get old.”

Playing the Grateful Dead repertoire is a little like jazz music, he adds, because the point is to play songs differently each night.

The Grateful Dead seems to have a universal draw for people young and old. Zita Prutos, a 19-year-old Naples native who studies at Vanderbilt University, went to one of the band’s anniversary shows at Soldier Field earlier this month. Because her parents are fans, she says, she’s been listening to the Dead her entire life and has been a serious fan herself since she was 14.

“The crowd was great and really into it,” Ms. Prutos says about the Chicago concert. “No one was a casual fan. It was a really engaged crowd.”

There were a lot of people aged 15 to 30 who were really psyched since they had

**In the know**

**Grateful Jam in the Park**

**What:** Crazy Fingers, a Grateful Dead tribute band

**When:** 5:30 p.m., Saturday, July 25

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Tickets to see Crazy Fingers at The Norris Center are $35 and limited to 200 people. For more information, visit the concert’s event page on Facebook by searching “gratefuljamnaples.”

Naples native Zita Prutos took this photograph at one of “Fare Thee Well: Celebrating 50 Years of The Grateful Dead” concerts earlier this month at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Tuck in to ‘I’ll Eat You Last,’ a five-star meal of a play

By Nancy Stetson

“I’ll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Mengers” at the Laboratory Theater of Florida is not the show for you. If they make you want to be a thing? Make yourself the thing, Ms. Mengers reminds us. It’s a line worthy of Dorothy Parker or Lillian Hellman, and fits with this character and dance on the edge of outrageousness.”

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“I’m not getting up,” she informs us. “I’ll Eat You Last: A Chat with Sue Mengers” opens with Ms. Mengers dressed in a blue caftan, seated on her tufted sofa in her understated but sophisticated Beverly Hills home. She looks out at the audience. “You want to be a thing? Make yourself the thing,” she says. And we see exactly how she created herself into this larger-than-life persona.

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She has stories galore, about trying to sign Sissy Spacek, about getting Gene Hackman his famous role in “French Connection” and about getting Faye Dunaway in her “Chinatown.” It’s all a game to Ms. Mengers, but a game she loves dearly.

“We’re a king when you could be a kingmaker?” asks Kathy Griffin? Sue Mengers would’ve eaten her as an appetizer.

The show’s ending also seems a little uncertain; the audience applauded at multiple times, thinking it was the end, but it wasn’t. (Though it’s also possible they were eager to applaud Ms. Knapp for her engaging performance.)

Ms. Mengers, who loved movies so much, once considered becoming an actress. But then she reasoned: Why be a king when you could be a kingmaker?

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CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
A change of mind might once again turn out to be a good thing. True, most of your co-workers might not like the delay, but as before, they might appreciate what follows from it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
You reveal in golden opportunities this week. One cautionary note, though: Be careful to separate the gold from the glitter before you make a choice. Someone you trust can help.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
Marriage is important this week, as are other partnerships. Don’t let yourself be overwhelmed by sentiment. Instead, try to steer a path between emotion and common sense.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Dealing with someone who has let you down is never easy. But the sooner you’re able to clear up this problem, the sooner other problems can be successfully handled.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
A “friend” who is willing to bend the rules to gain an advantage for both of you is no friend. Reject the offer and stay on your usual straight and narrow path.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
After all the effort you’ve been putting in both on the job and for friends and family, it’s a good time to indulge your own needs. The weekend could bring a pleasant surprise.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
You might want to do something new this weekend. Close your eyes and imagine what it could be, and then do it, or come up with the closest practical alternative.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Your good deeds bring you the appreciation you so well deserve. But, once again, be careful of those who might want to exploit your generous nature for their own purposes.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Trolling for compliments isn’t necessary. You earned them, and you’ll get them. Concentrate this week on moving ahead into the next phase of your program.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
A bit of Arian contrariness could be keeping you from getting all the facts. Turn it off, and tune in to what you need to hear. It could make all the difference this week.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Getting an answer to a vital question involving financial matters might take longer than you’d expected. A new factor might have to be dealt with before anything can move forward. Be patient.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Use your good sense to see what might really be driving a colleague’s workplace agenda. What you learn could lead to a new way of handling some old problems.

BORN THIS WEEK:
Meeting new people usually means you’re making new friends. People want to be reflected in your shining light.

PUZZLES

HOROSCOPES

By Linda Thistle

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There are plays that may appear to make no sense at all but are nevertheless demonstrably correct. Consider this deal where you're declarer at five clubs. West leads the king of spades, and the question is how to play the hand.

Let's say you win the spade with the ace, play the king of trumps and then lead a low diamond from dummy. You plan to play the ten from your hand, but, unfortunately, East produces the jack, which you win with the king. You next lead a diamond to the ace and play a third round of diamonds, hoping West will have to win the trick, which would ensure the contract. But East takes the third diamond with the queen and returns a heart, and down you go.

You could say that the outcome was unlucky, but, even so, you should be willing to shoulder a goodly portion of the blame. You could have adopted a different line of play that would have significantly increased your chances of making the contract.

Although it's certainly not the sort of thing you see every day, the correct play is not to take West's king of spades with the ace at trick one! Instead, you let him hold the trick, after which there is nothing he can do to stop you.

Let's say West leads another spade at trick two. You win with the ace and discard a diamond from your hand. Then, after cashing the ace of trumps, you lead the K-A of diamonds and ruff a diamond. This establishes dummy’s West dealer:

Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
- A 3
- 9 5
- 7 6 4 3
- K 18 2

WEST
- K 9 8 5 2
- A J 10 7 4
- Q 7 6 3 2
- 9 8
- 5 4 3

SOUTH
- 6 5 4 3
- K 9
- K 10 2
- A Q 10 9 6 4 3

The bidding:
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ 3 ♠ 4 ♠

Opening lead — king of spades.

7-6 of diamonds, on which you can later discard the K-9 of hearts, and you finish with an overtrick.

It is true that ducking the opening spade lead costs you a trick you didn't have to lose, but you get the trick back because you no longer have to lose a diamond. More importantly, you gain control of the diamonds and can establish them without running the risk that East will be able to win the third round of the suit.
LATEST FILMS

‘Trainwreck’

Ezra Miller) don’t understand why she’s Her co-workers (Vanessa Bayer, Jon Glaline and Jon Glaline) don’t think Amy is good enough at her job that boss Dianna is feasible. She drinks and smokes weed, but because she doesn’t think monogamy is uninhibited magazine writer who eager-ly feels desperate. For example, Ms. Schumer’s character has a misogynist, rac-hist, homophobic and cantankerous father played by Colin Quinn, and all his jokes are offensive. The movie probably didn’t need offensive. The movie probably didn’t need to go that route to mine laughs, especially off at first, they gradually fall in love (of course). And complications ensue (of course).

The real blame goes to Ms. Schumer (as the writer) and director Judd Apatow for putting the basketball star in this position and not ensur-ing that he succeeded. It was their responsibility to make sure Mr. James comes across effectively, and he does not.

With ‘Trainwreck,’ Mr. Apatow was theoretically smart, then, to yield writing duties to Ms. Schumer (this is the first time he’s directed something he didn’t write), because this allows him to get out of his own way and focus on the story. Yet again he falls short because the story, though it has some unexpected twists, plays out in the safe, traditional ways we expect. And although it is funny at times, the humor overall tends to go more for the surprise laugh rather than the organic laugh, and as a result it often feels forced.

You’ll certainly enjoy parts of ‘Train- wreck,’ but not enough of it to feel satis-fied. Leaving the theater with the clear sense that you should’ve laughed more is a definite sign that this underwhelms.

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KOVEL: ANTIQUES

Hagenauer designs still copied and sought after

BY TERRY AND KIM KOVEL

Although the design of the late 1890s is best known for the sensuous curves of the Art Nouveau period, there were very modern-looking pieces being made by a few European designers. Some of the most famous were in Vienna, Austria. Carl Hagenauer started his own Werkstatten (workshop) in 1898 to make bronzes and other metal wares. He was soon winning awards for his innovative, modern-looking designs. His son Karl (1898-1956) joined the company in 1919 and, with his brother Franz (1906-1986), created a group of small bronzes inspired by African art. The figures, dressed in tribal clothing, had long, thin arms, legs and faces, which were almost like stick figures. Many small tabletop groups were made in the 1920s through the early 1950s. These Hagenauer pieces are not hard to find at auctions and shops at reasonable prices. But the larger wood and metal African figures, masks and the Art Deco designs made at the same time are pricier. By the 1960s, the company was making large Western figures of brass and even furniture. The shop closed in 1986. But the popular figures, often copied in South America in the 1950s, were again copied in Great Britain in the 1990s. Many made by an ex-Hagenauer employee are marked RR. Both the well-made copies and the originals are going up in price.

Q: My small gold-colored ring has a baseball batter on signed “Andy Pafko.” The top looks like a baseball and has small dials near the edges that show balls, strikes and outs. Two baseball bats with a glove between them are on both sides. What is this ring worth?

A: You have an Andy Pafko Scorekeeper Ring, a premium issued by Quaker Oats Muffets breakfast cereal in 1949. It was offered for 15 cents and two Muffets box tops. Pafko (1921-2013) played in the Major Leagues from 1943 to 1959 and was a centerfielder for the Chicago Cubs, Brooklyn Dodgers and Milwaukee Braves. Value of your ring, $200 to $400.

Q: An old-timey cash register I saw at an old hotel has cash register drawers that were labeled “A,” “B,” “D” and “E” with no drawer “C.” What’s the reason there isn’t a drawer “C”?

A: James Ritty, a saloon owner in Dayton, Ohio, is credited with inventing the first commercially successful mechanical cash register in 1879. His machine was known as the “Incorruptible Cashier.” Multiple drawers were used to keep each employee’s transactions separate. Only the employee assigned to the drawer or the owner could open the drawer. The letter “C” wasn’t used because it usually stood for “cash.” Ritty soon sold the rights to his invention to J.H. Eckert, who founded the National Manufacturing Company. The company was sold in 1883 and became the National Cash Register Company in 1884.
This unusual table top mirror with brass hands was made in Austria. It is stamped “WHW/Franz/Hagenauer Wien/Made in Austria.” Rago Arts and Auctions in Lambertville, N.J. sold it for $4,063 in February 2015.

Q: This RCA radio was a gift to my parents in the late 1930s or early 1940s. It’s 11 inches wide by 7 inches high. It has all its tubes and still works. Can you give me a more accurate date when it was made and the value it has today?

A: Your radio is RCA Victor Model 6X2, made in 1946 and 1947. It’s a super-heterodyne five-tube tabletop radio designed to receive AM radio broadcasts. The cases were plastic and made in two colors, antique ivory or walnut. RCA Victor advertised the radios’ sleek styling as small enough to “tote from kitchen to laundry to bedroom to breakfast table,” its Golden Throat tone system and low price. In the movie “The Maltese Falcon,” you can see an example of this radio model in the office of Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart). Your radio originally retailed for $27.95. Examples have sold for $25 (in non-working order) to $100 (restored) to $199 (mint condition.)

Q: My dark brown teapot with lid is 4 inches high and has yellow & green leaves. The bottom is marked “Royal Canadian Pottery.”

A: The Royal Canadian Art Pottery opened in 1946 as a subsidiary of Foley Potteries Ltd. They have factories in Hamilton and Southampton, Ontario, Canada. The company specialized in “Brown Betty”-style teapots in dark brown or black that are hand painted or have drippy or sponged decoration. By 1960, R.C.A.P. had become the largest teapot manufacturer in North America. The company began to make art pottery in 1968. Teapots like yours sell for $10 to $20.

Tip: If you spill water on a wooden table protected by a glass top, be sure to wipe it up quickly. If water gets below the glass, it will make white spots.

— Terry Kovel and Kim Kovel answer questions sent to the column. By sending a letter with a question, you give permission for use in the column or any other Kovel forum. Names, addresses or email addresses will not be published. We cannot guarantee the return of photographs, but if a stamped envelope is included, we will try. Write to Kovels, (Florida Weekly), King Features Syndicate, 300 W. 57th St., New York, NY 10019.
ArtFest Fort Myers opens poster artwork competition

ArtFest Fort Myers is seeking artists to design its 2016 poster and T-shirt. The competition is open to all professional artists, not just those applying to participate in the festival. The artist whose work is selected will be featured in a broad range of print, online and VIP promotions preceding festival weekend. The winner also will receive free booth space at ArtFest Fort Myers 2016 along with a three-night stay at the host hotel, plus an invitation to ArtFest Fort Myers 2017.

Submissions must represent original artwork, in a theme that reflects South- west Florida and is appealing to a broad audience.

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Preferred Travel of Naples joins with WGCU Public Media to present “Paris & the Heart of Normandy,” a Viking River Cruise tour along the Seine along with exclusive access to PBS Masterpiece program locales in England.

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THIS WEEK ON WGCU-TV

Thursday, July 16, 9 P.M.
Doc Martin: Cats and Sharks
Martin is planning to leave Portwenn to resume his career as a surgeon, leaving Louisa and the baby in the village. They have the christening to organize before he leaves. As usual, the doc shows little interest in the event, leaving it all to Louisa.

Friday, July 17, 9 P.M.
Great Performances
Driving Miss Daisy
The Pulitzer Prize-winning play comes to television with five-time Tony Award winner and three-time Academy Award nominee Angela Lansbury and two-time Tony Award winner and Academy Award winner James Earl Jones.

Saturday, July 18, 10:30 P.M.
Are You Being Served?
A large, old-fashioned department store in London, Grace Bros. is still run on strictly hierarchical lines. Each member of staff knows their place — in theory.

Sunday, July 19
8 P.M. – Last Tango in Halifax
Caroline is overwhelmed at the prospect of looking after baby Flora, until a stranger walks into her life and may be the answer to her prayers.

9 P.M. – Poldark
Poldark and Demelza start a family. Demelza plays matchmaker. The miners riot, and Francis takes desperate measures to recoup his losses.

10 P.M. – The Crimson Field
Grace is threatened by an aggressively rude and war-scarred commander, while Joan waits anxiously for news from her fiancé. A series of events draws Joan into danger, risking her profession and possibly her life.

Monday, July 20, 10 P.M.
Queen & Country
The Queen’s Possessions
The Queen has some surprising possessions, among them: Westminster Abbey, the Royal Swans and the Chapels Royal. Not forgetting the Royal Collection — to which she has added nearly 150 portraits over the past six decades.

Tuesday, July 21, 8 P.M.
Humanity from Space
From the perspective of space, trace humankind’s journey from hunter-gatherer to dominant global species. With mind-boggling data and CGI, the program shows how we’ve transformed our planet and produced a world of extraordinary complexity.

Wednesday, July 22, 8 P.M.
Life on the Reef, Part 1
View the reef as tourists enjoy the perfect weather, humpback whales give birth and fire destroys a luxury yacht. On the most protected island in Australia, 20,000 green sea turtles return to the biggest reptilian breeding colony on Earth.

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‘Hobbit’ star Aidan Turner appears as lead in ‘Poldark’

BY CINDY ELAVSKY

Q: I loved the new “Hobbit” movies, especially Aidan Turner as Kili. What else can I see him in?

A: Patty T., via email

Q: It seems like I’ve been waiting forever for the new “Heroes” series to start. Can you give me any information about it?

A: Soon some of your questions will be answered — and no doubt, new ones will form. At 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, “Heroes Reborn” premieres on NBC for 13 new episodes. Returning cast members include Jack Coleman as HRG, Jimmy Jean-Louis as the Haitian, Masi Oka as Hiro Nakamura and Greg Grunberg as Matt Parkman. New cast members are Zachary Levi, Robbie Kay, Danika Yarosh, Judith Shekoni, Kiki Sukezane, Henry Zebrowski, Gatlin Green and Ryan Guzman.

This go-round brings a fresh crop of heroes, with the following premise: A year ago, a terrorist attack in Odessa, Texas, left the city decimated. Blamed for the tragic event, those with extraordinary abilities are in hiding or on the run from those with nefarious motives. The vigilantes include Luke (Mr. Levi) and Joanne (Ms. Shekoni), who are seeking to avenge a tragic loss. Noah Bennet, aka HRG, has gone off the grid, but conspiracy theorist Quentin Frady (Ms. Zebrowski) finds him and opens his eyes to the truth behind the Odessa tragedy.

— Write to Cindy Evalsky at King Features Syndicate, 733 Third Ave., New York, NY 10017; or email her at letters@cindyelavsky.com.
NEW MUSIC REVIEW

Courtney Barnett: ‘Sometimes I Sit and Think and Sometimes I Just Sit’

Courtney Barnett sings about seeing Jesus in the watermarks on a ceiling, buying organic vegetables and staring at a lawn that needs to be mowed on “Sometimes I Sit and Think and Sometimes I Just Sit,” her captivating debut album. But mixing sing speaking with pop cooing and occasional full-on vocal blast, the Australian singer transforms her observations of the everyday into personal examinations of anxiety and insecurity, love and regret.

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GET OUT FOR A GOOD CAUSE

- The third annual Castles for Kids sand-sculpting contest to benefit Golisano Children’s Museum of Naples takes place Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Lely Beach & Golf Resort. Teams of five (one adult, four children) can sign up for the day that includes live entertainment, lunch, activities with Coach B Aquatics and sand buckets and shovels for the children. Team registration is $125 for C’mon members, $150 for others. For more information, call C’mon at 514-0084 or visit cmon.org.

- The Collier Building Industry Association summer golf tournament tees off at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Aug. 14, at Grey Oaks Country Club. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and an awards lunch follows the tournament. Registration is $150 per golfer, with proceeds to benefit the CBIA scholarship fund. Sign up online by July 31 at cbia.net. For more information, visit the website or call 436-6400.

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- Boys & Girls Club of Collier County hosts its 12th annual FORE-the-Kids golf tournament Saturday morning, Nov. 7, at Fiddlers Creek Golf & Country Club. Pulte Homes is the title sponsor of the event that includes golf, lunch, cocktail reception, dinner and auctions. Registration is $1,000 per golfer; a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available. To sign up or for more information, call Tiffany Heck at 325-1736 or email theck@bgccc.com.

- The Immokalee Foundation hosts its 2015 Charity Classic Pro-Am golf tournament Monday, Nov. 16, at Bay Colony Golf Club. The day starts with breakfast and golf demonstrations from professionals. The tournament begins with a 9:30 a.m. shotgun start after players are paired with one of more than two dozen professionals. Lunch and awards presentation will follow. Entry fees start at $5,500 and includes two tickets to the 2015 Charity Classic Celebration dinner and auction Friday, Nov. 20, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. For more information, call 430-9622 or visit immokaleefoundation.org.

- Baby Basics of Collier County hosts the seventh annual Baby Basics Walking Challenge on Saturday morning, Jan. 23, at North Naples Regional Park. Participants can choose routes from L5 to 6 miles. Brunch will be served after the walk. Onsite registration starts at 8:30 the day of the event. For more information or to sign up now, call 352-4340 or visit babybasicscollier.org.

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The fourth annual Trendy Tours & Travel luncheon and travel expo to benefit Champions For Learning takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 2, at the Hilton Naples. Tickets for $49 include a raffle ticket. Call 449-5065 for reservations or more information.

The Naples Area Professional League of Executive Services, a busi- ness-to-business networking organization, invites the public to its annual Big Event on Wednesday evening, Oct. 14, at Shula’s at the Hilton Naples. Cocktail hour will be followed by a three-course dinner and a presentation by Norman Love, founder and president of Norman Love Confections. The event is open to the public. For tickets or more information, call naplesgroup.net.

Physician Led Access Network of Collier County hosts a Swanky Speakeasy evening of fun Saturday, Oct. 17, at an as yet undisclosed location (you’ll need a password, too). The night includes pro- fessional regulation casino-style gaming as well as music, food, drinks and a silent auction. Tickets are $75, and numerous sponsorship opportunities are available starting at $1,000. For information, call 776-3065 or visit plank.org.

The fifth annual Easy Evening of Fun Saturday, Oct. 17, at an expo to benefit el expo. Dress! annual ticket. Call 449-5065 for reservations or more information about various sponsorship oppor- tunities, call 434-7183, ext. 209, or visit hopeforhaiti.com.

Project HELP hosts its 19th annual Chocolate Extravaganza Thurs- day evening, Nov. 5, at Design Studio Raymonds. Guests enjoy hors d’oeuvres, cocktails, live auctions and, of course, lots of chocolate. Tickets are $95. For more information, call 649-1404 or visit projecthelpnaples.org.

Humane Society Naples holds its 17th annual Tea & Fashion Show from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6, at The Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort. This year’s theme is “Vintage Grace & Glamour.” For information about tickets and spon- sorship opportunities, call 643-1555, ext. 18, or email events@hsnnaples.org.

The seventh annual Naples International Film Festival is set for Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 5-8. The red carpet opening night gala and screening take place Nov. 5 at Artis—Naples, while features, documentaries and film shorts of all genres will be screened at Silverspot Cinema at Mercato Nov. 6-8. Check www.naplesfilmfest.com for details as the date draws near, or call 775-4846 for information about becom- ing an NIFF member or sponsor.

Baby Basics of Collier County hosts its eighth annual Champagne Brunch & Fashion Show starting at 8:30 a.m. Mon- day, Nov. 9, at Wyndemere Country Club. Guests will enjoy food, models and fall’s latest fashions. Baby Basics participants and their parents will attend to speak about the program that has benefitted their families. Tickets are $85. For more infor- mation or to purchase tickets, call 532-4310 or visit babibasicscollier.org.

The 12th annual Hats in the Gar- den: “The Confection Collection – Delec- table Designs from Garden to Runway” to benefit Naples Botanical Garden takes place Wednesday, Nov. 11, at the Garden. Leslie Fogg and Kathleen Rooney are this year’s chairs; Kayly Wood is Hats in the Garden ambassador. For more informa- tion, call the Garden at 643-7275.

The United Arts Council of Col- lier County hosts its annual Celebrate the Arts gala Thursday, Nov. 12, at the LaPlaya Resort. For more information, call 254-8422 or visit collierarts.com.

Uncorked, an evening of fine wine, fine food and entertainment to benefit the Naples Children and Education Foundation, takes place from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 13, at Mediterra Beach Club. Tickets are $125. For reservations or more information, visit youtheventnwfl.org.

The 57th annual NCH Hospital Ball takes place Saturday, Nov. 14, at The Ritz- Carlton Beach Resort. Proceeds from this year’s ball have been designated for the stroke program at NCH. This year’s co-chairs are Kim Ciaccio-Kantor and Janice Kantor. Tickets for $500 per person include live and silent auctions as well as dinner, dancing and entertainment throughout the evening. The NCH Physician of the Year and Nurses of the Year awards are also presented during the program.

For tickets or more information, including details about sponsorship opportunities, call 264-2019 or visit nchmd.org/hospitalball.

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Jewish Family & Community Services of Southwest Florida and the Naples Senior Center host An Evening for Better Tomorrows on Sat- urday, Jan. 9, at the Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. For more information, call 324-4444 or visit jsccswfl.org.

The Aqua Gaia to benefit the Guad- alupe Center takes place Thursday evening, Jan. 13, at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. For more information, con- tact Megan Becker by calling 607-14 or emailing mbeckr@guadalupecenter.org.

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children holds its 16th annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope luncheon Fri- day, Jan. 15, at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort. Tickets are $350. For more information, contact Susan Utz by calling 775-3862, ext. 261, or emailing sust@naplesshelter.org.

PAWS Assistance Dogs will be the sole beneficiary of the Celebrity Martini Glass Auction set for Saturday, Jan. 16, at Arts—Naples. The signature auction will feature more than 20 martini glasses, each auto- graphed by an A-list celebrity or a mod- ern-day hero. Once the autographed glasses arrive in Naples, they are assigned to local artist and artists from around the globe to decorate and design with the celebrity’s career accomplish- ments and personality in mind. PAWS Assistance Dogs promotes independence for handi- cappeds, of course, lots of chocolate. Tickets are $350. For more information, call 254-8422 or visit youtheventnwfl.org.

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Jessica Walck and Paige Raleigh with Bruiser

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SOCIETY

A ‘Love That Dress!’ collection party at the Sweet Art Gallery

Celebrating Independence Day at Waterside Shops

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Janina Hanna
Lynne Groth, Jackie Bearse and Terri Moellers
Betty Newhagan and Russ Simmons
Amanda Jaron, Grace and Dawn Gipson, Dede Sweet and Anita Rudzinski
Marcia Gasparovic and Joe Gasparovic
Marlissa Gardner
Robin McCoy, Mason Hallahan and Brittany McCoy
Nancy Rogge and Jim Rogge
Sonya Sawyer and Amanda Jaron
Sean Manley and Jeffery Trunzo
Marylee Kandel, Anne Fleming, Hannah Kandel, Sandy Kivett, Max Kivett and Joe Kandel
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CUISINE NEWS

Form precedes function in Green Tea Terrarium dessert

BY LINDSEY NESMITH
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Have you watched the trolls in “Frozen” and wondered what they would taste like? Pastry chef Kimberly Bechtel at Mereday’s Brasserie has created the Green Tea Terrarium dessert that closely resembles Kristoff’s family and riffs off earthy, herbal notes. If you use your imagination, you can creatively translate the flavors of earth and moss into a treat for the eyes and mouth.

At the very bottom of the bowl is a charred orange pastry cream topped with a chocolate graham cracker and shortbread crumbles. Next comes an unsweetened green tea sponge cake that is “meant to be really earthy,” Ms. Bechtel says, and pine nuts. She uses blackberries and blueberries for the fruit garnish and makes nutmeg-dusted blackberries and blueberries for the meringue “mushrooms” to top it all off.

For this particular dessert, form precedes function, because she had a look in mind before she started figuring out how to tinker and fix cars and house-bred merengue “mushrooms” to top it all off.

On the side comes charred vanilla bean and cardamom ice cream. Ms. Bechtel soaks whole pods of cardamom and vanilla bean in bourbon overnight and roasts them in a wood-burning oven and vanilla bean in bourbon overnight and roasts them in a wood-burning oven. Bechtel soaks whole pods of cardamom and vanilla bean in bourbon overnight and roasts them in a wood-burning oven, and vanilla bean in bourbon overnight and roasts them in a wood-burning oven. Ms. Bechtel attributes her culinary talents and design skills to her grandmother, who taught her basic baking skills, and her father, who taught her how to detailed and complex construction of her cakes and pastries.

“I’m really into anything that’s into design, whether it’s fashion or how houses look. And I’m always inspired by nature,” she says.

For this particular dessert, form preceded function, because she had a look in mind before she started figuring out what tasty elements she’d use to execute it. Now, it’s one of the most ordered items on the new restaurant’s dessert menu (Mereday’s Brasserie was formerly Alto Live Jazz Kitchen).

“The wait staff are always showing photos of it on the iPad,” she says, adding “most diners who see the dish have to give it a try.”

Also coming up at the brasserie: a five-course Belgium Independence Day beer dinner starting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. Menu selections include a tor- chon of foie gras with raspberries, framboise reduction and French toast and pecans, Roquefort blue and a natural reduction. Cost is $80. Reservations are required.

Mereday’s Brasserie at Bayfront is open from noon to 9 p.m. Monday-Saturday. For more information or to make reservations, call 261-2585 or visit meredaysbrasseriebayfront.com.
CUISINE NEWS

Innovative burgers at Tommy Bahama, and a chili cook-off for Harry Chapin

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Tommy Bahama Restaurant & Bar has introduced a burgers and beer menu that guests can enjoy through mid-August. Rather than stick to simply delicious beef patties, the menu includes the ahi poke burger, which contains ahi tuna, kale, garlic aioli and wasabi-avocado puree, and a Hawaiian pork burger, which features a pork patty, smoked bacon, pineapple-mango chutney and spicy mayo. Whatever burger you bite into, wash it down with a cold beer from local breweries. For more information or a complete list of burgers, visit tommybahama.com.

Chili cook-off time

The Harry Chapin Food Bank has announced the panel of judges for its Great American Chili Cook-Off set for Saturday, July 19, at the Shell Beach Resort & Marina on Fort Myers Beach. Evaluating the entries will be Karen Feldman and Stephanie Davis of Florida Weekly; Anne Reed, The News-Press; Andrew Scheinthal and Rob Spicker, WINK News; Krista Fogelsong, ABC-7; Dave Martin of “Top Chef”; Season I. The contest is limited to 30 teams or individuals. The judges will rate their chili concoctions based on aroma, consistency, color, taste and aftertaste.

The public will be admitted at 3 p.m. to sample the entries and vote for the People’s Choice and Most Unique winning concoctions. Chili aficionados are encouraged to make a $5 donation to the food bank and to bring canned goods to taste the entries and vote for the winners. The judges will rate their chili concoctions based on aroma, consistency, color, taste and aftertaste.

For more information, visit harrychapinfoodbank.org.
The Dish: Steak Tartare

The Price: $14

The Place: The Continental
1205 Third St. S.

The Hours: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Sunday-Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Thursday-Saturday

The Details: We had a surprise afternoon sans children and were in the perplexing situation of having unaccounted for time on our hands. Sadly, we had no idea what to do with ourselves — we just knew it had to be something — so we got into the car and drove until what “it” was called us. Once we hit Third Street and saw a tumbleweed blow past the car, it was obvious that we have to hit one of the restaurants we never have the opportunity to visit. Lickity-split, we were seated at The Continental’s bar, ordering food that seemed a little fancy for a Saturday afternoon, but we did it anyway.

The steak tartare was a nicely refreshing bite, as it was served with a bright and green sauce verte, a raw quail egg and crostini. Given the weather, I’m happy we went with something cold AND rich; otherwise, I’d be devastated that I passed up the onion soup with bone marrow.

One More Thing: I ordered one of the day’s featured craft cocktail concoctions: The Continental Innovation, with Death’s Door Gin, grapefruit bitters, some fancy Italian stuff called Cocchi Americano Bianco, Carpano Bianco and a frozen globe of ice. It was very gin-ny and not sweet. I liked it. Gin lovers, order it and rejoice. Gin haters, Applebee’s called and your Cosmo’s ready. Go get it.

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Here are some capsule summaries of previous restaurant reviews:

■ Bar Tula, 462 Fifth Ave. S., Naples; 238-7806

Do you love Chef Vincent Bertulia’s Osteria Tula? Then you ought to try his second concept: Bar Tula, a gastropub just right next door. Here you can dine on small plates, pizzas, house-made sausage and other items that appeal to the creative chef served in a rustic yet hip atmosphere that’s clearly gained a following. Even the drinks are inventive, like the pigalle, a refreshing blend of St. Germain elderflower liqueur, prosecco, soda and lemon; and the hurricane, with three kinds of rum, passion fruit, bitters, grenadine and lime. Grace your way through the menu as we did: a generous plate of fresh ceviche; grilled octopus on greens and fingerling potatoes; a perfectly rendered pizza with house-made dough; and jumbo shrimp and plump sea scallops so perfectly done they were barely cooked-through. Full bar.

Food: ★★★½
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★½
Reviewed May 2015

■ Blueberry’s, 3350 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 430-0700

Looking for a hearty meal that you need not get dressed up or pay dearly for? Check out this welcoming diner-style establishment where the friendly service staff delivers large, steaming platters of nicely prepared, down-home food. Breakfast is a big deal here and a meal we found satisfying — as did the rest of the capacity crowd on a Sunday morning. While you can order a fruit plate with cottage cheese or a virtuous bowl of oatmeal, that’s not what most customers are after. Blueberry pancakes were a good choice, although I’d recommend syrup in lieu of the runny blueberry compote served with them. A Santa Fe omelet had a tasty blend of chile, tomatoes, onions, jalapeños and Jack cheese within and a touch of salsa on the side. Choose toast or pancakes plus potatoes, grits, sliced tomatoes or fruit to go with your eggs. I liked the plain buttermilk pancake and, once sufficiently buttered and salted, the grits. Beer and wine served.

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Reviewed September 2014

■ DeRomo’s Gourmet Market & Restaurant, The Promenade at Bonita Bay, 26811 South Bay Drive, Bonita Springs; 235-3583

A surprising refreshment of fresh food market and 250-seat restaurant makes DeRomo’s an attractive destination for foodies and Italo-philes. Skip the sweet-tart calamari and zucchini basket and start with a taste of Nonna’s Beefy Meatballs, which strike a delicate balance between dense and light and are tuck into a luscious pool of “Sunday gravy” with dollops of remarkably creamy house-made ricotta. The house-made pastas are a must-have. Our intensely flavored Cavatelli DeTollo consisted of tender rolled tubes of pasta tossed with sautéed broccoli rabe, sweet Italian sausage made in-house and chewy sundried tomatoes. The Vitello Schiantellina took a similar approach, combining three proteins tied together with a basil-scented golden sherry cream sauce: tender veal medallions, sliced thickly, browned lightly, yet still pink and juicy within, and jumbo shrimp and lump sea scallops so perfectly done they were barely cooked-through. Full bar.

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■ FUSE Global Cuisine, 2500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 465-4585

Fried duck mac and cheese, hog wings (braised pork fore shanks fried and tossed with chili garlic sauce, sesame seeds and green onions), golden beet salad with buerchon cheese and micro greens are but a few of the ways to start a meal at this intriguing spot run by chef/owner Greg Scarlatos (formerly of Angelina’s) and his fiancée/business partner Monica Czechowska. Entree options offer similarly imaginative — but not over-the-top — combinations, such as Colorado lamb chops with tart cherry glaze and Stilton potato hash garnished with crisp Brussels sprouts or corn and wild mushroom with huckleberry gastrique. Guava bread pudding with Grand Marnier diplomat was a lovely lemon tart just as a singer began serenading the crowd with Italian classics. Service was friendly but could have been smoother when it came to the flow of courses. Beer and wine served.

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Reviewed August 2014

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Reviewed December 2014

■ FUSE Global Cuisine, 2500 Tamiami Trail N., Naples; 465-4585

Fried duck mac and cheese, hog wings (braised pork fore shanks fried and tossed with chili garlic sauce, sesame seeds and green onions), golden beet salad with buerchon cheese and micro greens are but a few of the ways to start a meal at this intriguing spot run by chef/owner Greg Scarlatos (formerly of Angelina’s) and his fiancée/business partner Monica Czechowska. Entree options offer similarly imaginative — but not over-the-top — combinations, such as Colorado lamb chops with tart cherry glaze and Stilton potato hash garnished with crisp Brussels sprouts or corn and wild mushroom with huckleberry gastrique. Guava bread pudding with Grand Marnier diplomat was a lovely lemon tart just as a singer began serenading the crowd with Italian classics. Service was friendly but could have been smoother when it came to the flow of courses. Beer and wine served.

Food: ★★★★½
Service: ★★★★
Atmosphere: ★★★★½
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Make your next trip to the beach a picnic to remember

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Fancy an elegant beach picnic? Hanging out in the sand and the sun means packing food that is easily transportable, heat resistant and requires little handling. Rather than grabbing a cooler and filling it with cut fruit and a dozen bottles of water, try these tips to kick it up a notch with something more dignified.

1. Cheese – Believe it or not, cheese can actually be a tasty and easy component of a beachside lunch. Just be sure to grab something that is enhanced when warmed, like camembert, or something gooey that won't get oily when it heats up. Cheddar, delicious and accessible as it is, will just get gross.

2. Canned champagne – It sounds counterintuitive, but the Sofia Mini of Francis Ford Coppola Winery Sofia Blanc de Blancs is actually quite delicious and fizzes with floral and melon notes. It comes with a small straw for dainty sipping and will keep glass containers off the beach like nature intended. Pick some up at World Market or any number of local wine shops. $5 each. Francisfordcoppolawinery.com.

3. Pretty packaging – Don't heave your fancy haul around in a cooler from a local box store. That's fine when you're accommodating the Goldfish-and-juice-box crowd, but we're going for style on this outing. What about one of these super cute baskets woven in the Bolgatanga region of Ghana? $48. Thelittlemarket.com.

4. Preferred seating – Avoid the frustration of a wayward towel by snagging a beach blanket built to withstand the inconveniences of beachside dining. L.L. Bean's Grand Trunk Parasheet is made out of nylon parachute silk, meaning it stays cool and sand slides right off. It can also be staked at the corners or filled with sand to keep it from blowing away. $39.95. Llbean.com.

5. Pre-packaged treats – If organizing your own meal doesn't appeal to you, Wynn's Market, Naples' long-standing go-to for delicious nibbles, has a variety of options that will add convenience and elegance to your picnic. Here's a short list of beach- and boat-ready meals the store offers:
   - Grilled flatbread with roasted beef tenderloin, arugula, bleu cheese with balsamic drizzle, crostini and Italian imported cheese.
   - Grilled ahi tuna salad with mixed greens, grilled tuna, sliced tri-color peppers, cucumbers with Asian vinaigrette.
   - Mediterranean box with hummus, pit bread, Kalamata olives, feta spread, grilled vegetables and tabouli.
   - Antipasto box with prosciutto, genoa salami, sweet capicola, olives, provolone stuffed peppers.
   - Artisan sandwich slider box for two offers a choice of four sliders: caprese with local tomatoes, basil and fresh mozzarella with balsamic glaze; grilled chicken pesto with provolone, roasted tomatoes and mixed greens; ham and brie with fig spread; or Italian with prosciutto, genoa salami, roasted peppers, provolone and tapenade. The meal comes with two salads and a choice of brownie or lemon square.

Wynn's requires ordering 24 hours in advance. Sandwiches are $8.99, snack boxes are $18.99 and the sandwich box for two costs $29.99. To place an order, call 261-7157.

6. The right hot spot – Downtown Naples has a great stretch of beach access points to choose from, but may we suggest planning your picnic for the evening? The heat is less intense, the daytime crowd has retreated and you can pair a summer sunset with your food. For a great spot, try Lely Barefoot Beach in Bonita Springs or one of the more remote access points south of the Naples pier.

Now that we've provided you with dining options, remember to pack a few items for ambience. Portable speakers, a board game or badminton and lighting will go a long way to ensuring that your picnic is easy, fun and memorable. Remember, the whole point of a picnic is that it's a casual, easy and fun way to enjoy the great outdoors — but that doesn't mean it can't be sophisticated as well.

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